

# **AZEEZ AL-SHAAIR**

LB 6-2 × 228 × FLORIDA ATLANTIC 8.4.97 × TAMPA, FL × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

#### AWARDS & HONORS

2019: 49ers Community Relations Rookie Player Award

## **2020 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Intercepted an Eagles QB Carson Wentz pass that was tipped by DT Javon Kinlaw vs. Phi. (10/4), marking his 1st career INT.
- Forced a Patriots FB Jakob Johnson fumble at NE (10/25), his 1st career FF.

#### GOLDMINE

· Al-Shaair grew up in a family of nine, with his mother, Naadhirah, supporting him and his seven siblings. In 2012, struggling to make ends meet, the family moved into their grandmother's home in Tampa, FL. One night, Al-Shaair awoke to the smell of smoke encompassing the house. He was able to wake up and lead the rest of his family to safety, as they watched the house burn down. The family moved from place to place before settling in a longstay motel. Al-Shaair chose to



sleep on the floor, as the family had to fit into one room. He trekked two hours by bus each day to attend school and football practice, often only eating once a day, making sure any leftover food went to his mom and siblings. His work ethic on and off the field grew in that adversity. "My mom always told me, 'What's meant for you is meant for you," Al-Shaair said. "All you can do is put forth the effort, and I believe that I've done that."

While at Florida Atlantic, Al-Shaair decided to move his two younger brothers, Abdul-Lateef and Abdur-Rahmaan, into his Boca Raton apartment. Constantly worrying about whether they were eating or getting into trouble, Al-Shaair began to serve as the father figure of the household. "They were doing bad in school with their grades. I moved them here to put them in a different environment," said Al-Shaair.



## **AL-SHAAIR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS**

- His name is pronounced uh-ZEEZ, all-SHY-urr.
- Recipient of the N4A Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award, which honors any collegiate student-athlete who has overcome great personal, academic, and/or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics.



## **AL-SHAAIR'S GAME-BY-GAME**

2020														
Date	Орр	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ	W	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 27	at NYG	W	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 4	Phi	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 11	Mia	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 18	LAR	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 25	at NE	W	1/1	5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nov 1	at Sea	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 5	GB	L	1/1	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 15	at NO	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 29	at LAR	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 7	Buf	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 13	Was	L	1/0	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 20	at Dal	L	1/0	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 26	at Arz	W	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			15/4	25	14	11	0.0	0.0	1	0	1	1	0	0

## **GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)**

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Al-Shaair and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Al-Shaair representing the Multiple Sclerosis Society.
- In November of 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.



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# **GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)**

 Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Al-Shaair and some of his teammates visited Easter Seals Center for Rehabilitation. The players spent time painting and playing games with several seniors at the facility.



The 49ers LBs welcomed eight foster youth from Unity Care to Levi's Stadium in December of 2019. This group received gifts and much needed resources, like bedding and new shoes, this holiday season. The linebackers chose to support foster youth to honor teammate Dre Greenlaw who is a former foster youth.



 Al-Shaair participated in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.

# **AL-SHAAIR'S CAREER STATISTICS**

					TACKLES						<b>ITERCEP</b>	TIONS		F	UMBLES	
YEAR	<b>TEAM</b>	GP	<u>GS</u>	<u>T0T</u>	<u>SOL</u>	AST	<b>SACKS</b>	<u>YDS</u>	INT	<b>YDS</b>	LG	<u>TD</u>	PD	<u>FF</u>	FR	<u>YDS</u>
2019	SF	15	4	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	15	4	25	14	11	0.0	0.0	1	0	_	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		30	8	36	20	16	0.0	0.0	1	0	-	0	1	1	0	0

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2019	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Additional Statistics:**

Special Teams Tackles - 10: 2019 (8) ; 2020 (2)

#### **Milestones:**

NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); First Start: vs. GB (11/24/19); First INT: Regular Season – vs. Phi. (10/4/20 – QB Carson Wentz); First FF: Regular Season – at NE (10/25/20 – FB Jakob Johnson)

## AL-SHAAIR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last vs. Was. (12/13/20) Solo: Regular Season – 4 vs. Was. (12/13/20) Assists: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last vs. GB (11/5/20) **Passes Defensed:** Regular Season – 1 vs. Phi. (10/4/20) **Interceptions:** Regular Season – 1 vs. Phi. (10/4/20) **Forced Fumbles:** Regular Season – 1 at NE (10/25/20)

# **AL-SHAAIR'S TRANSACTIONS**

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/3/19.



## 2019

• Played in 15 games (4 starts) and registered 11 tackles. Also ranked t-3rd on the team with 8 special teams tackles.

## COLLEGE

Appeared in 43 games (42 starts) during his four-year career at Florida Atlantic and registered 397 tackles, 32.5 TFLs, 8 PDs, 7.5 sacks, 2 FFs and 1 INT (returned for a TD). In 2018, earned the Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award presented by the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A), which honors student-athletes who have overcome great personal, academic, and/or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics. Started all 6 games in which he appeared and tallied 43 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, 1.5 sacks and 1 PD. As a junior, earned First-Team Conference-USA honors after starting 13 games and recording a Conference USA-high 147 tackles, to go along with 11 TFLs, 4 PDs, 2.5 sacks and 1 FF. In 2016, was named Conference USA Honorable Mention, started 12 games and notched 113 tackles, 12 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT (returned for a TD) and 1 PD. As a freshman, earned Freshman All-America honors by USA Today and was named to Conference USA's All-Freshman team after playing in 12 games (11 starts) and registering 94 tackles, 7 TFLs, 2 PDs, 1.5 sacks and 1 FF.

## PERSONAL

- Attended Hillsborough (Tampa, FL) HS where he was a two-time all-state, all-county and all-conference selection after finishing his career with 236 tackles, 15.0 sacks, 5 FFs and 2 INTs. Also blocked 8 FGAs on special teams.
- Son of Naadhirah Lennon.
- Born Azeez Al-Shaair (8/4/97) in Tampa, FL.
- Majored in public safety administration at Florida Atlantic.

## **INJURY REPORT**

**2019:** Inactive vs. Arz. (11/17) with a concussion.

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Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 8	at TB	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 15	at Cin	W	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 22	Pit	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 7	Cle	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 13	at LAR	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 20	at Was	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 27	Car	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 31	at Arz	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 11	Sea	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 17	Arz	W	_	_	INAC	TIVE	(Cor	icuss	ion)	_	-	-	_	_
Nov 24	GB	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 1	at Bal	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 8	at NO	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 15	Atl	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 21	LAR	W	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 29	at Sea	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			15/4	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 2019 Postseason

Date	Орр	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Jan 11	Min	W	_	_	INACTIVE	_	-	_	_	_	-	_	_
Jan 19	GB	W	_	_	INACTIVE	_	-	_	_	_	-	_	_
Feb 2	at KC	L	-	-	INACTIVE	_	-	_	-	-	_	_	
TOTALS			0/0	0	0 0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0