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MAXWELL HAIRSTON

BORN: August 6, 2003 | **HT:** 5-11 | **WT:** 192 | **Rookie****COLLEGE:** Kentucky**ACQUIRED:** Draft (2025, R1)**X** **MHairston22****@** **mhairston22**

FIRST-AND-10

MAXWELL HAIRSTON was selected by the Bills in the first round in 2025 out of Kentucky. A 2024 All-SEC second team selection, Hairston joins RB Ray Davis at DT Deone Walker as Wildcats drafted by the Bills in consecutive years.

SHOUTOUTS

- Concluded his collegiate career as a two-year starter, playing in 32 games with 20 starts.
- Totaled 89 career tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and one sack. Added 10 pass breakups, six interceptions and three forced fumbles.
- Tied a Kentucky record with Dallas Owens (1974-77) for most career interceptions returned for touchdowns with three.
- Named second-team All-SEC by the Associated Press in 2024.
- Started in all seven games played in his final season, missing five due to an injury. Totaled 19 tackles, a TFL, two forced fumbles, a sack, one interception and four pass breakups.
- In 2023, earned second team All-SEC honors (Phil Steele, Coaches and AP) and garnered honorable mention All-America recognition (CFN, Phil Steele).
- Started in all 13 games in 2023 and led the SEC in interceptions (5), interception return yards (131) and interception return TDs (2).
- His five interceptions ranked fifth nationally and tied for fifth-most interceptions in a single season in program history.
- Named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week, the Jim Thorpe National Defensive Back of the Week and the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week after tying an SEC record and setting a school record with two interception returns for touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt (9/23/23).

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THE ULTIMATE HYPE MAN

Buffalo's newest cornerback decided to spend his draft night in Green Bay, WI with his friends and family. Throughout the night, TV cameras showed Hairston congratulating other prospects in the green room once they got drafted.

When asked about why the CB went out of his way to high-five and hug guys, he said it's just who he is.

"I'm a very happy and energetic person, and the fact that I'm in the green room right now is just so exciting for me," Hairston said. "The fact that I knew the majority of the guys that got picked, of course I had to show some love...we worked so hard for this opportunity, and to all hear our names called, 'Man, it's truly beautiful.'"

Once Hairston's name was called you saw his electric energy and smile flash across the TV as he celebrated with his loved ones. As the media spoke with Hairston, it wasn't just his personality that came across the screen but his confidence, too. **(Maddy Glab, BuffaloBills.com, April 25, 2025)**

PERSONAL

Born in West Bloomfield, Michigan and attended West Bloomfield HS. Son of Robin and Marvin Hairston. Has three older siblings Alexandria, Madison and Marvin. Nickname is Mad Max. Graduated with a degree in community leadership and development.

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite vacation spot: Cabo**Favorite food:** Steak & lobster**Favorite athlete growing up:** LeBron James**Favorite app:** Supreme**Dream sporting event to attend:** NBA Finals**Favorite musicians:** Veeze & Rio Da Yung OG