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SHANE BUECHELE

BORN: January 8, 1998 | HT: 6-0 | WT: 210 | 2nd year

COLLEGE: SMU

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2023)

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FIRST-AND-10

SHANE BUECHELE originally signed with the Bills on August 31, 2023 after spending the past two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. Buechele originally entered the league as an undrafted free agent with the Chiefs in 2021.

SHOUTOUTS

- Signed a Reserve/Future contract with the Bills to remain in Buffalo in 2024.
- Started his college career at Texas (2016-18) before transferring to SMU (2019-20).
- Finished his collegiate career with 952 completions for 11,660 yards and 87 passing touchdowns. Added 290 carries for 478 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Started all 23 games he appeared in at SMU.
- As a senior in 2020, ranked eighth nationally in completions per game (24.20), ninth in passing yards (3,095) and passing yards per game (309.5), 10th in total offense (320.0) and 13th in passing touchdowns (23).
- In 2019, completed 307 of 490 passes for 3,929 yards and 34 touchdowns.
- Appeared in 23 games (19 starts) in three seasons at Texas. Finished his Longhorn career 403-of-648 for 4,636 yards and 30 touchdown passes.

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite TV show: Jack Ryan

Favorite movie: Happy Gilmore

Favorite food: Chicken parm

Favorite gas station snack: Jalapeno cheddar Cheetos

Bucket list item: Play Augusta National Golf Club

Dream vacation spot: Europe

Fun fact: Is the youngest of five kids

First job: Intern for the Round Rock Express

First car: 2001 Jeep Cherokee

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AN ELWAY CONNECTION

Steve Buechele played baseball for three seasons at Stanford, where he roomed with baseball teammate and future Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway.

Elway retired as a player the year Shane was born, so Shane never saw him play. Elway and Steve Buechele have maintained their friendship. Earlier this month, when the Rangers were in Denver to play the Rockies, Buechele reached out to Broncos GM Elway and arranged for Rangers manager Jeff Banister and the Rangers' coaches to spend time at the Broncos' complex. Elway's connection to Steve Buechele is the reason Shane wore No. 7 at Arlington Lamar. Last spring he wore No. 16 at Texas (because, of course, 1-plus-6 equals 7). He had on numerous occasions asked coach Charlie Strong about getting No. 7, but didn't find out Strong had granted his wish until he entered the locker room before his smashing Sunday night debut against Notre Dame.

To say Elway has mentored Shane in any way, however, would not be accurate. They have met only once, at the funeral of Steve Buechele's father in 2008. "Shane's always admired John, looked up to John," Steve Buechele said. "And I think he wanted to be like that, that kind of quarterback."

Apparently, most members of the Buechele family have a strong allegiance to the Broncos. "I definitely cheered for John when I was younger," said Garrett Buechele, 26, Shane's oldest sibling. "But I'm a Cowboys fan. They stuck with their Denver side and I'm a Cowboys guy."

(Trevor Hass, Boston Globe, April 26, 2022)

PERSONAL

His last name is pronounced BOO-shell. Shane and his wife, Paige, have a daughter (Blaize) and two dogs (Penelope and Boujee). Son of Steve and Nancy Buechele. Has two brothers, Garrett and Tanner, and two sisters, Jordan and Amber. Father, Steve, spent 11 seasons in Major League Baseball and currently works for the Texas Rangers. Attended Lamar High School in Arlington, Texas.