



## HRONISS GRASU

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8.12.91 \* ENCINO, CA \* 6TH YEAR \* ACQUIRED FA IN '20

### GOLDMINE

- The youngest of a large Romanian family, Grasu and his family have a close relationship. Inside his Fiesta Bowl ring, it reads Papu, a tribute to his late grandfather. The two were inseparable since Grasu was a young boy, and the two were essentially mirrors of each other. Of all the grandchildren, Hroniss has the highest percentage of similarities to him, and that's a big attribute, a big compliment," said Rodica Grasu, one of his aunts. After a life spent struggling through three heart surgeries and diabetes, doctors gave Papu a couple of weeks to live. He lasted six months before passing away at 75. The nurses, inspired by his strength, took to calling him Superman. Shortly before he passed, Papu made it a point to make the people around him smile and laugh, as he did his entire life. "He had that smile on, and I knew inside he was hurting," Grasu said. "But he would be making fun of the hospital food, having fun with the nurses, and that's just how he was. That's why I am always happy, worry free. I'm not going to be that guy who is going to be upset or down about something. I'm going to think about the positive." Now, Grasu carries the legacy of his grandfather's kindness with him every day. "It's what he and my dad taught me, to treat people the way you want to be treated, no matter who the person is. Treat them with respect. Don't put people down. Always think about what you are doing, because God is looking down on you."

### GRASU'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His name is pronounced huh-ROW-niss GRA-sue.
- At Oregon, was a two-time recipient of the Todd Doxey Award (2012-13), exemplifying the spirituality, dedication and brotherhood associated with being an outstanding teammate.
- His parents, Stefan and Mariana Grasu, emigrated from Romania to Los Angeles in 1982, and opened "Greco's New York Pizza" on Hollywood Boulevard. Grasu's maternal side of the family still resides in Romania.
- Older brother, Nico, was a placekicker for Washington State (2008-10).



## GRASU'S CAREER STATISTICS

**GAMES/STARTS – 21/14:** 2015 (8/8); 2017 (6/4); 2018 (3/1); 2019 (1/0); 2020 (3/1)

**Milestones:**

**NFL Debut:** at KC (10/12/15); **First Start:** at KC (10/12/15)

## GRASU'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd-round (71st overall) draft choice by Chi. in 2015...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30/16...Waived by Chi. on 9/2/18...Signed a one-year deal with Bal. on 9/24/18...Waived by Bal. on 11/24/18...Signed a one-year deal with Mia. on 12/12/18...Waived by Mia. on 12/21/18...Signed a one-year deal with Ten. on 2/7/19...Waived by Ten. on 8/31/19...Signed a one-year deal with Ten. on 10/31/19...Waived by Ten. on 12/3/19...Claimed off waivers by Bal. on 12/4/19...Signed a one-year deal with SF on 8/20/20...Released by SF on 9/5/20...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/6/20...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/12/20...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 9/14/20...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/19/20...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 9/21/20...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/26/20.

**2019 (TENNESSEE/BALTIMORE)**

- Signed with Ten. on 10/31 and was waived on 12/3. Claimed off waivers by Bal. on 12/4 and appeared in 1 game.

**2018 (BALTIMORE/MIAMI)**

- After signing with Bal. on 9/24, appeared in 3 games (1 start).
- Waived by Bal. on 11/24, signed with Mia. on 12/12 and did not appear in game action before being waived on 12/21.

**2017 (CHICAGO)**

- Appeared in 6 games (4 starts) at C.
- Part of an offensive line that helped the offense rush for 222 yds. vs. Pit. (9/24).

**2016 (CHICAGO)**

- Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30 where he spent the entire season.

**2015 (CHICAGO)**

- Started all 8 games in which he appeared at C. Started 1 post-season game.
- Made NFL debut and first start at KC (10/11).

**COLLEGE**

Started 52 games in four season (2011-14) at Oregon where earned First-Team All Pac-12 honors from 2012-14. Started 12 games as a senior in 2014, where he helped lead Oregon to an appearance in the College Football Playoff National Championship and earned First-Team Pac-12 All-Conference honors. Part of an offense that ranked third in the country in total offense (547.0 ypg). As a junior in 2013, started all 13 games and helped the offense lead the Pac-12 in rushing yds. (273.5 ypg) and second nationally in total offense (565.0 ypg). As a sophomore in 2012, started all 13 games and was awarded the Ed Moshofsky Trophy, given to the program's most outstanding offensive lineman. Was part of an offensive unit that ranked third in the country in rushing (315.2 ypg) and second in scoring (49.5 ppg). Started 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2011. Redshirted in 2010.

**PERSONAL**

- Attended Crespi (Encino, CA) HS and started on both the offensive and defensive lines and was selected first team all-area on offense by the Los Angeles Daily News in 2010.
- Son of Steve and Mariana Grasu.
- Majored in general social science at Oregon.
- Born Hroniss Grasu (8/12/91) in Los Angeles, CA.

**INJURY REPORT**

**2015:** Inactive 3 games [vs. Min. (11/1), vs. SD (11/9) and vs. StL (11/15)] with a neck injury.

**2016:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30 with a knee injury.

**2017:** Inactive 5 games [vs. GB (9/28), vs. Min. (10/9), vs. Bal. (10/15), vs. Car. (10/22) and vs. NO (10/29)] with a hand injury.