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KHALIL SHAKIR

AGE: 24 (February 3, 2000) | HT: 6-0 | WT: 190

COLLEGE: Boise State

NFL EXP: 3 Years

HOMETOWN: Murrieta, CA

ACQUIRED: Draft (2022, R5)

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FIRST-AND-10

KHALIL SHAKIR (pronounced kuh-LIL shah-KEER) was drafted by the Bills in the fifth round (148th overall) in 2022 after spending his collegiate career at Boise State (2018-21).

SHOUTOUTS

- Since 2023, leads all NFL WRs with a 87.9% catch rate.
- Set an NFL WR record with 30 consecutive targets caught, surpassing Michael Thomas (27 in 2018).
- Finished the 2023 regular season with career highs in games played (17), starts (10), receptions (39), receiving yards (611) and receiving touchdowns (2). Tallied 10 receptions for 75 yards and two touchdowns in two playoff appearances.
- Recorded 3 receptions for 115 yards and a touchdown vs. NYJ (11/19/23). His 81-yard touchdown is a career high and marked the third-longest touchdown reception in the NFL in 2023.
- Appeared in 14 games with two starts during his rookie season. Totaled 10 receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown. In two playoff appearances, caught five passes for 91 yards.
- Hauled in his first career touchdown, a 24-yard reception vs. Pit. (10/9/22).
- Made his NFL debut vs. Ten. (9/19/22).
- Ended his four-year career at Boise State with 208 receptions for 2,878 yards and 20 touchdowns. Also had 71 carries for 414 yards and four touchdowns. Named first team All-Mountain West in 2020 and 2021.

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite musician: Rod Wave

Favorite athlete growing up: Julio Jones

Favorite TV show: Snowfall

Unique talent: Bowling

Pregame ritual: Eat a lot of candy

Dream vacation spot: American Samoa

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ADAPTING TO DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS

When wide receiver Khalil Shakir moves around the offense, he doesn't miss a step. The Bills' fifth-round pick in 2022, he's comfortable with change.

"I think I'm just able to adapt," Shakir said. "I'm a military baby, so I moved around a lot. To be able to adapt to different environments – and different people as well – was just embedded in my blood at a young age.

"I feel like that's just carried on me my whole life. So whenever I come out onto the field, it's the same thing."

Shakir's father, Master Gunnery Sgt. Attiyyah Shakir, served 24 years in the Marines. Khalil was born in Virginia, then the family moved to Hawaii. They went from Hawaii to Japan, and Japan to California. With most of the extended family on the East Coast, plenty of other trips were sprinkled in along the way.

Even in new situations, Shakir would jump in right away.

"He's always been a leader," his dad said. "He's never been afraid to (try) much."

Shakir sees a connection now between the big moves and his comfort level when he's thrown into different situations on the football field. It crystalized at Boise State, when someone else asked about his upbringing.

"That's when I realized people always say when I'm in a different spot, I look comfortable in the environment," Shakir said. "I think that just comes without even realizing how much I did move around."

(The Buffalo News, Katherine Fitzgerald, August 24, 2022)

PERSONAL

Son of Ramona Tuamohelo-Shakir and Attiyyah Shakir. He and his wife, Saylor, have two dogs: Penny and Missy.