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SKYLER BELL

BORN: July 5, 2002 | HT: 5-11 | WT: 192 | Rookie

COLLEGE: Connecticut

ACQUIRED: Draft (2026, R4)

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FIRST-AND-10

SKYLER BELL was selected by the Bills in the 4th round in 2026. Bell, a consensus All-America selection in 2025, became the third player from UConn drafted by Buffalo and the second in the past two years (Chase Lundt in 2025).

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished five-year collegiate career at Connecticut (2024-25) and Wisconsin (2021-23) with 220 receptions for 2,893 yards and 24 touchdowns in 52 games.
- In 2025, ranked 2nd in the nation with 1,278 yards receiving. Was also tied for 3rd with 13 touchdown receptions and 4th with 101 receptions.
- Became the first player in UConn history to earn consensus All-America honors and was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top wide receiver.
- Over two-year career at UConn, played in 25 games and caught 151 passes for 2,138 yards and 18 TDs. Averaged 85.5 yards to rank first all-time in school history.
- Topped the 100-yard receiving mark 7 times during the 2025 season. Five of those outings were 120+ yards.
- Tied a career high with 3 touchdown catches vs. UAB (11/1/25).
- Tallied a career-high 158 yards receiving on 8 catches with one score at Rice (10/25/25).
- Compiled a career-high 14 receptions for 113 and a TD vs. Ball State (9/20/25).
- In first season at UConn in 2024, grabbed 50 passes for 860 yards (17.2 average) and 5 touchdowns.
- Posted a career-high 3 touchdown receptions vs. Buffalo (9/28/24), hauling in 6 passes for 153 yards.
- Logged first career 100-yard game and TDs vs. New Mexico St. (9/17/22) with 4 catches for 108 yards and 2 TDs.
- Caught first career pass vs. Arizona State (12/30/21) in the Las Vegas Bowl.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

HOCKEY MADE HIM A BETTER FOOTBALL PLAYER

Bell's first love was hockey. The Bronx native started playing when he was 5 and didn't stop until turning his full attention to football at 15, skating as a forward for the New York City Cyclones and the Riverbank State Park youth program.

"Nobody plays hockey in the Bronx," said Bell, who also played lacrosse and basketball. "None of my friends played. They all played basketball and football. They saw me going to hockey games in the morning and were like, 'Bro, what are you doing?' I fell in love with it, and sooner or later, they're coming to my games, watching and supporting."

He explained how playing hockey helped make him a better football player.

"A lot of things: balance, strength, stability, just being able to move your body in certain ways because when you're on the ice, you're not grounded and moving weight faster," Bell said. "Just being able to move your body and lean and do certain things helps me when I'm running routes or have the ball in my hands. Being able to bounce off hits, contact balance and being able to stay up." (**Tim Graham, The Athletic, May 9, 2026**)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite movie: Dark Knight Rises

Favorite restaurant: Any corner store in the Bronx

Dream sports event to attend: Stanley Cup Finals (on the glass)

Favorite snack from a gas station: Doritos (purple bag)

Least favorite household chore: Doing the dishes

PERSONAL

Is the son of Derrick and Danielle Bell. Has two brothers, Damon and O'Shea, and a sister, Dayauna. Has a pitbull named Kazie. Born in Bronx, NY. Played receiver at Taft School in Watertown, CT. Recorded 36 receptions for 549 yards and 8 TDs as a junior. Senior season was canceled due to Covid. Also competed in basketball, hockey and lacrosse. Earned degree in general studies.