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KELEKI LATU

BORN: August 13, 2002 | HT: 6-7 | WT: 249 | Rookie

COLLEGE: Washington

ACQUIRED: UDFA (2025)

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FIRST-AND-10

KELEKI LATU signed with the Bills as an undrafted free agent in 2025. Latu, who finished his career at Washington, joins fellow Huskies Taylor Rapp and Edefuan Ulofoshio in Buffalo.

SHOUTOUTS

- Attended both Nevada (2023) and California (2021-22) before transferring to Washington (2024).
- Played in all 13 games in 2024, starting the final 12. Recorded 40 receptions for 371 yards and a touchdown.
- Earned All-Big Ten honorable mention recognition.
- Tallied a career-high seven receptions for 65 yards in the win over No. 10 Michigan (10/5/2024).
- Started the first six games of the 2023 season for Nevada before sustaining a season-ending injury. Hauled in 14 receptions for 179 yards.
- Pasted a career-best 81 receiving yards vs. UNLV (10/14/2023).
- Played in 12 games for California in 2022, recording 18 receptions for 207 yards with one touchdown.
- Played in 10 games, finishing with four receptions for 48 yards and one touchdown during his freshman season at Cal. Was one of eight true freshmen to play for the Golden Bears.
- Had three catches for 36 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown reception, the first of his career, against Colorado (10/23/21).

PERSONAL

Name is pronounced kuh-lek-EE LAH-too. Younger brother of Laiatu Latu, who was the 15th overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft. A two-way player at tight end and defensive end at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, California. Also played rugby for two seasons.

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FOLLOWING IN HIS BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Tight end Keleki Latu has always looked up to his older brother, Laiatu.

"He would always come in early in the mornings to work out (during high school), and it really pushed me to join with him," the younger Latu said. "Even though I wouldn't tell him, I would just do it on the side to follow his footsteps."

The Latu brothers grew up playing football and rugby together in Sacramento at Jesuit High. During Keleki's sophomore year, he realized his potential to play football in college and follow his brother's path.

"He was a really good role model for me," Keleki said. "He really made me want to pursue playing at the next level because he was getting a lot of offers at the time, and it made me stride to do the same."

Laiatu held offers from nearly two dozen schools, primarily from Power 5 programs and almost every school in the Pac-12. He ultimately chose Washington and played in 12 of 13 games as a true freshman in 2019. Laiatu was forced to medically retire following a neck injury ahead of the 2020 season with the Huskies.

"It was really a tough moment in his life and our lives," Keleki said. "I wished most that he could come back and play. I prayed every day. During his time off, I tried my best to do my best for him, so I could prove that I could be just like him." (**Shannon Kelly, nevadasportsnet.com, November 2, 2023**)

THE STAMPEDE

First movie: Interstellar

Favorite snack: Hot Fries

Favorite musical artist: Juice WRLD

Dream vacation destination: Japan

Famous person dead or alive to have dinner with: Bob Marley

Go-to breakfast spot: Campfire Grill