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LEWIS CINE

AGE: 25 (October 5, 1999) | HT: 6-2 | WT: 208

COLLEGE: Georgia

NFL EXP: 3 Years

HOMETOWN: Cedar Hill, TX

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2024)

FIRST-AND-10

LEWIS CINE joined the Bills practice squad on August 29, 2024. A first round draft choice (32nd overall) of Minnesota in 2022, Cine saw action in 10 games for the Vikings from 2022-23. In his final season at Georgia in 2021, was named the Defensive MVP in the National Championship game win over Alabama while earning first-team All-SEC honors.

SHOUTOUTS

- Played in 10 games for the Vikings from 2022-23. His first NFL action occurred on Monday Night Football at Phi. (9/19/22).
- Finished his three-year career at Georgia (2019-21) with 145 tackles (96 solo), 3.5 tackles for loss, 16 passes defended and two interceptions in 39 games.
- In 2021, earned AP All-SEC first-team honors and 3rd-team All-America honors with a team-leading 73 tackles and 9 passes defended. Was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back.
- In his final collegiate game, was named the Defensive MVP in the National Championship win over Alabama (1/10/22). Posted seven tackles, including one tackle for loss, and a pass defended.
- Notched an interception in a win vs. UAB (9/11/21).
- Started all 10 games in 2020 and finished with 49 tackles and three passes defended.
- Registered a career-high 12 tackles at South Carolina (11/28/20).
- Played in all 14 games with two starts as a freshman in 2019, recorded 20 tackles, 2 passes defended, and an interception. Named co-winner of Georgia's Special Teams Newcomer of the Year award.
- Posted first career interception in a win vs. Arkansas State (9/14/19).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

"SHE'S MY WHY ... SHE'S WHY I DO IT"

Cine, who was born in Haiti, discovered his love for football when he moved from Florida to Everett, MA. He has played on champion teams at every level and earned Defensive MVP honors in January's FBS championship game.

But he wants people to know him as more than just a football player. He makes it clear that his role as a father to 5-year-old Bella is more important than anything he'll ever do on the field. Cine said Bella gave him tunnel vision at a young age and allowed him to grow up early.

"She's my 'why,'" he said. "She's why I do it."

His mindfulness extends beyond fatherhood. Cine uses positive phrases such as "I am" to motivate himself and has eliminated "I can't" from his vocabulary. When he wins a championship, he cherishes it briefly before "closing the door" and focusing on the next task.

He views football as more of a mental game than a physical one. He also is an academic who listens to speeches, a reader who devours self-help books, and an avid journal-keeper who maps out his future and sticks to the plan. Cine frequently shuts off social media and goes for walks to clear his mind.

"I've always been like that," Cine said. "I've always been a lone wolf." (Trevor Hass, Boston Globe, April 26, 2022)

PERSONAL

Last name pronounced SEEN. Is the son of Andre Cine and Beatrice Seide. Has a daughter, Bella. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, moved to the United States when he was 4 years old. In his only season at Trinity Christian School in Texas in 2018, helped lead his team to a 14-0 record and the school's 2nd straight state title with 85 tackles and 13 TFLs as a senior. Transferred to TCS from Everett High School in Massachusetts, where he was named the state's defensive player of the year by the USA Today as a junior. Majored in psychology.