

# JIMMIE WARD

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# 5-11 × 195 × NORTHERN ILLINOIS 7.18.91 × MOBILE, AL × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1 IN '14

# **AWARDS & HONORS**

2015: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

# **2020 HIGHLIGHTS**

• Registered a pair of FFs in the 1st half at LAR (11/29), knocking the ball loose from Rams RB Malcolm Brown and Rams QB Jared Goff. The 2 FFs were the first of his career.

# GOLDMINE

 Ward and his teammates surprised guests of the CityTeam Men's Program and House of Grace in November of 2018, at Levi's Stadium. The group believed they were just taking a tour of the stadium, but they were in fact joining the 49ers players for a night full of exciting events. The guests received a makeover and haircut, select-



ed a new outfit from Dockers, snapped a new headshot and then shared a Thanksgiving dinner with the 49ers players.

- Ward's family is no stranger to professional athletics. He is the cousin of former NBA player, Caron Butler. Butler, 10 years older than Ward, watched him grow up in Racine, WI, prior to Ward's move to Mobile, AL.
- While playing youth football, Ward went by the nickname 'Neko' and was teammates with former Alabama QB AJ McCarron with the Mobile



Youth Football's Municipal Raiders. He played linebacker for the team that won multiple Youth Bowl Championships in Mobile.

- Growing up in Mobile, AL, Ward knew when to separate himself from others in his neighborhood. Said Ward, "From where I come from, the neighborhood that I grew up in, a lot of people don't make it out. There's a lot of stuff. They either flunk out of school, end up having a child so they have to drop out of school and raise that child, or end up going to jail. It really just made me want to do something more than what my peers were doing." Ward would later surround himself with positive influences.
- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



# WARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award winner for the 2015 season. The award is named for former linebacker Matt Hazeltine, a 13-year performer who played more seasons at linebacker than any other 49ers player. Known for his durability and dedication, Hazeltine passed away in 1987 from ALS, and Bill Walsh established the award in his honor that year. The award is given annually to the most courageous and inspirational defensive player as voted upon by the defensive coaches.
- On the day he was selected by the 49ers in the 1st round of the 2014 NFL Draft, drove three hours to New Orleans to purchase a new purse for his mother's birthday. He said, "I never really bought her anything expensive, because you're a kid. Growing up you would write a card, color a card or just buy a card or simple flowers. That's the most I ever did. She likes purses, so I just decided to get her a purse. It really didn't matter how much it cost, you just wanted to see that smile." His act of generosity shows his true character. "I'm not a selfish person. I just like to see and make other people smile too. It makes me feel better as a person."
- Was best friends growing up with 49ers 2015 2nd round draft pick, S Jaquiski Tartt. The two were teammates at W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile, AL.

# WARD'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	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ	W	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 27	at NYG	W	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 4	Phi	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 11	Mia	L	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 18	LAR	W	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 25	at NE	W	_	_	IN	ACTI	VE (C	(uad)	-	-	_	-	_	_
Nov 1	at Sea	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 5	GB	L	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 15	at NO	L	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Nov 29	at LAR	W	1/1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Dec 7	Buf	L	1/1	7	3	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 13	Was	L	1/1	7	2	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 20	at Dal	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS			13/13	67	40	27	0.0	0.0	0	0	4	2	0	0



# WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

					TACKLES					I	F	FUMBLES				
YEAR	TEAM	<u>GP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>T0T</u>	<u>SOL</u>	<u>AST</u>	<b>SACKS</b>	<u>YDS</u>	INT	<b>YDS</b>	LG	TD	<u>PD</u>	FF	FR	<b>YDS</b>
2014	SF	8	0	23	17	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0	0
2015	SF	16	8	65	51	14	1.0	9.0	1	29	29t	1	5	0	0	0
2016	SF	11	10	64	49	15	1.0	7.0	1	8	8	0	12	0	0	0
2017	SF	7	6	32	27	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	1	0	1	43
2018	SF	9	7	23	18	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	13	13	60	46	14	1.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	8	0	0	0
2020	SF	13	13	67	40	27	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	4	2	0	0
TOTALS		77	57	333	247	86	3.0	16.0	2	37	29t	1	32	2	1	43

