



CB ELIJAH MOLDEN (3RD ROUND, 100TH OVERALL)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name: Elijah Monroe Molden Position: CB Height: 5-10 Weight: 192 Date of Birth: 1/30/99 Birthplace: New Orleans, La. Marital status: Engaged (March 2022) Name of spouse/fiancée (if applicable): Danelle Children's names and ages (if applicable): None

Nickname: None

Names of parents: Christin and Alex Molden

Number of siblings: Second-oldest of eight children (four brothers, three sisters)

Agent's name: Cliff LaBoy

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COLLEGE

College(s) attended: Washington (2017-20)

College Major: Communications

Redshirt season(s): None

Degree date/credits remaining: Graduated December 2020

College jersey number: 3

Significance of jersey number: "They gave it to me, and I fell in love with it."

HIGH SCHOOL

High school (city, state): West Linn (Ore.) High School Mascot: Lions Year graduated: 2017 **Other sports played in high school:** Basketball two years (shooting guard)

OFF THE FIELD

Relatives or close childhood friends in professional sports: His father, Alex Molden, was inducted to the University of Oregon Hall of Fame and was an eight-year NFL cornerback with the Saints, Chargers and Lions ... His older brother, Isaiah, played defensive line at Western Oregon.

Any charitable causes that are meaningful to you: Youth education and sports

The thing(s) people find most interesting about you: "How many siblings I have, and then how much I like to read books." ... He enjoys reading self-development and non-fiction books and lists "Shoe Dog" by Phil Knight, "Tattoos on the Heart" by Greg Boyle, and "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho as three of his favorite books.

Pregame rituals: "I don't do anything, don't even listen to music. I just show up and play."

Outside of football and your family, what is something you're passionate about? "Learning in general–learning about others and about myself. Also helping others achieve their goals and find their purpose ... My last couple years at UW, a lot of times younger teammates will come up to me with questions, and I enjoy talking and trying to help them."

Something new you have done in the last year during quarantine/COVID-19 pandemic: "I started cooking a lot. I got butcher blocks, and I started grilling and doing a lot on the stove with my fiancée." ... Lists vinegar pork chops as his go-to item to cook.

Biggest challenge overcome in your life and/or football career: "Being a backup for two years, wanting something so bad but not being able to do it. It taught me a lot about myself and what it takes ... I don't think there's a secret ingredient, you just get through it, doing whatever it takes. I used my head first, figuring out everything I could about the game so that I'd be ready, and it ended up paying off."

Football role model: His father, Alex Molden ... Also looks up to Ed Reed and Ronde Barber.

On your "bucket list": "Travel the world with my fiancée."

Off-the-field interests and hobbies: Spending time with friends, hiking or going to the lake.

Do you have any pets? Cat named Harper

What do you like to collect? "I keep the books I read. I read actual hard copy books and make notes on bookmarks and keep them in the books."

Hidden talent: Cooking

Prior jobs: In high school, he boxed bread at a bread company and also worked in a science lab.

Most memorable sporting event you have ever watched: "The earliest one that comes to mind is the Oklahoma-Boise State game (2007 Fiesta Bowl) when Boise State won on a trick play. My coach at UW (Chris Peterson) was the coach for Boise in that game."

Movie you can always re-watch: "The Avengers"

Best TV show to binge: "Ozark"

Favorite musician or band: Brent Faiyaz