



# **DILLON RADUNZ (2ND ROUND, 53RD OVERALL)**

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name: Dillon Jeffrey Radunz (pronounced RAY-dinz)

Position: T

Height: 6-6 Weight: 301

Date of Birth: 3/28/98

Birthplace: St. Cloud, Minn.

Marital status: Has a girlfriend, Abbi Klos

Children's names and ages (if applicable): None

Nickname: Raydo

Names of parents: Kathy and Jeff Radunz

**Number of siblings:** Older sister – Danielle, younger brother – Nick

Agent's name: Chase Callahan

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### COLLEGE

College(s) attended: North Dakota State (2016-20) College Major: Industrial engineering and management Redshirt season(s): 2016 Degree date/credits remaining: Graduated December 2020 College jersey number: 75

**Significance of jersey number:** In high school, No. 75 was passed down from the previous player of the year to him. After he won player of the year, he passed it on to the next winner. Then he got the number in college and later passed it on to his younger brother.

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

High school (city, state): Becker (Minn.) High School Mascot: Bulldogs Year graduated: 2016 **Other sports played in high school:** Track and field (shot put, discus, high jump), basketball (center)

#### OFF THE FIELD

**Relatives or close childhood friends in professional sports:** No, but his brother, Nick, is a junior offensive lineman at North Dakota State

Familiarity with fellow Titans draft picks or veteran Titans players: "I haven't met anyone, but I'm a fan of Taylor Lewan. I have watched more film of him, David Bakhtiari and Joe Thomas than anyone else."

Family members currently or previously in the military: His stepfather, Scott Searcy, served in Desert Storm as a military mechanic for the U.S. Army.

**Any charitable causes that are meaningful to you:** Alcoholics Anonymous due to his father's struggles with alcoholism. His father, Jeff, passed away at the age of 45 in an alcohol-related incident when Dillon was 12 ... "Raising awareness for world hunger is also a big thing for me. We have so much in this country, so much we can give."

The thing(s) people find most interesting about you: "I love to hunt and enjoy the outdoors, hiking ... I'm trying to learn how to play the guitar."

Pregame rituals: "I watch YouTube videos and take a nap before the game."

**Outside of football and your family, what is something you're passionate about?** "My faith is huge. Also helping others – helping others get better opportunities."

**Something new you have done in the last year during quarantine/COVID-19 pandemic:** "I took up golfing and went hog hunting for the first time in Oklahoma. I'm also trying to learn how to play the guitar."

**Biggest challenge overcome in your life and/or football career:** "In football, definitely the ACL tear. It was such a mental challenge as well as a physical one ... "Through hard times in my life, I definitely found myself falling back on my faith as something that gets me through."

Football role model: Joe Thomas

On your "bucket list": Travel the world and go skydiving in a really scenic location.

Off-the-field interests and hobbies: Hiking and seeing different landscapes.

Do you have any pets? "I have a Chihuahua named Ruchie that I didn't pick out and my mom takes care of."

What do you like to collect? Hats – "I have an awkward-shaped head – it's up there right at the top of whatever the biggest size is – and so when I find one that fits I want to keep it."

Hidden talent: Can solve a Rubik's Cube and "plays the guitar very poorly."

**Career aspirations outside of playing football:** Start a charitable organization that helps kids – foster care or helping feed children.

**Prior jobs:** In college, he did an internship with an industrial engineering firm that makes farming equipment. He also worked for a moving company and a landscape company. In high school, he was a server at Nelson Bros. restaurant at a travel plaza in Clearwater, Minn.

Most memorable sporting event you have ever watched: Watched the Minneapolis Miracle on TV (grew up a Vikings fan)

Movie you can always re-watch: "Remember the Titans"

Best TV show to binge: "Prison Break," "Friday Night Lights"

Favorite musician or band: Eric Church

**Other interesting facts:** "I've never been to Nashville before, but my girlfriend has because her best friend lives there. She was extremely excited when I got the call."