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BRANDON CODRINGTON

AGE: 23 (November 17, 2000) | HT: 5-9 | WT: 185

COLLEGE: North Carolina Central NFL EXP: Rookie

HOMETOWN: Raleigh, NC ACQUIRED: TR-24 (NYJ)

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BRANDON CODRINGTON was acquired by the Bills via trade with the Jets on August 27, 2024. He entered the league as an undrafted free agent with the Jets in 2024 after playing four years at North Carolina Central.

SHOUTOUTS

- In his NFL debut vs. ARI (9/8/2024), recorded a 53-yard kickoff return, the longest by any Bills rookie in their debut since Marcus Easley's 55-yarder in 2012 (vs. JAX, 12/2/2012).
- After earning a spot on the Jets roster following a rookie camp tryout following the 2024 draft, saw action in all three preseason games and returned 6 punts for 83 yards (13.8 average), including a 31-yarder at Car. (8/17/24). Also returned 2 kickoffs for 75 yards, including a 63-yard return at Car. (8/17/24).
- A four-year defensive back and return specialist at North Carolina Central (2019-23), returned 71 kickoffs for 1,394 yards (19.6 avg.) and 62 punts for 731 yards (11.8 average) with four career return touchdowns (3 on punt returns and 1 on a kickoff return). Also blocked two kicks.
- On defense for the Eagles, recorded 98 career tackles (70 solo), 11 passes defended, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery.
- Garnered All-MEAC First Team honors as a return specialist in 2023. Returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown at Howard (11/11/23) and another 81 yards for a score vs. Winston-Salem State (9/2/23).
- Appeared in 10 games as a junior in 2022 and finished with 24 tackles (15 solo), averaged 6.8 yards per punt return and 19.3 yards per kickoff return.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

HE HAS A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

Head Coach Trei Oliver, then in his first-year, recalled that when Codrington arrived he was undersized, built more like a "seventh grader" than a football player. He said that the team had many returning players, so getting playtime was not going to be an easy task for the freshman.

"It didn't take long at all to see that the young man was talented," Oliver said. "...he worked his butt off and he ended up getting in the rotation."

As a true freshman, Codrington saw the field as a kick returner and punt returner. He had a punt return average of 7.8 yards, and averaged 18.8 yards per kickoff return.

He finished the season with a number of accolades — All-MEAC Third Team as return specialist, the Phil Steele All-MEAC Team (Third Team), and finished among MEAC leaders in both punt returns and kickoff returns. Codrington said it was a "blessing" to receive the recognition, but he was more focused on a much bigger accomplishment.

"My goal was to become an All-American, so I kind of looked past that and set my goal higher going into my sophomore year," he said.

[Coach Oliver] said he's noticed that Codrington has gotten a lot bigger in the offseason.

"The way he's transformed his body is a testament to his work ethic and our strength staff," he said.

Oliver has taken notice that Codrington also has a better understanding of the game from his time spent in the film room. One thing that hasn't changed, he said, is his competitive spirit.

"He has a chip on the shoulder and he wants to show everybody that he's the best," Oliver said. (Jalon Hill, Q City Metro, August 17, 2022)