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DION DAWKINS

AGE: 29 (April 26, 1994) | HT: 6-5 | WT: 320

COLLEGE: Temple

NFL EXP: 8 Years

HOMETOWN: Rahway, NJ

ACQUIRED: Draft (2017, R2)

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FIRST-AND-10

DION DAWKINS signed a three-year extension to keep him in Buffalo through the 2027 season. Dawkins will enter his eighth year as a Bill in 2024 after he was originally drafted by the Bills in the second round (63rd overall) in 2017. Dawkins is the only player the Bills have ever drafted out of Temple.

SHOUTOUTS

- A three-time Pro Bowl selection (2021, 2022, 2023), became the first Bills offensive lineman selected to three or more Pro Bowls since G Ruben Brown earned eight selections from 1996-2003.
- Appeared in his 100th career regular season game vs. JAX (10/9/23).
- Has started all 11 playoff games he has played in at left tackle.
- At NE (12/21/19), caught his second career TD. Joined Mitch Frerotte as the only Bills offensive lineman to catch two touchdowns in their career.
- At NYJ (11/11/18), recorded his first career reception and touchdown on a seven yard pass from Matt Barkley. Marked the Bills first receiving TD by an OL since Jason Peters.
- Starting the majority of his rookie season for the Bills at left tackle in 2019. Also started at left tackle in the Bills first playoff game since 1999.

PERSONAL

Is the son of Eric and Lisa Dawkins. Graduated from Temple with a degree in criminal justice. Has two daughters, Dalilah and Dakota, and a son, Dil. Attended Rahway (NJ) High School. Created and attended Shnow University. Hobbies include remote control cars and drifting for Shnow Motor Sports.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

MAN OF THE YEAR X2

Walk into any event hosted by Dion Dawkins, and one can quickly feel like they know the Buffalo Bills' left tackle. Dawkins is intentional about making it that way, and his team has noticed. For a second year in a row, Dawkins has earned an important nod. Dawkins is again the Bills' Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year nominee. The league-wide award is, per the NFL, "the league's most prestigious honor and acknowledges NFL players who excel on the field and demonstrate a passion for creating a lasting positive impact beyond the game." Dawkins found out he was nominated at one of his community events: his Talent Show, which was a fundraiser for his foundation, Dion's Dreamers. His daughter, Dalilah, helped present the news to an emotional Dawkins. "Honored and extremely thankful," Dawkins posted on social media, "Being the person that I am and all the love I try to spread each and every day. This is something that can't be purchased and can't be faked. Honored to serve my community and the people I come across in life."

(Buffalo News, Katherine Fitzgerald, December 5, 2023)



THE STAMPEDE

Favorite musical artist: Whitney Houston

Favorite gas station snack: Pay Day

Hidden talent: Can do handstands

Bucket list item: Snowboarding

BUFFALO TRACKS

REGULAR SEASON GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

2017 (Buf, 16/11), 2018 (Buf, 16/16), 2019 (16/16), 2020 (Buf, 16/16), 2021 (Buf, 16/15) 2022 (Buf, 15/15), 2023 (Buf, 17/17), 2024 (Buf, 2/2) ... Totals (114/109)

POST-SEASON GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

2017 (Buf, 1/1), 2019 (Buf, 1/1), 2020 (Buf, 3/3), 2021 (Buf, 2/2), 2022 (Buf, 2/2), 2023 (Buf, 2/2) ... Totals (11/11)