

zach **SIELER** 

DEFENSIVE TACKLE // 6-6 // 300 // FERRIS STATE '18 ACQUIRED: WAI., '19 (BAL.) HOMETOWN: PINCKNEY, MICH. // BORN: 9/7/95 NFL: SIXTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: FOURTH SEASON

# NFL CAREER

#### TRANSACTIONS:

- Awarded off waivers to Miami on Dec. 5, 2019.
- Waived by Baltimore on Dec. 4, 2019.
- Promoted from Baltimore's practice squad on Oct. 5, 2019.
- Signed to Baltimore's practice squad on Sept. 1, 2019.
- Waived by Baltimore on Aug. 31, 2019.
- 7th-round pick (238th overall) by Baltimore in the 2018 NFL Draft.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Played in 76 career games with 50 starts.
- 255 tackles (142 solo), 20.0 sacks, 1 interception, 13 passes defensed, 4 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries; 1 interception returned for a TD.
- Started 2 postseason games with Miami.
- His 10.0 sacks in 2023 were the 3rd-most among defensive tackles:

2023 SACK LEADERS (DEFENSIVE TACKLES)								
	PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS					
1.	Justin Madubuike	Bal.	13.0					
2.	Chris Jones	KC	10.5					
3.	ZACH SIELER	MIA.	10.0					
4.	Ed Oliver	Buf.	9.5					
5.	Christian Wilkins	Mia.	9.0					

 Became the 1st defensive tackle in franchise history to record 10.0 sacks in a season in 2023:

MOST SACKS BY A DEFENSIVE TACKLE IN FRANCHISE HISTORY (Single-Season)							
	PLAYER	YEAR	SACKS				
1.	ZACH SIELER	2023	10.0				
2.	Christian Wilkins	2023	9.0				
3.	Bob Baumhower	1983	8.0				
4.	Randy Starks	2009	7.0				
	Mike Charles	1985	7.0				

• Finished the 2022 season tied for 5th among NFL defensive linemen in total tackles:

NFL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN TACKLES LEADERS (2022)							
PLAYER	TEAM	TOT	SOLO	ASST			
1. Christian Wilkins	Mia.	98	59	39			
2. Maxx Crosby	LV	87	58	29			
<ol><li>DeForest Buckner</li></ol>	Ind.	74	44	30			
Cameron Heyward	Pit.	74	39	35			
5. ZACH SIELER	MIA.	70	41	29			
Grover Stewart	Ind.	70	44	26			

## 2023 (MIAMI):

- Started all 17 games.
- 63 tackles (32 solo), 10.0 sacks, 1 interception, 4 passes defensed, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 interception returned for a TD.
- Became the 1st defensive tackle in team history with 10+ sacks in a season.
- His 10.0 sacks ranked 3rd in the NFL among defensive tackles.
- VS. N.Y. GIANTS (10/8): 7 tackles (6 solo) and 2.0 sacks.
  - Sacked QB Daniel Jones for a loss of 6 yards on 3rd-and-9 in the 2nd quarter.
  - Sacked QB Tyrod Taylor for a loss of 3 yards on 3rd-and-11 in the 4th quarter.
- VS. TENNESSEE (12/11): 4 tackles (1 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defensed; 1 interception returned for a touchdown.
  - Intercepted a pass from QB Will Levis and returned it 5 yards for a touchdown to put Miami on the board in the 1st quarter.
- VS. N.Y. JETS (12/17): 2 tackles (1 solo), 1.0 sack, 1 pass defensed and 1 fumble recovery.
  - Helped the defense post a shutout and hold the Jets to the second-fewest total yards allowed in Miami's history (103).
  - Recovered a QB Zach Wilson fumble forced by LB Bradley Chubb in the 1st quarter and returned it 3 yards to the Jets 1-yard line, which led to a Miami TD.
  - Sacked QB Zach Wilson for a loss of 6 yards in the 2nd quarter.
- AT BALTIMORE (12/31): 5 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack and 1 forced fumble.
  - Sacked QB Lamar Jackson for a loss of 9 yards in the 1st quarter.
- Forced a fumble by RB Gus Edwards, which was recovered by S Jevon Holland in the 3rd quarter.
- VS. BUFFALO (1/7): 7 tackles (2 solo) and 0.5 sack.
  - Split a sack of QB Josh Allen with LB Melvin Ingram on 2nd-and-8 in the 4th quarter.
- Became the 1st defensive tackle in Dolphins history to record 10.0 sacks in a season.
  POSTSEASON:

AFC WILD CARD AT KANSAS CITY (1/13): 4 assisted tackles and 1 pass defensed.

