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COLE BISHOP

BORN: October 24, 2002 | HT: 6-2 | WT: 206 | 3rd year

COLLEGE: Utah

ACQUIRED: Draft (2024, R2)

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FIRST-AND-10

COLE BISHOP was selected by the Bills in the second round (60th overall) in 2024. Bishop played in 35 games at Utah and was a 2023 Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist.

SHOUTOUTS

- Started all 17 regular season games and both postseason contests in 2025. Led the Bills with 85 tackles and 3 interceptions.
- One of three players (Derwin James - LAC & Devin Bush - CLE) in the NFL in 2025 with 75+ tackles, 2+ sacks and 3+ interceptions.
- Recorded his first career INT vs. NO (9/28/25).
- Took down Jets QB Tyrod Taylor for a 10-yard loss, notching his first career sack (9/14/25).
- Started in the AFC Championship game at Kansas City (1/26/25) and led the Bills with 10 tackles.
- Made 4 starts in 16 regular season games played in 2024. Tallied 34 tackles (23 solo), 2 passes defended and a TFL. Also tied for the team lead with 6 special teams tackles.
- Made his first career start at HOU (10/6/24).
- Made his NFL debut at MIA (9/13/24).
- Played in 35 career games (29 starts) at Utah. Collected 197 total tackles, 21.5 TFLs, 7.5 sacks, three INTS and 14 passes defended. Three-time Pac-12 All-Conference (2023 Second Team; 2021 and 2022 Honorable Mention).
- Played in 11 regular season games, starting 10 in 2023. Led the Utah secondary with 60 tackles (6.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks). His 9.5 third-down stops were tied for most on the team.

PERSONAL

Son of Richard and Vicki Bishop. Has one brother, Jake. Was born in Massachusetts. Attended Starr's Mills HS (GA) and also played lacrosse. Majored in communications at Utah. Has a bernese mountain dog named Buck.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

21ST CENTURY RECRUITING

In Exhibit A of 21st century recruiting, [Morgan] Scalley – Utah's defensive coordinator and safeties coach – reached out to Bishop on Twitter.

There isn't exactly a Georgia-to-Utah pipeline for the Utes' program – last season, Bishop and receiver Munir McClain were the only Georgia natives on the roster and McClain was a transfer from former Pac-12 rival USC.

Utah recruiting assistants, who spend hours grinding on high school video to unearth players from outside their main focus area, presented Scalley with Bishop's highlights.

"They know who I'm looking for – tough, smart guys who are a little bit underrecruited but have the skill set and mindset to play in our program," Scalley said. "You could tell footwork-wise and technique-wise, there was (work to be done), but when he drove and broke on the football, he showed a lot of lateral quickness and physicality. I just loved him as a football player."

Scalley messaged Bishop on Twitter.

"Any other year than Covid (2020), that's not normal because you can go out and see a player in-person," Scalley said. "With Cole, you have to go off what you saw on film and that can be tough sometimes because you then see them in-person and you're like, 'Oh, they're not as athletic as they looked on film.' Everyone was going through that and it's taking a leap of faith and trusting the (high school) coach that they're giving you the correct height and weight." (**The Buffalo News, Ryan O'Halloran, May 5, 2024**)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite player growing up: Eric Weddle

Dream vacation spot: Greece

Favorite musician: Luke Combs

Go-to breakfast spot: The Park Cafe in Salt Lake City

Bucket list item: Play Augusta



COLE BISHOP'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

				TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST					MISC	
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2024	Bills	16	4	34	22	12	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	1	0	0	0
2025	Bills	17	17	85	53	32	4	17	2.0	10.0	2	3	16	12	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		33	21	119	75	44	5	20	2.0	10.0	2	3	16	12	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	1	0	0	0

COLE BISHOP'S NFL POSTSEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

				TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES					ST					MISC	
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A	
2024	Bills	3	1	13	10	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2025	Bills	2	2	14	9	5	2	4	0.0	0.0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS		5	3	27	19	8	2	4	0.0	0.0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

- Total Tackles

Solo Tackles

Sacks

Passes Defensed

Tackles For Loss
- 8 vs. New England Patriots, Dec 22, 2024

6 at Miami Dolphins, Nov 09, 2025

1.0 vs. New England Patriots, Oct 05, 2025

4 vs. Kansas City Chiefs, Nov 02, 2025

1 at Cleveland Browns, Dec 21, 2025
- Interceptions

Interception Return Yards

Special Teams Tackles

Special Teams Forced Fumbles
- 1 vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nov 16, 2025

12 vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nov 16, 2025

2 vs. San Francisco 49ers, Dec 01, 2024

1 vs. San Francisco 49ers, Dec 01, 2024