56 KWON ALEXANDER

LB

6-1 | 227 | LOUISIANA STATE

8.3.94 | OXFORD, AL | 5TH YEAR | ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: PFWA All-Rookie Team, NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 8)
2017: Pro Bowl

PRO BOWL
ORLANDO 2018

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Intercepted Bengals QB Andy Dalton at Cin. (9/15/19), marking his first INT as a member of the 49ers and 7th of his career.

GOLDMINE

- On Friday, October 30, 2015, Alexander was relaxing at his apartment with teammates, just days away from what would be just his seventh career NFL game, when he received one of the most dreadful calls one could experience. His little brother, Broderick, had been involved in a confrontation with a man who decided to pull out a gun and use it. "He's gone," Kwon heard his mother say over the phone. Broderick was less than a month away from his 18th birthday. He had always looked up to Kwon, and the two shared a bond as strong as ever. "I walked straight out to the patio, laid down on one of the lounge chairs by the pool, pulled out my phone and started looking at text messages," Alexander said in an article he composed for *The Players Tribune*. "I found Lil' Brod's old messages and started scrolling through them — until I saw one from him that jumped off the screen. 'I love you bro.' I stared at it for I don't know how long, and then I put my phone down, looked up at the sky and cried until I couldn't cry anymore." Alexander then booked a flight home to be with his family as they made plans for Broderick's funeral, but his mother wouldn't allow it. They agreed that even Broderick, as his number one supporter, would have wanted him to play. So, two days later, Kwon not only played, but he played the game of his life. In the first quarter of the game, with his team down 3-0, Alexander caught up to a streaking Falcons WR Julio Jones and in one instance ripped the ball clean out of his hands and took off the other way for a 20-yard return. Next, in the second quarter, Alexander intercepted a pass by Falcons QB Matt Ryan and returned the ball for 15 yards. At the end of the victory, his then-career-high 11 tackles, forced fumble, fumble recovery and interception earned him not only the game ball, but the respect of his teammates. "All I wanted was to be with my family, but I had a second family right there to pick me up," Alexander said. "It was highest of highs and the lowest of lows, at the exact same moment."

ALEXANDER'S GOLDEN NUGGET

- Although he grew up in the same town as teammate DL Dee Ford, the two did not meet until they were both acquired by the team in March 2019. By the time Alexander had reached high school, Ford had already migrated to nearby St. Clair County H.S. "I knew who he was once we got to the NFL, so that's all that matters," Ford said.

ALEXANDER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2019

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 8	at TB	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 15	at Cin	W	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sep 22	Pit	W	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 7	Cle													
Oct 13	at LAR													
Oct 20	at Was													
Oct 27	Car													
Oct 31	at Arz													
Nov 11	Sea													
Nov 17	Arz													
Nov 24	GB													
Dec 1	at Bal													
Dec 8	at NO													
Dec 15	Atl													
TBD	LAR													
Dec 29	at Sea													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**16**	**12**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Alexander held a kickball game with friends and family in 2018 that served as the opening event for the Kwon Alexander Foundation. "They have to work for it, hang around the right people and keep their grades straight," Alexander said. "Giving back is very important to me, especially for people where I come from. We didn't have anybody to give back when I was growing up. It's a big thing to them if they see a positive role model." At his kickball event, the Tampa Bay police department held conversations with youth in the community. Alexander's event also partnered with the Heart Gallery of Tampa, an organization that raises awareness of Tampa's waiting foster children and engages the community in their welfare and secure placement.

- In June of 2019, Alexander hosted a free football camp in Hobson City, AL for kids ages 8-17. His camp featured football drills, free food and giveaways and was sponsored by The Kwon Alexander Foundation, a non-profit organization, that supports youth in need in the greater Anniston, AL community. Kwon and his foundation host mentorship programming and educational workshops throughout the year.
- Before the 2017 season, Alexander arrived at Buccaneers camp with a new look. Said Alexander, "I wanted to brand myself. I love red. So I said, 'I'll try something different and dye my hair red.' Everybody loved it, so I kept it." Now a member of the 49ers, you might see Kwon sporting a different shade of red in his hair.

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2015	TB	12	12	93	59	34	3.0	21.5	2	15	15	0	9	2	1	20
2016	TB	16	16	145	108	37	3.0	8.0	1	38	38t	1	7	1	1	4
2017	TB	12	12	97	70	27	0.0	0.0	3	70	28	0	4	1	0	0
2018	TB	6	6	45	34	11	1.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	2	0	0
2019	SF	3	3	16	12	4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
TOTALS		**49**	**49**	**396**	**283**	**113**	**7.0**	**29.5**	**7**	**123**	**38t**	**1**	**25**	**6**	**2**	**24**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Ten. (9/13/15); **First Start:** vs. Ten. (9/13/15); **First Sack:** at Jax. (10/11/15 – QB Blake Bortles); **First FF:** at Atl. (11/1/15 – WR Julio Jones); **First FR:** at Atl. (11/1/15 – WR Julio Jones); **First INT:** at Hou. (9/27/15 – QB Ryan Mallett); **First INT Return for a TD:** vs. LAR (9/25/16 – QB Case Keenum)

ALEXANDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 21 at Dal. (12/18/16)
Solo: 15 at Atl. (9/11/16)
Assists: 10 at Dal. (12/18/16)
Passes Defensed: 3 at Cin. (9/15/19)
Sacks: 1.0 (7 times) Last vs. Phi. (9/16/18)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2 times) Last vs. Chi. (11/13/16)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (6 times) Last vs. Phi. (9/16/18)
Interceptions: 1 (7 times) Last at Cin. (9/15/19)
Interception Yards: 38t vs. LAR (9/25/16)
Long Interception Return: 38t vs. LAR (9/25/16)
Interception Returns for TD: 1 vs. LAR (9/25/16)

ALEXANDER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a fourth–round (124th overall) draft choice by TB in 2015...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/8/15...Activated from the Reserve/Suspended List on 1/4/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/22/18...Signed a four–year deal with SF on 3/13/19.

2018 (TAMPA BAY)

- Started all 6 games in which he appeared in and registered 45 tackles, 2 FFs, 2 PDs and 1.0 sack before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/22 with a knee injury.
- Forced a Saints WR Michael Thomas fumble at NO (9/9), which was recovered by Buccaneers CB Ryan Smith.
- Sacked and forced an Eagles QB Nick Foles fumble vs. Phi. (9/16), tying his career high for forced fumbles in a single season.

2017 (TAMPA BAY)

- Started all 12 games in which he appeared in and recorded 97 tackles, 4 PDs, 3 INTs and 1 FF.
- One of just five players (Deion Jones, Atl.; Luke Kuechly, Car.; Jordan Poyer, Buf.; Telvin Smith, Jax.) to record 95-or-more tackles and 3-or-more INTs on the season.
- Intercepted a Bears QB Mike Glennon pass with a 22-yd. return vs. Chi. (9/17).
- Registered 4 tackles, 1 PD and 1 FF vs. NYJ (11/12), knocking the ball loose from Jets RB Bilal Powell.
- Recorded 8 tackles, 1 PD and 1 INT with a 20-yd. return at Mia. (11/19), stepping in front of a Dolphins QB Jay Cutler pass.
- Tallied 8 tackles, 1 PD and 1 INT at Car. (12/24). Set a career high with 3 INTs on the year after intercepting a Panthers QB Cam Newton pass.

2016 (TAMPA BAY)

- Started all 16 games and registered 145 tackles, 7 PDs, 3.0 sacks, 1 FF, 1 FR, and 1 INT return for a TD.
- His 145 tackles tied for the third-most in the league (Sean Lee, Dal.; Zach Brown, Buf.; Bobby Wagner, Sea.).
- Led his team with 17 tackles and 1.0 sack at Atl. (9/11). Brought down Falcons QB Matt Ryan on a 2-yd. loss for his 1st sack of the season.
- Recorded 7 tackles, and 1 INT return for a TD vs. LAR (9/25). On the Rams' first offensive possession, intercepted a Rams QB Case Keenum pass and returned it 28 yds. for his first career INT return for TD.
- Registered 7 tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Den. (10/2). Brought down Broncos QB Paxton Lynch for his 2nd sack of the season.
- Tallied 5 tackles and 1 FR vs. Chi. (11/13). Scooped up a fumble for a 4-yd. return after the ball was knocked free from Bears QB Jay Cutler.
- Registered 6 tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Sea. (11/27). Sacked Seahawks QB Russell Wilson for a 4-yd. loss, tying his season high with 3.0 sacks.
- Recorded a career-high 21 tackles and 1 FF at Dal. (12/18). Knocked the ball free from Cowboys TE Jason Witten for a Buccaneers recovery.

2015 (TAMPA BAY)

- Started all 12 games in which he appeared in and recorded 93 tackles, 9 PDs, 3.0 sacks, 2 INTs, 2 FFs and 1 FRs.
- Despite missing four games, his 93 tackles ranked third in the NFL among all rookies (Landon Collins, NYG - 108; Stephone Anthony, NO - 112).
- Making his NFL debut and first start vs. Ten. (9/13), registered 5 tackles and 1 PD.
- Registered 10 tackles, 2 PDs and 1 INT at Hou. (9/27). Stepped in front of a Texans QB Ryan Mallett pass for the 1st INT of his career.
- Recorded 5 tackles, 2 PDs and 1.0 sack of Jaguars QB Blake Bortles vs. Jax. (10/11).
- Led his team with 11 tackles, 1 INT, 1 FF, 1 FR and 1 PD at Atl. (11/1). In the 1st quarter, caught up to Falcons WR Julio Jones, ripped the ball free and took the fumble recovery for a 20-yd. return. In the 2nd quarter, intercepted a Falcons QB Matt Ryan pass and registered a 15-yd. return.
- Registered 4 tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Dal. (11/15). Brought down Cowboys QB Matt Cassel for an 8-yd. loss, marking his 2nd sack of the season.
- Recorded 10 tackles, 1.0 sack and 1 FF vs. Atl. (12/6). While bringing down Falcons QB Matt Ryan for an 8-yd. loss, knocked the ball free for his 2nd FF of the season.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 32 games (23 starts) in three seasons (2012-14) at Louisiana State, registering 156 tackles, 6 PDs, 3 FFs, 2 FRs and 1.5 sacks. As a junior in 2014, earned Second-Team All-SEC honors after leading his team with 90 tackles and 2 FFs, 1.5 sacks and 1 PD. Played in 13 games (9 starts) as a sophomore and registered 65 tackles and 4 PDs. Saw action in 7 games (2 starts) as a freshman and finished the year with 11 tackles, 2 FRs, 1 FF and 1 PD.

