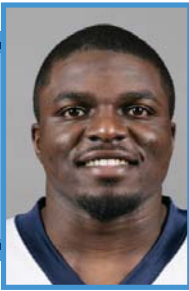


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## SAMKON GADO

*RUNNING BACK • 5'10" • 226 lbs • COLLEGE: LIBERTY  
ACQUIRED: FA - 2010 • NFL EXP. (NFL/TITANS): 5/1  
HOMETOWN: COLUMBIA, S.C.  
GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 41/8 (PLAYOFFS: 0/0)*



### 2010 QUICK STATS

**GP/GS: 0/0 • 0 rushes for 0 yds, 0 TDs • 0 receptions for 0 yards, 0 TDs**

**PRO:** Samkon Gado is a powerful inside runner that will compete for playing time in a young Titans' backfield. An experienced ball carrier, Gado has played for the Green Bay Packers, Houston Texans, Miami Dolphins and St. Louis Rams during his career.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2005, enjoyed his most successful season as a rookie with the Packers. Appeared in eight games with five starts and rushed for a team-high 582 yards on 143 carries with six touchdowns, in addition to 10 receptions for 77 yards and one touchdown.

#### TITANS TIDBITS:

- Gado's father, Jeremiah, left Nigeria in 1990 to study at a South Carolina Bible college, Columbia International University, and his family, including then-nine-year-old Samkon and four sisters, joined the elder Gado in the United States a year later.
- Gado holds aspirations of one day becoming a medical missionary in his native Nigeria upon completion of his football career. He would like to practice eye surgery, orthopedics or tropical medicine.

#### CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- The Nigeria native was originally signed by the Kansas City Chiefs as undrafted free agent on May 2, 2005.
- Waived by Chiefs on Aug. 29, 2005 and signed to their practice squad on Sept. 5, 2005.
- Released by Chiefs on Oct. 4, 2005 and signed to the Green Bay Packers' practice squad on Oct. 17, 2005.
- Promoted by Packers to their active roster from the practice squad on Oct. 29, 2005.
- Traded to the Houston Texans for running back Vernand Morency on Sept. 13, 2006.
- Released by the Texans and acquired by the Miami Dolphins via waivers on Oct. 30, 2007.
- Released by the Dolphins on Nov. 26, 2007 but re-signed with the team two days later after Ricky Williams suffered a shoulder injury.
- Signed by the St. Louis Rams as a free agent on Nov. 4, 2008 and then released by the team on Nov. 18, 2008.
- Re-signed by the Rams on Jan. 5, 2009.
- Signed by the Titans as a free agent on Aug. 17, 2010.

#### SEASON RECAPS:

**2009 (15/0 - St. Louis):** Appeared in 15 games primarily on special teams coverage units and compiled six tackles. Rushed 14 times for 26 yards and snared three passes for 25 yards.

**2008 (1/0 - St. Louis):** Signed by the Rams as a free agent on Nov. 4, 2008. Played in one game and rushed two times for four yards. Was inactive for one contest before being released on Nov. 19.

**2007 (3/0 - Houston; 5/2 - Miami):** Appeared in three games for the Texans and carried the ball 18 times for 46 yards and a touchdown. Also snared eight receptions for 59 yards. Claimed off waivers by the Dolphins and saw action in five games with two starts and amassed 35 rushes for 104 yards and three touchdowns.

- Against Indianapolis (9/23), saw his first action of the season for the Texans and carried the ball a team-high six times for 12 yards and a touchdown. Caught three passes for nine yards.

- At Buffalo (12/9), made his first start for the Dolphins and rushed 12 times for 52 yards with two touchdowns. Added two receptions for 41 yards.

**2006 (1/0 - Green Bay; 8/1 - Houston):** Played in nine total games, eight with the Texans and one with the Packers. Traded to Houston early in the season for running back Vernand Morency. Finished the season with 54 rushes for 217 yards and one touchdown.

