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# **REGGIE GILLIAM**

**AGE:** 26 (August 20, 1997)

HT: 6-0

WT: 244

**COLLEGE:** Toledo

**NFL EXP:** 5 Years

**HOMETOWN:** Columbus, OH

**ACQUIRED: UDFA (2020)** 

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## **FIRST-AND-10**

**REGGIE GILLIAM** signed a two-year contract extension with the Bills in 2022, tying him to the team through 2024. He originally joined the Bills as an undrafted free agent following the 2020 NFL Draft out of Toledo.

#### SHOUTOUTS

- Played in a career-high 17 games and both postseason match-ups in 2023.
- Earned AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors following his Week 11 performance vs. NYJ (11/19/23).
  Forced a fumble on the opening kickoff and tallied two special teams tackles.
- Played in 15 regular season games and both postseason contests in 2022. Had 8 receptions for 69 yards, both career highs, and added a receiving touchdown.
- Played in 16 regular season games (5 starts) in 2021.
- Recorded his first-career rushing attempts (2) at Mia. (9/19/21).
- Notched his first-career touchdown reception at Mia. (9/20/20), scoring on his first pro reception.
- Forced his first NFL fumble, which was recovered by the Raiders on punt coverage at LV (10/4/20).
- Played in 14 regular season and three postseason games in 2020, contributing mainly on special teams.
- Made his NFL debut in the season opener vs. NYJ (9/13/20).
- Finished his four-year collegiate career playing in 40 games, while totaling 18 receptions for 153 yards and three receiving touchdowns.

## **PERSONAL**

The son of Reginald and Linda Gilliam. Has two brothers, Travis and Phillip. Graduated with a degree in marketing. He is the first person from Westland HS to make it to the NFL.

### **IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD**

#### FROM UNNOTICED TO NFL

If you want a guy to root for, a guy who has had to scratch and claw for everything he has ever received, the 24-year-old from Galloway, Ohio is your man.

Reggie Gilliam signed a two-year contract extension worth \$5.3 million Sunday.

At Westland High School outside Columbus, the football team was terrible and even though he was the MVP and he made first-team all-conference, there were no college recruiters punching that address into their GPS.

"I won seven games my entire high school career, so, I was kind of like, college was a stretch," he said. "About the third game into my senior year, I got a DM from a recruiter in Toledo. He hit me up and was like, 'Hey, saw your film, had a really great game - we'd like you to come up for our walk-on day, and see the campus.' So I came up and fell in love with the campus, and was like, 'This is what I want to do.""

All it takes is one, and Gilliam walked on to the team and eventually earned a scholarship in his third year. He played 40 games for the Rockets as a tight end, but he caught only 18 passes for 153 yards, so once again, he figured there was no way an NFL team would give him a look.

(Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Sal Maiorana, August 8, 2022)

## THE STAMPEDE

Favorite movie: Focus

Most famous cell phone contact: Josh Allen

Nickname: Sledge

Favorite food: Japanese Hibachi

Least favorite class in college: Anything math related Biggest pet peeve: People who chew with their mouth open

Favorite household chore: Laundry