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# BRANDON CODRINGTON

BORN: November 17, 2000 | HT: 5-9 | WT: 185 | 2nd year

COLLEGE: North Carolina Central ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2024)

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## FIRST-AND-10

**BRANDON CODRINGTON** was acquired by the Bills via trade with the Jets on August 27, 2024. He entered the league as an undrafted free agent with the Jets in 2024 after playing four years at North Carolina Central.

## SHOUTOUTS

- Named to the PFWA All-Rookie team as a punt returner. Recorded 27 punt returns for 313 yards (11.6 YPR).
- In his NFL debut vs. ARI (9/8/2024), recorded a 53-yard kickoff return, the longest by any Bills rookie in their debut since Marcus Easley's 55-yarder in 2012 (vs. JAX, 12/2/2012).
- After earning a spot on the Jets roster following a rookie camp tryout following the 2024 draft, saw action in all three preseason games and returned 6 punts for 83 yards (13.8 average), including a 31-yarder at Car. (8/17/24). Also returned 2 kickoffs for 75 yards, including a 63-yard return at Car. (8/17/24).
- A four-year defensive back and return specialist at North Carolina Central (2019-23), returned 71 kickoffs for 1,394 yards (19.6 avg.) and 62 punts for 731 yards (11.8 average) with four career return touchdowns (3 on punt returns and 1 on a kickoff return). Also blocked two kicks.
- On defense for the Eagles, recorded 98 career tackles (70 solo), 11 passes defended, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery.
- Garnered All-MEAC First Team honors as a return specialist in 2023. Returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown at Howard (11/11/23) and another 81 yards for a score vs. Winston-Salem State (9/2/23).

## PERSONAL

Son of Brandy Rogers and Louis Codrington. Played at Broughton HS in Raleigh, North Carolina. Graduated with degrees in environmental science and biology.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

### HE HAS A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

Head Coach Trei Oliver, then in his first-year, recalled that when Codrington arrived he was undersized, built more like a "seventh grader" than a football player. He said that the team had many returning players, so getting playtime was not going to be an easy task for the freshman.

"It didn't take long at all to see that the young man was talented," Oliver said. "...he worked his butt off and he ended up getting in the rotation."

As a true freshman, Codrington saw the field as a kick returner and punt returner. He had a punt return average of 7.8 yards, and averaged 18.8 yards per kickoff return.

He finished the season with a number of accolades — All-MEAC Third Team as return specialist, the Phil Steele All-MEAC Team (Third Team), and finished among MEAC leaders in both punt returns and kickoff returns. Codrington said it was a "blessing" to receive the recognition, but he was more focused on a much bigger accomplishment.

"My goal was to become an All-American, so I kind of looked past that and set my goal higher going into my sophomore year," he said.

[Coach Oliver] said he's noticed that Codrington has gotten a lot bigger in the offseason.

"He has a chip on the shoulder and he wants to show everybody that he's the best," Oliver said.

(Jalon Hill, Q City Metro, August 17, 2022)

## THE STAMPEDE

**Favorite movie:** Remember the Titans

**Favorite food:** Spaghetti

**Favorite gas station snack:** Purple Doritos

**Favorite athlete growing up:** LeBron James

**Favorite musician:** NoCap

**Bucket list item:** Skydiving