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T.J. McDONALD

SAFETY // 6-2 // 215 // SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA '13
ACQUIRED: UFA, '17 (LAR)
HOMETOWN: FRESNO, CALIF. // BORN: 1/26/91
NFL: SEVENTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: THIRD SEASON

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- Signed by Miami as an unrestricted free agent from the L.A. Rams on March 31, 2017.
- 3rd-round pick (71st overall) by St. Louis in the 2013 NFL draft.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started 75 career games.
- 410 tackles (309 solo), 5 sacks, 8 interceptions, 25 passes defended, 1 forced fumble and 3 fumble recoveries.

2018 (MIAMI):

- Started 14 games.
- Inactive for 2 games.
- 84 tackles (62 solo), 3 interceptions, 5 passes defended and 1 fumble recovery.
- 1 special teams tackle.

AT N.Y. JETS (9/16): 1 solo tackle, 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted a QB Sam Darnold pass and returned it 31 yards to the Jets' 15-yard line, setting up a RB Kenyan Drake 6-yard TD run to put Miami up 7-0 in the 1st quarter.

VS. CHICAGO (10/14): 3 tackles (2 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted QB Mitch Trubisky in the end zone with 12:21 remaining in 4th quarter.

VS. N.Y. JETS (11/4): 9 tackles (8 solo), 1 interception and 2 passes defended.

- Intercepted QB Sam Darnold on 4th-and-15 with 2:22 remaining in the game.

2017 (MIAMI):

- Started 8 games.
- 45 tackles (31 solo), 1 interception and 3 passes defended.

AT CAROLINA (11/13): 9 tackles (7 solo).

- Made his Dolphins debut.

VS. TAMPA BAY (11/19): 5 tackles (4 solo) and 1 pass defended.

VS. DENVER (12/3): 2 solo tackles, 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted QB Trevor Siemian on Denver's 1st possession of the game.

2016 (L.A. RAMS):

- Started all 16 games.
- 62 tackles (49 solo), 1 sack, 2 interceptions and 6 passes defended.

AT SAN FRANCISCO (9/12): 8 solo tackles.

AT ARIZONA (10/2): 1 solo tackle, 2 passes defended and 1 interception.

- Intercepted QB Drew Stanton in the end zone on the final play of the game to preserve the victory.

VS. ARIZONA (1/1): 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1 interception.

2015 (ST. LOUIS):

- Started 11 games.
- Inactive for 1 game.
- Missed the final 4 games of the season after being placed on injured reserve on Dec. 11.
- 62 tackles (38 solo), 1 pass defended, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.
- 1 solo special teams tackle.

VS. SEATTLE (9/13): 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1 pass defended.

AT ARIZONA (10/4): 6 tackles (5 solo) and 1 sack.

- Sacked QB Carson Palmer on a 3rd-and-2 inside the red zone in the 3rd quarter, forcing Arizona to kick a field goal.

VS. CLEVELAND (10/25): 7 tackles (3 solo) and 1 forced fumble.

- Stripped WR Travis Benjamin of the ball, which was recovered by St. Louis and led to a 4th-quarter TD drive.

2014 (ST. LOUIS):

- Started all 16 games.
- 104 tackles (84 solo), 2 sacks, 1 interception and 6 passes defended.
- 1 blocked field goal; 1 blocked punt.

AT TAMPA BAY (9/14): 5 solo tackles; 1 blocked field goal; 1 blocked punt.

- Blocked a punt by P Michael Koenen in the 2nd quarter, which led to a St. Louis field goal.

- Blocked a 24-yard field goal attempt by K Patrick Murray in the 4th quarter to keep it a 1-possession game.

- It was the 1st time since Dec. 2, 1979 the Rams blocked two kicks in the same game.

AT WASHINGTON (12/7): 4 assisted tackles and 1 interception.

- Intercepted QB Colt McCoy in the 4th quarter and returned it 20 yards.

VS. N.Y. GIANTS (12/21): 11 tackles (9 solo) and 1 sack.

2013 (ST. LOUIS):

- Started 10 games.
- Missed 6 games after he was placed on injured reserve/designated to return on Sept. 27.
- 53 tackles (45 solo), 1 sack, 1 interception and 4 passes defended.

VS. ARIZONA (9/8): 5 tackles (4 solo) and 1 pass defended.

