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RB

JERICK MCKINNON

5-9 || 205 || GEORGIA SOUTHERN

5.3.92 || ATLANTA, GA || 5TH YEAR || ACQUIRED FA IN '18

GOLDMINE

- While at Sprayberry High, McKinnon's head coach Billy Shackelford showed confidence in him, playing him all over the field at quarterback, running back, wide receiver and defensive back. Shackelford urged schools to recruit McKinnon and proclaimed that he had zero red flags as a prospect, and would outwork any player on their current roster. Yet, despite a successful high school career, McKinnon was shunned by major schools like Illinois and Georgia Tech, who passed on him for taller or heavier prospects. Later, despite an extremely successful career at Georgia Southern, McKinnon's draft projection stated that he was a 'jack of all trades, but a master of none.' For McKinnon, the comments just served as additional motivation. "That kind of rubbed me the wrong way," he said. "I've got it as the screensaver on my phone. I look at it every day. It fuels me." Three years into his NFL career, McKinnon played in his hometown of Atlanta for the first time. For his homecoming, McKinnon made sure that Coach Shackelford, the man who always believed in him, had prime seats for the game.
- McKinnon and his new teammate Matt Breida were an integral part in the history of Georgia Southern football. The Eagles program was a FCS school for the majority of its existence. It wasn't until the success of the team with McKinnon at virtually every position, which led to the program officially moved to FBS play following his senior season in 2013. "Those two guys were very important in our transition from FCS to FBS and showed that Georgia Southern did belong in Division I football," said Georgia Southern head coach Chad Lunsford.

MCKINNON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Given the nickname 'Jet' at Georgia Southern after contributing early as a freshman, McKinnon's strength and conditioning coach was impressed with his abilities and presented him with two options, 'Jet' and 'Juke.' Jerick chose 'Jet', and the nickname has fittingly stuck with him throughout his career.
- Jerick's brother, Lester Norwood, was a defensive back at the University of Florida from 1998-2002.



McKINNON'S CAREER STATISTICS

| YEAR | TEAM | GP | GS | RUSHING | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|
| | | | | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD | |
| 2014 | MIN | 11 | 6 | 113 | 538 | 4.8 | 55 | 0 | 27 | 135 | 5.0 | 17 | 0 | |
| 2015 | MIN | 16 | 0 | 52 | 271 | 5.2 | 68t | 2 | 21 | 173 | 8.2 | 30 | 1 | |
| 2016 | MIN | 15 | 7 | 159 | 539 | 3.4 | 36 | 2 | 43 | 255 | 5.9 | 41 | 2 | |
| 2017 | MIN | 16 | 1 | 150 | 570 | 3.8 | 58t | 3 | 51 | 421 | 8.3 | 41 | 2 | |
| 2018 | SF | — | — | — | INJURED RESERVE (Knee) | | | | | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTALS | | 58 | 14 | 474 | 1,918 | 4.0 | 68t | 7 | 142 | 984 | 6.9 | 41 | 5 | |

PLAYOFFS

| YEAR | TEAM | GP | GS | RUSHING | | | | | RECEIVING | | | | |
|---------------|------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| | | | | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
| 2015 | MIN | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 7.3 | 9 | 0 |
| 2017 | MIN | 2 | 0 | 18 | 74 | 4.1 | 14t | 1 | 14 | 92 | 6.6 | 13 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | 3 | 0 | 20 | 81 | 4.1 | 14t | 1 | 17 | 114 | 6.7 | 13 | 0 |

Additional Statistics:

Kick Returns – 13: 2015 (1); 2017 (12)

Kick Return Yards – 336: 2015 (24); 2017 (312)

Fumbles–Lost – 3–2: 2017 (3–2)

Tackles – 3: 2014 (1); 2016 (1); 2017 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at StL. (9/7/14); **First Start:** vs. Det. (10/12/14); **First Rushing TD:** vs. NYG (12/27/15); **First Receiving TD:** vs. Chi. (12/20/15 – 17-yd. pass from QB Teddy Bridgewater); **100–yd. Games:** 2, Last at Buf. (10/19/14 – 103 yds.); **2 TD Games:** 1 vs. NYG (12/27/15)

McKINNON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 20 vs. Hou. (10/9/16)

Rushing Yards: 135 vs. Atl. (9/28/14)

Rushing TDs: 2 vs. NYG (12/27/15)

Long Rush: 68t vs. NYG. (12/27/15)

Receptions: 9 vs. Ind. (12/18/16)

Receiving Yards: 114 vs. Cin. (12/17/17)

Receiving TDs: 1 (5 times) Last at Atl. (12/3/17)

McKINNON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd-round (96th overall) draft choice by Min. in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/6/14...Signed four-year deal with SF on 3/14/18... Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/3/18.



