



TARON JOHNSON

CORNERBACK

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5-11 **192** **3RD YEAR** 

JULY 27, 1996 (AGE 24)

 **SACRAMENTO, CA**

 **SHELDON HS**

 **WEBER STATE**

 **DRAFT: 2018 (4TH RD)**

SHOUTOUTS

- Intercepted Baltimore QB Lamar Jackson in the end zone and returned it 101 yards for the game-changing touchdown in leading the Bills to a 17-3 win vs. Bal. in the Divisional Round. It was the first Bills defensive touchdown in the playoffs since 1996 and tied GB George Teague for the longest interception return for a touchdown in NFL postseason history.
- Totaled six tackles and one TFL in the 27-24 win vs. Ind. on Super Wild Card Weekend.
- Recorded a career-high 95 tackles and seven passes defended during the 2020 regular season.
- Picked off Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger and returned it 51 yards for a momentum changing touchdown in the 26-15 win vs. PIT (12/13/2020).
- Totaled a career-high two passes defended in the win vs. LAC (11/29/2020) in addition to two QB hits.
- Earned unanimous FCS first team All-American honors for Weber State in 2017 after recording 49 tackles, 3 tackles for a loss, 12 passes defended and three interceptions.



FIRST-AND-10

TARON JOHNSON arrived at the Bills in 2018 after spending time as a four-year starter at Weber State. Johnson was the 121st overall selection in the fourth round by the Bills and he became the first Weber State player to be selected in the NFL Draft since 2010.

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FAMILY MOTIVATION

Taron Johnson has never needed to look very far to find the motivation he needed to push himself harder in his athletic pursuits. Johnson's older sister, Treana, earned All-American honors at BYU in track and field and since she was three years older, Taron was always chasing after her accomplishments.

His family motivation goes deeper than just the athletic accomplishments of his sister.

Taron uses the loss of his mother at the age of 9 as his main desire to make his family proud. Trina Johnson passed away from breast cancer in 2005.

"It was definitely a shock. It didn't seem real at the time...It was just very weird. It seemed like a dream. She's inspirational for sure. She introduced me to the game, and I'm thankful for it," Johnson said to WKBW in 2018. "I feel like I play for her."

Trina pushed Taron to try football at the age of 6 and is his driving force still today.

PERSONAL

Taron (TARE-in) is the son of Baron Johnson, who served in the Air Force. His mother, Trina, passed away from breast cancer in 2005. Taron has a daughter named Jayla. He studied criminal justice while at Weber State.



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A CLOSE BOND

Due to the unfortunate passing of his mother, Trina, when Taron was 9, Taron and his father, Baron, formed a very close relationship that has helped make Taron the man he is today. Taron credits his father for showing him the meaning of hard work and that anything could be accomplished if he worked hard enough.

"If there is something he instilled in me at a very young age, it was my work ethic and learning from my mistakes. That's how I got here," Johnson told BuffaloBills.com.

HONOR FLIGHT

During the 2019 offseason, Taron and fellow Bills CB Levi Wallace participated in the Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight. The two served along with other volunteers as escorts to 53 veterans who were transported to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials which honor their service and sacrifice. The costs for the veterans was covered by the Buffalo Bills and M&T Bank.

Honoring the military has special meaning to Taron, as his father, Baron, served as a medic in the Army reserves and then the Air Force.

THE STAMPEDE

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Inception

NUMBER ONE SPORTING EVENT TO ATTEND:

NBA Finals game

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST:

Drake

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:

Senior night at Weber State versus Idaho. Finished the game with two picks.

PRE-GAME RITUAL:

Pray before the game

FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER:

Rick from Cartoon Network show Rick and Morty

FAVORITE MEAL:

Chicken wings

NICKNAME:

T-Money

IF YOU COULD PLAY A DIFFERENT SPORT:

Basketball for the Sacramento Kings

FIRST JERSEY OWNED:

Dwyane Wade



FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM:

Played for the Sacramento Vikings at age six

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

The Office

SKILL HE DOESN'T HAVE, BUT WANTS TO LEARN:

Singing

SPORTS PLAYED IN HIGH SCHOOL:

Football, track and field and basketball

HOBBIES:

Just likes to chill and watch movies

FAVORITE APP:

Bank of America

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

Hawaii

BUCKET LIST ITEM:

Be able to travel and see the world



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TARON JOHNSON'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			ST				
				TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR
2018	Bills	11	2	41	33	8	1	4	1.0	6.0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2019	Bills	12	7	50	39	11	2	8	1.0	7.0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Bills	16	10	95	72	23	5	21	1.0	6.0	3	1	51	51†	1	7	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		39	19	186	144	42	8	33	3.0	19.0	5	2	51	51†	1	15	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	0

TARON JOHNSON'S NFL POSTSEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			ST				
				TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR
2019	Bills	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Bills	3	2	17	14	3	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	1	101	101†	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		4	3	17	14	3	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	1	101	101†	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 11 vs. Los Angeles Rams, Sep 27, 2020
Sacks 1.0 at Arizona Cardinals, Nov 15, 2020
Passes Defensed 2 vs. Los Angeles Chargers, Nov 29, 2020
Forced Fumbles 1 at Arizona Cardinals, Nov 15, 2020

Tackles For Loss 2 at Arizona Cardinals, Nov 15, 2020
Interceptions 1 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, Dec 13, 2020
Interception Return Yards 51 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, Dec 13, 2020
Special Teams Tackles 1 at New England Patriots, Dec 28, 2020

2020 GAME-BY-GAME REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS (BILLS)

DATE	OPP	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	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR				S
09/13	Jets	P	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	27-17
09/20	at Dolphins	S	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	31-28
09/27	Rams	P	11	10	1	0.0	0.0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	35-32
10/04	at Raiders	S	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	30-23
10/13	at Titans	P	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	16-42
10/19	Chiefs	P	8	8	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	17-26
10/25	at Jets	S	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	18-10
11/01	Patriots	S	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	24-21
11/08	Seahawks	P	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	44-34
11/15	at Cardinals	S	9	8	1	1.0	6.0	2	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	30-32
11/29	Chargers	S	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	27-17
12/07	at 49ers	S	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	34-24
12/13	Steelers	S	7	4	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	51	51	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	26-15
12/19	at Broncos	S	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	48-19
12/28	at Patriots	P	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	W	38-9
01/03	Dolphins	S	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	56-26
2020 TOTALS		16-10	95	72	23	1.0	6.0	5	21	3	1	51	51†	1	7	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	13-3	

