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EDEFUAN ULOFOSHIO

AGE: 24 (January 23, 2000) | HT: 6-0 | WT: 239

COLLEGE: Washington

NFL EXP: Rookie

HOMETOWN: Las Vegas, NV

ACQUIRED: Draft (2024, R5)

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EDEFUAN ULOFOSHIO was selected by the Bills in the 5th round in 2024. Ulofoshio, a former walk-on at the University of Washington, became the first Husky to be drafted by Buffalo since 1998 (WR Fred Coleman).

SHOUTOUTS

- Made his NFL debut vs. Mia (11/3/24).
- Compiled 251 tackles (153 solo), 15 for a loss, 7 sacks, 5 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and an interception in his 6-year tenure at Washington (2018-23).
- Earned 2nd-team All-America status from PFF and 3rd-team All-America honors from the Associated Press in 2023, while helping lead the Huskies to the CFP National Championship game. Totaled 94 tackles (62 solo), 8 for a loss, 3 sacks, a forced fumble and an interception. Also captured first-team All-Pac-12 honors.
- Notched 7 tackles, including 2 for a loss, in the CFP Semifinal win vs. Texas (1/1/24).
- Had 12 tackles and forced fumble at Stanford (10/28/23).
- Returned an INT 45 yards for a TD vs. Cal (9/23/23).
- Logged a career-high 18 tackles vs. Stanford (12/5/20).
- Recorded a career high 1.5 sacks twice in 2019 season (at Oregon State and vs. Washington State).
- In his first collegiate game vs. Oregon State (11/17/18), forced two fumbles on kickoff returns.

PERSONAL

Pronounced: ED-uh-foo-on YOO-lo-FOE-shee-oh. Is the son of Steve and Joyce Ulofoshio, who immigrated to Alaska from Nigeria in 1984. Was born in Anchorage, Alaska and attended South High School before moving with his family in 2016 to Las Vegas, where he attended Bishop Gorman High School and competed in football and basketball. Hobbies include reading, meditation, history, and movies. Earned degree in public and global health.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

"HE WENT TO BED WITH A FOOTBALL"

In 1984, Steve Ulofoshio immigrated from a war-torn Nigeria to Alaska to build a better life. He earned an accounting degree from the University of Alaska-Anchorage while driving a taxi to pay tuition. Eventually, he launched "Consumer Care Network" — a company that provides in-home care for the elderly and people with disabilities — while establishing a successful real estate business as well.

And, after following her husband to Alaska, Joyce Ulofoshio earned a PhD in psychology — all while raising five boys and instilling an unwavering work ethic.

"We just put one foot in front of the other," Joyce said. "Coming somewhere where you are looking for a better opportunity, it minimizes the struggles. You have to endure the hard work. You don't see that as struggles, because you know where you're coming from and appreciate the opportunity to make something better for yourself and your kids."

Speaking of, Steve and Joyce's second-oldest son had a speech impediment. And, to quote his kindergarten teacher, he was also afflicted with "ants in his pants." So, to sap his seemingly boundless energy they enrolled him in a local football league.

"I did not know what the journey would look like, but I knew he had a lot of passion. He had a lot of dreams," Joyce Ulofoshio said. "He went to bed with a football in his hand, so you could tell it was just everything to him. (Mike Vorel, Seattle Times, September 2, 2021)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite book: The Slight Edge

Favorite Alaskan-born athlete: Mario Chalmers

Favorite food to eat in the car: McDonald's french fries

Favorite movie: The Dark Knight

Least favorite household chore: Doing the dishes

Favorite LB's of all-time: Lawrence Taylor and Ray Lewis