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KRISTIAN WILKERSON

BORN: January 10, 1997 | HT: 6-1 | WT: 214 | 4th year

COLLEGE: SE Missouri State ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2025)

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FIRST-AND-10

KRISTIAN WILKERSON signed with the Bills on May 20, 2025. Wilkerson originally entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent of the Tennessee Titans in 2020 before being signed by the Patriots (2020-22). He spent the 2023-24 seasons with the Raiders in addition to spending a part of 2023 on the Colts practice squad.

SHOUTOUTS

- Has appeared in nine career games with two starts during his time with the New England Patriots (2020-22) and Las Vegas Raiders (2023-24), recording six receptions for 60 yards and three touchdowns.
- In 2023-24 with the Raiders he played in five games and caught one touchdown pass vs. PIT (10/13/24).
- With the Patriots in 2021 he spent most of the season on the practice squad and was elevated to the active roster for three games, making one start. Recorded four receptions for 42 yards and two touchdowns.
- Made his first NFL start vs JAX (1/2/22) and recorded a career-high four receptions for 42 yards and two touchdowns. Caught his first NFL touchdown on a 6-yard pass from QB Mac Jones, then caught his second touchdown pass on a 20-yard pass in the third quarter.
- Played at Southeast Missouri State (2015-19), where he appeared in 47 games with 43 starts and totaled 219 receptions for 3,540 yards with 33 touchdowns. Set school records in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. As a senior in 2019, started all 13 games and recorded a career-high 71 receptions for a career-high 1,350 yards and 10 touchdowns. As a junior in 2018, started 13 games and led the team with 61 receptions for 894 yards and a career-high 14 touchdowns.

PERSONAL

Attended Craigmont High School in Memphis, TN where he totaled 155 receptions for 2,403 yards and 36 touchdowns during his prep career.

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HOOP DREAMS

Wilkerson credits one of his high school coaches at Craigmont High School in Memphis, Tennessee, for a realization he could play football at the college level. "My coach in high school told me that I was going to be able to go to college playing football because I really stopped playing when I got to high school," Wilkerson said. "He was like, 'You can go to college,' and that's when I realized I needed to take it serious."

As committed as he was to football back then, Wilkerson was a two-sport athlete. "I played basketball actually. I'm from a basketball city so basketball is like pretty much the way to go," Wilkerson said. In high school, Wilkerson didn't favor one sport over the other. Wilkerson chose Southeast, in part, because he saw a former Redhawk being noticed by the NFL.

"I saw they had a great receiver getting scouted by [the] NFL, so I wanted to come through," Wilkerson said. "That was my goal coming in, to go to the NFL or have a shot at least." He said he never doubted if football was for him. "I just loved the game because everyone played it," Wilkerson said. "I played it growing up so I said, 'Why not continue playing?'"

The NFL may have been his motivation for college ball, but LeBron James is the reason Wilkerson wears number six. "I love LeBron James. That's kind of why I wear number six since he wears number six," Wilkerson said.

(Clay Herrell, southeastarrow.com, Oct. 25, 2019)

THE STAMPEDE

Go-to breakfast spot: Waffle House

Favorite food: Collard Greens

Dream sporting event: Wimbledon

Fun fact: Played o-line when he was younger

Bucket list item: Go to space

Famous person to have dinner with: Michael Jackson

Favorite movie: He Got Game

