



TYLER MATAKEVICH

LINEBACKER

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235

6th YEAR



DECEMBER 22, 1992 (AGE 29)



STRATFORD, CT



ST. JOSEPH HS



TEMPLE



FREE AGENT: 2020

SHOUTOUTS

- Led the Bills with 13 special teams tackles in 2021.
- Named a team captain for the 2021 season.
- Recorded the first interception of his career against Hou. on 10/3/21 to help lead the Bills to a 40-0 victory over the Texans.
- Finished the 2020 season with 10 special teams tackles, which led the Bills.
- Tied for the NFL lead in 2019 with 16 tackles on special teams. He appeared in all 16 games and also had 14 tackles on defense.
- Played in all 16 games in 2018 and had 10 tackles on special teams.
- In 2017, played in 15 games during the regular season and led the Steelers' special teams unit in tackling with 14 tackles including two deflected punts.
- In 2016, played in all 16 games during the regular season and recorded a team-best 12 special teams tackles during the regular season.



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TYLER MATAKEVICH has played two seasons in Buffalo with the Bills after he spent the first four seasons of his career in Pittsburgh (2016-19). He was drafted in the seventh round (246th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Steelers.

IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'

SHOW YOUR SOFT SIDE

Off the football field, one of Matakevich's biggest passions is hanging out with his dog, Bailey. That passion extends to Matakevich working with animal adoption campaigns and supporting Show Your Soft Side.

Per the organization's website, Show Your Soft Side is a public service campaign that was created to change the mindset of young people who all-too-often view the maiming and torturing of defenseless cats and dogs as a sign of "toughness" or "manhood." They uses athletes and actors to spread the message that compassion toward animals is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Matakevich appeared in advertisements with his dog Bailey along with the message, "Only a punk would hurt a cat or dog."

Matakevich adopted Bailey when he first became involved with the organization and did a photoshoot in Philadelphia in 2016 with Bailey and four other 8-week-old puppies in need of a home.

PERSONAL

The son of David and Kim Matakevich. Tyler has an older sister named Ashley. Has two dogs named Cash and Bailey. Lives with his wife, Shannon.



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BUFFALO TRACKS

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLE LEADERS SINCE 2016

Player	ST Tackles
1. Tyler Matakevich, BUF	75
2. Justin Bethel, NE	71
3. Nick Dzubnar, TEN	63
4. Michael Thomas, CIN	58
5. Nick Bellore, SEA	57

2021 BILLS SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLE LEADERS

Player	ST Tackles
1. Tyler Matakevich	13
2. Siran Neal	12
3. Andre Smith	10
4. Taiwan Jones	6
5t. Tyrel Dodson	5
5t. Jake Kumerow	5
5t. Jaquan Johnson	5

THE STAMPEDE

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST:

Summer Hits of the 90s
playlist on Spotify

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Below Deck

NICKNAME:

Dirty Red

PREGAME RITUAL:

Cleans his house

HIDDEN TALENT:

Cooking



TYLER MATAKEVICH'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	Steelers	16	0	8	6	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	2	0	0	0	0	
2017	Steelers	15	0	9	7	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	3	0	0	0	0	
2018	Steelers	16	1	6	3	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	
2019	Steelers	16	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	2	0	0	0	
2020	Bills	16	0	13	9	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	7	0	0	0	
2021	Bills	17	0	6	3	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	15	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	9	4	0	0	0	
TOTALS		96		1	44	30	14	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	15	15	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	56	19	0	0	0	0

TYLER MATAKEVICH'S NFL POSTSEASON 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	Steelers	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2017	Steelers	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	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Bills	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	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Bills	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		9		0	2	1	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 8 at Miami Dolphins, Oct 16, 2016
Solo Tackles 6 at Miami Dolphins, Oct 16, 2016
Passes Defensed 2 vs. Miami Dolphins, Jan 03, 2021

Interceptions 1 vs. Houston Texans, Oct 03, 2021
Interception Return Yards 15 vs. Houston Texans, Oct 03, 2021
Special Teams Tackles 4 vs. Carolina Panthers, Dec 19, 2021