

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.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started 6 career games.
- 61 tackles (26 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defensed.
- Through Week 7, he leads NFL rookies with 10.2 tackles per game, while his 61 tackles rank 2nd:

NFL ROOKIE TACKLE LEADERS (2026)

PLAYER	TEAM	SOLO	ASST.	TOTAL
1. Anthony Hill Jr.	Ten.	25	43	68
2. JACOB RODRIGUEZ	**MIA.**	**26**	**35**	**61**
3. Josiah Trotter	TB	28	29	57
4. Arvell Reese	NYG	37	17	54
5. Sonny Styles	Was.	22	24	46

- His 18 tackles (9 solo) at Minnesota on Oct. 4, 2026 were the most by a Dolphins rookie since tackles became an official statistic in 1994:

MOST TACKLES BY A DOLPHINS ROOKIE IN A GAME SINCE 1994

PLAYER	DATE	OPP.	TKLS
1. JACOB RODRIGUEZ	**10/4/26**	**AT MIN.**	**18**
2. Zach Thomas	9/8/96	at Ari.	16
3. JACOB RODRIGUEZ	**9/13/26**	**AT LV**	**14**
4. Derrick Pope	12/12/04	at Den.	13
Zach Thomas	10/6/96	vs. Sea.	13

2026 (MIAMI):

- Started 6 games.
- 61 tackles (26 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defensed.

AT LAS VEGAS (9/13): 14 tackles (5 solo).

- Recorded the most tackles by a Dolphins player in their NFL debut since tackles became official in 1994.
- Made his NFL debut.

AT SAN FRANCISCO (9/20): 8 tackles (3 solo).

VS. KANSAS CITY (9/27): 6 tackles (4 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defensed.

- Intercepted QB Patrick Mahomes and returned it 18 yards with 2:00 remaining in the second quarter.
- Became the 1st rookie in the NFL to record at least 5 tackles, 3 tackles for loss and an interception in a game since Dec. 2, 2012 (Lavonte David vs. Denver).
- It was his 1st career interception.

AT MINNESOTA (10/4): 18 tackles (9 solo).

- Set the franchise record for the most tackles in a game by a rookie since tackles began being officially tracked in 1994.
- His 18 tackles were the most by a rookie in the NFL since Sept. 16, 2018 (Shaquille Leonard, 19 at Washington).

VS. CINCINNATI (10/11): 11 tackles (4 solo).

- His 57 tackles through the first 5 games of his career are the most by a Dolphin and second most by any player in the NFL since 1994 (Shaquille Leonard, 62 in 2018).

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (TEXAS TECH):

- 4-year letterman (2021-22, 2024-25) and 2-year starter.
- Transferred from Virginia to Texas Tech following 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 defensed, 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 games; 128 tackles (63 solo), 1.0 sack, 11.0 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions, 6 passes defensed, 7 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 fumble recovery returned for a 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 2nd Texas Tech linebacker to be a unanimous All-American, joining Zach Thomas.
- Chuck Bednarik Award winner.
- Butkus Award winner.
- Lombardi Award winner.
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner.
- Heisman Trophy finalist, finishing 5th in voting.
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist.
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the 1st player in Texas Tech history to receive the recognition.
- 1st-team All-Big 12.
- 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 defensed, 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 defensed, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery

- Redshirted after missing significant time due to an injury suffered in the season opener.

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.
- Finished his career with 7,085 passing yards and 68 TDs; 3,051 rushing yards and 38 TDs.
- 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 NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

				TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					O. FUMB				ST					MISC	
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS	QBH	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2026	Miami	6	6	61	26	35	3	8	0.0	0.0	1	1	18	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL TOTALS		6	6	61	26	35	3	8	0.0	0.0	1	1	18	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles	18 at Minnesota, Oct 04, 2026	**Tackles For Loss**	3 vs. Kansas City, Sep 27, 2026
Solo Tackles	9 at Minnesota, Oct 04, 2026	**Interceptions**	1 vs. Kansas City, Sep 27, 2026
Passes Defensed	1 vs. Kansas City, Sep 27, 2026	**Interception Return Yards**	18 vs. Kansas City, Sep 27, 2026