



11 DANTE TRADER JR.

S | 5'11" | 202 | MARYLAND '25

NFL EXP. 2

DOLPHINS EXP. 2

BORN 02/13/03

ACQUIRED D5C, '25

HOMETOWN DELMAR, DEL.

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- 5th-round pick (155th overall) by Miami in the 2025 NFL Draft.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 17 career games with 3 starts.
- 48 tackles (25 solo) and 1 pass defended.
- 7 special teams tackles (4 solo), 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

2025 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 17 games with 3 starts.
- 48 tackles (25 solo) and 1 pass defended.
- 7 special teams tackles (4 solo), 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

AT INDIANAPOLIS (9/7): 3 tackles (2 solo).

- Made his NFL debut.

VS. N.Y. JETS (9/29): 2 special teams tackles (1 solo), 1 forced fumble and fumble recovery.

- Forced WR Isaiah Williams to fumble the opening kickoff return and recovered it at the New York 36-yard line, giving Miami possession on the second play of the 3rd quarter.

VS. BALTIMORE (10/30): 12 tackles (7 solo); 1 solo special teams tackle.

VS. BUFFALO (11/9): 6 tackles (3 solo).

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (MARYLAND):

- 4-year letterman (2021-24) and 3-year starter.
- Also played lacrosse, earning 3rd-team All-American honors in 2023.

CAREER: Played in 47 games with 35 starts; 190 tackles (123 solo), 1.0 tackle for loss, 5 interceptions, 20 passes defended and 1 forced fumble.

SENIOR (2024): Started 10 games; 59 tackles (37 solo), 1 interception and 5 passes defended.

- Semifinalist for the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year.

JUNIOR (2023): Started 12 games; 53 tackles (38 solo), 0.5 tackle for loss, 2 interceptions, 8 passes defended and 1

forced fumble.

- Helped team to a second-consecutive 8-win season for the first time since 2001-03.

SOPHOMORE (2022): Started all 13 games; 62 tackles (34 solo), 0.5 tackle for loss, 2 interceptions and 6 passes defended.

- Helped team to an 8-5 record and a Duke's Mayo Bowl victory.
- Tied for the team lead with interceptions.
- Academic All-Big Ten selection.

TRUE FRESHMAN (2021): Played in 12 games; 16 tackles (14 solo) and 1 pass defended.

HIGH SCHOOL (MCDONOGH SCHOOL - OWINGS MILLS, MD.)

- Also played basketball and lacrosse; was a top-ten ranked lacrosse recruit in the country.
- Transferred from Delmar Senior High School (Delaware) prior to his junior year.

SENIOR (2020):

- Season canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

JUNIOR (2019): 25 solo tackles, 6 interceptions and 14 passes defended.

- Helped his team to an 11-1 record.
- 1st-team all-state.

SOPHOMORE (2018):

- 2nd-team all-state.

FRESHMAN (2017):

- Helped his team to the Delaware state championship.

OFF THE FIELD

COMMUNITY:

2025:

- Along with the 2025 rookie class, provided holiday gifts for local families in need, selected through Neighbors 4 Neighbors.
- Served members of the South Florida community through team events and initiatives around Thanksgiving and the holidays, sharing fellowship, meals and gifts with families from local community organizations.

PERSONAL:

- MAJOR:** African American studies.

DANTE TRADER JR.'S NFL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

2025 NFL Season - Miami Dolphins																											
DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	TK	S	TACKLES					QBH	INTERCEPTIONS					O. FUMB				ST				MISC		
						A	TFL	YDS	SK	YDS		NO	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	TD	YDS	TK	S	A	FF	FR	S	A
2025	Miami	17	3	48	25	23	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	3	1	1	0	0
NFL TOTALS		17	3	48	25	23	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	3	1	1	0	0



SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: DEFENSIVE

Total Tackles
Solo Tackles
Passes Defensed

12 vs. Baltimore, Oct 30, 2025
7 vs. Baltimore, Oct 30, 2025
1 at Atlanta, Oct 26, 2025

Special Teams Tackles
Special Teams Forced Fumbles
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries

2 vs. N.Y. Jets, Sep 29, 2025
1 vs. N.Y. Jets, Sep 29, 2025
1 vs. N.Y. Jets, Sep 29, 2025