

EZEKIEL ANSAH

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6-5 * 275 * BRIGHAM YOUNG

5.29.89 * ACCRA, GHANA * 8TH YEAR * ACQUIRED FA IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2013: PFWA All-Rookie Team

2015: Pro Bowl



GOLDMINE

• Ansa launched the Ezekiel Ansa Foundation in 2016, whose mission is to create realistic opportunities for the youth in sports/education with an effort to assist them in achieving their goals and inspire the confidence to pursue their dreams. The foundation hosts a number of events each year, including an annual football camp in his native Ghana. When he first began attending Brigham Young, Ansa didn't know much about American football. He hopes to bring his love and passion for the sport to the youth in his hometown. "My main focus is just really to give back and help my people," Ansa said. "Also, try to introduce the sport to them." His first camp in March of 2017 was attended by over 500 Ghanan youth, and the tradition continues each year. "The aim of the camp is to introduce a set of skills often used in the sport of American football while promoting the importance of physical education, teamwork and demonstrating the discipline to work hard towards one's goals," said Ansa.

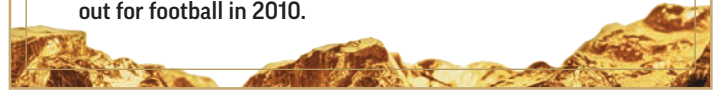


• Ansa's foundation also partnered with a children's hospital, the Korle-Bu Children's hospital, in the capital city of Accra to provide resources and basic items required to effectively provide care to the children in need.



ANSAH'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced AHN-zuh.
- Began going by the nickname "Ziggy" while playing sports with his friends in Ghana. "We were playing a game back home in high school and we were trying to make jerseys and we were just asking the names we wanted to put behind our jerseys," Ansa said. "I don't know if I said it or if a friend of mine said it, but Ziggy just came out of nowhere."
- Speaks Twi and Fante, two local Ghanaian dialects.
- Was a member of the football team and the track & field team at Brigham Young.
- First witnessed American football when he attended a BYU game in 2008.
- Originally aspired to play basketball upon arriving in the United States before his family and friends convinced him to try out for football in 2010.



ANSAH'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
SIGNED BY SF ON 9/23														
Sep 27	at NYG	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 4	Phi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Biceps) ON 10/10														
TOTALS			2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

• NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Ansa and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Ansa represented his foundation, the Ezekiel Ansa Foundation.



ANSAH'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2013	DET	14	12	32	19	13	8.0	72.0	0	0	–	0	1	2	0	0
2014	DET	16	16	49	37	12	7.5	56.5	0	0	–	0	0	3	0	0
2015	DET	16	16	47	39	8	14.5	99.0	0	0	–	0	1	4	2	1
2016	DET	13	13	35	21	14	2.0	19.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2017	DET	14	14	44	39	5	12.0	75.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	1	0
2018	DET	7	2	11	7	4	4.0	26.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SEA	11	1	18	12	6	2.5	23.0	0	0	–	0	2	2	2	5
2020	SF	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		93	74	236	174	62	50.5	370.5	0	0	–	0	4	12	5	6

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	DET	1	1	2	2	0	1.0	13.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2016	DET	1	1	9	5	4	2.0	8.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SEA	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		3	2	12	8	4	3.0	21.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Min. (9/8/13); **First Start:** vs. Min. (9/8/13); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Min. (9/8/13 – QB Christian Ponder); Postseason – at Dal. (1/4/15 – QB Tony Romo); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Was. (9/22/13 – QB Robert Griffin III); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Sea. (10/5/15 – QB Russell Wilson); **First Multi-Sack Game:** Regular Season – at Was. (9/22/13 – 2.0; QB Robert Griffin III); Postseason – at Sea. (1/7/17 – 2.0; QB Russell Wilson); **Multi-Sack Games:** Regular Season – 10, Last at Phi. (11/24/19 – 1.5; QB Carson Wentz); Postseason – 1 at Sea. (1/7/17 – 2.0; QB Russell Wilson)

