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DEWAYNE CARTER

AGE: 24 (December 10, 2000) | HT: 6-2 | WT: 302

COLLEGE: Duke

NFL EXP: Rookie

HOMETOWN: Pickerington, OH

ACQUIRED: Draft (2024, R3)

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FIRST-AND-10

DEWAYNE CARTER was selected by the Bills in the third round in 2024. Carter is the first player the Bills have drafted out of Duke since Ross Cockrell in 2014.

SHOUTOUTS

- Concluded his rookie regular season having played in 11 games (3 starts), accumulating 14 tackles (11 solo), 3 QB hits and 5 TFLs.
- Made his NFL debut vs. Arz. (9/8/24).
- Played in 52 games during his five years (2019-23) at Duke. Was a team captain for three consecutive years (2021-23), becoming the first player in school history to do so. Totaled 126 tackles (48 solo), 25 TFLs, 12 sacks, 11 passes defended, seven forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries.
- Played in all 13 games in 2023, making 41 tackles (10 solo), 3.5 TFLs, one sack, four passes defended, one fumble recovery & blocked a punt. Was named a Phil Steele Publications All-America selection and was a First Team All-ACC recipient. In 2022, started all 13 games and tallied 36 tackles, with a team-best 11.0 TFL and 5.5 sacks. Added four PBU, three caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries and five QB pressures.
- In 2021, started 12 games, compiling 37 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, three PBU, six QB hurries and four forced fumbles. Finished first in the ACC and tied for 11th in the nation in forced fumbles, while placing second on the team in both TFL and sacks. In 2020, played in all 11 games, totaling 12 tackles, 3.0 TFL and 1.0 sack.

PERSONAL

Son of Kristin and DeWayne Carter Sr. His father, DeWayne Sr., played college football at Ohio State (1993-95). Graduated with a degree in psychology and a minor in education/theatre. Attended Pickerington Central (OH) HS, where he also played baseball. Interested in being a teacher/community worker after football.

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MAKING AN IMPACT

"The way I model myself," Carter addresses the awards that have come his way as the result of his community service. "I truly believe that God put me here to be a servant and leader, to give people my time — to "donate" my time. I truly believe time is the biggest thing you can give someone. Especially with the younger generation. Especially with the Durham population. Round here, there's a lot of black kids and they just see that you're at Duke and you're excelling, that you're successful. That representation means the world. It's pretty cool and rewarding to know that I'm making an impact." (CFN, Oliver Hodgkinson, June 22, 2023)

A FOOTBALL FAMILY

His father, DeWayne Sr., was a star for the Buckeyes throughout the early nineties. His uncle and grandfather, both named Raymond, played college football for Notre Dame and Youngstown State, respectively. Another uncle, John Carter, played at Western Kentucky. In other words, Carter comes from an accomplished football family and grew up with one of the country's most storied programs on the other side of town. "It was never pushed on me," Carter said. "Which is funny to say because I wasn't allowed to play football until sixth grade." His father originally insisted that he couldn't play until ninth grade. "My mom told him: 'Listen, he's not gonna suck when he gets to high school, he needs at least a couple of years,'" Carter said. "So we got down to sixth grade. But after then, he became the coach of my first team, and then it kind of took off from there." It certainly did. Carter lettered all four years at Pickerington Central and led his team to the Division I state semifinals on three occasions. (The Chronicle, Andrew Long, September 1, 2022)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite TV show: Money Heist

First car: 1999 Honda Accord

Fun fact: Loves Disney movies

First job: Soccer referee

First food: Ribeye steak