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DORIAN STRONG

BORN: March 14, 2002 | HT: 6-1 | WT: 185 | Rookie

COLLEGE: Virginia Tech

ACQUIRED: Draft (2025, R6)

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FIRST-AND-10

DORIAN STRONG was selected by the Bills in the sixth round in 2025 out of Virginia Tech. Strong was a 2024 All-ACC honorable mention selection.

SHOUTOUTS

- Played five seasons at Virginia Tech from 2020-24. Totaled 112 career tackles, two tackles for loss, seven interceptions and 28 passes defended.
- In his final season at Virginia Tech, started 12 games. Recorded a career-high 32 tackles and added six pass breakups and two interceptions.
- Garnered All-ACC honorable mention recognition in 2024.
- Started all 13 games in 2023. Tallied 25 tackles, eight pass breakups and three interceptions en route to earning All-ACC third team accolades.
- Became just the second FBS cornerback since 2014 with 300+ coverage snaps to give up less than 10 receptions and less than 100 yards receiving in a season.
- Named ACC Defensive Back of the Week and was selected for PFF's Weekly College Football Team after recording two interceptions against Boston College (11/11/23).
- Played in four games, making four starts at cornerback in 2022. Recorded 10 tackles, three pass breakups and one fumble recovery.
- Played in all 13 games in 2021, making 10 starts. Racked up 23 tackles, an interception and six pass breakups.

PERSONAL

Son of Vera and Donovan Strong. Father is a competitive weightlifter. Earned a degree in sports media and analytics. Attended Dr. Henry Wise High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, where he also competed in track and field.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE

DaLawn Parrish was baffled.

The Dr. Henry Wise High coach in Upper Marlboro, Md., knew he had a player in Dorian Strong, a decently sized defensive back who was a track standout, coming from a state-power football program that has produced numerous Division I college prospects and a few NFL players over the years. But no one would listen.

Never in Parrish's years had he had a player he vouched for who was that good fall on deaf ears.

"It was frustrating because you get so many conversations with various coaches, saying, 'Coach, if he can run this, we'll offer him. If he can do this ...' And he would do it," Parrish said. "He ran a 4.48 a couple times. Then they say, 'Yeah, Coach, he didn't have enough film.' Well, you knew that coming into it. Why'd you ask me that? It was almost like they came up with more and more excuses.

"And Virginia Tech was serious."

In Strong's case, favor fortunes the bold. The Hokies were the first to offer the unheralded recruit. Strong repaid Virginia Tech's belief in him with loyalty throughout the recruiting process, and the pairing started beautifully in his first year in Blacksburg. **(Andy Bitter, The Athletic, February 17, 2021)**

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite player growing up: Reggie Bush

Favorite vacation spot: Jamaica

Favorite food: Hibachi

Bucket list item: Travel to the UK

Favorite musician: NoCap

Favorite TV show: Prison Break

Favorite snack at a gas station: Sour Punch Bites