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TJ PARKER

BORN: September 19, 2004 | HT: 6-3 | WT: 263 | Rookie

COLLEGE: Clemson

ACQUIRED: Draft (2026, R2)

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TJ PARKER was selected by the Bills in the 2nd round (35th overall) in 2026. Parker finished his career at Clemson ranked 10th all-time in sacks (21.5) and tied for 4th in fumble recoveries (6).

SHOUTOUTS

- Completed three-year career at Clemson (2023-25) with 144 tackles, 41.5 for a loss, 21.5 sacks, 6 forced fumbles, 6 fumble recoveries and 5 pass breakups in 39 games (29 starts).
- In 2025, registered 39 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss, 5 sacks, 2 pass breakups and a team-high 3 fumble recoveries after starting 12 games.
- Logged a season-high 3 sacks along with a fumble recovery in final collegiate game at South Carolina (11/29/25).
- Earned 2nd-team All-ACC honors in 2024 with 11 sacks (9th most in a season in school history), while breaking the Clemson single-season school record for most forced fumbles in a season (6). Also recorded 64 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries and a pass breakup.
- Tallied a career-high 8 tackles, with 3.5 for a loss and a sack, to go along with a forced fumble and fumble recovery vs. SMU (12/7/24) in ACC Championship Game victory.
- Tied a Clemson single-game record with 4 sacks vs. Pittsburgh (11/26/24). Named the Bednarik Award National Player of the Week and ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week. Also forced a fumble and had a pass breakup.
- Recorded 5 tackles (2.0 for loss), a then-career-high-tying 2.0 sacks and a forced fumble vs. NC State (9/21/24).
- Selected as a Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year semifinalist in 2023 and earned Freshman All-America honors with 41 tackles, 12.5 tackles for a loss, 5.5 sacks, 2 pass breakups and a fumble recovery.
- Notched first multi-sack performance with 2 at Syracuse (9/30/23).
- Posted first collegiate sack vs. Florida Atlantic (9/16/23).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

TWO SPECIAL HEROES TO LEARN FROM

"I like hitting people," Parker said. "Since 4 years old, I told my mom I want to hit somebody, and she put me right into football."

Parker's parents are the strong foundation upon which he built himself into the Bills' top draft pick in the 2nd round in April. His father, Tommy, is a U.S. Army veteran who served for 11 years, including deployments overseas.

"My dad was my superhero growing up," he said.

Due to his father's military service, Parker's family moved around a lot, which is never easy for a kid. That background provided Parker with valuable life lessons in discipline and determination.

"My dad always taught me, when life sucks right now, the best you can do is just get up and keep going because eventually it will get better," he said.

It also prepared him for the toughest test he ever faced when his mother, Keyana, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Just to see her every day get up and fight. Fight for us. Fight for herself. Fight for her family," Parker said. "It was amazing."
(Andy Young, Spectrum News, June 2, 2026)

THE STAMPEDE

Fun fact people don't know about me: I know how to sew

Go-to breakfast spot: Hardee's

Favorite TV show: Grey's Anatomy

Least favorite household chore: Doing the dishes

Top of pre-game playlist: NBA YoungBoy

PERSONAL

Full name is Tomarrion (tuh-MARR-ee-ahn) Jamal Parker. He and his wife, Azyah, got married in 2025. Is the son of Tommy and Keyana Parker. Has an older brother, Khamron. Posted 12 sacks as a senior at Central HS in Phenix City, AL in 2022. Earned a degree in sports communication.