



# 13 RICHIE JAMES JR.

## WR

5-9 | 185 | MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

9.5.95 | SARASOTA, FL | 2ND YEAR | ACQUIRED D-7B IN '18

### AWARDS & HONORS

**2018:** PFWA All-NFC Team (KR), ESPN All-Rookie Team (KR)

### 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered his 2nd career TD receipt. on a 39-yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo at TB (9/8).
- Caught a career-long 57-yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo vs. Arz. (11/17) to help set up the team's first TD of the day.

### GOLDMINE

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. James Jr. and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Special Olympics Northern California enriches the lives of more than 23,925 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their communities in Northern California through sports, education, and athlete health.



### JAMES JR.'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Finished his collegiate career as Middle Tennessee State's all-time leader in receipts. (244), rec. yds. (3,261) and TD receipts. (23).
- On November 26, 2016, James became the sixth player in NCAA FBS history to have 200 yds. rushing and 100 rec. yds. in a game with 207 rushing yds. and 120 rec. yds. vs. Florida Atlantic.

### GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- On October 15, 2019, James Jr. and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.



### JAMES JR.'S GAME-BY-GAME

| 2019          |        |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | 2019 Returns  |        |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--|---------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Date          | Opp    | W/L | P/S         | Rec      | Yds        | Avg         | Lg        | TD       |  | Date          | Opp    | KR        | Yds        | Avg         | Lg        | TD       | PR        | FC       | Yds        | Avg        | Lg        | TD       |
| Sep 8         | at TB  | W   | 1/0         | 1        | 39         | 39.0        | 39t       | 1        |  | Sep 8         | at TB  | 0         | 0          | -           | -         | 0        | 0         | 1        | 0          | -          | -         | 0        |
| Sep 15        | at Cin | W   | 1/0         | 1        | 7          | 7.0         | 7         | 0        |  | Sep 15        | at Cin | 1         | 13         | 13.0        | 13        | 0        | 2         | 2        | 4          | 2.0        | 4         | 0        |
| Sep 22        | Pit    | W   | 1/0         | 2        | 22         | 11.0        | 16        | 0        |  | Sep 22        | Pit    | 2         | 48         | 24.0        | 26        | 0        | 5         | 0        | 53         | 10.6       | 15        | 0        |
| Oct 7         | Cle    | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Oct 7         | Cle    | 1         | 4          | 4.0         | 4         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 32         | 32.0       | 32        | 0        |
| Oct 13        | at LAR | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Oct 13        | at LAR | 1         | 18         | 18.0        | 18        | 0        | 3         | 2        | 38         | 12.7       | 18        | 0        |
| Oct 20        | at Was | W   | 1/0         | 1        | 40         | 40.0        | 40        | 0        |  | Oct 20        | at Was | 0         | 0          | -           | -         | 0        | 2         | 0        | 30         | 15.0       | 17        | 0        |
| Oct 27        | Car    | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | 0         | 0        |  | Oct 27        | Car    | 0         | 0          | -           | -         | 0        | 6         | 0        | 49         | 8.2        | 14        | 0        |
| Oct 31        | at Arz | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | 0         | 0        |  | Oct 31        | at Arz | 4         | 70         | 17.5        | 23        | 0        | 3         | 0        | 25         | 8.3        | 10        | 0        |
| Nov 11        | Sea    | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | 0         | 0        |  | Nov 11        | Sea    | 1         | 22         | 22.0        | 22        | 0        | 3         | 1        | 2          | 0.7        | 2         | 0        |
| Nov 17        | Arz    | W   | 1/0         | 1        | 57         | 57.0        | 57        | 0        |  | Nov 17        | Arz    | 3         | 70         | 23.3        | 27        | 0        | 2         | 1        | 8          | 4.0        | 6         | 0        |
| Nov 24        | GB     |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Nov 24        | GB     |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| Dec 1         | at Bal |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Dec 1         | at Bal |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| Dec 8         | at NO  |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Dec 8         | at NO  |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| Dec 15        | Atl    |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Dec 15        | Atl    |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| Dec 21        | LAR    |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Dec 21        | LAR    |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| Dec 29        | at Sea |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | Dec 29        | at Sea |           |            |             |           |          |           |          |            |            |           |          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |        |     | <b>10/0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>1</b> |  | <b>TOTALS</b> |        | <b>13</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>18.8</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>8.9</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>0</b> |



## GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- James Jr. and his fellow rookies participated in the annual 49ers Mentorship Academy on September 18, 2018. The Mentorship Academy, partnering with USA Football, is a three-step program designed to provide high school football players with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to succeed and be leaders on and off the field. The rookie class invited the high schoolers to the team facility, where they shared opinions and lessons over a meal and fun competitions.



- While in high school, James' head coach invited him into his office and asked that he convert to QB and become the leader of their team. He responded by becoming more outspoken as a person and leading his school to their first playoff appearance in eight years.
- As a youth in Sarasota, FL, James faced a handful of hurdles growing up in a rough environment. James notes that while a majority of his classmates took a different route than he did, he was able to make it out of his tough surroundings by taking the more positive route and maintaining his focus on his craft. "I've always had that independent mindset," James said. "I've learned from being out on the streets, and what you really should be doing."

