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DAMAR HAMLIN

AGE: 26 (March 24, 1998) | HT: 6-0 | WT: 200

COLLEGE: Pittsburgh

NFL EXP: 4 Years

HOMETOWN: McKees Rock, PA

ACQUIRED: Draft (2021, R6)

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DAMAR HAMLIN was selected by the Bills in the sixth round (212th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft. He joined CB Dane Jackson as the second Panther defensive back drafted by the Bills in as many years. In 2023, Damar won the Ed Block Courage Award, the PFWA NFL Comeback Player of the Year and was nominated for the AP NFL CPOY.

SHOUTOUTS

- Collected his first tackle of the season vs DEN (11/13/23).
- Played his first snaps of the 2023 season against MIA (10/1/23) appearing on special teams.
- Was fourth on the team in total tackles with 88 during the 2022 season and recorded 1.5 sacks, 6 TFLs and a forced fumble.
- Forced the first fumble of his career in the 4th quarter vs. NYJ (12/11/22).
- Recorded career-high 12 total tackles at NYJ (11/6/22).
- Recorded his first share of a sack in at MIA (9/25/22), his first participation in a sack in 17 career games.
- Appeared in 14 games during his rookie season in 2021.
- Made his NFL debut vs. PIT (9/12/21), appearing on special teams.
- In 46 games at Pittsburgh, recorded 275 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss, 6 interceptions, 21 passes defended and 1 fumble recovery.
- Played and started in 10 games in 2020, leading Pitt in tackles (67) and pass breakups (seven). Also collected 3.5 TFLs and two interceptions.

PERSONAL

The son of Mario and Nina Hamlin. Has one brother. Earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Pittsburgh. Hamlin was selected as the PFWA 2023 George Halas Award winner becoming the second member of the Bills to receive the honor, joining TE Kevin Everett (2008).

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CHASING M'S

Reminiscing on his journey, Damar Hamlin decided that he wanted to use his platform to give back to others and created The Chasing M's Foundation. His first program was a toy drive in 2020.

He raised money on GoFundMe to purchase and donate toys to Kelly and Nina's Daycare Center in his hometown of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

"The idea popped in my head right after Clemson week," Hamlin told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "It sparked a thought in my head. But I actually couldn't do anything until after my eligibility was done as far as GoFundMe and all that. So it's been a solid week and a half of preparation for the toy drive. This was all able to happen off that short amount of time. That just goes to show the support that the town, the city, all of Pitt fans and the University of Pittsburgh, everyone that grew up watching me and knew my story personally and have been a part of it, that's just a testament to how much they support me."

The support Hamlin has received came in abundance in 2023 and has raised over 11 million dollars and still counting.

Chasing Millions

In addition to the Chasing M's Foundation, Hamlin also has a clothing brand named Chasing M's. Chasing M's stands for Chasing Millions and according to the brand's website, it is "for those who have a dream and pursue it... It is for those who want something more and can't settle to be average."

Hamlin has donated clothes from his brand to his area high school in Pittsburgh, Sto-Rox, and will continue to use it to grow his platform and increase the people that he can reach.