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TARON JOHNSON

AGE: 28 (July 27, 1996) | HT: 5-11 | WT: 192

COLLEGE: Weber State

NFL EXP: 7 Years

HOMETOWN: Sacramento, CA

ACQUIRED: Draft (2018, R4)

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FIRST-AND-10

TARON JOHNSON signed a three year contract extension with the Bills in 2024, extending his stay in Buffalo through 2027. Johnson was the 121st overall selection in the 4th round of the 2018 NFL Draft by the Bills and he became the first Weber State player to be selected in the NFL Draft since 2010 and collected All-Pro Honors in 2023.

SHOUTOUTS

- Returned an INT for a TD at IND (11/10/24) on the Colts' first play of the game, his third career INT TD (including playoffs). He also tallied a sack, becoming the first Bills DB to record a sack and INT TD in a game.
- Collected his first forced fumble of the season vs MIA (11/3/24) after he forced a career-high three fumbles last season.
- In his first game action since Week 1, intercepted Aaron Rodgers on the Jets' final drive (10/14/24) of the game to seal the victory for the Bills. The interception was his first since Week 6 of 2022 (at KC).
- Earned first career All-Pro honors (second team), playing in all 17 games in 2023 accumulating 98 (72 solo), one sack, two QB hits, eight passes defended, three TFLs, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
- Recorded a team-leading 9 tackles, one pass defended and one fumble recovery (the first defensive FR of his career) and first takeaway of season at KC (12/10/23).
- Had a game sealing pass breakup on the final play of the game and recorded both a game-high and a new career high 15 total tackles vs NYG (10/15/23). 15 tackles were most by Bills DB in a game since Da'Norris Searcy had 16 vs CIN (10/13/13).

PERSONAL

Taron (TARE-un) is the son of Baron Johnson, who served in the Air Force. His mother, Trina, passed away from breast cancer in 2005. He studied criminal justice while at Weber State. Has a French bulldog named Deuce and lives with his wife Meghan, welcomed their baby boy Sevyn in 2024.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

MY FIRST LOVE

"My love for the game probably came as I got better," said Taron. "In my first couple of years, I wasn't that good."

As the world witnessed, Taron's natural athletic ability and work ethic separated him from other kids.

"I was a basketball player. I ran track. I played a little bit of baseball. I loved competing, so when I got better, it got fun."

No. 7 comes from a family full of athletes, and he credits his dad, who made sure Taron always puts in the extra work.

"I just remember us practicing basketball when I was a kid and him just telling me how much hard work matters."



Taron credits a list of people from his father, his trainers, and his coaches in helping the nickel corner reach the level Bills Mafia sees him at today. However, he says it was his mother who put everything in motion.

"She was the one who put me in football. My dad wasn't the one who put me in football. She was like my son is going to play football type of thing."

His family motivation goes deeper than just the athletic accomplishments of his sister. Taron uses the loss of his mother at the age of 9 as his main desire to make his family proud. Trina Johnson passed away from breast cancer in 2005.

"The biggest thing she instilled in me was probably my faith. She's inspirational for sure. She introduced me to the game, and I'm thankful for it."

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A CLOSE BOND

Due to the unfortunate passing of his mother, Trina, when Taron was 9, Taron and his father, Baron, formed a very close relationship that has helped make Taron the man he is today. Taron credits his father for showing him the meaning of hard work and that anything could be accomplished if he worked hard enough.



"If there is something he instilled in me at a very young age, it was my work ethic and learning from my mistakes. That's how I got here," Johnson told BuffaloBills.com.

