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AUSTIN JOHNSON

AGE: 30 (May 8, 1994) | HT: 6-4 | WT: 314

COLLEGE: Penn State

NFL EXP: 9 Years

HOMETOWN: Galloway, NJ

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2024)

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FIRST-AND-10

AUSTIN JOHNSON signed a one-year contract with the Bills on March 28, 2024. Johnson was the 43rd overall selection in the 2nd round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Titans where he spent the first four years of his career before heading to the Giants for 2020-21 and the Chargers in 2022-23.

SHOUTOUTS

- Recorded his second INT in three weeks at IND (11/10/24). Johnson joins A.J. Epenesa (2023) and Ron McDole (1968) as the only Bills defensive linemen with multiple INTs in a single season.
- Intercepted Seahawks QB Geno Smith at SEA (10/27/24) marking the first interception of his career. He had not recorded an interception at any level (HS, college or pro) before.
- In 2023, Johnson started in all 17 contests and registered 46 tackles (24 solo), a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and two tackles for a loss.
- Started in eight contest of the 2022 season along the defensive front, totaling 22 tackles (16 solo), a 10-yard sack, three tackles for loss and a pass defended).
- In 2021 he started all 17 games on the defensive line for the New York Giants, finishing the year with a new career high in tackles with 72 tackles (31 solo), 3.5 sacks, one pass defended, seven quarterback hits and six tackles for loss. While registering his first career fumble recovery. Ranked fourth on the Giants with 4.5 sacks.
- In his first season with the Giants in 2020, he saw action in all 16 games for New York, accounting for 18 tackles (eight solo), one sack, two TFLs and one forced fumble.
- Saw action in all 16 regular-season games of the 2019 season for Tennessee. Tallied 23 tackles (11 solo), one tackle for loss and one pass defended. Appeared in all three postseason contests, securing one solo stop in the Wild Card Round win at New England.

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TRANQUILITY

Austin and Danika (wife) Johnson love peace and tranquility. They often go to Hawaii and Jamaica, and have spent some time in Turks and Caicos. One vacation the couple went to Hawaii during whale season and went for a swim and snorkeling excursion as people often do when in the tropics but this trip was one too remember. "We went snorkeling like 40 feet from the bottom of the ocean and that was great, until we got out. Soon as we got out we got a warning that there was a 12 foot tiger shark exactly where we were at. Wild times. But other than that Hawaii is comfortable man I don't know what it is. The people there are wonderful, you show them love they love you back. It's cool, calm and just an overall relaxing vibe when you want to get away. Turks is like that too but when I'm there I just chill."

PERSONAL

Full name is Austin Hunter Johnson. His wife, Danika, is a former MVP of the Legends Football League and previously served as the general manager of the LFL's Nashville Knights. The pair have three children together. Graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

THE STAMPEDE

Hobbies: Spending time with family

Mythical Creature: Vampires

Favorite musical artist: FKJ, J. Cole and Luther Vandross

Conspiracy theory he believes in: Piegons are controlled via remote

Favorite holiday: Halloween, because you can dress up and show off a lot of personality and creativity

Video games: Apex Legends and Overwatch

Favorite comedian: Kevin Hart

Bucket list item: Just to see the world. Japan, Australia and Brazil are at the top of the list

Least favorite class in school: English

Favorite movie: Avatar

Favorite anime: One Punch