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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 X3

On December 6, the NFL announced this year's candidates for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award, the highest honor the league can bestow. The award is based on both community service and on-field performance.



Dawkins is the Bills' nominee for a third straight year. "It means consistency," Dawkins said Thursday. "I think that it means someone knows their true self and who they truly are. I think also it means that, to the core, that what's going on is not fake, for it to be the third time. It's always and will always be my biggest honor."

It's no surprise that Dawkins has been nominated for a third time. He's a force in the community, both in the consistency with which he's out there and the intentionality about forming real relationships. "I'm a real piece of this community now, and it's not for fake, like, this is really where I want to be," Dawkins said. "This is really where I'm at. Buffalo is where the Dawkins will be, and where eventually I will rest." (Buffalo News, Katherine Fitzgerald, December 6, 2024)

## 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, 14/14) ... Totals (126/121)

### 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)