#### **PLAYOFFS**

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YEAR	TEAM	<u>GP</u>	GS	TOT	<u>SOL</u>	AST	<b>SACKS</b>	<b>YDS</b>	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	<b>YDS</b>			
2019	SF	3	3	17	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0			
TOTALS		3	3	17	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0			

#### Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 17: 2014 (3); 2015 (4); 2016 (2); 2018 (1); 2019 (5); 2020 (2) Postseason – 2: 2019 (2) Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 2: 2016 (1); 2018 (1) Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2016 (1); 2017 (1)

#### **Milestones:**

NFL Debut: at Dal. (9/7/14); First Start: vs. Min. (9/14/15); First INT: Regular Season – at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); First INT Returned for a TD: Regular Season – at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); First Sack: Regular Season – vs. Cin. (12/20/15 – QB AJ McCarron); First FR: Regular Season – at Was. (10/15/17 – TE Vernon Davis); First FF: Regular Season – at LAR (11/29/20 – RB Malcolm Brown); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes)

# WARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 12 vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 10 at KC (2/2/20)

**Solo:** Regular Season – 9 vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 8 at KC (2/2/20)

Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)

Sacks: Regular Season - 1.0 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19)

Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16) Interception Yards: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15) Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 2 at LAR (11/29/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20) Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at Was. (10/15/17) Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 4 at Arz. (11/13/16) Interception Return For TD: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15)

# WARD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st-round (30th overall) draft choice by SF in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15/14...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20/16...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 7/28/17...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 8/24/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/27/18...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/15/19...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/19...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/19...Re–signed with SF on a three–year deal on 3/24/20.

#### 2019

- Started all 13 games in which he appeared and registered 60 tackles, 1.0 sack and 8 PDs. Also started all 3 postseason games and notched 17 tackles and 1 FF.
- Part of the 49ers secondary that held the Rams to 48 net yds. passing at LAR (10/13), the fewest by an opponent since 1/3/10 at StL (22 yds.).
- Part of the 49ers secondary held Washington to 50 total net yds. passing at Was. (10/20). Along with the 48 total net yds. passing allowed at LAR (10/13), the team's 98 total net yds. passing allowed combined over the last 2 Weeks are the fewest allowed by the team over a 2-game span since allowing 62 total net yds. passing on 11/6/77 at Atl. (29) and 11/13/77 at NO (33) and the 3rd-fewest by the team in a 2-game span in the Super Bowl era according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
- Registered 6 tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Arz. (11/17), marking his 1st sack of the season and 3rd of his career.
- Helped the 49ers defense hold the Vikings to 147 total net yds. (21 rushing and 126 passing) vs. Min. (1/11/20 NFC-D). The 147 total net yds. allowed are the fewest allowed in a postseason game in franchise history. It also marked the fewest total net yds. allowed in an NFL postseason game since 1/3/15 [Carolina held Arz. to 78 total net yds. (27 rushing and 51 passing)]. The 21 rushing yds. allowed by the 49ers defense is the fewest allowed in a postseason game in franchise history.
- Forced a Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes fumble at KC (2/2/20 SB), marking his 1st career postseason FF. Also led the team with 10 tackles.

#### 2018

• Saw action in 9 games (7 starts) and registered 23 tackles before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/27.

#### 2017

- Played in 7 games (6 starts) and registered 32 tackles, 1 FR and 1 PD before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1.
- Tallied his 1st career FR at Was. (10/15), scooping up a fumble by Washington TE Vernon Davis. He returned it 43 yds. and set up a 1-yd. TD run by RB Carlos Hyde on the ensuing play. His 43-yd. return was the longest fumble return by the 49ers since 10/27/13 (at Jax. - LB Dan Skuta - 47 yds.).

