

BRANSON DEEN

AGE: 24 (February 12, 2000) COLLEGE: Miami (FL) HOMETOWN: Indianapolis, IN HT: 6-1 | WT: 298 NFL EXP: Rookie ACQUIRED: UDFA (2024)

FIRST-AND-10

BRANSON DEEN signed with the Bills as an undrafted free agent in 2024. Deen played his final season of college football at Miami and joins DE Greg Rousseau as Hurricanes on the Bills roster.

SHOUTOUTS

- Spent the first five seasons of his collegiate career at Purdue (2018-22) before transferring to Miami (2023).
- Made five starts in 11 games played at Miami. Finished with 18 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.
- Made his Hurricanes debut with a start against Miami (OH) (9/1/23) and had a pair of tackles, including one tackle for loss.
- Finished his Purdue career with 74 t3ckles, 15.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks.
- Tabbed as an honorable mention All-Big selection in his final two seasons (2021, 2022).
- In 2022, registered a career-high 28 tackles and added four tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.
- Made four tackles with 0.5 for a loss in the Big Ten Championship against Michigan (12/3/22).
- Served as a captain for the games against Syracuse (9/17/22) and Illinois (11/12/22).
- Set career highs with 9.5 tackles for loss and three sacks in 2021. Also finished the season with 26 tackles and a forced fumble.
- Made four starts in 2020, recording 12 tackles.
- Recorded a safety on a sack and had two tackles for loss vs. Rutgers (11/28/20).

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Purdue transfer defensive tackle Branson Deen loved the warm, tropical, multicultural University of Miami from the minute he arrived in Coral Gables from chilly Indiana.

Still does.

On Saturday, the 6-2, 280-pound run-stuffer earned the start opposite former five-star prospect Leonard Taylor III — now a junior — in the Hurricanes' first scrimmage at Hard Rock Stadium. And it was a hot one.

"It's going great. Everything I expected it to be — even more," Deen said earlier in camp of UM, which struggled through a 5-7 season last year. "The attitude of the team fits what I want to do. We're shutting out all the noise and just working."

This week, he shared his enthusiasm for Hard Rock Stadium after his first experience playing there.

"I love it, man," Deen said of the stadium that also serves as home for the Miami Dolphins. "We obviously didn't have much time to look and actually soak in the place.... The heat got to us a little bit, but it's something we've got to get used to. We need that heat to be our advantage when other teams come in here and aren't used to it.

"... I can't wait to go back." (MiamiHerald.com, Susan Miller Degnan, August 17, 2023)

PERSONAL

Given name is Branson Milan Deen. Prepped at Lawrence Central and helped the team advance to the 2017 Indiana 6A state playoffs. Majored in industrial engineering technology at Purdue.