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JOEY BOSA

BORN: July 11, 1995 | HT: 6-5 | WT: 280 | 10th year

COLLEGE: Ohio State

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2025)

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FIRST-AND-10

JOEY BOSA signed a one-year contract with the Bills in 2025. A five-time Pro Bowl selection and the NFL's defensive rookie of the year in 2016, Bosa registered 72 sacks in 107 regular season games with the Chargers from 2016-24. He was the 3rd overall selection of San Diego in the 2016 draft after earning All-America honors at Ohio State in both 2014 and 2015.

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished tenure with the Chargers ranked 2nd in franchise history with 72 sacks behind only Leslie O'Neal (105.5).
- During nine-year stint in San Diego/Los Angeles, posted 343 tackles, 157 QB hits, 87 tackles for loss, 17 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries.
- Set an NFL record for most sacks by a player in their first 20 games with 19.
- Posted 50th career sack in his 67th game, becoming the fastest Charger to reach 50 sacks in team history.
- Led the NFL with 7 strip sacks in 2021, which was the most by any player in a season since 2010.
- Posted 10+ sacks in 3 of first 4 NFL seasons, trailing only Hall of Fame pass rushers Dwight Freeney, Derrick Thomas, and Reggie White (all did so in each of their first 4 seasons).
- Recorded a career-high 3 sacks of Josh Allen as well as a fumble recovery at Buf. (11/29/20).
- In final season with the Chargers in 2024, tallied 5 sacks among his 22 tackles, along with 13 QB hits, 2 forced fumbles in 14 games. Earned 5th career Pro Bowl appearance. Tallied a sack in the AFC Wild Card game at Hou. (1/11/25).
- In 2016, earned NFL defensive rookie of the year honors from the Associated Press with 10.5 sacks in 12 games. Became the first Chargers rookie since 2005 (Shawne Merriman) to record double-digit sacks.

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GAME OF THRONES CAMEO

In the 2019 offseason, Bosa appeared as an extra in the final season of "Game of Thrones." He flew to Belfast, Northern Ireland. "It was a lot of work and time. It was freezing cold in Belfast in the middle of the night," he recalled.

TYPICAL BROTHERLY LOVE

Nick Bosa grew up with no choice but to tussle with his brother, who is 27 months older. Their backyard recreation invariably became competitive and physical, from the trampoline to the basketball hoop in the swimming pool. Games often ended with Nick returning to the house in tears. And on the rare occasions when Nick won, well, Joey was not the most gracious loser. "I was a total a—hole," Joey said. "I would just beat him up if I lost. It probably toughened him up, for sure."

Joey and Nick were three grades apart, so they spent only one season as teammates. That was in 2012 at St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale, Fl, when Joey was a senior and Nick was a 215-pound freshman, holding his own as the varsity nose tackle. **(Ron Kroichick, SF Chronicle, Dec. 7, 2019)**

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite restaurant: French Laundry in California

Favorite athlete growing up: Peyton Manning

Favorite movie: There Will Be Blood

Fun fact: Has 2 different colored eyes

Dream sporting event to attend: The Masters

Favorite musical artist: Deftones

Favorite snack from a gas station: Popcorn

PERSONAL

He and his fiancée, Amanda, have a dog named Sasha. Is the son of John and Cheryl Bosa. John played with the Dolphins from 1987-90. His younger, brother, Nick, is a Pro Bowl defensive end for the 49ers. His cousin, Jake Kumerow, played wide receiver for the Bills from 2020-22. His uncle, Eric Kumerow, played linebacker for the Dolphins and Bears. Competed in football and basketball at St. Thomas Aquinas HS in Fort Lauderdale, FL.