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10.3.86 CHINA SPRINGS, TX 8TH YEAR ACQUIRED FA IN '14

#### GOLDMINE

 Always around football, in the summers, Kyle would help his dad, Mark, when he was coaching in the NCAA and CFL. At a young age, Kyle got to see tight knit locker rooms and learned how successful teams work together on and off the field. Mark's career as a football coach meant many moves for the Nelson family. Kyle was born in Norman, OK and grow-



ing up, the family moved between Tulsa, OK and Canada three times and Kyle spent time living in Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico before coming to California.

 During all Week 13 games in 2017, NFL players had the chance to share the causes that are important to them as part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign. The initiative was a culmination of collaborative work between the NFL and players across the league. For My Cause, My Cleats, Nelson is supporting JW House, which aims to provide a warm, comfortable "home away from home" for families facing medical crisis. "Families facing medical crises need rest and self-care while their loved one is in the hospital," said Nelson. "I want to bring hope and encouragement to those going through the unimaginable."



#### **NELSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS**

- Comes from a football family where he is a third generation member. His father, Mark, is the linebackers coach for the Ottawa REDBLACKS in the Canadian Football League, with a quarter-century of coaching experience. Mark played in the CFL for six seasons and spent time coaching in the NCAA at Louisville, Arkansas Tech, Baylor and Kentucky. Kyle's grandfather, Roger, was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1954. He played offensive tackle for 13 seasons for the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos from 1954-67 and was elected into the CFL Hall of Fame in 1985.
- Growing up in Canada, the first sport he played was ice hockey. Following a move to the United States in middle school, he began playing soccer before playing football for the first time his junior year of high school.

#### **GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)**

- The story of how Nelson became a long snapper goes back to his father's playing days. In the middle of training camp, Nelson's dad was extremely tired after grueling practices. Heading into his 11th season he thought to himself, "I wish I was a long snapper." He said, "If I ever have a son, I'm going to make sure he learns how to snap."
- In the past, Nelson has worked with middle school football players in Phoenix, AZ, teaching them the craft of long snapping as colleges begin recruiting students specifically to fill that role. "It helps the kids get into school," he said. "We do it to get them scholarships, get their school paid for so their parents don't have to."
- In his spare time, Nelson enjoys drawing, reading and going hiking. When Kyle was growing up, his family planned hikes on the weekends where he was able to witness the landscape of Arkansas, Georgia, Texas and Arizona. It translated to painting, where Kyle draws pictures of the outdoors such as oceans, forests and mountains. "I like turning color pictures into black and white, charcoal, Sharpies," he said. "It's a nice, relaxing hobby."
- In honor of the NFL's Crucial Catch campaign, the 49ers hosted a fashion show on Tuesday, October 17th, 2017, featuring breast cancer and pediatric cancer warriors in apparel donated by Levi's<sup>®</sup>. Nelson, along with his 49ers teammates, walked the runway with cancer warriors as they shared their stories of strength and courage with the audience.



## **NELSON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

GAMES/STARTS - 93/0: 2012 (6/0); 2013 (11/0); 2014 (16/0); 2015 (16/0); 2016 (16/0); 2017 (16/0); 2018 (12/0)

#### Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 17: 2014 (4); 2015 (5); 2016 (5); 2017 (3) Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2017 (1)

#### **Milestones:**

NFL Debut: vs. Bal. (11/25/12)

## **NELSON'S TRANSACTIONS**

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by NO on 7/27/11...Waived by NO on 9/3/11...Signed to NO practice squad on 9/4/11...Waived by NO on 9/5/11... Signed to KC practice squad on 9/7/11... Waived by KC on 9/14/11...Signed to Reserve/Future contract by SF on 1/24/12...Waived by SF on 8/31/12...Signed to Phi. practice squad on 9/25/12...Waived by Phi. on 10/2/12...Signed a two-year deal with SD on 11/20/12...Waived by SD on 5/20/13...Claimed off of waivers by SF on 5/21/13...Waived by SF on 7/10/13...Claimed off of waivers by Sea. on 7/11/13...Waived by Sea. on 8/26/13...Signed by Was. on 10/15/13...Waived by Was. on 10/15/13...Waived by SF on 1/24/14...Signed a four-year deal through 2018 on 3/10/15...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/4/18... Signed a four-year contract extension with SF on 3/13/19.

#### 2018 (SAN FRANCISCO)

• Served as the team's longsnapper for 12 games before being placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/4.

### 2017 (SAN FRANCISCO)

- Appeared in all 16 games and registered 3 special teams tackles and 1 special teams FR.
- Registered his 1st career special teams FR vs. LAR (9/21), scooping up a muffed punt by Rams WR Tavon Austin.

## 2016 (SAN FRANCISCO)

• Appeared in all 16 games as the team's long snapper and recorded 5 special teams tackles.

#### 2015 (SAN FRANCISCO)

• Appeared in all 16 games as the team's long snapper and recorded 5 special teams tackles.

#### 2014 (SAN FRANCISCO)

• Signed with SF on 7/25, appearing as the team's long snapper in all 16 games, registering 4 special teams tackles.

## 2013 (WASHINGTON)

• After signing with Was. on 10/15, appeared in 11 games as the team's long snapper.

### 2012 (PHILADELPHIA/SAN DIEGO)

- Signed to Phi. practice squad (9/25) and was later released (10/2).
- Signed a two-year contract with SD (11/20), where he finished the season, playing in 6 games as the Chargers long snapper.

## 2011 (NEW ORLEANS/KANSAS CITY)

• Spent brief stints with NO practice squad (9/4-9/5) and KC practice squad (9/7-9/14).

#### COLLEGE

A TE/LS for the Aggies from 2007-10, Nelson appeared in 50 games and recorded 66 recepts. for 559 yds. and 2 TDs. In 2010 he played in 12 games and caught a career-high 41 recepts. for 371 yds. and 1 TD. As a junior (2009), Nelson caught 12 passes for 112 yds. and a TD. Against UTEP (9/19), he snagged two passes for 28 yds. and his 1st career TD recept. Nelson was also the team's long snapper on FGs. In 2008, Nelson held long snapping duties on every extra point, FG and punt for the Aggies in 12 games. He also recorded 11 recepts. for 70 yds. Against Louisiana Tech (11/22), Nelson had a then career-high 5 recepts. for 47 yds. Nelson played in all 13 games in 2007 as the teams back-up TE and long snapper. On the season, Nelson caught 2 passes for six yds. Was a redshirt freshman in 2006 for Tulsa.

#### PERSONAL

- Graduated from China Springs (TX) HS, starting at TE and he also handled the deep snap and punting duties. Accumulated 50 recepts. on the season and earned first-team all-district and first-team Super CenTex honors as a TE. Received second-team all-district honors as a punter. Also lettered in basketball and track one year each.
- Majored in communications at New Mexico State.
- Born Kyle Nelson (10/3/86) in Norman, OK.