

## FIRST-AND-10

**RAY DAVIS** was selected by the Bills in the 4th round in 2024. He ranked 3rd among NFL rookie running backs with 442 yards while playing in 17 regular season games and 3 postseason contests. Davis, a first-team All-SEC selection in 2023, became the first player from Kentucky drafted by Buffalo since 2008 (WR Stevie Johnson).

#### SHOUTOUTS

- Posted first career playoff touchdown with 1-yard run vs. Bal. (1/19/25).
- Scored on a 5-yard pass from Josh Allen in a win at Det. (12/15/24).
- Rushed for 63 yards and a TD on 11 carries during a snow storm vs. SF (12/1/24).
- Reached the end zone on a career-long 63-yard reception from Allen vs. Mia. (11/3/24). It was the longest TD catch by a Bills RB since 2012 (C.J. Spiller).
- Scored on a 16-yard run while recording a career-long 22yard rush vs. Ten. (10/20/24).
- Became the first Bills rookie since Ronnie Harmon (1986) to lead the team in rushing yards (97) and receiving yards (55) in a game at NYJ (10/14/24).
- Scored first NFL TD on a 3-yard run vs. Jax. (9/23/24).
- In Ione season with Kentucky in 2023, had one of the best single-season performances in UK history with 199 carries for 1,129 yards (11th on UK's list) and 14 rushing TDs. Also caught 33 passes for 323 yards and 7 scores, totaling 21 touchdowns, a single-season school record.
- Transferred to Kentucky in 2023 after two seasons at Vanderbilt (2021-22) and two at Temple (2019-20).
- Per UK Athletics, believed to be the only player in NCAA history with 1,000 rushing yards at three different Division I schools and is the first player in SEC history to have 1,000yard seasons at two schools.

# IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD DOWLEY "WILL FOREVER BE MY BIG BROTHER"

"He looked right at me, and he pointed, and he said, 'Are you Patrick?'" Dowley told CBS News of their first meeting. "I said, 'Yes I am.' And he's like, "Man, you don't even know how long I've been waiting to meet you.'"

In 2007, Davis was 8 years old and living in San Francisco's Tenderloin district when he saw a flyer for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. At times in his youth, Davis was homeless. He says his parents were in and out of his life and he was craving stability. So he signed up for a Big Brother.

"I just needed love, man," Davis said. "I needed consistency. I needed somebody who was going to be there to teach me right from wrong."

And that person was Dowley. "That will forever be my Big Brother," Davis said.

They spent countless Sundays together. From those early Pop Warner football games, through Dowley's wedding, Davis became like part of the family. (Steve Hartman, CBSNews.com, December 6, 2024)

### THE STAMPEDE

Favorite team growing up: Philadelphia Phillies
Favorite running back of all-time: Shaun Alexander
Least favorite household chore: Laundry
Favorite book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Go-to breakfast spot: Champ's Diner in Philadelphia

### PERSONAL

Born in San Francisco, CA. Competed in football, basketball, track and baseball in high school. Attended Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, NY before spending a post-graduate year at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ. Hobbies include reading, movies, and walking. Graduated in 2022 from Vanderbilt with a degree in communications studies and earned an undergraduate certificate in business from Kentucky in December of 2023.