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T.J. TAMPA JR.

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COLLEGE: IOWA STATE

AGE: 22 HOMETOWN: ST. PETERSBURG, FL

EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): ROOKIE GP/GS (PLAYOFFS): 0/0



— KEY TRANSACTIONS —

- Declared Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) on 7/15/24
- T.J. Tampa was selected by the Ravens in the fourth round (130th overall) of the 2024 NFL Draft...Was the Ravens' second pick in the round, following WR Devontez Walker (113th)

— COLLEGE HONORS —

- AP third-team All-American (2023)
- AP first-team All-Big 12 (2023)
- Honorable mention All-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year (2023)
- Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist (2023)...Awarded to college football's top DB
- Chuck Bednarik Award Semifinalist (2023)...Presented annually to the defensive player of the year in college football as judged by the Maxwell Football Club

— COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS —

- Played in 46 games (29 starts) over four seasons (2020-23) at Iowa State, producing 107 tackles (83 solo), 9.5 TFL, 3 INTs, 19 PD and 1 FF
- Posted a career-high 44 tackles (33 solo), while also adding 3 TFL, 2 INTs and 7 PD, as a 12-game starter during his senior (2023) at Iowa State...Anchored the back end of an Iowa State defense that ranked No. 12 nationally in opponent completion percentage (55.8%)...Was named an AP third-team All-American and first-team All-Big 12 performer...Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year recognition and was a semifinalist for both the Jim Thorpe Award (nation's top DB) and Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player)
- Started all 12 games in which he appeared as a junior in 2022, posting 40 tackles (30 solo), 1 INT and 1 FF, as well as career highs in TFL (5) and PD (9), for an Iowa State defense that ranked fourth overall (285.6 ypg) and 10th against the pass (178.3 ypg)
- Appeared in 13 games (five starts) as a junior with the Cyclones in 2021, posting 18 tackles (7 solo), a half-TFL and 3 PD for the nation's No. 9 total defense (310.7 ypg) and No. 11 pass defense (187.8 ypg)
- Played in nine games as a true freshman at Iowa State in 2020, tallying 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1 TFL, while adding special teams contributions...The Cyclones finished 9-3 – marking the best record in the Big 12 – made it to the Big 12 Championship for the first time in program history and earned a victory in the Fiesta Bowl

— PERSONAL —

- Given birth name is Marques Jr....Nickname, T.J., is short for Tampa Jr.
- Grew up in Atlanta, GA, playing multiple sports throughout his childhood, including basketball and football
- Father (Marques Sr.) was a standout basketball player at Barry University in the 1990s, leading the team in scoring and steals...Older sister (Nichel) played college basketball at Western Kentucky and Barry University
- Garnered recruiting interest on the basketball court, too, receiving an offer from James Madison
- Was initially recruited as a WR but focused on defense after a delayed flight forced him to stay at Iowa State an extra day and work out with the DBs
- Georgia head coach Kirby Smart made a late push to sign him after a standout performance in a football camp...Committed to the Cyclones over other programs, as well, including Cincinnati, Maryland, Rutgers, South Florida, Syracuse and Wake Forest
- Majored in communications studies at Iowa State

— NOTE THE QUOTE —

"T.J. Tampa's athleticism at his size stands out. He's long, and he can flip his hips. He can change directions well. He's a former wideout, so I think there is some built-in upside to him. He plays the game smoothly; he doesn't look too stressed. He tackles well, and he's a guy that's going to compete. He's got good makeup, a good mentality, and he's a smart football player."

– Director of College Scouting David Blackburn

2023: (IOWA STATE – 12/12)

- Posted a career-high 44 tackles (33 solo), while also adding 3 TFL, 2 INTs and 7 PD, as a 12-game starter...Anchored the back end of an Iowa State defense that ranked No. 12 nationally in opponent completion percentage (55.8%)...Was named an AP third-team All-American and first-team All-Big 12 performer...Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year recognition and was a semifinalist for both the Jim Thorpe Award (nation's top DB) and Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player)
- Posted 4 tackles (3 solo), including 1 TFL, in the win at Kansas St., contributing to a back end that helped limit the Wildcats to a 50.0% (24-of-48) completion percentage
- Recorded 7 tackles (2 solo) vs. Texas
- Tallied 1 TFL and 1 PD in the win at BYU...Contributed to a defense posted a season-low 39.3% (11-of-28) opponent completion percentage for 130 yards through the air

