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JAY HIGGINS IV

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COLLEGE: IOWA

AGE: 24 HOMETOWN: INDIANAPOLIS, IN

EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): ROOKIE GP/GS (PLAYOFFS): 11/0



— KEY TRANSACTIONS —

- Activated from Injured Reserve on 12/27/25
- Placed on Injured Reserve on 11/16/25
- Signed with the Ravens as an undrafted rookie free agent on 5/3/25

— CAREER HIGHLIGHTS —

- Played in 11 games as a rookie in 2025, totaling 3 tackles on defense, while adding 7 ST tackles (3 solo) and 1 ST FF

— COLLEGE —

- Appeared in 59 games (29 starts) across five seasons (2020-24) at Iowa, collecting 341 tackles (157 solo), including 9 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, 14 PD, 3 FFs and 5 INTs...Led the FBS in combined tackles (295) over his last two seasons
- Started all 13 games in his final season with the Hawkeyes, totaling a team high 124 tackles (53 solo), including 2.5 TFL, 1 sack, 9 PD (a career high), 2 FFs, 1 FR and 4 INTs (also a career high), becoming the only player from a major conference with at least 100 tackles and 4 INTs on the year...Named unanimous All-American, first-team All-Big Ten, Big Ten LB of the Year and team captain...Registered 6 tackles (4 solo) in the Music City Bowl vs. Missouri (12/30)...Collected 12 tackles (4 solo), including 1 TFL, in the 13-10 victory vs. Nebraska (11/29)...Posted a season-high 14 tackles in three consecutive games – at Michigan State (10/19), vs. Washington (10/12) and at No. 3 Ohio State (10/5)...Tallied 11 tackles (6 solo), 1 FF and 1 INT vs. Iowa State (9/7)
- Started all 14 games in 2023, collecting an FBS-best 171 tackles, including 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 5 PD, 1 FF and 1 INT...His 171 total tackles also tied an Iowa program record...Named first-team All-American, first-team All-Big Ten and team captain...Recorded 15-plus tackles in three games and 10-plus tackles in 10 games...Played the most coverage snaps by a LB without allowing a TD (472) in 2023...Led the team with a career-high 18 tackles (10 solo) at Penn State (9/23)...Registered a team-high 16 tackles (14 solo) and 1 sack in the Citrus Bowl vs. Tennessee (1/1)

- Appeared in 12 games (two starts) in 2022, posting 39 tackles, including 1.5 TFL and a half-sack... Collected 2 tackles (1 solo) and recovered a blocked punt – that led to a Hawkeye TD – in the 24 – 10 win vs. Wisconsin (11/12)...Registered a season-high 11 tackles (6 solo) in the 33-13 win vs. Northwestern (10/29)...Posted 7 tackles (4 solo), including 0.5 TFL, vs. No. 4 Michigan (10/1)
- Appeared in 14 games for Iowa in 2021, registering 5 tackles...Recorded 2 solo tackles and 1 FR on special teams that led to an Iowa TD in the 51-14 win at Maryland (10/1)
- Appeared in six games during the COVID-shortened 2020 season, collecting 2 solo tackles in the 35-7 win at Minnesota (11/13)

— HIGH SCHOOL/PERSONAL —

- Attended Brebeuf Jesuit Prep (IN), where he was a four-year letterman in football (LB and TE) and helped lead the team to the 2017 3A state championship game during his sophomore season...Finished his career as the school's all-time leader in tackles (471) and led the conference in tackles for three consecutive seasons
- Started playing football at the pee-wee level...Also played basketball growing up and through high school, including on the AAU circuit...Was a three-year letterman in basketball and named the Conference Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 15 points per game
- Studied environmental policy and planning at Iowa
- Father, Roy, is a pastor and used to coach him in youth basketball
- Full name is Roy Jebaz “Jay” Higgins IV

— 2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

- Played in 11 games as a rookie, totaling 3 tackles on defense, while adding 7 ST tackles (3 solo) and 1 ST FF
- Recorded 2 tackles in his first game since Week 10, a 41-24 victory at GB (12/27), helping limit the Packers to just 79 total rushing yards and 0-of-2 (0%) on fourth down
- Registered 1 solo tackle and his first-career FF on special teams vs. Chi. (10/26)

JAY HIGGINS IV'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

			TACKLES									INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST					MISC	
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2025	Ravens	11	0	3	0	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	4	1	0	0	0
NFL TOTALS		11	0	3	0	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	4	1	0	0	0

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JAY HIGGINS IV'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles	2 at Green Bay Packers, Dec 27, 2025	Special Teams Forced Fumbles	1 vs. Chicago Bears, Oct 26, 2025
Special Teams Tackles	2 at Minnesota Vikings, Nov 09, 2025		