2017 (MINNESOTA)

- Appeared in all 16 games (1 start) and posted career highs in rushing yds. (570) and rushing TDs (3) on 150 atts. Hauled in 51 receipts. for 421 rec. yds., both of which set career highs.
- Saw action in 2 postseason contests and registered 18 rushing atts. for 74 yds. and 1 TD. Caught 14 passes for 92 yds., finishing with 166 total scrimmage yds. His 14 receipts. ranked 2nd among all RBs in the postseason.
- Posted a season-high 95 rushing yds. and 1 TD on 16 atts. in a win at Chi. (10/9). Added 6 receipts. and 51 receiving yds. for a total of 146 yds. from scrimmage.
- Registered 7 receipts. for a career-high 114 yds. vs. Cin. (12/17).

2016 (MINNESOTA)

- In 15 games (7 starts), totaled 539 rushing yds. and 2 rushing TDs on 159 atts., a career high. Added 43 receipts. for 255 yds. and 2 TDs.
- In his first start of the season vs. NYG (10/3), carried the ball 18 times for 85 yards and 1 TDs.
- Carried the ball 16 times for a season-high 89 rushing yds. and 1 TD vs. Chi. (1/1/17).

2015 (MINNESOTA)

- Appeared in all 16 games and carried the ball 52 times for 271 yds. and 2 TDs, while adding 21 receipts. for 173 yds.
- Registered his first career TD after catching a 17-yd. pass from QB Teddy Bridgewater in a win vs. Chi. (12/20). Finished the game with 4 receipts. for 76 yds.
- Ran the ball 7 times for 89 yds. and a career-high 2 TDs vs. NYG (12/27). In the 4th Qtr., registered a 68-yd. touchdown run, the longest of his career.

2014 (MINNESOTA)

- Saw action in 11 games (6 starts) as a rookie and recorded 538 rushing yds. on 113 atts. Led the team in yds. per carry (4.8) on the season. Added 27 receipts. for 135 yds.
- Ranked 3rd among NFC rookie runners in total rushing yds. (538) on the season.
- Saw 18 rushing atts. for a career-high 135 yds. vs. Atl. (9/28/14). The performance ranks as the sixth-most rushing yds. by a rookie in Vikings history.
- Posted his 2nd 100-yd. rushing performance on the year at Buf. (10/19), finishing the game with 103 yds. on 19 atts. in just the second start of his NFL career.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 47 games (31 starts) and made starts at QB, WR, RB and CB in a four-year career at Georgia Southern. Ran the ball for 3,899 career rushing yds. and 42 TDs. Logged 17 career games with over 100 rushing yds. As a senior in 2013, earned team MVP honors for the second-consecutive year. Saw action at QB and RB, registering 1,050 rushing yds. and 16 TDs (12 rushing & 4 passing). In his junior season, earned All-America honors at QB from *College Sports Journal* and *College Sporting News* after recording 1,817 rushing yds. and 20 rushing TDs. on 269 atts. As a sophomore in 2011, played in 13 games (7 starts) and tallied 705 all-purpose yds., while also adding 2 INTs. Played in 10 games as a freshman and carried the ball 109 times for 495 yds. and 3 TDs.

PERSONAL

- Attended Sprayberry (Marietta, GA) HS and earned all-state honors as a QB from *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* after his senior year.
- As a senior, named Region VII AAAA Player of the Year after registering more than 1,500 passing yds. and 1,300 rushing yds.
- Excelled in track and field, competing in the 100m, 200m, 4x100 relay and long jump.
- Born Jerick Deshun McKinnon (5/3/92) in Atlanta, GA.

INJURY REPORT

2014: Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/6 with a back injury.

2016: Inactive at Chi. (10/31) with an ankle injury.

2018: Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/3 with a knee injury.



McKINNON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2014 (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---|--------|-----|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Sep 7 | at StL | W | 1/0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sep 14 | NE | L | 1/0 | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Sep 21 | at NO | L | 1/0 | 2 | -1 | -0.5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Sep 28 | Atl | W | 1/0 | 18 | 135 | 7.5 | 55 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| Oct 2 | at GB | L | 1/0 | 7 | 24 | 3.4 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 0 |
| Oct 12 | Det | L | 1/1 | 11 | 40 | 3.6 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 42 | 0 |
| Oct 19 | at Buf | L | 1/1 | 19 | 103 | 5.4 | 29 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 0 |
| Oct 26 | at TB | W | 1/1 | 16 | 83 | 5.2 | 28 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Nov 2 | Was | W | 1/1 | 14 | 54 | 3.9 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| Nov 16 | at Chi | L | 1/1 | 8 | 38 | 4.8 | 23 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 0 |
| Nov 23 | GB | L | 1/1 | 15 | 54 | 3.6 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Back) ON 12/6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | 11/6 | 113 | 538 | 4.8 | 55 | 0 | 27 | 135 | 0 |

