



# CHRISTIAN WADE RUNNING BACK

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MAY 15, 1991 (AGE 29)



SLOUGH, ENGLAND



ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL



ST. MARY'S (UK)



IPP: 2019

## SHOUTOUTS

- Took the first carry of his football career 65 yards for a touchdown vs. Ind. (8/8/19).
- Totaled 84 yards on eight carries and 55 yards on four receptions in the 2019 preseason.
- Finished his rugby career with the Wasps ranking third in the Premiership's all-time try scorers list having scored 82 tries in 130 matches.
- Represented England at the U16, U18 and U20 levels in rugby.
- Represented the England senior rugby team in 2013 and went on to join the British & Irish Lions tour of Australia.
- After the 2012-13 season, Wade was named both the Players' Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year after tying for the league lead with 13 tries.
- One of four players to join the NFL through the International Player Pathway program in 2018. The others were Australian FB Valentine Holmes with the New York Jets, Brazilian DT Durval Neto with the Miami Dolphins and German TE Jakob Johnson with the New England Patriots.



## FIRST-AND-10

**CHRISTIAN WADE** is in his second season as a Bill after joining the team as part of the International Player Pathway program. The England native spent his professional rugby career as a member of the Wasps Rugby Football Club.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'

### NEW TO THE GAME

As an athlete, Wade has always sought to push himself to the limit and try to accomplish everything he could.

With that in mind, Wade made the decision to retire from rugby in 2018 and focus on attempting to break in to the NFL as a running back.

"I want to look back when I'm 60 and tell my kids and my family, 'Yeah, I had the opportunity to do that and I did it,'" Wade told *The Athletic*. "I don't just want to say, 'I could have done that.'"

Wade moved to Florida to train at IMG Academy under former NFL running back Earnest Byner in order to begin to understand the intricacies that come along with football.

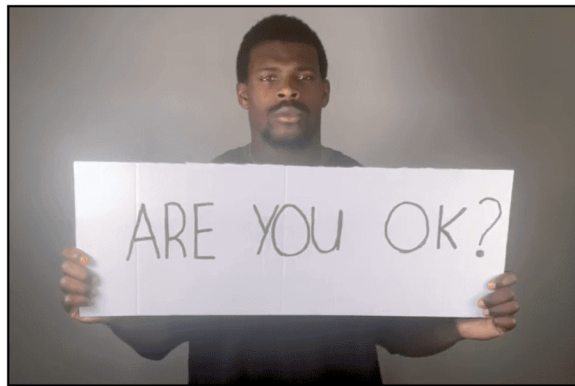
"I know I have the attributes and skills to play, but there's so much more to this game than just attributes. So many people with probably better ability than me, or maybe more ability than some Hall of Famers, didn't make it, whether their mind wasn't right or they couldn't learn at the right speed."

## PERSONAL

Christian is the son of Ken and Arlene Wade and he has a younger brother named Adam who is nicknamed Smiley. Wade lives with his fiancée, Lisa Ramos.



## IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'



### DRUMMING DUO

Wade and his brother, Adam, have a very close bond and have both found success in their respective careers. One of their shared passions has always been playing the drums.

Christian has played the drums since the age of 2 and Adam has taken it to the next level, as he is a touring professional drummer. If athletics hadn't worked out for Christian, he claims that he would have pursued playing the drums professionally as well. The brothers are so close that they even have a shared Instagram account (@officialwadebrothers).

### ARE YOU OK?

Wade took to his Instagram to share a song from his friend, Daniel Pearce, that encourages others to make sure people in their lives are doing ok during the trying times of 2020.

Wade wrote, "I like many others, are looking in the mirror and remembering all the CHALLENGES and INJUSTICES we have faced in our daily lives. This is the common thread that connects us all... UNITY begins with COMMUNICATION. I urge you to reach out to your loved ones today and ask them the simple question 'Are you ok?'"

## THE STAMPEDE

### PREGAME RITUALS:

Listen to music, do speed drills and pray

### FAVORITE LATE NIGHT SNACK FOOD:

Sweet n Salty popcorn

### FAVORITE MOVIE:

Princess Diaries 1 and 2

### FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST:

Drake, Michael Jackson and Chris Brown

### NICKNAMES FROM WHEN HE WAS A KID:

The wizard & twinkle toes

### FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Grimm

### FAVORITE CEREAL:

Kellogg's Crunchy Nut

### FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

South Africa or Australia.  
Wants to travel more

### PLAYER HE HAS LEARNED THE MOST FROM:

Frank Gore

### FAVORITE ATHLETE:

Kobe Bryant



### NUMBER ONE THING ON BUCKET LIST:

Proving to himself that he can play football

### MOST MEMORABLE GAME:

Recording his first hat trick in a match against rival Leicester.

### FAVORITE NON-SOCIAL MEDIA APP:

Uber

### DREAM CONCERT BY ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Michael Jackson

### SKILL YOU DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE, BUT WANT TO LEARN:

How to play the piano at a high level

### IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE SUPERPOWER:

Super strength