



10 JACOB RODRIGUEZ

ILB | 6'1" | 235 | TEXAS TECH '26

NFL EXP. R | DOLPHINS EXP. R | BORN 09/06/02 | ACQUIRED D2, '26

HOMETOWN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- 2nd-round pick (43rd overall) by Miami in the 2026 NFL Draft.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (TEXAS TECH):

- 4-year letterman (2021-22, 2024-25), 2-year starter and 2-year team captain (2024-25).
- Transferred from Virginia to Texas Tech after the 2021 season.
- Started his collegiate career as a quarterback before transitioning to linebacker.

CAREER: Played in 56 games with 32 starts; 316 tackles (178 solo), 6.0 sacks, 25.5 tackles for loss, 6 interceptions, 12 passes defended, 13 forced fumbles and 5 fumble recoveries; 2 fumble recoveries returned for TDs; 12 carries for 59 yards (4.9 avg.) and 2 TDs; 8 receptions for 65 yards (8.1 avg.).

- First FBS player since 2005 to record at least 300 career tackles, 10 forced fumbles, five interceptions and five fumble recoveries in a career.

SENIOR (2025 AT TEXAS TECH): Started all 14 games; 128 tackles (63 solo), 1.0 sack, 11.0 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions, 6 passes defended, 7 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 fumble recovery returned for TD; 2 carries for 3 yards (1.5 avg.) and 2 TDs.

- Led the Red Raiders to their first Big 12 title and College Football Playoff appearance.
- Unanimous All-American.
- Became the second Texas Tech linebacker to be recognized as a unanimous All-America, joining Hall of Famer Zach Thomas.
- Chuck Bednarik Award winner.
- Butkus Award winner.
- Lombardi Award winner.
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner.
- Heisman Trophy finalist, finishing fifth in voting.
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist.
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the first player in Texas Tech history to receive the recognition.
- 1st-team All-Big 12.
- Big 12 Championship Defensive Player of the Game.
- Led the FBS with 7 forced fumbles and finished 12th in the nation with 128 tackles.
- Served as team captain.

REDSHIRT JUNIOR (2024 AT TEXAS TECH): Started all 13 games; 127 tackles (77 solo), 5.0 sacks, 10.5 tackles for loss, 1 interception, 4 passes defended, 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 fumble recovery ILB returned for TD.

- 1st-team All-Big 12, becoming the first Red Raider linebacker to earn the honor since Jordyn Brooks in 2019.
- His 77 solo tackles were 3rd in the FBS, while his 127 total stops ranked 7th.
- Served as team captain.

JUNIOR (2023 AT TEXAS TECH): Played in 5 games with 4 starts; 32 tackles (21 solo), 1.0 tackle for loss, 1 interception, 2 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery

- Missed significant time due to an injury suffered in Texas Tech's season opener.
- Redshirted.

SOPHOMORE (2022 AT TEXAS TECH): Played in 12 games; 29 tackles (17 solo), 3.0 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

- Transferred to Texas Tech and transitioned to linebacker.

TRUE FRESHMAN (2021 AT VIRGINIA): Played in all 12 games; 10 carries for 56 yards (5.6 avg.) and 8 receptions for 65 yards (8.1 avg.).

- Was utilized as a quarterback, but saw action as a wide receiver, tight end and running back.

HIGH SCHOOL (RIDER HS - WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS):

- Played quarterback and safety.
- Passed for 7,085 yards and 68 touchdowns, totaled 3,051 rushing yards and 38 scores in his high school career.
- Helped his team to the Texas 5A state semifinals in his sophomore and senior seasons.
- Also played basketball, baseball and track & field.

OFF THE FIELD

PERSONAL:

- MAJOR:** General studies.
- Wife, Emma, is a helicopter pilot on active duty in the U.S. Army.

JACOB RODRIGUEZ'S COLLEGE STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	TACKLES				SK	INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			
					S	A	TFL			NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS	TD
2021	Virginia	12	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Texas Tech	12	0	29	17	12	3.0	0.0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Texas Tech	5	4	32	21	11	1.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
2024	Texas Tech	13	13	127	77	50	10.5	5.0	1	9	9	0	4	4	2	0	0	1
2025	Texas Tech	14	14	128	63	65	11.0	1.0	4	41	26	0	6	6	2	69	1	2
COLLEGE TOTALS		56	31	317	179	138	25.5	6.0	6	50	26	0	12	13	5	69	2	2