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KEON COLEMAN

BORN: May 17, 2003 | HT: 6-3 | WT: 213 | 2nd year

COLLEGE: Florida State

ACQUIRED: Draft (2024, R2)

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KEON COLEMAN was selected by the Bills in the second round in 2024. Coleman, who earned first-team All-ACC honors in 2023, became the second wide receiver from Florida State ever drafted by Buffalo (Kevin Knox in 1994).

SHOUTOUTS

- Hauled in 5 receptions for 70 yards at SEA (10/27/24) and collected his third touchdown catch of the season.
- Hauled in a career-high 125 receiving yards vs TEN (10/20/24) on 4 rec (T-career-high). Most receiving yards by a Bills rookie since Sammy Watkins in Week 14, 2014 (127).
- Had a 49-yard TD at HOU (10/6/24) which was the longest TD reception by a Bills rookie since Gabe Davis in 2020 Week 17 vs. Miami (56 yards).
- Caught his first touchdown pass on a 24-yard strike from Josh Allen in the win vs JAX (9/23/24).
- Had a team high 4 receptions and 51 yards in his NFL debut vs ARI (9/8/24) he also recorded a game high 28 yard reception that set the Bills up for a touchdown score.
- Played his one and only season at Florida State in 2023 and finished with 50 catches for 658 yards and 11 touchdowns, while posting 25 punt returns for 300 yards. Earned first-team All-ACC honors as a wide receiver, all-purpose player and return specialist. Also was a second-team All-America selection by Sports Illustrated and Fox Sports.
- Spent two seasons (2021-22) at Michigan State and caught 65 passes for 848 yards and 8 TDs before transferring to Florida State.
- Registered 9 catches for 140 yards and a TD vs. Syracuse (10/14/23), including a career-long 58-yard grab for a score. Also had a 72-yard punt return.
- Recorded 7 receptions for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns at Wake Forest (10/28/23).

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

KEON COLEMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION

"It's always been a thought," Coleman said. "Growing up, always wanted to be able to give back to whatever community I got drafted to and show love to them, show that appreciation to all the fans that come out and support me on Sunday and my teammates. The basis behind it is, I don't have a set cause for whatever individual thing is, but I like the Big Brother Big Sister programs, Boys and Girls programs, after school programs, so pretty much just a variety of different things in the community to help give back to the kids."

Coleman said that when he got drafted, his number one goal was to be able to give back to whichever community drafted him. "The Keon Coleman Family Foundation was established out of a deep sense of gratitude and a lifelong commitment to service. Its mission is to strengthen communities by empowering youth, providing resources, and creating opportunities for personal growth. Through mentorship, support programs, and positive role models, the foundation strives to inspire the next generation and help them become leaders in their communities," the website says.

From the mission statement on the website, Coleman believes that youth across the country have untapped potential and with the right encouragement, that can lead to growth. Coleman has also benefitted from having mentorship in his life and is passionate about providing those same opportunities for others through his foundation.

(Dorian Alerte, buffalobills.com, November 21, 2024)

PERSONAL

Is the son of Ravin Savoy. Has an older brother, Kalin, who has "pretty much been my trainer, my brother, part father figure. He's just been everything helping me with all that," Coleman told WLNS.com in 2022. Named an all-state performer in both football and basketball at Opelousas (LA) Catholic School. Earned second-team all-state honors in basketball his junior year after averaging 26.0 points per game. Hobbies include golf and playing the guitar. Also competed in track and field. Majored in communications.



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SHE DESERVES THE CREDIT

Coleman is the son of a single mom, Ravin Savoy, who raised five children. Times were tough. The streets were tougher. She sought help from folks like Randy Livingston, his AAU basketball coach and longtime family friend, and Jonathan Fisher to help with her two daughters and to keep her three boys from finding trouble.

"He's had hardships that most kids would struggle with," said Fisher, a director at Hope for Opelousas, a non-profit focused on community development, outreach and support. "He made it because of his mom. She did everything to make sure he never got away. She used resources like us."

"It's been so many years of him against everybody else," said Savoy, through some tears. "It's always him against everybody else. No one believed in him. Even them from his home place."

(Ross Dellenger, Yahoo.com, September 4, 2023)

BREAKFAST AT THE WAFFLE HOUSE

"Waffle House is a way of life in Opelousas. I know people in Atlanta take it serious but in Opelousas? We really like that. It's to a point where we an just walk in and the folks behind the counter just say 'hi' and get to cooking your usual order. We have St. Landry Parish (regional airport) and the RaceTrac (gas station) and Waffle House. People from Lafayette come up to us cause they know how we get down in that place. It got to point one day where I went behind the counter had the sleeve on and made my own sausage egg and cheese grit bowl with a pork chop with no fat."

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite food: Pork Cops with rice and gravy

Hobbies: Golf, bowling, basketball and pickleball

Favorite athlete : Kobe Bryant

Gas station snack: Powered donuts

Favorite TV show: Martin

Bucket list item: Swim with sharks

Favorite musical artist: Adele, Polo G and Rod Wave

First car: 2007 Nissan Altima

