



# WILLIAM SWEET

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4.29.97 \* JACKSONVILLE, FL \* 2ND YEAR \* ACQUIRED FA IN '20

## GOLDMINE

- During his time as a student-athlete at North Carolina, Sweet was inspired to create a new concept for a cold compression sleeve. While enrolled in an entrepreneurship and business planning class, his idea won the Fourth Annual Carolina Challenge Pitch Party, UNC's business venture competition. "Since I'm a part of the market, a part of the niche for this product, it gives me a deeper insight into how much this item is needed," said Sweet. Sweet's concept garnered the interest of several Pitch Party attendees, who received faux money to decide which teams they'd "invest" in. His team ultimately took first place and was awarded \$400. "It was a huge moment for me because it was something I had accomplished with the help of my team, and we were able to share that moment together," he said. "It was a great experience."



- In April of 2018, Sweet became the inaugural recipient of UNC's Floyd B. McKissick Sr. Award. The award, named after Floyd B. McKissick Sr., the first African American to receive a law degree from UNC, is given annually to an African American male student who's advocated on behalf of other students and the Carolina community. "Today was a great day to celebrate not only community service awards but also academic programs, people being awarded both on and off the field," said Sweet. "I was fortunate enough to represent the student-athlete community today, which is something I'm really proud of."



## SWEET'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Is the cousin of Jahaan Sweet, a Grammy nominated record producer who has worked with artists like Beyoncé, Justin Bieber, Drake and more.
- Served as UNC's football representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council where he attended monthly meetings with other student-athletes on campus to discuss NCAA policies and issues.



## GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In February of 2020, Sweet, along with 10 former and current NFL players, participated in the second NASA Commercialization Training Camp at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Through presentations, tours, panels and one-on-one conversations, the training camp introduced professional football players to NASA technology, explaining how athletes could infuse NASA innovations into an existing business or new startup idea. "The NFL Players Association has done a great job helping players reach their goals and dreams beyond the playing field," said Sweet. "I didn't realize how many resources NASA had available for entrepreneurs on its tech transfer portal."



## SWEET'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Arz. on 5/10/19...Waived/Injured by Arz. on 8/31/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1/19...Waived by Arz. on 2/18/20...Signed a one-year deal with SF on 8/12/20.

**2019 (ARIZONA)**

- Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1 where he spent the entire season.

**COLLEGE**

Appeared in 26 games (14 starts) in four years (2015-18) at North Carolina. Started all 10 games in which he appeared as a junior in 2018 and blocked for an offense that averaged 442.1 yds. per game, including 193.0 rushing yds. per contest. Received UNC's Offensive Lineman of the Week award three times that year. Started all 3 games in which he appeared as a sophomore in 2017. Appeared in all 13 games (1 start) as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Redshirted in 2015.

**PERSONAL**

- Attended First Coast (Jacksonville, FL) HS where he helped lead the team to a combined record of 56-5 in four seasons.
- Son of William and Eleanor Sweet.
- Graduated with a degree in communications at North Carolina.
- Born William Sweet (4/29/97) in Jacksonville, FL.

**INJURY REPORT**

**2019:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1 with a foot injury.