

2015 ALL STAR BANQUET SPEAKER



ALDON SMITH San Francisco Forty-Niner

Thank you for being our Guest Speaker.

Aldon Jacarus Smith (born September 25, 1989) is an outside linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League (NFL). He played college football for the University of Missouri. He was chosen by the 49ers with the seventh overall pick in the 2011 NFL Draft.

Smith was born in Greenwood, Mississippi. He attended Raytown High School in Raytown, Missouri, where he played for the Raytown Bluejays high school football team. As a senior he recorded 60 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, while adding 7 forced fumbles, 1 blocked punt and 1 safety on defense, whilst on offense he caught 34 passes for 570 yards and 4 touchdowns as a tight end.

Considered only a three-star recruit by Rivals.com, Smith was considered the No. 5 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the No. 27 strongside defensive end in the nation. Smith chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State, among many others.

Smith played for the Missouri Tigers football team while attending the University of Missouri from 2008 to 2010. After being redshirted as a freshman in 2008, he started 11 of 13 games at defensive end in 2009. He finished the season with 60 tackles and 11 sacks. He was named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and a first team freshman All-American. As a sophomore in 2010 he played in nine games, recording 48 tackles and six sacks.

After the season Smith announced that he would forgo his final two years of eligibility and enter the 2011 NFL Draft.

Playing as a defensive end at Missouri, Smith was considered a "DE/OLB prospect" by most NFL scouts and was considered a strong edge run defender as 4-3 end or 3-4 linebacker. [6] Many scouts had compared him to DeMarcus Ware. Prior to the 2011 NFL Draft he was projected to be selected in the mid-late first round by mock draft analysis. On Draft day, the San Francisco 49ers decided to draft Smith with the 7th overall pick.

After being used only as a situational pass rusher throughout his rookie season, Aldon Smith became a full-time starter in 2012. In Week 11 he set a Monday Night Football record by recording 5.5 sacks against the Chicago Bears.

The next week, in a game against the New Orleans Saints, he surpassed Reggie White as the fastest player in league history to record his 30th career sack, doing so in 27 games.

The next week, against the St. Louis Rams, Smith broke another of White's records by recording 31.5 sacks in his first two seasons. In that same game, he tied Fred Dean's franchise record of 17.5 sacks in one season.

On the NFL Networks Top 100 players of 2013 the players voted him the seventh best player in the league entering the 2013 season, which made him the second highest ever debutant and second highest defensive player on the list, both behind J. J. Watt. He was also voted the San Francisco 49ers MVP in 2012.