



MIKE EDWARDS

AGE: 27 (May 18, 1996) | HT: 5-10 | WT: 205

COLLEGE: Kentucky

NFL EXP: 6 Years

HOMETOWN: Cincinnati, OH

ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2024)

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FIRST-AND-10

MIKE EDWARDS signed a one-year contract with the Bills on March 20, 2024. Edwards originally entered the NFL in 2019 as a third round pick (99th overall) by Tampa Bay. He has played for the Buccaneers (2019-22) and Chiefs (2023).

SHOUTOUTS

- Since 2021, is tied for second in the NFL with four defensive TDs (three INT TDs and one FR TD).
- A member of the Chiefs Super Bowl LVIII winning team, played in 17 regular season games (five starts) and started all four playoff games.
- Intercepted QB Tua Tagovailoa in the Wild Card round vs. Mia. (1/13/24), notching his third career playoff INT.
- Recorded his fourth career defensive touchdown at LAC (1/7/24), recovering a fumble and returning it 97 yards, marking the NFL's longest fumble recovery TD in 2023 and the third-longest in Chiefs franchise history.
- Started 12-of-13 games played in 2022 for Tampa Bay. Made 82 tackles (52 solo), one sack, two INTs (including one INT TDs), three passes defended, two QB hits and three TFLs.
- In 2021, played in 14 games (four starts). Played in both of Tampa Bay's playoff games, making one start, and recording 10 tackles and an INT.
- Earned NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors after returning two interceptions for touchdowns in Week 2 of the 2021 season vs. Atl. (9/19/21).
- Played in all 16 games in during the 2020 regular season and four games during the playoffs while helping the Buccaneers win Super Bowl LV, contributing on both defense and special teams. Tallied an interception in the divisional round at NO (1/17/21) and earned a start in the conference championship at GB (1/24/21).
- During his rookie season in 2019, started 7-of-15 games played for Tampa Bay.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HERD

A TOUCH OF PINK

Watch some old games of Mike Edwards playing at Kentucky and then Tampa Bay and you'll undoubtedly see Edwards wearing a pink mouthpiece. He did that to honor his aunt, Angie Evans, who died of breast cancer in 2013.

It was important for him to bring that tribute with him to the NFL. "It means a lot to me," he told Draftwire. "That was my mom's sister, and it hit us pretty hard. My family struggled with her passing. It was tough for us. I just always want to remember her and honor her memory. I wear pink gloves throughout the month of October as well."
(The Enquirer, Kyle Brown, February 1, 2021)

ALWAYS SMILING

"It makes me proud that I was able to push him and prepare him for some of the things he wanted to do going forward in life," Andre Parker, Edwards high school football coach, told WCPO. "Mike was a kid — it didn't matter how much you pushed him he was going to smile. It was like no matter how much you run us, how much we're lifting, I'm going to enjoy today, coach. He made it fun for me."

His father, Mike Edwards Jr., reflected on Edwards' football journey, recalling the Winton Woods practices and helping his son buy football equipment. Edwards, who still has his letterman jackets and Winton Woods T-shirts, committed to maintaining his academics after a rigorous practice schedule. "Great player, great athlete, hard worker," Winton Woods athletic director David Lumpkin said. "He's one of the guys you knew was going to the NFL."
(WCPO, Mike Dyer, February 8, 2024)

PERSONAL

Son of Terri and Mike Edwards Jr., he has two sisters. Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a CSI or FBI agent. Nickname is 'The Badger'. Graduated from Kentucky with a degree in family science. Attended Winton Woods (OH) High School, where he also played baseball, basketball and participated in track & field.