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CURTIS SAMUEL signed a three-year contract with the Bills on March 15, 2024. A 2nd round draft choice (40th overall) of the Carolina Panthers in 2017, Samuel spent his first four NFL seasons in Carolina (2017-20) before inking a deal with Washington, where he played from 2021-23. The Brooklyn, NY native, was an All-America selection at Ohio State in 2016 and became the first player in Buckeye history to gain 1,000 career yards in both rushing and receiving.

SHOUTOUTS

- Hauled in 4-yard TD pass from Josh Allen late in the 4th qtr. to tie the AFC Championship game at KC (1/26/25).
- Scored in his first career playoff game on a 55-yard catch and run from Allen in AFC Wild Card game win vs. Den (1/12/25).
- Scored his first TD as a Bill on a 12-yard reception from Allen in a win vs. KC (11/17/24).
- Is one of just 16 wide receivers all-time with 700+ rushing yards and his 28 carries of 10+ yards are 6th most ever by a receiver in NFL history. Has three career games with a rushing and receiving touchdown with the last occurring vs. Atl. (10/29/20).
- Grabbed 62 receptions for 613 yards and 4 touchdowns in his final season in Washington in 2023. Also rushed 7 times for 39 yards and a touchdown.
- Posted his first career multi-receiving TD game with 5 receptions for 51 yards and 2 scores at LAR (12/17/23).
- Registered a career-high tying 9 catches for 100 yards on Thanksgiving Day at Dal. (11/23/23).
- Recorded a career-high 118 yards on 7 catches in his final game with Carolina vs. NO (1/3/21).
- With current Bills offensive coordinator Joe Brady as the Panthers OC in 2020, posted career highs in catches (77), receiving yards (851), rushing yards (200) and total yards from scrimmage (1,051).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

MEMORABLE RIDE TO FIRST NFL TRAINING CAMP

Curtis Samuel arrived at his first Panthers training camp in 2017 just like many kids arrive at school. His mom, Nicole Samuel, drove him to training camp at Wofford College.

"We were just dropping him off so we could use the car," Nicole told WCNC Charlotte. "I'm like wow, this thing blew up."

Curtis joked that once he saw cameras were on campus, he tried to get Nicole to drop him off to the side and out of sight. But it was too late.

"My mom, she's always there for me," said Curtis. "She's been there for me through the whole way, Little League, high school and college. She's happy for me, and she just wanted to be a part of it."

"We love our mother so much," said Curtis. "We're so close to her ... The things she does for us is incredible. How I am, whatever my mother wants she gets. She's worked so hard throughout her whole life." (ESPN.com and WCNC.com)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite food to consume in a car: French Fries
Favorite athlete growing up: LeBron James

Favorite App: Marvel Snap

Favorite TV show: Game of Thrones

Top of bucket list: Skydiving **First car:** 2005 Nissan Altima **Dream vacation spot:** Japan

PERSONAL

Is the son of Curtis Council and Nicole Samuel. Has a sister, Denisha. Owns a Goldendoodle named Nova. Played running back and competed on the track team at Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, NY. Named New York Daily News city player of the year in 2012 and won the 55 meters at the New York State track and field championships with a time of 6.44 seconds. Enjoys playing video games.