## JAMES JR.'S CAREER STATISTICS

| YEAR          | TEAM | GP        | GS       | NO        | RECEIVING  |             |           |          | TD       | ATT      | RUSHING  |          |          |  |
|---------------|------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
|               |      |           |          |           | YDS        | AVG         | LG        | YDS      |          |          | AVG      | LG       | TD       |  |
| 2018          | SF   | 13        | 2        | 8         | 126        | 15.8        | 53        | 1        | 0        | 0        | -        | -        | 0        |  |
| 2019          | SF   | 10        | 0        | 6         | 165        | 27.5        | 57        | 1        | 0        | 0        | -        | -        | 0        |  |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |      | <b>23</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>291</b> | <b>20.8</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0</b> |  |

  

| YEAR          | TEAM | KICKOFF RETURNS |            |             |           |          | PUNT RETURNS |           |            |            |           |          |
|---------------|------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
|               |      | NO              | YDS        | AVG         | LG        | TD       | NO           | FC        | YDS        | AVG        | LG        | TD       |
| 2018          | SF   | 23              | 580        | 25.2        | 97t       | 1        | 12           | 10        | 75         | 6.3        | 23        | 0        |
| 2019          | SF   | 13              | 245        | 18.8        | 27        | 0        | 27           | 7         | 241        | 8.9        | 32        | 0        |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |      | <b>36</b>       | <b>825</b> | <b>22.9</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>39</b>    | <b>17</b> | <b>316</b> | <b>8.1</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>0</b> |

### Additional Statistics:

**Fumbles-Lost** – 3–2: 2018 (2–1); 2019 (1–1)

**Special Teams Tackles** – 1: 2018 (1)

**Special Teams Fumble Recoveries** – 1: 2018 (1)

**Tackles** – 2: 2018 (1); 2019 (1)

### Milestones:

**NFL Debut:** vs. Det. (9/16/18); **First Start:** vs. Arz. (10/7/18); **First Reception:** vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 7-yd. pass from QB C.J. Beathard); **First TD Reception:** at LAR (12/30/18 – 9-yd. TD pass from QB Nick Mullens); **First Kickoff Return:** vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 32 yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** at GB (10/15/18 – 0-yd. PR); **Kickoff Return TD:** 1 vs. Sea. (12/16/18 – 97 yds.)

## JAMES JR.'S CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 3 at LAR (12/30/18)

**Receiving Yards:** 60 vs. Oak. (11/1/18)

**Long Reception:** 57 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)

**TD Receptions:** 1 (2 times) Last at TB (9/8/19)

**Punt Returns:** 6 vs. Car. (10/27/19)

**Punt Return Yards:** 53 vs. Pit. (9/22/19)

**Long Punt Return:** 32 vs. Cle. (10/7/19)

**Kick Returns:** 4 (3 times) Last at Arz. (10/31/19)

**Kick Return Yards:** 113 vs. Sea. (12/16/18)

**Kick Return Long:** 97t vs. Sea. (12/16/18)

## JAMES JR.'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th-round (240th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018.



## 2018

- Played in 13 games (2 starts) and tallied 8 repts. for 126 yds. and 1 TD. As a returner, registered 23 kick returns for 580 yds. (25.2 avg.) and 1 TD, along with 12 punt returns for 75 yds. (6.3 avg.).
- Made his 1st career start vs. Arz. (10/7) and also registered his 1st career reprot. on a 7-yr. pass from QB C.J. Beathard.
- Registered 2 repts. for career highs in rec. yds. (60) and long reprot. (53) vs. Oak. (11/1).
- Registered a 97-yr. kickoff return for a TD vs. Sea. (12/16). It marked the first time a member of the 49ers has registered a kickoff return for a TD since WR Tedd Ginn Jr. registered a 102-yr. kickoff return for a TD vs. Sea. (9/11/11). Became the first 49ers rookie to register a kickoff return for a TD since 1981 [RB Amos Lawrence - 92-yr. KR TD at LAR (11/22/81)]. His kickoff return for a TD was just the 5th in the NFL on the season (Jakeem Grant, Mia.; Darius Jennings, Ten; Cordarrelle Patterson, NE; Andre Roberts, NYJ).
- Registered 3 repts. for 32 yds. and his 1st career TD on a 9-yr. pass from QB Nick Mullens at LAR (12/30).

## COLLEGE

Played in 31 games in three seasons at Middle Tennessee State and registered 244 repts. for 3,261 yds. and 23 TDs while adding 60 rushing atts. for 542 yds. and 5 TDs. Finished his career ranked 1st in school history in repts. (244), rec. yds. (3,261) and TD repts. (23). Recorded at least 1 reprot. in all 31 games played. A team captain in 2017, played in 5 games and notched 31 repts. for 290 yds. and 3 TDs. As a sophomore, earned First-Team All-Conference USA. Played in all 13 games and tallied 105 repts. for a school record 1,625 yds. and 12 TDs while rushing for 339 yds. and 4 TDs on 38 atts. In 2015, named First-Team Freshman All-America by the Football Writers Association of America and USA Today. Also earned First-Team All-Conference USA honors and was selected to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team. Played in all 13 games and registered 108 repts. for 1,346 yds. and 8 TDs. Set the single-season Middle Tennessee State and Conference USA freshman records in repts. (108) and rec. yds. (1,346). His 108 repts. ranked 3rd nationally and 4th in Conference USA history. Redshirted in 2014.