PERSONAL

- Attended Oxford (AL) HS, where he was a finalist for the High School Butkus Award, given annually to the nation's top linebacker.
- Son of Broderick and Peaches Taylor.
- Born Shanderious Kwon Alexander (8/3/94) in Oxford, AL.
- Majored in sports administration at Louisiana State.

INJURY REPORT

2017: Inactive 4 games [at Min. (9/24), vs. NYG (10/1), vs. NE (10/5) and at Arz. (10/15)] with a hamstring injury.

2018: Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/22 with a knee injury.

ALEXANDER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2015 (Tampa Bay)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Ten	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NO	W	1/1	8	4	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 27	at Hou	L	1/1	10	5	5	0.0	0.0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Oct 4	Car	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 11	Jax	W	1/1	5	3	2	1.0	5.5	0	0	2	0	0	0
Oct 25	at Was	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 1	at Atl	W	1/1	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	1	15	1	1	1	20
Nov 8	NYG	L	1/1	10	5	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 15	Dal	W	1/1	4	4	0	1.0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 22	at Phi	W	1/1	10	8	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 29	at Ind	L	1/1	10	7	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 6	Atl	W	1/1	10	6	4	1.0	8.0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Dec 13	NO	L	–	RESERVE/SUSPENDED					–	–	–	–	–	–
Dec 17	at StL	L	–	RESERVE/SUSPENDED					–	–	–	–	–	–
Dec 27	Chi	L	–	RESERVE/SUSPENDED					–	–	–	–	–	–
Jan 3	at Car	L	–	RESERVE/SUSPENDED					–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS			**12/12**	**93**	**59**	**34**	**3.0**	**21.5**	**2**	**15**	**9**	**2**	**1**	**20**

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Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Atl	W	1/1	17	15	2	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	at Arz	L	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	LAR	L	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	1	38t	1	0	0	0
Oct 2	Den	L	1/1	7	7	0	1.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 10	at Car	W	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 23	at SF	W	1/1	9	7	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 30	Oak	L	1/1	14	14	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 3	Atl	L	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 13	Chi	W	1/1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Nov 20	at KC	W	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 27	Sea	W	1/1	6	4	2	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 4	at SD	W	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 11	NO	W	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 18	at Dal	L	1/1	21	11	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dec 24	at NO	L	1/1	10	5	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Jan 1	Car	W	1/1	6	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS			**16/16**	**145**	**108**	**37**	**3.0**	**8.0**	**1**	**38t**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**0**

2017 (Tampa Bay)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 17	Chi	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	22	1	0	0	0
Sep 24	at Min	L	–	–	INACTIVE (Hamstring)				–	–		–	–	–
Oct 1	NYG	W	–	–	INACTIVE (Hamstring)				–	–		–	–	–
Oct 5	NE	L	–	–	INACTIVE (Hamstring)				–	–		–	–	–
Oct 15	at Arz	L	–	–	INACTIVE (Hamstring)				–	–		–	–	–
Oct 22	at Buf	L	1/1	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 29	Car	L	1/1	10	6	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 5	at NO	L	1/1	7	4	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 12	NYJ	W	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Nov 19	at Mia	W	1/1	8	6	2	0.0	0.0	1	20	1	0	0	0
Nov 26	at Atl	L	1/1	8	8	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 3	at GB	L	1/1	6	2	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 10	Det	L	1/1	12	7	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 18	Atl	L	1/1	13	13	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 24	at Car	L	1/1	8	4	4	0.0	0.0	1	28	1	0	0	0
Dec 31	No	W	1/1	11	10	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			**12/12**	**97**	**70**	**27**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3**	**70**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**

2018 (Tampa Bay)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 9	at NO	W	1/1	9	5	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 16	Phi	W	1/1	7	6	1	1.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 24	Pit	L	1/1	8	5	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 30	at Chi	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 14	at Atl	L	1/1	12	11	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 21	Cle	W	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
			PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Knee) ON 10/22											
TOTALS			**6/6**	**45**	**34**	**11**	**1.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**