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ED OLIVER

AGE: 26 (December 12, 1997) | HT: 6-1 | WT: 287

COLLEGE: Houston

NFL EXP: 6 Years

HOMETOWN: Houston, TX

ACQUIRED: Draft (2019, R1)

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ED OLIVER agreed to terms on a four-year contract extension with the Bills in 2023, extending his stay in Buffalo through 2027 after originally being drafted by the team in the first round (9th overall) out of Houston in 2019. His 9.5 sacks of the 2023 season ranked third in the NFL of all interior defensive linemen.

SHOUTOUTS

- Forced a fumble for his first of the season vs TEN (10/20/24).
- Collected his first sack of the season at MIA (9/12/24) on a 4th down stop of Tua Tagovailoa.
- Finished 2023 starting in 16 games with a career high in tackles with 51 (34 solo), 14 TFLs, 16 QB hits, 1 INT and tied a career high in passes defended (3).
- Raised his sack total to 9.5, the most by a Bills DT since Jordan Phillips in 2019 (9.5). Since being drafted in 2019, Oliver leads the Bills with 24.0 sacks.
- Intercepted a pass vs NE (12/31/23) for the first of his career, and first since his senior year of high school in 2015. Oliver also recorded a sack and became the first DT with an INT since 2019.
- Collected half a sack of Patrick Mahomes at KC (12/10/23) and recorded a pass defended.
- Took down Baker Mayfield for his fifth sack of the season vs TB (10/26/23). Tied personal season-high (5 in 2019).
- Had a career high 9 tackles vs JAX (10/8/23) and recorded a sack of Trevor Lawrence.
- Collected AFC Defensive Player of the Week against DET (11/24/22) after recording 6 tackles, 2 TFLs, forced a fumble and recovered his first fumble recovery of NFL career, and a sack ending in a safety the first in a Thanksgiving game since 2013 (Ndamukong Suh).

PERSONAL

Son of Dana and Ed Oliver Sr. Has an older brother, Marcus, who also played for Houston and now coaches at Pineville HS (LA). Has a daughter Ava Oliver. Majored in health while at Houston.

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COATS FOR KIDS

Oliver wanted to immediately make an impact in the Buffalo community after joining the Bills as the 9th overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft and he found a way to do that in partnership with Colvin Cleaners.

Oliver participated in the Coats for Kids campaign, meeting fans who donated coats, boots, hats and gloves during a collection event outside of the Bills stadium. It's a cause that is especially important given the climate in Western New York and one that immediately stuck out to Ed as an important way to give back to his new community.



"Buffalo's a place I'd heard has unbearable winters and I'd hate for a kid to have to walk outside in a blizzard or whatever kind of crazy weather we get up here," Oliver told WIVB TV during the coat drive.

The 2019 edition of the campaign was able to receive and distribute over 10,000 coats to people in need. "It just epitomizes the Bills Mafia and what the Bills Football Program is all about. It's all about family, it's all about one another, making sure one another's straight," Oliver said.

TURKEY DAY

Oliver comes alive on Thanksgiving day, having played in three games on the day through out his career he has recorded at least half a sack. In two of them, he's taken over games. Against the Detroit Lions in 2022, Oliver became the first player in team history to record a sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and safety in a single game. He then collected AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts, he joked that he wished it was Thanksgiving "every day," let alone just playing on the holiday once a year.



BROTHER MAN

Most recruiting experts were surprised when Ed decided to stay close to home and play his college ball at Houston. One of the main reasons for going to Houston was so Ed could play with his brother, Marcus, who played on the offensive line for the Cougars and has served as a mentor and best friend for Ed.

"He's the reason I love football the way I do now," Ed said to the Athletic. "Without him, I don't know what I'd be doing. Every time I kind of veered off, he was always right there with me, going, 'Nah, this way.' I'd veer off again, 'Nah, this way.' When I got the offer for my extension, he was the first person I called and we talked and cried and if it was good for him it was good for me. Words can't express how much I love Marcus, y'all just don't know."



THE HORSE WHISPERER

Growing up, Oliver's passions extended beyond the football field. In fact, one of his hobbies is horseback riding. He has been around horses most of his life and says that being around them helped him immensely in learning to conquer his fears.

"I can tell you, I got over a lot of fear with horses, too," he said. "A couple times I thought I was going to die, and I realized: 'Hey, you've just got to go through it. You'll be all right.' Real life, I thought sometimes, 'Man, this horse could kill me.' I'm overcoming fear just getting back up on the horse and riding it."