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JUSTIN SHORTER

AGE: 24 (April 17, 2000) | HT: 6-4 | WT: 215

COLLEGE: Florida

NFL EXP: 2 Years

HOMETOWN: Monmouth Junction, NJ

ACQUIRED: Draft (2023, R5)

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FIRST-AND-10

JUSTIN SHORTER was selected by the Bills in the fifth round (150th overall) in 2023. He spent the 2023 season on IR. Shorter played for Penn State for two seasons (2018-19) before transferring to Florida (2020-22).

SHOUTOUTS

- Started his collegiate career at Penn State (2018-19) before transferring to Florida (2020-22).
- In three seasons at Florida, caught 95 passes for 1,395 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Recorded a career-high 577 yards on 29 receptions and added two scores during his final season with the Gators. His 19.9 receiving yards per catch ranked seventh in the FBS in 2022.
- Notched seven receptions for a career-high 155 yards at Tennessee (9/24/22).
- Appeared in 13 games with 12 starts in 2021. Recorded 41 receptions for 550 yards and three touchdowns.
- Played in all 10 regular season games in his first year with the Gators. Made 23 catches for 246 yards and three touchdowns. Was one of six Gators with at least three touchdowns.
- Had season highs in catches (5) and yards (94) at Vanderbilt (11/21/20).
- Played in 14 games in two seasons at Penn State.
- Made his first career start in the 2019 season opener against Idaho (8/31) and had three catches for 36 yards.

PERSONAL

Son of Paula and JD Shorter. Has one brother, JT. Earned his bachelor's degree in education sciences. In his free time he enjoys playing Madden, listening to music and taking his dog, Czara, on walks.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

RAISED ON THE DIAMOND

Justin Shorter wore baseball cleats the first time he ever played football.

One day in August before he started eighth grade, Shorter was riding with his father past the local middle school where a football team was practicing. JD Shorter knew one of the coaches, so they pulled over to say hello. He could tell Justin, a talented baseball player who had been raised on the diamond instead of the gridiron, wanted to try the game. So the coach told him to go home and get his cleats and come back.

"From that point on," JD Shorter said, "he was in love."

Five years later, Justin Shorter sat in the freshman cafeteria at South Brunswick High surrounded by family and friends Thursday afternoon. His national letter of intent was sent to Penn State on Wednesday morning, so the paper sitting in front of him was blank, but the moment still had plenty of pomp and circumstance.

"That day, if we hadn't driven by the field, we probably wouldn't be here today," JD Shorter said. "He'd probably still be playing baseball. So it all worked out." ([pennlive.com](https://www.pennlive.com), **Daniel Gallen, December 21, 2017**)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite athlete growing up: Calvin Johnson

Dream vacation spot: St. Lucia

Favorite musicians: YoungBoy, Rod Wave & Daniel Caesar

Favorite TV show: Snowfall

Nickname: J Shortz

Favorite food: Yams

Favorite teams growing up: Red Sox, Steelers & Lions