



DARRYL JOHNSON

DEFENSIVE END

92

6-6 **253** **2ND YEAR** 

APRIL 4, 1997 (AGE 23)

 **KINGSLAND, GA**

 **CAMDEN COUNTY HS**

 **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**

 **DRAFT: 2019 (7TH RD)**

SHOUTOUTS

- Ranked 2nd on the Bills with 8 special teams tackles in 2020.
- Thwarted a 49ers drive with a 9-yard tackle for a loss of RB Jeff Wilson at SF (12/7/20).
- Notched sack of Derek Carr at LV (10/4/20).
- Blocked a 33-yd FG in 4th quarter of a tie game at Ten. (10/6/19) and posted first NFL sack of Marcus Mariota.
- Became the third player from North Carolina A&T player to be drafted in the last three years (RB Tarik Cohen by Chicago in 2017 and OL Brandon Parker by Oakland in 2018).
- Was one of four finalists for the 2018 Black College Player of the Year.
- Named the 2018 MEAC Defensive Player of the Year, the first such honor for his school since 1997 (Chris McNeil). Led the MEAC with 10.5 sacks.
- Posted a career-high two sacks vs. Gardner-Webb (9/8/18).
- Earned All-America honors by the AFCA in 2017 with 40 tackles, 6.5 sacks, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.



FIRST-AND-10

DARRYL JOHNSON was a 7th round draft pick in 2019 and has seen action on special teams and the defensive line. The MEAC defensive player of the year in 2018, he was the first player to be drafted by the Bills from North Carolina A&T since 1966.

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MEMORABLE MEMENTO

After getting his first NFL sack as a rookie in a win at Tennessee in 2019, Johnson received a congratulatory text from Courtney Coard, his former defensive line coach at North Carolina A&T. Coard got something in return that he won't soon forget - Johnson's signed, game-worn jersey from that game.

"That meant a lot to him," Johnson told Sal Capaccio of WGR. "The look on his face, you could just tell the way it kind of touched his heart a little bit. I was just happy to give it to him, and I told him thank you for everything he had done for me, for believing in me, and working with me every day and getting me better."

Coard was proud to talk about his prized pupil, "He was the first one on the field and last one to leave every day. He stayed after for film work. He worked on his weaknesses and acted like a pro from day one."

PERSONAL

Nicknamed Bam. Son of Marsha, a former physician's assistant, and Darryl Johnson, Sr., a crane operator for the Georgia Port Authority. Has a younger brother, Darvaughn, and four older sisters, Keisha, Ebony, Natazza, and Diana. His family takes care of his late grandmother's dog Alpha. Earned a degree in sports science. Played football and basketball in high school.



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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL CHAIRS

In order to try to get playing time, Johnson attended three different high schools: Savannah Christian Preparatory School, Jenkins HS in Savannah, and Camden County HS in Kingsland, GA, where he lived with an aunt. "My high school story is just crazy," he recalled. With minimum film to send to colleges, he needed Camden's coach Welton Coffey (pictured above) to help convince North Carolina A&T to give him a scholarship. "It was my only option out there and I planned to make the most of the opportunity," Johnson said. "I was so grateful."

"CRAZY" HARD WORK

Every day at 4:30 a.m., Darryl Johnson Sr., would routinely wake up his two sons, Darryl, Jr. (12 years old at the time) and Darvaughn (who was 9), to get a morning workout. It involved running with and without parachutes attached to their backs as well as cone and ladder drills. "I was always a guy that believed in work," Darryl Sr. told the Buffalo News. "So that's what I was teaching them at a young age." Recalled Darryl, Jr., "We talk about it now. I'm like, 'Dad, you were crazy, that was crazy.' But it got me here."

THE STAMPEDE

BIGGEST TALENT OFF FIELD:
I can dance

MOST UNIQUE THING ORDERED OFF INTERNET:
Workout bike called a Trikke

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Friday Night Lights

BEGAN PLAYING FOOTBALL:
I was 6 years old for the Tigers in Kingsland, GA

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Martin

PRE-GAME RITUAL:
Talk on the phone with my father for like an hour

FAVORITE APP:
Wordscapes

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST:
NBA YoungBoy

FAVORITE FOOD:
Mother's mac and cheese

FAVORITE CEREAL GROWING UP:
Frosted Flakes

FIRST JERSEY OWNED:
Allen Iverson 76ers



FAVORITE PLAYERS GROWING UP:
Jerome Bettis, Jason Taylor, Kobe Bryant, and LeBron James

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED:
You have to work like #2 to be #1

IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE SUPERPOWER:
Fly

IF YOU COULD PLAY ANY OTHER SPORT:
Forward for the Lakers

FIRST JOB:
Mowing lawns in the neighborhood

PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT:
First in family to graduate

FAVORITE LATE NIGHT SNACK:
Peanut M&M's



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DARRYL JOHNSON'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	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S
2019	Bills	16	0	11	6	5	2	5	1.0	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
2020	Bills	15	0	6	5	1	3	16	1.0	7.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	2	0	0	0	
TOTALS		31	0	17	11	6	5	21	2.0	11.0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	2	0	0	0	

DARRYL JOHNSON'S NFL POSTSEASON 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	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S
2019	Bills	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
2020	Bills	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 4 vs. New York Jets, Dec 29, 2019
Sacks 1.0 at Las Vegas Raiders, Oct 04, 2020

Tackles For Loss 1 at Denver Broncos, Dec 19, 2020
Special Teams Tackles 2 vs. Seattle Seahawks, Nov 08, 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			A
09/13	Jets	P	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	W	27-17
09/20	at Dolphins	P	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	W	31-28
09/27	Rams		ON INACTIVE LIST																				W	35-32			
10/04	at Raiders	P	1	1	0	1.0	7.0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	30-23
10/13	at Titans	P	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	L	16-42
10/19	Chiefs	P	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	L	17-26
10/25	at Jets	P	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	W	18-10
11/01	Patriots	P	1	0	1	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	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	W	44-34
11/15	at Cardinals	P	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	30-32
11/29	Chargers	P	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	27-17
12/07	at 49ers	P	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	W	34-24
12/13	Steelers	P	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	W	26-15
12/19	at Broncos	P	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	48-19
12/28	at Patriots	P	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	W	38-9
01/03	Dolphins	P	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	W	56-26
2020 TOTALS		15-0	6	5	1	1.0	7.0	3	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	13-3	

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01/09	Colts	P	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	W	27-24
01/16	Ravens		INACTIVE																				W	17-3			
01/24	at Chiefs	P	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	L	24-38
2020 TOTALS		2-0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	