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# TRENTON SIMPSON

COLLEGE: CLEMSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

AGE: 22

HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, NC

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EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): ROOKIE

GP/GS (PLAYOFFS): 0/0



### — KEY TRANSACTIONS —

- Trenton Simpson was selected by the Ravens in the third round (86th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft

### — COLLEGE HONORS —

- Third-team All-ACC (2022)
- Butkus Award (nation's top LB) semifinalist (2022)
- Finalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy (2022), which recognizes the student-athlete who best exhibits the characteristics of Pro Football Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott by making an IMPACT on and off the field...IMPACT is an acronym for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity
- Two-time All-ACC Academic Honor Roll (2021-22)

### — COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS —

- Appeared in 37 games (27 starts) for Clemson during his three-year playing career (2020-22), posting 187 tackles (117 solo), 22.5 TFL, 12.5 sacks, 3 FFs and 6 PD
- Named a Butkus Award semifinalist in 2022 and earned third-team All-ACC honors after registering 77 tackles (51 solo), 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 FFs and 3 PD in 12 starts for a Clemson defense that finished ranked 28th nationally (334.4 ypg)...Helped lead the Tigers to an 11-3 record, including an undefeated mark (8-0) in ACC play...Clemson won the ACC Championship before falling to Tennessee, 31-14, in the Orange Bowl, a contest in which Simpson didn't participate in (ankle)... Clemson finished No. 13 in the final APTop 25
- Appeared in 13 games (12 starts) in 2021, tallying a career-high 78 tackles (50 solo), 12 TFL and 6 sacks, while adding 3 PD for a Clemson defense that permitted the nation's second-fewest points per game (14.8) and eighth-fewest yards per game (306.3)...The Tigers finished 10-3, defeating Iowa State, 20-13, in the Cheez-It Bowl and ranking No. 14 in the APTop 25 at season's end
- Saw action in 12 games (three starts) as a freshman in 2020, posting 32 tackles (16 solo), 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks and 1 FF for a Clemson defense that ranked 14th in the nation (326.8 ypg), permitting the fourth-fewest first downs per game (16.0) and seventh-fewest yards per rush (7.1)...The Tigers finished 10-2, winning their sixth-consecutive ACC title before falling to Ohio State, 49-28, in the Sugar Bowl (national semifinal) and earning the No. 3 spot in the final APTop 25

### — PERSONAL —

- Father is Timothy Simpson, decorated Command Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army Rangers who was deployed 17 times during a 26-year career in service

- Was born on Fort Benning, a military base in Georgia, on June 14, 2001, sharing a birthday with the same day the U.S. Army was founded (1775)...Grew up a fixture on military bases when his father was stateside
- Credits his father's military background for his discipline
- Was given the honor of running the American Flag down the hill at Clemson, sharing that special moment with his father prior to the Tigers' 44-7 win over UConn on Military Appreciation Day (11/13/22)
- Was teammates with Philadelphia Eagles DT Jordan Davis at Mallard Creek (Charlotte, NC) HS
- Told his mother at 3 years old that he wanted to play in the NFL
- Originally committed to Auburn before ultimately choosing his dream school, Clemson University
- Earned his degree in sports communications in three years (2020-22) from Clemson

### — NOTE THE QUOTE —

- "When you put the film on, you watch Trenton Simpson go from sideline to sideline. He can close ground very quickly in pursuit. He's very active on film, and his character is off the charts. At Clemson, they rave about him. We get a lot of information from them about their players, and he comes from a great program and a great place."

— Director of Player Personnel Joe Hortiz

### 2022: (CLEMSON – 12/12)

- Named a Butkus Award (nation's top LB) semifinalist and received third-team All-ACC honors after registering 77 tackles (51 solo), 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 FFs and 3 PD in 12 starts for a Clemson defense that finished 28th nationally (334.4 ypg)
- Recorded 8 tackles (5 solo), including 1.5 TFL, in the win vs. No. 24 North Carolina...Clemson's defense registered 3 takeaways (2 INTs & 1 FR) in the contest
- Logged 2 sacks, marking his second-career multi-sack game, and 1 FF in the win vs. Miami (FL)...Clemson's defense permitted a season-low 98 yards of offense (68 passing & 30 rushing), while adding 2 takeaways (1 INT & 1 FR)
- Led team with a season-high 10 tackles (5 solo) and 1 PD at Notre Dame
- Tallied 5 tackles (all solo) and 1 PD in the victory at Boston College...Clemson's defense permitted its fewest points (3) and second-fewest rushing yards (25) in a game all season
- Posted 8 tackles (5 solo), tying for the team high, while adding 1 FF and 1 PD in the win at No. 21 Wake Forest

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- Registered 3 tackles (2 solo) for a defense that permitted a season-low 6 rushing yards on 20 attempts (.3 avg.) in the win vs. Louisiana Tech...Clemson added a season-high 4 takeaways (3 INTs & 1 FR)