2015 (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Sep 14 | at SF | L | 1/0 | 3 | 20 | 6.7 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Sep 20 | Det | W | 1/0 | 3 | 6 | 2.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sep 27 | SD | W | 1/0 | 6 | 18 | 3.0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 4 | at Den | L | 1/0 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 18 | KC | W | 1/0 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 25 | at Det | W | 1/0 | 9 | 36 | 4.0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nov 1 | at Chi | W | 1/0 | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 8 | StL | W | 1/0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| Nov 15 | at Oak | W | 1/0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Nov 22 | GB | L | 1/0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| Nov 29 | at Atl | W | 1/0 | 5 | 33 | 6.6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 6 | Sea | L | 1/0 | 4 | 18 | 4.5 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Dec 10 | at Ari | L | 1/0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Dec 20 | Chi | W | 1/0 | 7 | 10 | 1.4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 76 | 1 |
| Dec 27 | NYG | W | 1/0 | 7 | 89 | 12.7 | 68t | 2 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Jan 3 | at GB | W | 1/0 | 4 | 15 | 3.8 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | | 16/0 | 52 | 271 | 5.2 | 68t | 2 | 21 | 173 | 1 |

2015 Postseason (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---------------|-----|-----|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Jan 10 | Sea | L | 1/0 | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | | 1/0 | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 0 |

2016 (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Sep 11 | at Ten | W | 1/0 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Sep 18 | GB | W | 1/0 | 2 | 2 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Sep 25 | at Car | W | 1/0 | 16 | 45 | 2.8 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Oct 3 | NYG | W | 1/0 | 18 | 85 | 4.7 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Oct 9 | Hou | W | 1/0 | 20 | 36 | 1.8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Oct 23 | at Phi | L | 1/0 | 11 | 43 | 3.9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Oct 31 | at Chi | L | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nov 6 | Det | L | 1/0 | 7 | 8 | 1.1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 13 | at Was | L | 1/0 | 6 | 16 | 2.7 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 0 |
| Nov 20 | Ari | W | 1/0 | 16 | 44 | 2.8 | 12 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 0 |
| Nov 24 | at Det | L | 1/0 | 9 | 31 | 3.4 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 45 | 0 |
| Dec 1 | Dal | L | 1/0 | 9 | 41 | 4.6 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 1 |
| Dec 11 | at Jax | W | 1/0 | 14 | 31 | 2.2 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 38 | 0 |
| Dec 18 | Ind | L | 1/0 | 3 | 12 | 4.0 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 59 | 0 |
| Dec 24 | at GB | L | 1/0 | 11 | 50 | 4.5 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 35 | 0 |
| Dec 1 | Chi | W | 1/0 | 16 | 89 | 5.6 | 36 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 1 |
| TOTALS | | | 15/7 | 159 | 539 | 3.4 | 36 | 2 | 43 | 255 | 2 |

2017 (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Sep 11 | NO | W | 1/0 | 3 | 5 | 1.7 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 0 |
| Sep 17 | at Pit | L | 1/0 | 3 | 16 | 5.3 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Sep 24 | TB | W | 1/0 | 2 | 5 | 2.5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 | 0 |
| Oct 1 | Det | L | 1/0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 9 | at Chi | W | 1/0 | 16 | 95 | 5.9 | 58t | 1 | 6 | 51 | 0 |
| Oct 15 | GB | W | 1/0 | 15 | 69 | 4.6 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 30 | 1 |
| Oct 22 | Bal | W | 1/0 | 14 | 47 | 3.4 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Oct 29 | at Cle | W | 1/0 | 14 | 50 | 3.6 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 72 | 0 |
| Nov 12 | at Was | W | 1/0 | 10 | 32 | 3.2 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| Nov 19 | LAR | W | 1/0 | 14 | 48 | 3.4 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| Nov 23 | at Det | W | 1/0 | 13 | 23 | 1.8 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 0 |
| Dec 3 | at Atl | W | 1/0 | 9 | 24 | 2.7 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 28 | 1 |
| Dec 10 | at Car | L | 1/0 | 7 | 46 | 6.6 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Dec 17 | Cin | W | 1/0 | 9 | 24 | 2.7 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 114 | 0 |
| Dec 23 | at GB | W | 1/0 | 7 | 42 | 6.0 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Jan 31 | Chi | W | 1/1 | 12 | 44 | 3.7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | | 16/1 | 150 | 570 | 3.8 | 58t | 3 | 51 | 421 | 2 |

2017 Postseason (Minnesota)

| Date | Opp | W/L | P/S | Rsh | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD | Rec | Yds | TD |
|---------------|--------|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Jan 14 | NO | W | 1/0 | 8 | 34 | 4.3 | 14t | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Jan 21 | at Phi | L | 1/0 | 10 | 40 | 4.0 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 86 | 0 |
| TOTALS | | | 2/0 | 18 | 74 | 4.1 | 14t | 1 | 14 | 92 | 0 |