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ZACH DAVIDSON

AGE: 25 (July 15, 1998) | HT: 6-7 | WT: 251

COLLEGE: Central Missouri

NFL EXP: 2 Years

HOMETOWN: Webb City, MO

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2022)

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FIRST-AND-10

ZACH DAVIDSON signed with the Bills practice squad in 2022 after spending one season on the Minnesota Vikings practice squad. Davidson was a fifth round pick (168 overall) of the Vikings in 2021. He began his collegiate career as a punter and started working into the lineup as a TE in 2018.

SHOUTOUTS

- Spent the entire 2022 season on the Bills practice squad.
- Signed to the Vikings practice squad prior to Week 1 in 2021.
- Appeared in 36 games at UCM. Recorded 51 receptions for 1,133 yards and 18 touchdowns.
- As a punter, had 137 punts for a 42.4 average. Had 48 punts inside the 20-yard line with no blocked punts in his career.
- Named a consensus First-Team All-American as a tight end in 2019.
- Finished in the NCAA top-10 in both receiving touchdowns (15) and yards-per-reception (22.35) in 2019.
- Holds the Cental Missouri records for tight ends for touchdown catches in a game (4), touchdown catches in a season (15), receiving yards in a game (225) and highest season punting average (44.3).
- Saw his first action at TE in 2018, catching 11 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns.
- Earned three straight All-MIAA honors as a punter from 2017-19.

PERSONAL

He and his wife, Juliet, have a daughter Jane and a cockapoo named Archie. Studied sports management at Central Missouri. Davidson enjoys fishing and golfing in his free time.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

MORE THAN A PUNTER

Zach Davidson's journey to the NFL is something no one could've predicted, not even Davidson himself.

"I never would've told you five years ago, three years ago, that I'd be playing on an NFL roster, but I've had the aspirations, but it's definitely the dream of everyone who straps up on Friday, Saturday, Thursday to play at this level," Davidson told KSN.

He kicked his way to a starting punter position in high school and began his UCM career as a punter, but he and his dad knew he had more to offer.

"His dad was pretty emphatic that this kid is more than a punter, and boy was he right," UCM head coach Jim Svoboda told KSN. "Any time you average 20 yards a catch and are in the top 10 in the country as a tight end, you have legitimate skills."

Davidson went on to earn the starting tight end job in 2019 and began to recognize that he had the potential to take his talent to the NFL.

THE STAMPEDE

Dream vacation spot: Greece

First job: Lifeguard

Favorite musicians: J. Cole & Tom Misch

Favorite ice cream flavor: Cheesecake

Favorite Buffalo restaurants: Lucia's On The Lake & Elm Street Bakery

Bucket list item: Open a self-sustaining farm with animals, solar power and running water

Go-to gas station buys: Peach rings and a large water bottle

Nicknames: ZD or Z Dave

High school teammate in the NFL: Arizona Cardinals OL Trystan Colon