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CHRISTIAN BENFORD

BORN: September 21, 2000 | **HT:** 6-2 | **WT:** 205 | **5th year****COLLEGE:** Villanova**ACQUIRED:** Draft (2022, R6) **thetruecb_**

FIRST-AND-10

CHRISTIAN BENFORD was selected by the Bills in the sixth round (180th overall) in 2022. Benford became the first Villanova player to ever be drafted by the Bills. On April 2, 2025, Benford signed a four-year extension to remain in Buffalo through 2029.

SHOUTOUTS

- Vs. Cin. (12/7/25), intercepted Bengals QB Joe Burrow and returned it 63 yards for a TD. Became the first player in team history with defensive TDs in consecutive games.
- At Pit. (11/30/25), recorded his first defensive TD after returning a fumble recovery 17 yards and then intercepted Steelers QB Aaron Rodgers on the next drive. Earned defensive player of the week honors for the performance.
- In his third NFL season, earned one first-team All-Pro vote and 10 second team votes after playing in 15 regular season games and recording two INTs and 10 passes defended. Recorded his first career sack and forced a key fumble at Det. (12/15/24). Recorded his first INT of the 2024 season at Mia. (9/12/24). Added a second INT vs. NYJ (12/29/24).
- During his second NFL season in 2023, started 14-of-15 games in the regular season and one game in the playoffs. In the regular season, compiled 54 tackles (43 solo), two interceptions, 10 passes defended, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.
- During his first NFL season in 2022, started five-of-nine games played and accumulated 24 tackles, one INT and five passes defended. Tallied his first career INT vs. MIN (11/13/22). Started in his NFL debut at LAR (9/8/22).

PERSONAL

The son of Jewell Benford and the late Christel Perry. Has three sisters (Jewel, Aleasha & Courtney) and a brother (Sammy). Has a son, Calvin Benford. Attended Randallstown High School. In 2020 he earned CAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, as well as Villanova's Athletic Director Honor Roll. Graduated with a degree in psychology, communications & sociology.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

PLAYING FOR MORE

Benford grew up in Randallstown, Md., a suburb of Baltimore. During the spring 2021 season – the Wildcats season was moved from the fall because of the Covid-19 pandemic – Benford's mother, Christel, was hospitalized. Before a game against Stony Brook, Benford texted with his mom and thought she was doing well. Tragically, he found out after the game that she had suffered a medical setback and died. Loss has been a constant in Benford's life, which explains the heart tattoo on his right cheekbone. Half of it is colored in, the other half is not, signifying part of his heart being gone.

When asked how it could be that he didn't appear as a rookie to be afraid of any situation, Benford traced it back to those Maryland roots. "It's from where I grew up, the city," he said. "I'm going to be honest, when I was younger, I had confidence, but it was more so that I just wasn't afraid of anything. As I got older, I learned more about how to be more confident and continue to not be afraid. I continuously kept my confidence high. Regardless if you're first round, undrafted, sixth round, your confidence has to stay the same. My mindset (is) going to stay the same. I felt I could ball. I felt I could be the best. Regardless of the situation, my confidence always has me feeling that way."

(Buffalo News, Jay Skurski, June 11, 2023)

STYLISH SAFARI

(In March '25) Benford released his first children's book, *Stylish Safari The Adventures of Being You*. "I just wanted kids to have their own creativity," said Benford. "I'm always big on just being you, not trying to be somebody else, and whatever you like, you staying on it. It's not about what others like, it's what you feel."

THE STAMPEDE

Pregame ritual: Eat a Fruit Roll-Ups

Favorite food: Seafood

Favorite movie: Little Giants & Transformers

Favorite TV show: Good Times

Favorite musical artist: Honcho

Bucket list item: Sky diving

Skill he wants to learn: How to sing



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CHRISTIAN BENFORD'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
2022	Bills	9	5	24	17	7	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	1	35	35	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Bills	15	14	54	43	11	3	4	0.0	0.0	0	2	8	8	0	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	Bills	15	15	63	49	14	3	17	1.0	8.0	1	2	30	24	0	10	2	1	0	43	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2025	Bills	14	14	43	32	11	4	26	2.0	14.0	2	2	63	63	1	4	0	2	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		53	48	184	141	43	11	51	3.0	22.0	3	7	136	63	1	29	4	4	1	66	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

CHRISTIAN BENFORD'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
2022	Bills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Bills	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	Bills	3	3	11	7	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2025	Bills	2	2	5	4	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		6	6	17	12	5	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles 9 vs. New York Giants, Oct 15, 2023
Solo Tackles 8 vs. New York Giants, Oct 15, 2023
Sacks 1.0 vs. Kansas City Chiefs, Nov 02, 2025
Passes Defensed 3 vs. Minnesota Vikings, Nov 13, 2022
Forced Fumbles 1 at Detroit Lions, Dec 15, 2024

Fumble Recoveries 1 at Pittsburgh Steelers, Nov 30, 2025
Tackles For Loss 1 vs. Kansas City Chiefs, Nov 02, 2025
Interceptions 1 vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Dec 07, 2025
Interception Return Yards 35 vs. Minnesota Vikings, Nov 13, 2022
Special Teams Tackles 1 vs. New York Jets, Dec 29, 2024