#### 2016

- Appeared in 11 games (10 starts) and recorded 64 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 INT and a career-high 12 PDs before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20 with a shoulder injury.
- Registered 9 tackles and a career-high 4 PDs at Arz. (11/13).
- Recorded his 1st career special teams forced fumble and fumble recovery at Chi. (12/4), knocking the ball loose from WR Deonte Thompson on a kickoff return. It marks the 2nd consecutive year that he has registered a takeaway in Chicago [29-yd. INT return for TD at Chi. (12/6/15)].
- Totaled a career-high 12 tackles, 1 INT, 1.0 sack and 3 PDs vs. NYJ (12/11). On the opening possession of the game, intercepted QB Bryce Petty and returned it 8 yds., marking his 1st INT of the year and 2nd of his career. In the 2nd Qtr., sacked Petty for a 7-yd. loss, his 1st sack of the season and 2nd of his career. With 1 INT and 1.0 sack, he became the 1st 49er to record an INT and a sack in the same game since LB NaVorro Bowman at Arz. (12/29/13 1 INT and 1.0 sack).

# 2015

- Saw action in all 16 games with a career-high 8 starts and set new single-season highs with 65 tackles, 1 INT, 5 PDs and 1.0 sack.
- Intercepted Bears QB Jay Cutler and returned it 29 yds. for a TD, marking his 1st career INT and 1st career TD at Chi. (12/6).
- Registered 7 tackles and added his 1st career sack vs. Cin. (12/20), brining down Bengals QB AJ McCarron for a 9-yd. loss.
- Set a career high with 8 tackles vs. StL (1/3/16) and added 1 PD.

# 2014

• Played in 8 games and registered 23 tackles and 2 PDs.

# COLLEGE

Played in 55 games (39 starts - 12 at CB and 27 at S) and totaled 320 tackles, 11 INTs, including 1 returned for a TD, 2.0 sacks, 4 FFs, 1 FR, 26 PDs, 6 TFLs and 4 blocked kicks for the Huskies. As a senior, Ward ranked 7th in the nation with 7 INTs, en route to earning Second-Team All-America and First-Team All-MAC honors. Started all 14 games at safety, and recorded a team-high 95 tackles, while adding 1.0 sack, 2.5 TFLs and led the conference with 10 PDs. In 2012, earned Third-Team All-America honors from the NFL Draft Report and was a First-Team All-MAC selection. Notched a careerhigh 104 tackles to lead the Huskies defense, and added 3 INTs, 1 FF, 11 PDs and 1 TFL. As a sophomore, earned Second-Team All-MAC honors, and played in 14 games, starting 12 at CB. Registered 100 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 INT, 1 FF, 4 PDs and 2.5 TFLs. As a true freshman, saw action in all 14 games, tallied 21 tackles, 1 FF, 1 PD and blocked a school-record 3 punts. Named NIU's 2010 Special Teams Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

#### PERSONAL

- · Majored in general studies at Northern Illinois.
- Attended W.P. Davidson (Mobile, AL) HS where he was selected as an honorable mention Class 6A All-State defensive back by the Alabama Sportswriters Association as a senior.
- Also named to the Moblie Press Register's All-Region 4A-6A team following his junior and senior years.
- Born Jimmie Neko Suave Ward (7/18/91) in Racine, WI.

# **INJURY REPORT**

- **2014:** Inactive at Den. (10/19) with a quadricep injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15 with a foot injury.
- **2016:** Inactive 3 games [vs. Dal. (10/2), vs. Arz. (10/6) and at Buf. (10/16)] with a quadricep injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20 with a shoulder injury.
- **2017:** Inactive vs. Car. (9/10) with a hamstring injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1 with an arm injury.
- **2018:** Inactive 2 games [vs. Arz. (10/7) and vs. LAR (10/21)] with a hamstring injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve on 11/27 with a forearm injury.
- **2019:** Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26 with a collarbone injury. Inactive 3 games [at TB (9/8), at Cin. (9/15) and vs. Pit. (9/22)] with a finger injury.
- **2020:** Inactive at NE (10/25) with a quadricep injury and inactive at Arz. (12/26) with a concussion.



# WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

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