ANSAH'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (11)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB	Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
9/22/13	at Was.	2.0	26.0	Robert Griffin III (2.0)	1/7/17*	at Sea.	2.0	8.0	Russell Wilson (2.0)
11/24/13	vs. TB	2.0	20.0	Russell Wilson (1.5)	9/18/17	at NYG	3.0	18.0	Eli Manning (3.0)
11/28/13	vs. GB	2.0	13.0	Matt Flynn (2.0)	12/24/17	at Cin.	3.0	16.0	Andy Dalton (3.0)
10/12/14	at Min.	2.5	18.0	Teddy Bridgewater (2.5)	12/31/17	vs. GB	3.0	31.0	Brett Hundley (3.0)
10/5/15	at Sea.	2.0	18.0	Russell Wilson (2.0)	11/24/19	at Phi.	1.5	11.0	Carson Wentz (1.5)
11/26/15	vs. Phi.	3.5	27.0	Mark Sanchez (3.5)					

*Postseason

ANSAH'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 7 (5 times) Last at Cin. (12/24/17); Postseason – 9 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Solo: Regular Season – 6 (4 times) Last at TB (12/10/17); Postseason – 5 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 (5 times) Last at Dal. (12/26/16); Postseason – 4 at Sea. (1/7/17)

Sacks: Regular Season – 3.5 vs. Phi. (11/26/15); Postseason – 2.0 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (12 times) Last at Atl. (10/27/19)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last at Atl. (10/27/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Arz. (12/22/19)

ANSAH'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st-round (5th overall) draft choice by Det. in 2013...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/29/17...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/1/17...Re-signed with Det. on a one-year contract on 4/17/18...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/24/18... Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/6/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/11/18...Signed a one-year deal with Sea. on 5/10/19...Signed a one-year deal with SF on 9/23/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/10/20.

2019 (SEATTLE)

- Played in 11 games (1 start) and registered 18 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 2 PDs, 2 FFs and 2 FRs. Appeared in 1 postseason game, recording 1 tackle.
- Sacked Cardinals QB Kyler Murray at Arz. (9/29), his 1st sack of the season.
- Forced and recovered a Browns QB Baker Mayfield fumble at Cle. (10/13).
- Recovered a Falcons QB Matt Schaub fumble at Atl. (10/27).
- Notched 4 tackles and a strip-sack of Eagles QB Carson Wentz at Phi. (11/24). Finished the game with 1.5 sacks.

2018 (DETROIT)

- Appeared in 7 games (2 starts) and recorded 11 tackles and 4.0 sacks.
- Brought down Jets QB Sam Darnold vs. NYJ (9/10) for his 1st sack of the season.
- Sacked Vikings QB Kirk Cousins for a 9-yd. sack at Min. (11/4).
- Brought down Panthers QB Cam Newton for a 9-yd. loss vs. Car. (11/18), marking his 3rd sack of the season.
- Brought down Bears QB Chase Daniel vs. Chi. (11/22) for a sack.

2017 (DETROIT)

- Started all 14 games in which he appeared and registered 44 tackles, 12.0 sacks, 1 FF and 1 FR.
- Registered 3.0 sacks of Giants QB Eli Manning at NYG (9/18). Finished the game with 6 tackles, 3.0 sacks and 1 FF.
- Brought down Panthers QB Cam Newton vs. Car. (10/8).
- Sacked Vikings QB Case Keenum for a 5-yd. loss vs. Min (11/23).
- Finished the game with 7 tackles and 1.0 sack at TB (12/10).
- Registered 3.0 sacks on Bengals QB Andy Dalton at Cin. (12/24).
- Recorded 4 tackles and 3.0 sacks vs. GB (12/31), his 2nd consecutive game with at least 3.0 sacks.

2016 (DETROIT)

- Started all 13 games in which he appeared and recorded 35 tackles and 2.0 sacks. Started 1 postseason game and recorded 9 tackles and 2.0 sacks.
- Brought down Giants QB Eli Manning at NYG (12/18), his 1st sack of the season.
- Finished the game with a team-high 7 tackles and 1.0 sack at Dal. (12/26).
- Recorded 2.0 sacks on Seahawks QB Russell Wilson at Sea. (1/7/17 - NFC-WC).

2015 (DETROIT)

- Started all 16 games and tallied 47 tackles, a career-high 14.5 sacks, 4 FFs, 2 FRs and 1 PD.
- Brought down Chargers QB Philip Rivers for a 9-yd. loss at SD 9/13).
- Finished the game with 7 tackles and 1.0 sack at Min. (9/20).
- Recorded 2.0 sacks on Seahawks QB Russell Wilson at Sea. (10/5), his 1st multi-sack game of the season.
- Sacked Cardinals QB Carson Palmer vs. Arz. (10/11).
- Strip-sacked Vikings QB Teddy Bridgewater vs. Min. (10/25).
- Recorded 4 tackles, 1 FR, 1 FR and a career-high 3.5 sacks vs. Phi. (11/26).
- Brought down Packers QB Aaron Rodgers for a 9-yd. loss vs. GB (12/3).
- Sacked Bears QB Jay Cutler at Chi. (1/3/16).

