



CHRISTIAN BENFORD CORNERBACK

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ROOKIE



SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 (AGE 22)



RANSDALLSTOWN, MD



RANDALLSTOWN HS



VILLANOVA



DRAFT: 2022 (6TH ROUND)

SHOUTOUTS

- Started in his NFL debut at LAR (9/8/22).
- Finished his four-year career at Villanova, playing in 36 games and accumulating 137 tackles, 14 interceptions and 47 passes defended.
- Named a CAA Football First Team Defense selection in 2021. Played in 13 games during his final collegiate season, recording 39 tackles, seven INTs and 18 passes defended.
- Earned CAA Football First Team Defense honors for the spring 2021 season after starting all four games at corner and registering 18 tackles on the year, including 16 solo stops and two assisted tackles.
- In 2019, was named a CAA Football First Team Defense selection. Played in 10 games with seven starts and had 31 tackles (24 solo, seven assisted) to go along with five pass breakups and one interception.
- In 2018, was named the CAA Football Defensive Rookie of the Year and was a third team CAA All-Conference selection. Played in nine games with eight starts on the year, leading the defense with five interceptions and tied for the team lead with six pass breakups. Ranked fourth on the squad with 49 total tackles, including 38 solo stops and 11 assisted tackles.



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CHRISTIAN BENFORD was selected by the Bills in the sixth round (180th overall) in 2022. Benford becomes the first Villanova player to ever be drafted by the Bills.

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Throughout his college career, Benford focused on making a name for himself and Villanova football. However, in the spring of 2021 Benford was also navigating his mom, Christel, being hospitalized. Benford touched base with his mother just prior to taking on Stony Brook. "We were texting and she said, 'I feel good, I'm great,'" Benford told the Democrat & Chronicle. "She was saying she was gonna leave the hospital and I was gonna go home for a little bit to try and see her. They said she was good. I was feeling good, and after the game I got a call and they said she passed away. So I had to shed some tears, but I had a game the next week and I always told my mom that I want to make it (to the NFL) for our family, make the best for our family."

Overcoming the tragic loss, Benford finished out his college career and fulfilled his promise to his mom when he was selected in the sixth round of the 2022 draft by the Bills. Bills HC Sean McDermott knows that given Benford's history, he has a chance to be a special player. "You look at his history and what he's done and what he's achieved when the odds have been stacked against him a little bit, both in life and on the football field. You study that and there's something to that, right? People who have been through and faced adversity and develop some resiliency through their life up to this point, and that usually serves them well here."

PERSONAL

The son of Jewell Benford and the late Christel Perry.



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CHRISTIAN BENFORD'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST			MISC					
			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	
2022	Bills	3	3	6	4	2	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		3	3	6	4	2	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 3 vs. Tennessee Titans, Sep 19, 2022
Solo Tackles 3 vs. Tennessee Titans, Sep 19, 2022

Passes Defensed 1 at Los Angeles Rams, Sep 08, 2022
Tackles For Loss 1 vs. Tennessee Titans, Sep 19, 2022

2022 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	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S			A							
09/08	at Rams	S	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	31-10
09/19	Titans	S	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	41-7
09/25	at Dolphins	S	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	0	L	19-21	
2022 TOTALS		3-3	6	4	2	0.0	0.0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-1		