## 2022 (MIAMI):

• Played in all 17 games with 15 starts.

- 70 tackles (41 solo), 3.5 sacks, 4 passes defensed and 2 forced fumbles.
- His 70 tackles were tied for 5th among NFL defensive linemen.
- VS. MINNESOTA (10/16): 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 forced fumble.
  - Forced a fumble by TE Irv Smith Jr. in the 3rd quarter but it was recovered by Minnesota.
- VS. DETROIT (10/30): 4 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack and 2 passes defensed.
  - Sacked QB Jared Goff for a loss of 10 yards on a 3rd-and-9 snap in the 4th quarter, forcing a punt.
- VS. CLEVELAND (11/13): 4 tackles (3 solo) and 1 forced fumble.
- Forced a fumble of RB Nick Chubb in the 1st quarter that was recovered by CB Xavien Howard.
- AT NEW ENGLAND (1/1): 6 tackles (3 solo) and 1.0 sack.
  - Sacked QB Mac Jones on a fourth down in the 4th quarter to turn the ball over on downs.

#### POSTSEASON:

# AFC WILD CARD AT BUFFALO (1/15): 6 tackles (3 solo), 2.0 sacks and 1 fumble recovery.

- Scooped up a fumble of QB Josh Allen forced by S Eric Rowe and returned it 5 yards for a goahead TD in the 3rd quarter.
- It was the 1st fumble returned for a TD in Dolphins postseason history and 1st defensive TD in a Dolphins playoff game since LB A.J. Duhe returned an interception for a 35-yard TD on Jan. 23, 1983 vs. the N.Y. Jets.
- Split a sack with DT Christian Wilkins of QB Josh Allen on a 3rd-and-8 snap early in the 2nd quarter.
- Split a sack with DT Christian Wilkins of QB Josh Allen on a 2nd-and-8 snap late in the 2nd quarter.
- Sacked QB Josh Allen on a 3rd-and-10 play in the 4th quarter that forced a Bills punt.

## 2021 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 17 games with 9 starts.
- 62 tackles (33 solo), 2.0 sacks, 3 passes defensed, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.
- AT NEW ENGLAND (9/12): 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 fumble recovery.
  - Recovered a RB Rhamondre Stevenson forced by S Eric Rowe in the 1st quarter.
- AT LAS VEGAS (9/26): 9 tackles (4 solo) and 1 pass defensed.
- VS. N.Y. JETS (12/19): 3 tackles (2 solo), 1.0 sack, 1 pass defensed and 1 forced fumble.
  - Strip-sacked QB Zach Wilson in the 4th quarter and the fumble was recovered by DE Emmanuel Ogbah.
- AT NEW ORLEANS (12/27): 6 tackles (3 solo) and 1.0 sack.
  - Sacked QB Ian Book for a loss of 11 yards in the 4th quarter.

## 2020 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 16 games with 8 starts.
- 48 tackles (30 solo) and 3.5 sacks.
- AT ARIZONA (11/8): 4 tackles (3 solo).
- Teamed up with LB Elandon Roberts to stop RB Chase Edmonds for no gain on a critical 4thand-1 in the 4th quarter.

- VS. CINCINNATI (12/6): 3 solo tackles and 1.0 sack.
  - Sacked QB Brandon Allen for a loss of 5 yards in the 4th quarter.
- VS. NEW ENGLAND (12/20): 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1.0 sack.
  - Sacked QB Cam Newton for a loss of 7 yards in the 2nd quarter.

## 2019 (BALTIMORE/MIAMI):

- Played in 3 games with 1 start with Miami.
- 8 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack and 2 passes defensed with Miami.
- Inactive for 1 game with Miami.
- Awarded off waivers to Miami on Dec. 5.
- Played in 4 games with Baltimore.
- Inactive for 4 games with Baltimore.
- 3 tackles (2 solo) with Baltimore.
- AT CINCINNATI (11/10): 1 solo tackle.

AT N.Y. GIANTS (12/15): 1 assisted tackle.

- Made his Dolphins debut.
- VS. CINCINNATI (12/22): 7 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack and 2 passes defensed.
  - Sacked QB Andy Dalton in the 1st quarter. It was his 1st career sack.