2014 (DETROIT)

- Started all 16 games and recorded 49 tackles, 7.5 sacks and 3 FFs. Started 1 postseason game and registered 2 tackles and 1.0 sack.
- Finished the game with 5 tackles, 2.5 sacks and 1 FF at Min. (10/12), his 1st multi-sack game of the season.
- Strip-sacked Falcons QB Matt Ryan at Atl. (10/26).
- Recorded 6 tackles, 1 FF and 1.0 sack on Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill at Mia. (11/9).
- Brought down Bears QB Jay Cutler for an 8-yd. loss vs. Chi. (11/27).
- Sacked Buccaneers QB Josh McCown vs. TB (12/7).
- Brought down Cowboys QB Tony Romo at Dal. (1/4/15 - NFC-WC).

2013 (DETROIT)

- Appeared in 14 games (12 starts) and registered 32 tackles, 8.0 sacks, 2 FFs and 1 PD as a rookie.
- Combined with Lions DL Nick Fairley to sack Vikings QB Christian Ponder vs. Min. (9/8).
- Finished the game with a season-high 7 tackles, 1 FF and 2.0 sacks at Was. (9/22), the 1st multi-sack game of his career.
- Recorded 2.0 sacks vs. TB (11/24).
- Brought down Packers QB Matt Flynn vs. GB (11/28), finishing the game with 3 tackles and 2.0 sacks.
- Brought down Giants QB Eli Manning for a 9-yd. loss vs. NYG (12/22).

COLLEGE

Played in 31 games (9 starts) in three seasons at Brigham Young (2010-12) and totaled 72 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 13.0 TFLs, 1 INT and 1 FF. As a senior in 2012, appeared in all 13 games (9 starts) and registered 62 tackles, 13.0 TFLs, 4.5 sacks, 1 INT and 1 FF. As a junior in 2011, played in 12 games and recorded 7 tackles. As a sophomore in 2011, appeared in 6 games and registered 3 tackles.

PERSONAL

- Attended the Presbyterian Boys Senior Secondary School (Accra, Ghana) and participated in basketball and track & field.
- Majored in actuarial science with a minor in math at Brigham Young.
- Son of Edward and Elizabeth Ansah.
- Born Ezekiel Nana Ansah (5/29/89) in Accra, Ghana.

INJURY REPORT

- 2013:** Inactive 2 games [at Chi. (11/10) and at Pit. (11/17)] with an ankle injury.
- 2016:** Inactive 3 games [at GB (9/25), at Chi. (10/2) and vs. Phi. (10/9)] with an ankle injury.
- 2017:** Inactive 2 games [vs. Cle. (11/12) and at Chi. (11/19)] with a back injury.
- 2018:** Inactive 6 games [at SF (9/16), vs. NE (9/23), at Dal. (9/30), vs. GB (10/7), at Mia. (10/21) and vs. Sea. (10/28)] and later placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/11 with a shoulder injury.
- 2019:** Inactive 2 games [vs. Cin. (9/8) and at Pit. (9/15)] with a shoulder injury. Inactive vs. Bal. (10/20) with an ankle injury. Inactive 3 games [at LAR (12/8), at Car. (12/15) and at GB (1/12/20)] with a neck injury.
- 2020:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/10 with a biceps injury.

ANSAH'S GAME-BY-GAME

2019 (Seattle)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 8	Cin	W	-	-	INACTIVE (Shoulder)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 15	at Pit	W	-	-	INACTIVE (Shoulder)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 22	NO	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 29	at Arz	W	1/0	5	5	0	1.0	12.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 13	at Cle	W	1/0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Oct 20	Bal	L	-	-	INACTIVE (Ankle)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 27	at Atl	W	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Nov 3	TB	W	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 11	at SF	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 24	at Phi	W	1/0	4	3	1	1.5	11.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dec 2	Min	W	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 8	at LAR	L	-	-	INACTIVE (Neck)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 15	at Car	W	-	-	INACTIVE (Neck)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 22	Arz	L	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 29	SF	L	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			11/1	18	12	6	2.5	23.0	0	0	2	2	2	5

2019 Postseason (Seattle)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Jan 5	at Phi	W	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan 12	at GB	L	-	-	INACTIVE (Neck)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS			1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0