



KYLE KENNARD

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | SOUTH CAROLINA

6-5 | 238 lbs | ATLANTA, GA.

ROUND: 4 ⚡ OVERALL: 125

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2024 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Winner
- ▶ 2024 Lombardi Award Finalist
- ▶ 2024 Blanchard-Rogers Trophy Winner
- ▶ 2024 First-Team All-America
- ▶ 2024 SEC Defensive Player of the Year
- ▶ 2024 First-Team All-SEC

2023: Joined the team in January after four years at Georgia Tech... Became the first Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner in school history... also captured the Blanchard-Rogers Trophy...Was a finalist for the Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award and Walter Camp Player of the Year...Named first-team All-America by AFCA, Walter Camp, FWAA, SI.com, Reese's Senior Bowl, and Phil Steele and was a second-team selection by the AP, Sporting News, CBS Sports and ESPN...Was both the Coaches and the AP's SEC Defensive Player of the Year... One of three players cited as the Joe Morrison MVP for the defense... Started all 12 regular season games...Logged 28 tackles including 15.5 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks...Had the fourth-best TFLs and the second-highest sack total in a single season in school history... Forced three fumbles and recovered two...Led the SEC in both sacks and TFLs, tied for fourth in fumbles forced and tied for fourth in fumbles recovered...**Accolades:** 2024 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Winner...2024 Lombardi Award Finalist...2024 Blanchard-Rogers Trophy Winner...2024 First-Team All-America (AFCA, Walter Camp, FWAA, SI.com, Reese's Senior Bowl, Phil Steele)...2024 Second-Team All-America (AP, Sporting News, CBS Sports, ESPN)...2024 Third-Team All-America (College Football Nation)...2024 First-Team Academic All-America...2024 SEC Defensive Player of the Year (Coaches, AP)...2024 SEC Defensive Lineman of the Year (College Football Live)...2024 Joe Morrison MVP Defense...2024 First-Team All-SEC (Coaches, AP, USA TODAY, Phil Steele)...2024 Third-Team All-SEC (College Football Nation)...2024 Blanchard-Rogers Trophy Finalist...2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll...2024 South Carolina Spirit Award - Defense

2023: Played in all 12 regular season games, starting six...Recorded 54 tackles, sixth on the squad...Led the Yellow Jackets with 11.0 tackles for loss and with 6.0 sacks...Credited with two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception.

2022: Played in all 12 games and made nine starts at defensive end...Tied for eighth on team in total tackles with 36...Amassed 19 solo tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

2021: Saw action in all 12 games...Made starts against Boston College and Notre Dame...Finished the season with 15 tackles, which included 3.5 tackles for loss (fifth on team) and two sacks (tied for second on team).

2020: Became a significant contributor at defensive end down the stretch of his true-freshman campaign...Saw action in six games, including the final five contests...Made three starts, getting the nod at Boston College, at NC State and vs. Pitt...Recorded 10 tackles and 2.5 sacks...2.5 sacks ranked second on the team.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Earned all-region honors at Riverwood international Charter School in Sandy Springs, Ga... Recorded more than 100 tackles and 40 tackles for loss over the final two seasons of his prep career...Helped lead the Raiders to a perfect 10-0 regular season and 11-1 overall record as a senior in 2019...Kyle M. Kennard was born Dec. 12, 2001...A services management major who graduated in December 2024.



KYLE KENNARD COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —			Sacks	Yds	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
				Total	Solo	Asst			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2020	Georgia Tech	6	0	10	8	2	2.5	27	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Georgia Tech	12	2	15	5	10	2.0	18	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Georgia Tech	12	9	36	19	17	2.0	5	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Georgia Tech	12	6	54	32	22	6.0	25	1	12	12	0	0	2	2	0
2024	South Carolina	12	12	28	20	8	11.5	97	0	0	—	0	1	3	2	0
College Totals		66	29	143	84	59	24.0	172	1	12	12	0	1	5	4	0