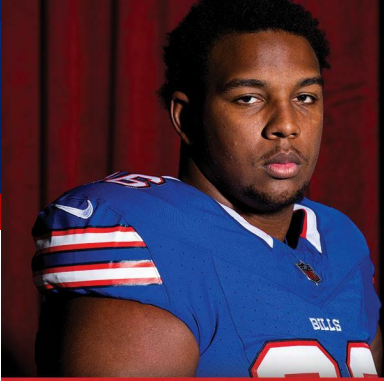




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DEONE WALKER

BORN: March 11, 2004 | HT: 6-7 | WT: 331 | 2nd year

COLLEGE: Kentucky

ACQUIRED: Draft (2025, R4)

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FIRST-AND-10

DEONE WALKER was selected by the Bills in the fourth round in 2025 out of Kentucky. A 2024 All-SEC second team selection, Walker joined Ray Davis (2024) and Maxwell Hairston (2025) as Kentucky draft picks on the Bills roster.

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished his rookie season starting 16-of-17 regular season games and both of the Bills playoff games. Earned his first start at NYJ (9/14). Made his NFL debut vs. Bal. (9/8). Was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team.
- Started in 36 of 37 career games played, including 35 straight in three seasons (2022-24) with the Wildcats.
- Across his college career, totaled 132 career tackles, 22 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks along with 13 quarterback hurries, six pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.
- Was a two-time team captain (2023 and 2024)
- Named Second Team All-SEC (AP) in 2024 after playing and starting in 11 games. Had 37 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, two pass breakups, 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery.
- Named First team All-SEC (AP, Phil Steele, PFF) in 2023. Led the team in tackles for loss (12.5), quarterback sacks (7.5) and quarterback hurries (8).
- In 2022, was named a First-team Freshman All-American (CFN) after playing in all 13 games, earning a starting spot in the 11 straight. Totaled 40 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, five quarterback hurries (second-most on the team), two pass breakups and a forced fumble.

PERSONAL

Son of Deone Sr. and Sanquanetta Walker. Has one sister, Nikita. Was born in Detroit and attended Cass Tech High School, where he also played basketball and participated in track & field. Majored in communications. Nickname is "D-1". Is an avid bowler, with a top score of 289. Has a dog named Kane.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

HUMBLE, KIND, THOUGHTFUL AND DETERMINED

Nearly 70 family members, friends, coaches and former teammates were gathered around Walker outside his home in Lexington, Kentucky, when the Bills traded up to select the game-wrecking big man from the University of Kentucky.

A grin flashed across his face when his name was announced on stage at the NFL draft in Green Bay, Wisconsin. His eyes welled with tears. Then, for a moment, he couldn't breathe. Sanquanetta Walker wrapped her arms around her son's neck and squeezed.

"The emotions were high," Walker, 21, recalled following a recent practice at One Bills Drive. "My mom almost choked me when she heard my name picked. Everybody was happy."

They were also relieved for Deone. He wasn't frustrated or angry while waiting through Rounds 1, 2 or 3. He wasn't resentful that he slipped to the 109th overall pick, less than one year after he was labeled a future first-rounder and possible top 10 selection. Through the praise and criticism, he stayed the same — humble, kind, thoughtful and determined.

They saw the dedication, resilience and humility he carried throughout his football journey — even in the fall when he played through pain, discomfort and stiffness as a junior at Kentucky. He didn't complain. He refused to sit out more games, even though doing so would have explained to NFL teams why he wasn't blowing up opponents' game plans as he did as a sophomore. When medical tests at the scouting combine in March revealed the cause — a fracture between two vertebrae, he didn't view the diagnosis as an excuse or a reason to lose hope.
(Lance Lysowski, Buffalo News, June 23, 2025)

THE STAMPEDE

TV show he'd want to be a character on: Family Guy

Bucket list item: Go to Japan

Cooler person he's met: Rob Gronkowski



DEONE WALKER

DEONE WALKER'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

				TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				ST				MISC		
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2025	Bills	17	16	39	17	22	8	11	1.0	3.0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		17	16	39	17	22	8	11	1.0	3.0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEONE WALKER'S NFL POSTSEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

				TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES				ST					MISC		
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2025	Bills	2	2	6	3	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		2	2	6	3	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 5 vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nov 16, 2025**Solo Tackles** 4 at Atlanta Falcons, Oct 13, 2025**Sacks** 0.5 at Carolina Panthers, Oct 26, 2025**Passes Defensed** 2 at Cleveland Browns, Dec 21, 2025**Fumble Recoveries** 1 at Carolina Panthers, Oct 26, 2025**Tackles For Loss** 4 at Atlanta Falcons, Oct 13, 2025**Longest Opp Fumble Return** 6 at Carolina Panthers, Oct 26, 2025