### 2021: (CLEMSON – 13/12)

- Appeared in 13 games (12 starts), tallying a career-high 78 tackles (50 solo), 12 TFL and 6 sacks, while adding 3 PD for a Clemson defense that permitted the nation's second-fewest points per game (14.8) and eighth-fewest yards per game (306.3)
- Posted 6 tackles (4 solo) in the Cheez-It Bowl victory at Iowa State...Clemson's defense permitted 66 rushing yards on 21 attempts (3.1 avg.)
- Recorded 4 solo tackles, including 1 TFL, in the shutout victory at South Carolina, marking his eighth-consecutive game contributing to a tackle behind the line of scrimmage...Clemson's defense permitted 206 total yards (163 passing & 43 rushing), marking its fewest in a road contest all season
- Tallied 9 tackles (5 solo), including 1.5 TFL and 1 sack, in the win vs. No. 13 Wake Forest, becoming the first Clemson player with at least a half-sack in five straight games since Kevin Dodd (2015)... Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors for his performance...Clemson's defense permitted 36 rushing yards on 31 carries (1.2 avg.), while adding a season-high 3 takeaways (1 INT & 2 FRs)
- Registered 3 tackles (2 solo), including 1 TFL, for a defense that permitted a season-low 99 total yards (116 passing & -17 rushing) on 58 plays (1.7 avg.) in the win vs. UConn
- Posted a season-high 10 tackles, 3 TFL and 2 sacks in the win at Louisville, marking his second-consecutive game with multiple TFL...Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors for his performance
- Registered 6 tackles (4 solo), including 2.5 TFL and a half-sack, in the win vs. Florida State
- Logged 3 tackles (2 solo), including 1 sack, at No. 23 Pittsburgh
- Recorded 4 tackles (3 solo), a half-TFL and 1 PD for a defense that permitted 57 rushing yards on 33 attempts (1.7 avg.) in the win vs. Boston College

### 2020: (CLEMSON – 12/3)

- Saw action in 12 games (three starts) as a freshman, posting 32 tackles (16 solo), 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks and 1 FF for a Clemson defense that ranked 14th in the nation (326.8 ypg), permitting the fourth-fewest first downs per game (16.0) and seventh-fewest yards per rush (7.1)

- Registered 4 tackles (2 solo), including a season-high 2 TFL, and 1 sack in the ACC Championship Game victory at Notre Dame...It marked his fifth-straight game with at least a half-TFL...Clemson's defense permitted 44 rushing yards on 30 attempts (1.5 avg.)
- Registered 2 solo tackles and 1 sack in the win vs. Pittsburgh...Clemson's defense permitted a season-low 16 rushing yards on 24 attempts (.7 avg.), while adding a season-high 5 takeaways (4 INTs & 1 FR)
- Tied his season high in tackles (6 – 5 solo), while adding a half-TFL at Notre Dame
- Recorded 3 tackles (1 solo), 1 TFL, 1 sack and 1 FF in the win vs. Boston College, contributing to a defense that permitted 67 rushing yards on 34 attempts (2.0 avg.)
- Tallied 6 tackles (3 solo) in the win at Georgia Tech...Clemson's defense permitted 81 passing yards and forced 3 turnovers (1 INT & 2 FRs)
- Logged 2 tackles (1 solo) and his first-career sack, contributing to a Clemson defense that permitted a season-low 162 total yards (76 passing & 86 rushing), in the shutout victory vs. The Citadel

### — HIGH SCHOOL —

- Prepped at Mallard Creek (Charlotte, NC) HS, where he starred at both LB and RB
- Recorded 97 carries for 799 yards (8.2 avg.) and 7 TDs throughout his career
- Helped his team to a 10-1 record and No. 3 North Carolina ranking as a senior in 2019...Led the Mallard Creek defense with 20 sacks, while adding 44 carries for 371 yards and 6 TDs...Won the Arnold R. Solomon Award for North Carolina's High School Football Player of the Year and earned an invitation to the Under Armour All-American Game
- Rushed for 428 yards and 1 TD as a sophomore, helping Mallard Creek to a 14-1 record and the 2017 4AA state championship game
- Was a consensus five-star LB and four-star RB who was ranked as high as the No. 13 overall player, second-best LB in the nation and No. 1 player in the state of North Carolina
- Also lettered in basketball and track, setting a personal best in the 100 meters (11.15) as a junior

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## — SIMPSON'S COMMUNITY IMPACT —

- Visited The Belair-Edison School, participating in a field day event and distributing bags from Weekend Backpacks and books from the Ravens' Bookmobile (2023)
- Participated in the Baltimore Ravens' annual organization-wide volunteer day to build a state-of-the-art playground and provide significant upgrades at Morrell Park Elementary/Middle School and Recreation Center in Baltimore City (2023)...The construction and renovation project marks a \$200,000 community investment fully funded by the Ravens Foundation, Inc., in partnership with KABOOM!, Heart of America, Baltimore City Public Schools and Baltimore City Recreation and Park

## TRENTON SIMPSON'S COLLEGE DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES						INTERCEPTIONS			FUMBLES	
				TK	S	A	TFL	SK	NO	PD	FF	FR		
2020	Clemson	12	3	32	16	16	6.5	4	0	0	1	0		
2021	Clemson	13	12	78	50	28	12	6	0	3	0	0		
2022	Clemson	12	12	77	51	26	4	2.5	0	3	2	0		
<b>COLLEGE TOTALS</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>		