- At Indianapolis (9/17), made his Texans debut and rushed three times for 36 yards and caught one pass for three yards.
- Against Jacksonville (10/22), started his first game as a Texan and rushed 10 times for 27 yards along with three catches for 15 yards.
- At Jacksonville (11/12), rushed for a season-high 17 rushes for 67 yards.
- Against Buffalo (11/19), finished with 69 rushing yards on 10 carries and his first touchdown of the season. Also caught five passes for 30 yards, with a long of 19 yards.

**2005 (8/5 - Green Bay):** Played in eight games with five starts and was inactive for the final two contests with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee. Rushed for 582 yards on 143 carries with six touchdowns and also had 10 receptions for 77 yards and one touchdown. His six rushing touchdowns tied Offensive Rookie of the Year Cadillac Williams for the NFL lead among rookies. His attempts (143), yards (582) and 100-yard rushing games (3) all ranked second on the Packers' all-time rookie rushing list.

- At Cincinnati (10/30), made his NFL debut and rushed once for 8 yards, his first NFL carry.
- At Atlanta (11/13), made his first NFL start on his 23rd birthday and scored all three Green Bay touchdowns in a Packers win. Posted 103 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries.
- Against Detroit (12/11), broke the Packers' single-game rookie rushing record with 171 yards on 29 carries and one touchdown.

#### COLLEGE:

- Played in 39 career games with two starts at Liberty and totaled 273 carries for 1,631 yards with 16 touchdowns during his career. Also added 38 receptions for 486 yards with six touchdowns.
- As a senior, recorded a career-high 901 yards on 138 attempts with a team-leading 11 touchdowns and earned first-team All-Big South Conference honors.
- Finished his senior season with four 100-yard rushing performances while playing in nine games. Posted a career-best 219-yard rushing effort, including two touchdowns against Gardner-Webb (10/2).
- Also recorded nine tackles as a captain of the special teams units.
- Selected Academic All-Conference honors with a 3.66 GPA in health promotions, in addition to being a member of the university's honors program.
- Holds a B.S. degree in health promotions from Liberty.

#### PERSONAL:

- Married and splits time between Columbia, S.C. and Nashville.
- Attended Ben Lippen (Columbia, S.C.) High School and was a four-sport letterwinner (football, track, soccer and basketball).
- Twice earned All-Area, All-Region and All-State honors in football.
- Born Samkon Kaltho Gado on Nov. 13, 1982 in Kufai, Nigeria.

## SAMKON GADO'S NFL STATISTICS

REGULAR SEASON				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Team	GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2005	Green Bay	8	5	143	582	4.1	64t	6	10	77	7.7	30	1
2006	G.B./Houston	9	1	56	210	3.8	34	1	17	85	5.0	19	0
2007	Houston/Mia.	8	2	53	150	2.8	20t	4	12	106	8.8	35	0
2008	St. Louis	1	0	2	4	2.0	3	0	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
2009	St. Louis	15	0	14	26	1.9	11	0	3	25	8.3	13	0
<b>NFL Totals</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>64t</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>

### Single-Game Highs

Rushing Attempts - 29 vs. Detroit (12/11/05)  
 Rushing Yards - 171 vs. Detroit (12/11/05)  
 Long Rush - 64t vs. Detroit (12/11/05)  
 Rushing Touchdowns - 2 (twice, most recent at Buffalo 12/9/07)  
 Receptions - 5 vs. Buffalo (11/19/06)  
 Receiving Yards - 41 at Buffalo (12/9/07)  
 Long Reception - 35 at Buffalo (12/9/07)  
 Receiving Touchdowns - 1 at Atlanta (11/13/05)

### Additional Statistics

Special Teams Tackles - 6 (2009)  
 Passing - 0 for 1 for 0 yards (2005)  
 Kickoff Returns - 3 for 57 yards, 23-yard long (2006); 1 for 23 yards (2009)