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# STEPHEN GOSNELL

BORN: October 22, 2001 | HT: 6-1 | WT: 198 | 1st year

COLLEGE: Virginia Tech

ACQUIRED: UDFA (2025)

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## FIRST-AND-10

**STEPHEN GOSNELL** joined the Bills in 2025 as an undrafted free agent and spent his rookie season on the practice squad. Gosnell played collegiately at North Carolina (2020-21) and Virginia Tech (2022-24).

## SHOUTOUTS

- In his final season at Virginia Tech in 2024, led team with 506 yards receiving on 28 catches with one TD in 13 games (10 starts).
- Tallied a 9-yard TD catch from Kyron Drones in a win at Stanford (10/5/24).
- Posted career-high 118 yards on 5 catches at Syracuse (11/2/24).
- In 2023, played in all 13 games (12 starts) and registered 22 receptions for 348 yards and 3 touchdowns.
- Scored on a 44-yard reception at Virginia (11/25/23).
- Recorded first collegiate touchdown on a 22-yard catch from Drones in a win at Boston College (11/11/23).
- Tallied a career-high 6 receptions for 75 yards vs. Wake Forest (10/14/23).
- Grabbed 3 passes for 72 yards vs. Purdue (9/9/23).
- Played in 9 games (one start) in first season at Virginia Tech in 2022 and caught 10 passes for 134 yards.
- Recorded 2 receptions for 30 yards during first collegiate start vs. Boston College (9/10/22).
- Saw action in 14 games at North Carolina from 2020-21 and caught 2 passes for 11 yards.
- Registered first career collegiate reception from QB Sam Howell in a victory vs. Duke (10/2/21).
- Played wide receiver, quarterback and safety in high school. Had 99 receptions for 2,134 yards with 32 TDs, while rushing for 2,230 yards and 34 TDs and throwing for 1,684 yards with 19 scores.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

### "MOST DETERMINED GUY THAT I KNOW"

At the lowest point in his football career, Stephen Gosnell created an account on the employment-oriented social networking website, LinkedIn. Gosnell no longer could envision a future in the NFL. He tore the ACL in his left knee during the final game of Virginia Tech's 2023 season in the Military Bowl.

For two weeks, he couldn't dress or feed himself. He had only one year of eligibility remaining and faced a long, arduous recovery. The self-doubt lasted only a few days before Gosnell began to research methods to return within six months.

"I've never seen any player in my playing career or my coaching career handle adversity like Stephen Gosnell," VA Tech receivers coach Fontel Mines said. "He is the most determined guy that I know. He has no choice but to have a great career because he's going to do everything necessary. No job is not important enough for him to accomplish." (**Lance Lysowski, Buffalo News**)

## THE STAMPEDE

**Go-to breakfast spot:** Elm Street Bakery in East Aurora

**Favorite household chore growing up:** Chopping wood

**Dream vacation spot:** Florence, Italy

**First job growing up:** Dishwasher at a family restaurant

**Top of bucket list:** Hunting elk

**Favorite book:** The Book of Five Rings by Miyamoto Musashi

## PERSONAL

He and his wife, Kaitlyn, were married in 2026. Is the son of Thomas and Judy Gosnell. Is the 3rd youngest of 13 children in his family. Has 8 brothers: Michael, John, James, Andrew, Peter, Timothy, Benji and Jacob, and 4 sisters: Mary, Anna, Priscilla, and Tabitha. Benji is a tight end at Virginia Tech. Helped East Surry High School in Pilot Mountain, NC, earn the 1AA state championship as a senior by recording 68 receptions for 1,544 yards and 22 touchdowns. Also competed in track and basketball. Pilot Mountain was the inspiration for the fictional town of Mount Pilot in "The Andy Griffith Show." Hobbies include golf, cooking, reading, walking. Earned degree in public health.