



Jace Murray LB Class 27'

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NCAA Comparison
Roquan Smith - Georgia

70 Solo
Tackles

85 Asst
Tackles

41 TFL

2 Sacks

160 Total Tackles

2 Int

Varsity Career 33 games

Overview

Animal - Jace Murray is what you want to see on tape when you're looking for a defensive difference maker. Jace has been a significant varsity contributor since his freshman year, and a dual sport athlete. He's going to hit you hard and make you consider whether you want to get on the ground after catching the ball or try and get some yards after the catch and risk getting blown up. Jace is a communicator on the defense, and it shows. He's constantly vocal about the spacing amongst the defensive line and the linebackers and his teammates physically feed off his energy. His closing speed in the backfield is elite. He's going to come in strong on a run play and routinely gets off the first block, creating an elite advantage for the defensive to increase the percentage of making a stop. You want to be on the same team and on the field when playing with Jace, he is the type of player to spread the energy across any defense. An interesting point is his continuation of plays. When there is already a pile or a tackle progressing, Murray will follow through the play - not just to end it - but to finish it. He will come in like hell fire and prevent the extra two yards the running back was aiming for.

Strengths

- Great low stance to help build a physical foundation
- Loves contact and hits head on
- Incredibly communicative and is the microphone for his defensive front
- Excellent tackling form
- Great chase down speed when getting to the quarterback
- Beats the first blocker every time, creating opportunities for his teammates to get to the ball
- He loves football and you can feel how present Jace is when he gets to play football
- Changes the energy of the game through his intensity and hunger.

Weaknesses

- Liable to penalties and personal fouls because he looks for the big play and big hit
- Man to man coverage his athleticism won't keep up with collegiate players down the field covering the pass play