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CLASS Senior

HOMETOWN Greenwood, Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL Greenwood

SEC Graduate

2020 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Career Notes & Records

Career: Earned his undergraduate degree in interdisciplinary studies in December 2020 ... Three-time member of the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll (2017, 19-20) ... Returned from an upper-body injury that forced him to miss the majority of the 2018 to anchor the defensive line in 2019 ... Appeared in 51 career games with 23 starts ... Two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll (2017, 19)... Logged 22.5 career tackles for loss.

2020 (Senior Season)

Season: Started nine games ... Missed the final two games of the season due to injury.

at LSU (9/26): Notched three tackles and a career-high 2.0 sacks for a loss of 10 yards ... Part of a defense that recorded 7.0 sacks, its most since 2015 (7.0; Ole Miss). Arkansas (10/3): Totaled five tackles, one tackle for loss and one forced fumble ... His forced fumble came on a goal-line stop in the second quarter and was recovered by Londyn Craft. at Kentucky (10/10): Posted four stops ... Logged a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss, which included and half a sack ... Part of a defense that allowed only 157 yards of total offense, the fewest yielded by the Bulldogs in an SEC contest since 2008 against Vanderbilt (107 yards). Texas A&M (10/17): Recorded four tackles. at Alabama (10/31): Totaled four tackles. Vanderbilt (11/7): Finished with four tackles, 1.0 tackles for loss and one interception ... Registered his first career interception in the fourth quarter and returned it 27 yards ... Part of a defense that forced a season-high five turnovers, the most in a game by the Bulldogs since Nov. 17, 2012, against Arkansas (5). at Georgia (11/21): Recorded two tackles ... Combined with Aaron Brule on a sack ... Part of a defense that tallied 11 tackles for loss ... Helped hold Georgia to eight yards rushing, the fewest yards allowed by State in an SEC game since at least 2006. at Ole Miss (11/28): Totaled two stops ... Logged a solo tackle for loss on the first play of the fourth quarter. Auburn (12/12): Made two tackles.

2019 (Redshirt Junior Season)

Season: Started all 13 games ... Made 12 starts at right defensive end to start the season before shifting to left defensive end in his start at the Music City Bowl ... Tied for No. 7 in the SEC with a team-high-tying two forced fumbles ... Ranked No. 2 on the team among defensive linemen with 37 stops ... Finished No. 4 on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss ... Equaled his career total entering the year with 2.0 sacks on the season ... Logged at least one stop in all 13 games.

vs. Louisiana (8/31): Tallied three solo stops ... Logged his first career forced fumble ... Third-quarter forced fumble was recovered by Mississippi State and led to the fourth touchdown of the game.

Southern Miss (9/7): Chipped in four stops – three solo ... Added second forced fumble of the season on a strip-sack in the second quarter, which was recovered by Tyler Williams. Kansas State (9/14): Made one tackle ... Lone stop was a third-quarter combined tackle for loss with Tim Washington. Kentucky (9/21): Tallied two stops. at No. 5 Auburn (9/28): Had three tackles. at Tennessee (10/12): Made one tackle. LSU (10/19): Made two tackles. at Texas A&M (10/26): Delivered the highest run grade of any SEC defensive end (85.3) in week nine ... Each of his six tackles – all solo stops – came on 19 run snaps ... All six tackles came within three yards of the line of scrimmage ... Posted a solo tackle for loss in the first quarter. at Arkansas (11/2): Had three assisted tackles, including a combined tackle for loss ... Teamed with Willie Gay Jr. on a second-quarter tackle for loss. No. 5 Alabama (11/16): Totaled five stops – four solo ... Had 1.5 tackles for loss ... Teamed with Aaron Brule on a first-quarter stop behind the line of scrimmage ... Posted a second-quarter tackle for loss of Najee Harris. Abilene Christian (11/23): Logged two tackles, including a solo tackle for loss. Ole Miss (11/28): Chipped in three stops. vs. Louisville (12/30): Made two tackles – both solo ... Logged a fourth-quarter tackle for loss that forced a missed field goal.

