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AMARI COOPER

AGE: 30 (June 17, 1994) | HT: 6-1 | WT: 211

COLLEGE: Alabama

NFL EXP: 10 years

HOMETOWN: Miami, FL

ACQUIRED: Trade (2024, Cle)

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AMARI COOPER was acquired in a trade from Cleveland on October 15, 2024. Cooper, the 4th overall selection in the 2015 draft by Oakland, has played for the Raiders (2015-18), Cowboys (2018-21) and the Browns (2022-24). He has earned 5 Pro Bowl selections and was named to the PFWA all-rookie team in 2015. Cooper has surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving mark 7 times while becoming the first Brown to do so in back-to-back seasons in 2022 and 2023.

SHOUTOUTS

- Caught a 12-yard TD pass from Josh Allen in his Bills debut vs. Ten. (10/20/24). Grabbed 4 passes for 66 yards in just 19 snaps.
- Posted a career-high 1,250 receiving yards on 72 catches with 5 touchdowns for the Browns in 2023.
- Set a Browns record with career-high 265 receiving yards on 11 receptions with 2 TDs at Hou. (12/24/23). Became 4th player in NFL history with 3 games with at least 200 receiving yards and 2 TD catches, joining Don Hutson (4), Charlie Hennigan (3) and Tyreek Hill (3).
- Led the Browns in receiving yards (1,160), receptions (78) and receiving touchdowns (a career-high 9) in 2022.
- Set a career high with 13 receptions at TB (9/9/21).
- Led or tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions during all four seasons (2018-21) with the Cowboys.
- Became the third player in NFL history to record 1,000 receiving yards and at least 70 receptions in each of his first two NFL seasons.
- Traded from Oakland to Dallas for a 2019 first-round pick on Oct. 22, 2018. Traded from Dallas to Cleveland along with a 2022 sixth-round draft pick for 2022 fifth and sixth round picks on March 16, 2022.
- Helped Alabama capture the 2012 BSC Championship and set school career records for receptions (228), yards (3,463) and touchdowns (31), in only 3 seasons.

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GRANDMASTER OF ALL PURSUITS

One of the most enviable traits of wide receiver Amari Cooper's game is his mastery of deception.

"You don't want to let the person you're playing against know what moves that you're going to do next," Cooper said. "You have to think three moves ahead. It's one of the biggest sayings in chess."

Wait ... chess?

Listening to Cooper talk about chess with such passion and detail, you unwittingly mistake it for his analytical breakdown of his route running on the football field. Like his elusive release off the line of scrimmage, or even when it looks like a defender has the jump on him, his shiftiness and change in pace get him wide open. Cooper sums it up much more elegantly. "It starts with the imagination. If you have something in your head and you're saying, 'OK, this is what I'm going to do.' You have to be creative."

Cooper lights up when talking about playing chess, and remembers exactly when the game first captivated him as an elementary school student in northwest Miami.

"My music teacher ran the chess club after school," Cooper said. "But if we were done with our music lesson that day, he would teach us chess lessons."

Cooper's endgame is with himself as he strives to become a grandmaster of all pursuits. (**ESPN, Tory Roy, August 29, 2020**)

PERSONAL

Is the son of Michelle Green. Attended Miami (FL) Northwestern High School and was a teammate of QB Teddy Bridgewater. Created his own clothing brand named "Route Runner."