## 2018 (BALTIMORE):

- Played in 2 games.
- Inactive for 14 games.
- 1 solo tackle.
- VS. DENVER (9/23): Played but did not record any stats.
- Made his NFL debut.
- VS. PITTSBURGH (11/4): 1 solo tackle.

# Made his 1st NFL tackle.

**BEFORE THE NFL** 

## COLLEGE (FERRIS STATE):

- 3-year starter (2014-17).
- Became the first player from his school to ever be selected in the NFL Draft.
- **CAREER:** Played in 39 games with 28 starts; 176 tackles (77 solo), 33 sacks 7 forced fumbles, 4 fumble recoveries and 3 passes defensed; 2 blocked kicks.
- SENIOR (2017): Played in all 13 games; 79 tackles (32 solo), 7 sacks, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 2 passes defensed; 1 blocked kick.
  - 1st-team D2 All-American.
  - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC) Defensive Lineman of the Year.
  - 1st-team All-GLIAC.
- JUNIOR (2016): Played in all 15 games; 80 tackles (37 solo), 19.5 sacks, 5 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 pass defensed; 1 blocked kick.
  - 1st-team All-GLIAC.
  - His 19.5 sacks were a school record and led all of NCAA Division II.
- **SOPHOMORE (2015):** Played in 11 games; 17 tackles (8 solo) and 6.5 sacks.
- REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2014): Did not record any stats.
  - Redshirted in 2013.

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## HIGH SCHOOL (PINCKNEY HS – PINCKNEY, MICH.)

• Also competed in wrestling and track and field. **SENIOR (2012):** 

• All-conference.

# OFF THE FIELD

## **COMMUNITY:**

#### 2023:

- Joined an airline and local hospital to provide a holiday flight and North Pole surprise, complete with gifts and a visit with Santa Claus, for pediatric patients.
- Hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at the Northwest Boys & Girls Club, serving meals and visiting with the kids.

#### 2022:

 Through his Sieler Safe Haven Foundation, surprised 12 kids with a holiday shopping spree at Dick's Sporting Goods.

- Along with defensive teammates, hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at Hard Rock Stadium for 100 kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward and Miami.
- Established the Sieler Safe Haven Foundation to impact young people of all abilities through a passion for the outdoors and cultural enrichment.

### 2021:

- Participated in a class visit for Day of Persons with Disabilities with South Florida Special Olympics athletes.
- Volunteered at the Miami Dolphins Food Relief Program Thanksgiving meal distribution with Feeding South Florida to provide 1,000 meal boxes to South Florida families.

## PERSONAL:

- **PRONUNCIATION:** Last name is pronounced SEE-ler.
- MAJOR: Mechanical engineering.

ZACH SIELER'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS															
					T/	INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2018	BALTIMORE	2	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
2019	BALTIMORE	4	0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
	MIAMI	3	1	8	3	5	1.0	8.0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0
2020	MIAMI	16	8	48	30	18	3.5	23.5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
2021	MIAMI	17	9	62	33	29	2.0	18.0	0	0	-	0	3	1	2
2022	MIAMI	17	15	70	41	29	3.5	31.5	0	0	-	0	4	2	0
2023	MIAMI	17	17	63	32	31	10.0	61.5	1	5	5t	1	4	1	2
	NFL TOTALS	76	50	255	142	113	20.0	142.5	1	5	5t	1	13	4	4

ZACH SIELER'S NFL PLAYOFF STATS																
					TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	
2022	MIAMI	1	1	6	3	3	2.0	4.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	
2023	MIAMI	1	1	4	0	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	1	0	0	
	PLAYOFF TOTALS	2	2	10	3	7	2.0	4.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	

## **ADDITIONAL STATS**

**Defensive Touchdowns:** 5-yard fumble return at Buffalo (1/15/23 – AFC Wild Card); 5-yard interception return vs. Tennessee (12/11/23).

## **SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles:	9	at Las Vegas, 9/26/21
Sacks:	2.0	Twice, last: vs. N.Y. Giants, 10/8/23
Interception	1	vs. Tennessee, 12/11/23
Passes Defensed:	2	Twice, last: at Detroit, 10/30/22
Forced Fumbles:	1	4 times, last: at Baltimore, 12/31/23
Fumble Recoveries:	1	5 times, last: vs. N.Y. Jets, 12/17/23