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FRANK GORE JR.

BORN: March 13, 2002 | HT: 5-8 | WT: 201 | 1st year

COLLEGE: Southern Miss

ACQUIRED: UDFA (2024)

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FIRST-AND-10

FRANK GORE JR. was signed by the Bills as an undrafted free agent in 2024. Gore, who rushed for 4,022 yards during his collegiate career at Southern Miss from 2020-23, is the son of former Bills RB Frank Gore. He spent his rookie season on the Bills practice squad.

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished in 3rd place in school history with 4,022 rushing yards during his career at Southern Miss and led the team in rushing yards during all four of his collegiate seasons. Also caught 75 passes for 692 yards and 4 TDs.
- Earned 2nd-team All-Sun Belt conference honors in 2023 with 231 carries for 1,131 yards and 10 touchdowns.
- Tallied 158 rushing yards on a career-high 33 carries in a win at Louisiana (11/9/23) and scored three touchdowns (2 rushing and 1 receiving).
- Rushed for a season-high 247 yards and 2 touchdowns on 24 carries at Appalachian State (10/28/23).
- In 2022, earned first-team all-Sun Belt honors as an all-purpose back with 1,382 yards and 9 TDs on 228 attempts.
- Set a school record with 329 rushing yards and 2 TDs on 21 carries vs. Rice (12/17/22) in the LendingTree Bowl. His TDs were 64 and 55 yards.
- Gained 199 yards on 24 carries at Louisiana-Monroe (11/26/22).
- Opened the season with a 178-yard rushing performance vs. Liberty (9/3/22).
- Led the Golden Eagles with 708 rushing yards as a freshman in 2020 and earned 2nd-team Conference USA honors.
- Posted a career-long 73-yard run for a TD in a victory vs. Florida Atlantic (12/10/20).
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 11-yard run at North Texas (10/3/20).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

"IT'S A BLESSING TO HAVE HIS NAME"

"I'm not going to shy away from my name," Gore, Jr. said. "I am who I am. It's a blessing to have this name. ... He had this name, he made it what it is. Now, I have the responsibility to take it further."

He learned the game from his father. Even if he doesn't quite run the same way. Gore, Jr. grew up watching his father play, wearing his father's jerseys.

"Being a son of an NFL player, you have to mature a lot faster than a normal kid," Gore, Jr. said. "The things I had to go through as a child, he probably didn't have, he didn't have the expectations I have."

When he was a boy, Gore, Jr. watched his father come home and go to work, sticking to a strict routine in order to preserve his body.

"A lot of things that I can't really explain," Gore, Jr. said. "It's an all-day, all-year thing. It never stops ... That guy's like a robot."
(Joel Erickson, Indy Star, March 1, 2024)

THE STAMPEDE

Dream vacation spot: Turks and Caicos

Favorite running back of all-time: Frank Gore, Sr.

Least favorite household chore: Doing the dishes

Favorite movie: Friday Night Lights

Favorite musical artist: NBA YoungBoy

Favorite app on phone: TikTok

PERSONAL

Is the son of Frank Gore and Shasta Smith. Has a younger brother, Messiah. His father finished his 16-year NFL career (2005-2020) ranked 3rd on the NFL's all-time rushing list with 16,000 yards. He played with the Bills in 2019. He currently works with the 49ers as a football personnel advisor. Frank, Jr. played quarterback and running back at Miami Killian Senior High School. Earned a degree in liberal arts.