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MICHAEL PIERCE

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COLLEGE: SAMFORD

AGE: 32 HOMETOWN: DAPHNE, AL

EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): 8/7 GP/GS (PLAYOFFS): 99/59 (6/3)



— KEY TRANSACTIONS —

- Activated from Injured Reserve on 12/14/24
- Designated to return from Injured Reserve on 11/27/24
- Placed on Injured Reserve on 10/30/24
- Signed a two-year contract extension (through 2025) with the Ravens on 1/5/24
- Placed on Injured Reserve (biceps) on 9/29/22
- Re-signed with Baltimore on 3/23/22
- Released by Minnesota on 3/15/22
- Activated from Injured Reserve/Designated to Return on 12/4/21
- Designated to Return from Injured Reserve on 12/1/21
- Placed on Injured Reserve (elbow) on 11/13/21
- Placed on Reserve/Opt-Out (due to COVID-19 concerns) on 7/28/20
- Signed a three-year deal with the Vikings as an unrestricted free agent (Bal.) on 3/18/20
- Re-signed with Baltimore on 5/1/19
- Signed with the Ravens as a rookie free agent on 5/6/16

— CAREER HIGHLIGHTS —

- Played in 11 games (one start) for Baltimore in 2024, recording 19 tackles (6 solo), 2 sacks, 1 TFL, 2 PD and his first-career INT...Helped Baltimore's defense rank No. 1 against the run (80.1 ypg), No. 2 in sacks (54) and No. 5 (tied) in yards per play allowed (5.2)
- Started all 17 regular season and two postseason games with Baltimore in 2023...Recorded 42 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 3 QBHs, 2 FRs, 1 FF and a career-high 2 PD...Helped the Ravens' defense become the first unit in NFL history to lead the league in scoring (16.5), sacks (60) and takeaways (31)
- With the Vikings in 2021, totaled 20 tackles (12 solo), 3 sacks, 3 TFL and 1 FF for a defense that finished fourth best on third down (36.4%) and registered the league's second-most sacks (51).
- In his first stint in Baltimore (2016-19), totaled 151 tackles (90 solo), 3.5 sacks, 4 FRs and 2 PD in 60 games (30 starts) of action for a Ravens defense that ranked No. 1 overall (310.2 ypg), No. 5 against the pass (215.9 ypg) and No. 2 against the run (94.2 ypg) during that span...Baltimore's defense also permitted the NFL's second-fewest points per game (18.6).
- In 2019, totaled 35 tackles, a half-sack and 1 FR, helping Baltimore's defense rank No. 3 in points (17.6) and No. 4 in yards (300.6) allowed per game...Was also a key cog in the Ravens' No. 5 rushing defense (93.4 ypg)
- In 2018, posted 32 tackles and a PD for the league's No. 1 overall (292.9 ypg) and No. 2 scoring (17.9 ppg)

defense...The Ravens allowed the NFL's fourth-fewest rushing yards per game (82.9)

- Recorded 49 tackles, 1 sack and 2 FRs in his second season (2017), starting 13 games for a unit that led the league in takeaways (34) and INTs (22) and finished ranked 12th overall (325.1 ypg)
- Appeared in all 16 games as a rookie in 2016, helping anchor the league's fifth-ranked defense (89.4 ypg)
- Was the only undrafted rookie free agent to make the Ravens' roster in Week 1 of the 2016 season
- In 2016, finished second among rookie NFL DTs (DeForest Buckner, SF, 43) with 35 tackles (19 solo)

— PERSONAL —

- Squatted 725 pounds while in college
- Loves to listen to jazz music, naming Bonnie James as one of his favorite artists
- Favorite player growing up was DT Gilbert Brown...Also modeled his game after DTs Vince Wilfork and B.J. Raji
- Traveled with 30 NFL players to Israel during the 2018 offseason, playing football with children who have disabilities during the visit
- Favorite way to relax during the offseason is by fishing and spending time at the beach