- Made NFL debut and started his 1st NFL game.

VS. NEW ORLEANS (12/15): 5 tackles (4 solo) and 1 interception.

- Intercepted QB Drew Brees on New Orleans' 1st play from scrimmage to set up a St. Louis TD drive.
- It was his 1st career interception.

VS. TAMPA BAY (12/22): 6 solo tackles and 1 sack.

- Brought down QB Mike Glennon for a 9-yard loss for his 1st career sack.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA):

- 4-year letterman (2009-12) and 3-year starter.

CAREER: Played in 50 games with 36 starts; 273 tackles (151 solo), 2 sacks, 8 interceptions and 17 passes defended; 3 blocked kicks; 1 kickoff return for 2 yards; 1 punt return for 24 yards.

SENIOR (2012): Started all 13 games; 110 tackles (54 solo), 1 sack, 2 interceptions and 5 passes defended; 1 blocked kick; 1 kickoff return for 2 yards.

- Honorable mention All-American.
- 2nd-team All-Pac-12.
- Semifinalist for the Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back).

JUNIOR (2011): Played in all 12 games with 11 starts; 67 tackles (39 solo), 3 interceptions and 5 passes defended; 1 blocked kick.

- 1st-team All-American.
- 1st-team All-Pac-12.
- Semifinalist for the Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back).

SOPHOMORE (2010): Started 12 games; 89 tackles (54 solo), 1 sack, 3 interceptions and 7 passes defended; 1 blocked kick and 1 punt return for 24 yards.

- His 89 tackles led the team.
- 1st-team All-Pac-10.

TRUE FRESHMAN (2009): Played all 13 games; 7 tackles (4 solo).

HIGH SCHOOL (EDISON HS – FRESNO, CALIF.)

SENIOR (2008): 87 tackles and 3 interceptions.

- All-American.
- All-county.
- Metro Athletic Conference Defensive MVP.

JUNIOR (2007):

- 2nd-team Junior All-American.

OFF THE FIELD

COMMUNITY:

- Helped with many Dolphins community events, including the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game and the Dolphins Cancer Challenge.
- Participated in numerous Rams community events, including Make-A-Wish Celebrity Server dinner, Coach Fisher's Celebrity Softball game, the 6th Annual Playground Build at Marygrove and the All-Community Team ticket program - T-Mac Attack.
- Joined 15 USC teammates for 5 days in Haiti in the spring of 2012 to build homes and assist those in need.

PERSONAL:

- Father, Tim McDonald, was his high school head coach and played at USC and in the NFL for 13 years with the Cardinals (1987-92) and 49ers (1993-99).
- Brother, Tevin McDonald, played 4 games for Oakland in 2015.
- His initials, T.J., stand for Tim Jr.
- **MAJOR:** Communications.

T.J. McDONALD'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES	
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2013	ST. LOUIS	10	10	53	45	8	1.0	9.0	1	-2	-2	0	4	0	0
2014	ST. LOUIS	16	16	104	84	20	2.0	13.0	1	20	20	0	6	0	1
2015	ST. LOUIS	11	11	62	38	24	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
2016	L.A. RAMS	16	16	62	49	13	1.0	6.0	2	0	0	0	6	0	0
2017	MIAMI	8	8	45	31	14	0.0	0.0	1	7	7	0	3	0	0
2018	MIAMI	14	14	84	62	22	0.0	0.0	3	41	31	0	5	0	1
NFL TOTALS		75	75	410	309	101	5.0	34.0	8	66	7	0	25	1	3

ADDITIONAL STATS

Special Teams Tackles: (St. Louis) 1 in 2015, (Los Angeles) 2 in 2016, (Miami) 1 in 2018 for total of 4.
Blocked Kicks: (St. Louis) 1 blocked punt and 1 blocked field goal in 2014 for total of 2.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 twice, last: vs. N.Y. Giants, 12/21/14
Sacks: 1 5 times, last: at Tampa Bay, 9/25/16
Interceptions: 1 8 times, last: vs. N.Y. Jets, 11/4/18
Passes Defensed: 2 3 times, last: vs. N.Y. Jets, 11/4/18
Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. Cleveland, 10/25/15
Fumble Recoveries: 1 3 times, last: at Indianapolis, 11/25/18