



NIK BONITTO

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER • R-JR. • FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

- Member of three Big 12 championship teams, two College Football Playoff squads and teams that won the 2020 Cotton Bowl and 2021 Alamo Bowl in his four seasons (teams went a combined 44-8).
- In 39 career games, registered 117 tackles (68 solo), 32 tackles for loss (for 161 yards), 18.5 sacks (for 119 yards), 24 QB hurries, one forced fumble and three fumble recoveries.
- Ranks 13th in school history (third among linebackers) with his 18.5 career sacks.
- Named PFF's 2021 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and second-team All-American, an AP third-team All-American, a Bednarik Award semifinalist and a midseason All-American by Sporting News and The Athletic (second team); also earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from league coaches and media.
- Started all 12 games of 2021 regular season and finished with 39 tackles, 7.0 sacks, team highs of 15.0 TFLs, nine QB hurries and three fumble recoveries (tied for third most nationally) and one forced fumble.
- Set a school record with a 70-yard fumble return and had four tackles and 2.0 TFLs at Kansas State (10/2/21).
- A 2020 PFF first-team and AP second-team All-American when he started all 10 games in which he played (missed one contest); totaled 32 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 8.0 sacks, team-high 10 QB hurries and credited by PFF with nation's top pressure rate (25.7%; next highest nationally was 22.3%).
- Ranked first nationally by PFF in 2020 among 257 edge rushers in pass-rush grade (93.5) and pass-rush win rate (28.5%).
- Played in all 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2019 (started final eight) as OU qualified for the College Football Playoff and finished 12-2; registered 43 tackles, 6.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks and an interception (the pick sealed a 34-31 win at No. 12 Baylor [11/16]).
- Redshirted in 2018; played in three games and made three tackles.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Named to 2020 Academic All-Big 12 Second Team.
- Major is communication.