— 2024 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

- Played in 11 games (one start), recording 19 tackles (6 solo), 2 sacks, 1 TFL, 2 PD and his first-career INT...Helped Baltimore's defense rank No. 1 against the run (80.1 ypg), No. 2 in sacks (54) and No. 5 (tied) in yards per play allowed (5.2)
- Notched a first-quarter sack (-4 yards) in the 28-14 Wild Card win vs. Pit. (1/11/25), helping limit the Steelers to just 29 rushing yards – the third fewest ever allowed by the Ravens in a postseason game
- Recorded his first-career INT (6-yard return) in the 35-10 win vs. Cle. (1/4), also helping limit the Browns to just 56 yards rushing and 4-of-12 (33%) on third down
- Posted a first-quarter sack (-10 yards) in the 34-17 win vs. Pit. (12/21), helping the defense limit the Steelers to 4-of-10 (40%) on third down
- Recorded 4 tackles (1 solo) and a half-sack (DT Nnamdi Madubuike) in the 30-23 victory vs. Was. (10/13), contributing to a unit that limited the Commanders to 52 rushing yards and 4-of-12 (33.3%) on third down
- Registered 4 tackles (2 solo) and 1 QBH at KC (9/5)...Baltimore's defense limited the Chiefs to just 72 yards rushing and 1-of-3 (33%) in the red zone

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MICHAEL PIERCE'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST					MISC							
				TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A					
2016	Ravens	16	1	35	19	16	5	15	2.0	9.0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	Ravens	16	13	49	32	17	2	8	1.0	5.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	Ravens	14	2	32	20	12	4	7	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2019	Ravens	14	14	35	19	16	2	5	0.5	3.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2020	Vikings	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	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2021	Vikings	8	8	20	12	8	3	15	3.0	20.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2022	Ravens	3	3	6	4	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2023	Ravens	17	17	42	24	18	2	2	1.0	22.0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2024	Ravens	11	1	19	6	13	1	10	2.0	16.0	4	1	6	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NFL TOTALS		99	59	238	136	102	19	62	9.5	75.5	25	1	6	6	0	6	3	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

MICHAEL PIERCE'S NFL POSTSEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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				TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A			
2018	Ravens	1	0	2	1	1	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	0
2019	Ravens	1	1	5	2	3	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	0
2022	Ravens	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Ravens	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	0.5	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	Ravens	2	0	6	1	5	1	4	1.0	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL TOTALS		6	3	16	5	11	2	5	1.5	5.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MICHAEL PIERCE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 7 at Cincinnati Bengals, Sep 12, 2021
...2 more at 7.

Solo Tackles 6 vs. Chicago Bears, Oct 15, 2017

Sacks 2.0 at Cincinnati Bengals, Sep 12, 2021

Passes Defensed 1 at Dallas Cowboys, Sep 22, 2024
...4 more at 1.

Forced Fumbles 1 at Arizona Cardinals, Oct 29, 2023
...2 more at 1.

Fumble Recoveries 1 at Los Angeles Chargers, Nov 26, 2023
...5 more at 1.

Tackles For Loss 2 at Cincinnati Bengals, Sep 12, 2021

Interception Return Yards 6 vs. Cleveland Browns, Jan 04, 2025

Longest Opp Fumble Return 2 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, Dec 29, 2019

MICHAEL PIERCE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS - POSTSEASON: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 5 at Buffalo Bills, Jan 19, 2025
...1 more at 5.

Solo Tackles 2 vs. Tennessee Titans, Jan 11, 2020

Tackles For Loss 1 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, Jan 11, 2025
...1 more at 1.

MICHAEL PIERCE'S 2024 GXG REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS (RAVENS)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST					MISC		W/L	SCORE		
			TK	S	A	SK	YDS	TFL	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S			A	
09/05	at Chiefs	P	4	2	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	L	20-27
09/15	Raiders	P	1	0	1	0.5	5.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	23-26	
09/22	at Cowboys	P	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	28-25	
09/29	Bills		ON INACTIVE LIST																									W	35-10
10/06	at Bengals	P	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	41-38+	
10/13	Commanders	P	4	1	3	0.5	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	30-23	
10/21	at Buccaneers	P	2	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	W	41-31	
10/27	at Browns	S	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	0	L	24-29	
11/03	Broncos		INJURED RESERVE																									W	41-10
11/07	Bengals		INJURED RESERVE																									W	35-34
11/17	at Steelers		INJURED RESERVE																									L	16-18
11/25	at Chargers		INJURED RESERVE																									W	30-23
12/01	Eagles		INJURED RESERVE - DESIGNATED FOR RETURN																									L	19-24
12/15	at Giants	P	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	35-14		
12/21	Steelers	P	1	1	0	1.0	10.0	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	34-17	
12/25	at Texans	P	2	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	W	31-2	
01/04	Browns	P	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	35-10	
2024 TOTALS		11-1	19	6	13	2.0	16.0	1	10	4	1	6	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-5		

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			TK	S	A	SK	YDS	TFL	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S			A
01/11	Steelers	P	1	1	0	1.0	4.0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	28-14
01/19	at Bills	P	5	0	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	25-27
2024 TOTALS		2-0	6	1	5	1.0	4.0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1		