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RB

CHRISTIAN WADE



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185

ROOKIE



MAY 15, 1991 (AGE 28)



SLOUGH, ENGLAND



ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY (UK)

ACQUIRED 2019

Allocated to the Bills as part of the International Player Pathway program on April 8, 2019.

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished his rugby career with the Wasps ranking third in the Premiership's all-time try scorers list having scored 82 tries in 130 matches.
- Represented England at the U16, U18 and U20 levels in rugby.
- Represented the England senior rugby team in 2013 and went on to join the British & Irish Lions tour of Australia.
- After the 2012-13 season, Wade was named both the Players' Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year after tying for the league lead with 13 tries.
- One of four players to join the NFL through the International Player Pathway program in 2018. The others are Australian FB Valentine Holmes with the New York Jets, Brazilian DT Durval Neto with the Miami Dolphins and German TE Jakob Johnson with the New England Patriots.
- Attended Super Bowl LIII and NFL Honors with the NFL UK to drive awareness of the growth of American Football in the UK.



FIRST-AND-10

CHRISTIAN WADE is in his first season as a Bill after joining the team as part of the International Player Pathway program. The England native spent his professional rugby career as a member of the Wasps Rugby Football Club.

IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'

NEW TO THE GAME

As an athlete, Wade has always sought to push himself to the limit and try to accomplish everything he could.

With that in mind, Wade made the decision to retire from rugby in 2018 and focus on attempting to break in to the NFL as a running back.

"I want to look back when I'm 60 and tell my kids and my family, 'Yeah, I had the opportunity to do that and I did it,'" Wade told The Athletic. "I don't just want to say, 'I could have done that.'"

Wade moved to Florida to train at IMG Academy under former NFL running back Earnest Byner in order to begin to understand the intricacies that come along with football.

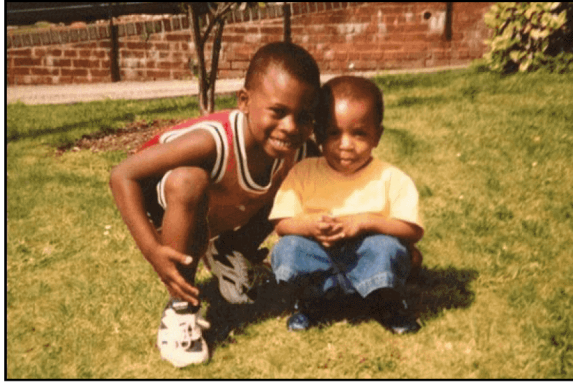
"I know I have the attributes and skills to play, but there's so much more to this game than just attributes. So many people with probably better ability than me, or maybe more ability than some Hall of Famers, didn't make it, whether their mind wasn't right or they couldn't learn at the right speed."

PERSONAL

Christian is the son of Ken and Arlene Wade and he has a younger brother named Adam who is nicknamed Smiley.



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DRUMMING DUO

Wade and his brother, Adam, have a very close bond and have both found success in their respective careers. One of their shared passions has always been playing the drums.

Christian has played the drums since the age of 2 and Adam has taken it to the next level, as he is a touring professional drummer. If athletics hadn't worked out for Christian, he claims that he would have pursued playing the drums professionally as well. The brothers are so close that they even have a shared Instagram account (@officialwadebrothers).

THE
STAMPEDE

PREGAME RITUALS:

Listen to music, do speed drills and pray

FAVORITE LATE NIGHT
SNACK FOOD:

Sweet n Salty popcorn

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Princess Diaries 1 and 2

FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST:

Drake, Michael Jackson and Chris Brown

NICKNAMES FROM WHEN
HE WAS A KID:

The wizard & twinkle toes

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Grimm

FAVORITE CEREAL:

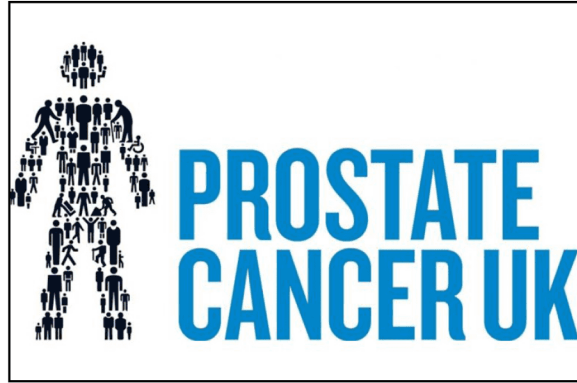
Kellogg's Crunchy Nut

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

South Africa or Australia.
Wants to travel more

PLAYER HE HAS LEARNED
THE MOST FROM:

Frank Gore



PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

During his time playing rugby for Wasps RFC, Wade used his status to help raise awareness about prostate cancer across the UK. After learning that David Kurk, the match day host at Wasps and a former referee, was diagnosed, Christian did more research and decided to try to make an impact.

"With prostate cancer, I know that sometimes you wouldn't know that it's there, and even if you don't have any kind of symptoms or fears, you should go and get it checked," Wade said to Prostate Cancer UK. "The stats are pretty alarming."

FAVORITE ATHLETE:

Kobe Bryant

NUMBER ONE THING ON
BUCKET LIST:

Proving to himself that he can play football

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:

Recording his first hat trick in a match against rival Leicester.

FAVORITE NON-SOCIAL
MEDIA APP:

Uber

DREAM CONCERT BY
ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Michael Jackson

SKILL YOU DON'T
CURRENTLY HAVE, BUT
WANT TO LEARN:

How to play the piano at a high level

IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE
SUPERPOWER:

Super strength