## PERSONAL

- Attended Riverview (Sarasota, FL) HS, where he played QB as a senior and was named honorable mention all-state for Class 8A as an athlete by the Orlando Sentinel.
- Named honorable mention all-Southwest Florida Regional Elite Team in 2013 after passing for 442 yds. and 7 TDs to go along with 1,044 rushing yds. and 15 TDs.
- As a junior, tallied 49 repts. for 727 yds. and 7 TDs.
- Was a member of the track team and competed in the 400 meters, long jump, triple jump and 4x400 relay.
- Born Richard Rhondel James Jr. (9/5/95) in Sarasota, FL.
- Majored in concrete industry management.

## JAMES JR.'S GAME-BY-GAME

| 2018          |        |     |             |          |            |             |           |          |  | 2018 Returns  |        |           |            |             |            |          |           |           |           |            |           |          |   |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--|---------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|---|
| Date          | Opp    | W/L | P/S         | Rec      | Yds        | Avg         | Lg        | TD       |  | Date          | Opp    | KR        | Yds        | Avg         | Lg         | TD       | PR        | FC        | Yds       | Avg        | Lg        | TD       |   |
| Sep 9         | at Min | L   | -           | -        | INACTIVE   | -           | -         | -        |  | Sep 9         | at Min | -         | -          | -           | INACTIVE   | -        | -         | -         | -         | -          | -         | -        | - |
| Sep 16        | Det    | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Sep 16        | Det    | 0         | 0          | -           | 0          | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | -         | -        | 0 |
| Sep 23        | at KC  | L   | -           | -        | INACTIVE   | -           | -         | -        |  | Sep 23        | at KC  | -         | -          | -           | INACTIVE   | -        | -         | -         | -         | -          | -         | -        | - |
| Sep 30        | at LAC | L   | -           | -        | INACTIVE   | -           | -         | -        |  | Sep 30        | at LAC | -         | -          | -           | INACTIVE   | -        | -         | -         | -         | -          | -         | -        | - |
| Oct 7         | Arz    | L   | 1/1         | 1        | 7          | 7.0         | 7         | 0        |  | Oct 7         | Arz    | 1         | 32         | 32.0        | 32         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | -          | -         | 0        | 0 |
| Oct 15        | at GB  | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Oct 15        | at GB  | 4         | 108        | 27.0        | 32         | 0        | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0.0        | 0         | 0        | 0 |
| Oct 21        | LAR    | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Oct 7         | Arz    | 1         | 21         | 21.0        | 21         | 0        | 1         | 1         | 6         | 6.0        | 6         | 0        | 0 |
| Oct 28        | at Arz | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Oct 28        | at Arz | 2         | 52         | 26.0        | 31         | 0        | 3         | 1         | 32        | 10.7       | 15        | 0        | 0 |
| Nov 1         | Oak    | W   | 1/0         | 2        | 60         | 30.0        | 53        | 0        |  | Nov 1         | Oak    | 0         | 0          | -           | 0          | 1        | 2         | 6         | 6.0       | 6          | 0         | 0        |   |
| Nov 12        | NYG    | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Nov 12        | NYG    | 0         | 0          | -           | 0          | 1        | 1         | 23        | 23.0      | 23         | 0         | 0        |   |
| Nov 25        | at TB  | L   | 1/0         | 2        | 27         | 13.5        | 19        | 0        |  | Nov 25        | at TB  | 3         | 44         | 14.7        | 26         | 0        | 2         | 2         | 6         | 3.0        | 6         | 0        | 0 |
| Dec 2         | at Sea | L   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Dec 2         | at Sea | 4         | 109        | 27.3        | 42         | 0        | 2         | 1         | 2         | 1.0        | 2         | 0        | 0 |
| Dec 9         | Den    | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Dec 9         | Den    | 3         | 46         | 15.3        | 20         | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0.0        | 0         | 0        | 0 |
| Dec 16        | Sea    | W   | 1/0         | 0        | 0          | -           | -         | 0        |  | Dec 16        | Sea    | 2         | 113        | 56.5        | 97t        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0         | -          | -         | 0        | 0 |
| Dec 23        | Chi    | L   | 1/0         | 1        | 4          | 4.0         | 4         | 0        |  | Dec 23        | Chi    | 2         | 30         | 15.0        | 16         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | -          | -         | 0        | 0 |
| Dec 30        | at LAR | L   | 1/0         | 3        | 32         | 10.7        | 22        | 1        |  | Dec 30        | at LAR | 1         | 25         | 25.0        | 25         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | -          | -         | 0        | 0 |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |        |     | <b>13/2</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>15.8</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>1</b> |  | <b>TOTALS</b> |        | <b>23</b> | <b>580</b> | <b>25.2</b> | <b>97t</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>6.3</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>0</b> |   |