2018 (Junior Season)

Season: Appeared in four games ... Received a redshirt after missing the final nine games due to injury.

Stephen F. Austin (9/1): Made one tackle ... Lone stop was a combined tackle for loss with Grant Harris. at Kansas State (9/8): Posted one stop. at Kentucky (9/22): Logged one tackle.

2017 (Sophomore Season)

Season: Appeared in all 13 contests ... Totaled 19 tackles with 4.5 tackles for loss ... Added 1.0 sack and two fumble recoveries.

Charleston Southern (9/2): Logged two tackles. at Louisiana Tech (9/9): Chipped in one tackle. No. 11 LSU (9/16): Had two tackles, including 0.5 sack ... Teamed with Jeffery Simmons on a fourth-quarter sack of Danny Etling. at No. 11 Georgia (9/23): Made two solo stops, including one tackle for loss ... Dropped Nick Chubb behind the line in the first quarter. at No. 13 Auburn (9/30): Posted one tackle. BYU (10/14): Chipped in one stop ... Recovered a second-quarter fumble that led to State's second score of the game. Kentucky (10/21): Made one tackle ... Added one pass breakup. at No. 24 Texas A&M (10/28): Logged one tackle, which was a combined tackle for loss with Jeffery Simmons. UMass (11/3): Totaled three tackles, including 0.5 tackle for loss ... Teamed with Jeffery Simmons on a fourth-quarter tackle for loss ... Added one pass breakup. No. 2 Alabama (11/11): Posted two stops. at Arkansas (11/18): Chipped in two tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks ... Recovered a third-quarter fumble ... Combined with Montez Sweat on a second-quarter sack of Austin Allen ... Dropped Tyler Story for a solo tackle for loss in the second quarter. Ole Miss (11/23): Combined with Fletcher Adams on a second-quarter sack for his lone stop.

2016 (True Freshman Season)

Season: Appeared in 12 games ... Played most Viper, a hybrid linebacker position ... Recorded 17 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and one fumble recovery.

South Alabama (9/3): Made collegiate debut. at No. 2 LSU (9/17): Made first career tackle in the third quarter. Auburn (10/8): Notched four tackles, including his first career sack ... Took down Sean White for a third-quarter sack. at BYU (10/14): Totaled five stops ... Had 1.0 tackle for loss. at Kentucky (10/22): Tallied one stop ... Recovered his first career fumble in the second quarter, which led to Mississippi State second score of the game. Samford (10/29): Logged one tackle. No. 4 Texas A&M (11/5): Logged two

tackles ... Had 1.0 tackle for loss, a solo stop behind the line of scrimmage in the fourth quarter. at No. 1 Alabama (11/12): Had one stop. Arkansas (11/19): Made one tackle. at Ole Miss (11/26): Logged one tackle.

High School

Prepped at Greenwood High School under head coach Clinton Gatewood ... Four-star defensive end per Rivals and 247Sports ... Top-300 national prospect per Rivals and 247Sports ... Top-10 prospect in Mississippi per Rivals (No. 7) and 247Sports (10) ... Earned CBS Network and MaxPreps Sophomore All-America honors ... As a senior, tallied 145 tackles, 27.0 tackles for loss, 21.0 sacks, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and one interception ... As a junior, notched 148 tackles, 32.0 tackles for loss, 23.0 sacks, five forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries ... Played multiple positions during his career ... Helped lead Greenwood to the Class 4A north state title game in 2015 ... Also lettered in baseball and basketball ... Committed to MSU on in November 30, 2015.

Personal

Born Marquiss A'kil James Spencer on July 16, 1997 ... Son of Jenifer and Marqkey Spencer ... Has two siblings – Rameiavs and Ariel ... Majoring in interdisciplinary studies ... Twitter handle is @Bigspencer421.