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- Registered 5 solo tackles, including 1 TFL, in the win at Baylor...Supported a run defense that permitted a season-low 67 yards on 25 attempts (2.7 avg.)
- Notched 3 solo tackles and 1 INT, marking his third-straight game with at least 1 PD, while holding playmaker WR Xzavier Henderson to his only game without a catch all season, in the win at Cincinnati...The Cyclones' defense permitted a season-low 99 passing yards on a 51.7% (15-of-29) completion percentage
- Tied a career high in tackles (8, 6 solo), while posting his first multi-PD performance of the season, at Oklahoma
- Posted 4 solo tackles and a game-sealing INT with less than two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter of the win vs. Oklahoma State
- Registered 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 PD at Ohio...The Cyclones' defense limited the Bobcats to 135 passing yards on 16-of-32 (50%) completions

- Tallied 3 solo tackles, including 1 TFL, 1 PD and his first-career FF – a goal-line punchout recovered by Iowa State – in the win at Iowa...Contributed to the Cyclones' top defensive performance of the year, in which they permitted season lows in yards (150) and passing yards (92), limiting the Hawkeyes to a 44.4% (12-of-27) completion percentage

2021: (IOWA STATE – 13/5)

- Appeared in 13 games (five starts), posting 18 tackles (7 solo), a half-TFL and 3 PD for the nation's No. 9 total defense (310.7 ypg) and No. 11 pass defense (187.8 ypg)
- Recorded his third-straight game with 3 solo tackles, while adding 1 PD, at West Virginia

2020: (IOWA STATE – 9/0)

- Played in nine games as a true freshman, tallying 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1 TFL, while adding special teams contributions...The Cyclones finished 9-3, made it to the Big 12 Championship for the first time in program history and earned a victory in the Fiesta Bowl

2022: (IOWA STATE – 12/12)

- Started all 12 games in which he appeared, posting 40 tackles (30 solo), 1 INT and 1 FF, as well as career highs in TFL (5) and PD (9), for a defense that ranked fourth overall (285.6 ypg) and 10th against the pass (178.3 ypg)
- Recorded 2 solo tackles, including 1 TFL, and 1 PD for a pass defense that permitted 141 passing yards vs. Texas Tech
- Tallied 2 tackles and his first-career INT at Oklahoma State
- Registered 4 tackles (3 solo), and 1 PD in the win vs. West Virginia...The Cyclones' defense permitted 124 passing yards on a 44.4% (12-of-27) completion percentage
- Posted 7 solo tackles, 1 TFL and a career-high 4 PD vs. Oklahoma, helping limit the Sooners to 16 completions and 150 passing yards on 27 attempts
- Posted 1 TFL and 1 PD vs. Kansas State
- Recorded a career-high 8 tackles (5 solo) vs. Baylor

— HIGH SCHOOL —

- Graduated from Lakewood (St. Petersburg, FL) HS in 2020 after transferring from St. Francis (Alpharetta, GA) HS midway through his sophomore year (2017)...Starred at WR and DB, as well as on the basketball court, at both programs
- As a senior in 2019, finished with 30 receptions for 554 yards and 9 TDs, earning All-County and All-Conference honors for the second-straight season...Led a Spartans squad that advanced to the state semifinals...Also received honors as an All-County basketball player for the second-straight year after averaging 10.5 ppg and leading the Spartans to the conference championship...Named 2020 Pinellas County Athlete of the Year
- Posted 37 catches for 769 yards and 6 TDs, adding 32 tackles, 9 TFL, 4 sacks, 1 pick-6 and 1 FR-TD, at Lakewood HS in 2018...Earned All-County and All-Conference honors



— TAMPA JR.'S COMMUNITY IMPACT —

- Visited the St. Paul's School for an afternoon of fellowship and fun with Next One Up...Rookies and students were divided into three groups, rotating between kickball, silent charades and "anything but football" conversations (2024)
- Participated in the organization-wide Signature Build Day at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School...Throughout the day, close to 200 volunteers made up of current and former Ravens players, staff and executives refurbished the school's gymnasium, classrooms, teachers' lounges and hallways...Additionally, volunteers renovated the playground and outdoor courtyard, planted trees and painted outdoor murals to enhance landscaping and enrich the school community (2024)

T.J. TAMPA JR.'S COLLEGE DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES							QBH	INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST				MISC					
				TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS		NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A			
2020	Iowa St.	9	0	5	3	2	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Iowa St.	13	5	18	17	1	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Iowa St.	12	12	40	30	10	5.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Iowa St.	12	12	44	33	11	3.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	1	2	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		46	29	107	83	24	9.5	21.0	0.0	0.0	1	3	1	1	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0