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PITA TAUMOEPENU

LB

6-1 || 245 || UTAH

3.9.94 || PROVO, UT || 2ND YEAR || ACQUIRED D-6B IN '17

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Saw action in 4 games and registered 1 tackle on defense and 2 tackles on special teams after being promoted to the active roster on 12/5.

GOLDMINE

- Taumoepenu grew up with his mother's family about 3,000 miles east of Australia on the island of Tongatapu, which is the main island in the Tongan archipelago. He learned to develop his work ethic on his grandparents farm, where he helped grow pineapples and watermelons. In 2018, Taumoepenu accumulated his practice squad paychecks (around \$4,700 each) and used the money to purchase Christmas gifts to be sent back to his native island. "I don't have much, but Christmas presents are on the way," Taumoepenu said.



- Growing up in Tonga, the common sports played are rugby and cricket. Taumoepenu's experience playing rugby helped his transition to football. Said Taumoepenu, "It was hard for me to see through that face-mask. I came from rugby to football. It was pretty difficult at times. But I told myself I can do it. And basically I just tried to stay positive."



- After moving in with his aunt in Provo, UT, Taumoepenu worked to develop his English. He increased his ACT score from an 18 when he first arrived in the United States to a 28 just one year later. Taumoepenu's dedication and hard work continued to pay off, completing degrees in economics and sociology in three years at Utah.

TAUMOEPENU'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His full name is pronounced PEET-uh, TAO-moy-PEH-new.
- Taumoepenu was just three months old when his grandparents, Pita and Meleseini Taumoepenu, took him and his older sister, Ruth Tuha, to live in Tonga. Not knowing what football was at the time, he remembered listening to his grandfather tell him how he was going to become an NFL player. When he was 17, he moved to Utah where he lived with an aunt and attended Timpview HS. At that time, his cousins persuaded him to try the game his grandfather loved. "My coach just told me to go get the quarterback," Taumoepenu said in 2015. "That's all I cared about. That's all I do, and it was fun."

TAUMOEPENU'S GAME-BY-GAME

2018

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
SIGNED TO SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 9/2														
Sep 9	at Min	L	-											
Sep 16	Det	W	-											
Sep 23	at KC	L	-											
Sep 30	at LAC	L	-											
Oct 7	Arz	L	-											
Oct 15	at GB	L	-											
Oct 21	LAR	L	-											
Oct 28	at Arz	L	-											
Nov 1	Oak	W	-											
Nov 12	NYG	L	-											
Nov 25	at TB	L	-											
Dec 2	at Sea	L	-											
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 12/5														
Dec 9	Den	W	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 16	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 23	Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 30	at LAR	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			4/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During the 2017 offseason, Taumoepenu volunteered at local football camps. "It's great to be able to come out and play with these kids," said Taumoepenu. "They are so excited to be out here and it makes me feel good that I'm able to make them smile."



TAUMOEPENU'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES			SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	INTERCEPTIONS			PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST					LG	TD	FF		FR	YDS	
2017	SF	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	SF	4	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		6	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 2: 2018 (2)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Ind. (10/8/17)

TAUMOEPENU'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 1 vs. Den. (12/9/18)

Solo: 1 vs. Den. (12/9/18)

TAUMOEPENU'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 6th-round (202nd overall) draft choices by SF in 2017...Waived by SF on 9/1/18...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/2/18...Promoted to SF active roster on 12/5/18.

