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# MARQUEZ VALDES-SCANTLING

AGE: 29 (October 10, 1994) | HT: 6-4 | WT: 206

COLLEGE: South Florida

NFL EXP: 7 Years

HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, FL

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2024)

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## FIRST-AND-10

**MARQUEZ VALDES-SCANTLING** (pronounced mar-KWEZ) signed a one-year contract with the Bills on May 14, 2024. MVS spent the last two seasons (2022-23) with Kansas City and earned two Super Bowl championships with the Chiefs. Originally entered the NFL as the 5th round pick by Green Bay in 2018 and played his first four seasons with the Packers (2018-21).

## SHOUTOUTS

- Hauled in a 16-yard TD pass from Patrick Mahomes in the Chiefs Super Bowl LVIII win vs. SF (2/11/24).
- Tallied a career-high 42 receptions (for 687 yards) in his first season in Kansas City in 2022.
- Caught 6 passes for 116 yards and a tie-breaking 19-yard TD catch from Mahomes in the AFC Championship game victory vs. Cin. (1/29/23).
- Joined WR James Lofton as the only players in Packers history to register 25-plus receptions and an average of 15-plus yards per catch in each of his first four NFL seasons (2018-21).
- Grabbed 4 passes for 115 yards and a 50-yard TD grab from Aaron Rodgers in the NFC Championship game vs. TB (1/24/21).
- Tallied a career-high 2 TD receptions at SF (11/15/20).
- Posted a career-high 149 receiving yards on just 4 catches vs. Jax. (11/15/20), including a career-long 78-yard TD catch from Rodgers.
- Led the NFL with an average of 20.9 yards per catch in 2020 (33 catches for 690 yards).
- Played in 25 games (23 starts) in two seasons at South Florida (2016-17), posting 75 receptions for 1,294 yards and 11 TDs. Started collegiate career at NC State (2013-14), where he played in 23 games and caught 44 passes for 538 yards and a TD.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

### PIVOTAL MOMENT

As a freshman in high school, Valdes-Scantling experienced something most NFL players do not. He was cut.

"I was devastated. I remember sitting against a wall in the hallway of my house crying. But my father and I talked it through," he recalled. "I dedicated myself to learning the art of playing wide receiver."

MVS contacted his coach, Rod Williams, to do just that and it blossomed from there. Williams is now the coach at Clearwater (FL) Central Catholic and MVS is the first one always ready to help him or his student athletes over the years. "You have to believe in yourself first" is a message he has delivered countless times.

## THE STAMPEDE

**Favorite wide receiver of all-time:** Larry Fitzgerald

**Favorite food to eat in the car:** Gummy bears

**Favorite team growing up:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**Least favorite household chore:** Folding clothes

**Favorite vacation spot:** My house

**Favorite movie:** Bad Boys II

**Least favorite class in college:** Geology

## PERSONAL

Pronounced: mar-KWEZ. Has a Pomsky named Ace and a Siberian Husky named Spade, who have an Instagram handle ([aceandspade\\_\\_11](#)). Is the son of Marcellus and Tahisia Scantling. Competed in football and track at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg, FL. Has distributed duffel bags filled with blankets, clothing, toiletry items and other supplies to homeless people in Tampa and St. Petersburg each Christmas since 2017. Owns and operates a street-ware apparel company named Sik Selection ([sikselection.com](#)), a screen press company named Craft-Tee ([craft-tee.com](#)), and FocusFuel ([thefocusfuel.com](#)), a natural caffeine gummy. Also does work in real estate. Earned a degree in communication.