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HOMETOWN AUSTIN, TEXAS

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- 5th-round pick (158th overall) by Miami in the 2026 NFL Draft.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (TEXAS):

- 4-year letterman (2022-25) and 3-year starter.
- Began his career as a walk on.

CAREER: Played in 53 games with 36 starts; 222 tackles (119 solo), 3.0 sacks, 9.5 tackles for loss, 7 interceptions, 21 passes defended, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery; 1 blocked punt.

SENIOR (2025): Started in 10 games; 70 tackles (38 solo), 1.0 sack, 1.0 tackle for loss, 2 interceptions and 3 passes defended.

- 1st-team All-SEC.
- Wuerffel Trophy recipient, awarded to the FBS player who best combines exemplary service to others with leadership achievement on and off the field.
- Was named captain of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, recognizing his efforts in the community.

JUNIOR (2024): Started all 16 games; 78 tackles (40 solo), 2.0 sacks, 5.5 tackles for loss, 2 interceptions, 12 passes defended, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

- Helped Texas to the College Football Playoff and Peach Bowl title.
- 2nd-team All-American.
- Semifinalist for the Burlsworth Trophy, awarded to the best player who began their career as a walk on.

SOPHOMORE (2023): Played in all 14 games with 9 starts; 48 tackles (28 solo), 2.5 tackles for loss, 3 interceptions and 5 passes defended; 1 blocked punt.

- Helped team to Big 12 title and program's first College Football Playoff appearance.
- Honorable mention All-Big 12.
- Nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2022): Played in all 13 games with 1 start; 26 tackles (13 solo), 0.5 tackle for loss and 1 pass defended.

- Was awarded a scholarship prior to the Longhorns' appearance in the Alamo Bowl.

TRUE FRESHMAN (2021): Redshirted.

- Walked on during fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL (WESTLAKE HS - AUSTIN, TEXAS):

- Also participated in track & field.

SENIOR (2020): 60 tackles (48 solo), 7.0 tackles for loss, 5 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery; 18 receptions for 297 yards and 3 TDs.

- Led team to second straight state title.
- 1st-team all-district and 2nd-team all-state.

JUNIOR (2019): 37 tackles (27 solo), 1.0 sack, 3 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery; 1 interception returned for a TD.

OFF THE FIELD

PERSONAL:

- MAJOR:** Sport management.

MICHAEL TAAFFE'S COLLEGE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	TACKLES			SK	INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
					S	A	TFL		NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Texas	13	1	26	13	13	0.5	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2023	Texas	14	9	48	28	20	2.5	0.0	3	45	45	0	5	0	0	0
2024	Texas	16	16	78	40	38	5.5	2.0	2	9	9	0	12	1	1	0
2025	Texas	10	10	70	38	32	1.0	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
COLLEGE TOTALS		53	37	222	119	103	9.5	3.0	7	54	45	0	21	1	1	0