

2018 NFL DRAFT PROSPECTS



NIFAE LEALAO

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6-5/320

Sacramento, Calif.

Capital Christian HS



2017: Lealao earned starts in 11-of-12 games in his final year as the Commodores' top interior defensive tackle... While facing constant double-team blocks, finished with 23 total tackles, a single-season high... Also posted eight solo stops, four tackles for loss, six quarterback hurries and three deflected passes... Registered a season-high five tackles against Kentucky... Had three stops and returned a fumble for 15 yards against Georgia... Earned the start at NFLPA Collegiate Bowl making three tackles, including two tackles for loss.

2016: Lealao had a superb season in his third year as an interior defensive lineman for the Commodores... Starting 11-of-13 games at nose tackle, Lealao established new career-highs with 15 solo tackles, 22 total tackles, four tackles for loss, 2.5 quarterback sacks, pass break ups and a fumble recovery... Registered a career-high six solo tackles and a fumble recovery against Kentucky... Produced sacks versus Tennessee State and Missouri... Added tackles for loss in conference games against Florida, Georgia and Ole Miss.

2015: Lealao played in all 12 regular season games, earning starting assignments at nose tackle against late-season SEC foes Florida, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Tennessee... Posted game-highs of nine solo tackles and 18 total tackles during the season... Also contributed a blocked field goal at Ole Miss.

2014: Lealao was the only true freshman to see action on the interior defensive front, serving as a reserve to veteran defensive tackle Vince Taylor... Named a third-team Freshman All-American by Athlon Sports... Saw action in nine games... Finished the season with seven total tackles and one fumble recovery.

High School: Multi-year captain and four-year starting defensive end... First freshman at school to start on varsity... During four-year career, registered 58 tackles for loss, 16 quarterback sacks, more than 200 tackles and 17 blocked kicks... As senior starter, helped Capital Christian to 9-2 record and state playoff berth, earning first-team Cal-Hi Division V All-State honors and MaxPreps first-team All-American recognition... Named Cal-Hi Sports Division V Athlete of the Year as senior... Two-time All-Metro, All-County and All-Conference honoree in football... ESPN 300 member who participated in postseason U.S. Army All-American Game... Also was a standout on three other varsity squads - All-State recipient as center in basketball, thrower in track & field and member of volleyball team... High academic achiever who was inducted

Career Highs

Total Tackles: 6, at Kentucky, 10/8/16

Solo Tackles: 6, at Kentucky, 10/8/16

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Tennessee State, 10/22/16

Tackles for Loss: 1.5 vs. Tennessee State, 10/22/16

Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Kentucky, 9/27/14

Career Stats

	GP/GS	U-A-T	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
2017	12/11	8-15-23	4.0-10	0-0	0-1
2016	13/10	15-7-22	4.0-7	2.5-3	0-0
2015	12/4	9-9-18	1.0-2	0-0	0-0
2014	9/0	2-5-7	0-0	0-0	0-1
TOTAL	46/25	34-36-70	9.0-19	2.5-3	0-2

National Football Foundation Sacramento Valley Chapter Hall of Fame.

Personal: Nifae Penitala Lealao Jr... Born Aug. 16, 1995... Son of Mary and Nifae Lealao Sr... Dad is a senior technician; mom works in the medical field... Became team's first scholarship player of Polynesian heritage, starting a Poly pipeline to Nashville that included five teammates in 2017... Expected to complete a degree in sociology in May 2018... Dean's List recipient... Enjoys singing... Wants to become an entrepreneur.

