



85 A.J. DERBY

TIGHT END // 6-5 // 240 // ARKANSAS '15
ACQUIRED: WAL., '17 (DEN.)
HOMETOWN: IOWA CITY, IOWA // BORN: 9/20/91
NFL: FOURTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: SECOND SEASON

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- Awarded off waivers to Miami on Nov. 29, 2017.
- Waived by Denver on Nov. 28, 2017.
- Waived/injured by Denver on Nov. 18, 2017.
- Traded from New England to Denver on Oct. 25, 2016.
- 6th-round pick (202nd overall) by New England in the 2015 NFL draft.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 25 career games with 4 starts.
- 40 receptions for 452 yards (11.3 avg.) and 3 TDs.

2018 (MIAMI):

- Played in 4 games.
- Inactive for 8 games.
- Missed the rest of the season after being placed on injured reserve on Dec. 4.
- 3 receptions for 48 yards (16.0 avg.) and 1 TD.
- 1 special teams tackle and 1 forced fumble.

AT N.Y. JETS (9/16): 1 reception for 19 yards and 1 TD.

- Caught a 19-yard TD to extend Miami's lead to 20-0 in the 2nd quarter.
- It was his 1st TD with the Dolphins.

VS. OAKLAND (9/23): 1 reception for 16 yards (16.0 avg.).

AT GREEN BAY (11/11): 1 reception for 13 yards (13.0 avg.); 1 special teams forced fumble.

- Forced a CB Tramon Williams fumble on a punt return that was recovered by WR Leonte Carroo in the 1st quarter.

2017 (MIAMI/DENVER):

- Played in 2 games with Miami.
- Dressed but did not play 1 game with Miami.
- Inactive for 1 game with Miami.
- 2 receptions for 20 yards (10.0 avg.) with Miami.
- Awarded off waivers to Miami on Nov. 29.
- Waived/injured by Denver on Nov. 18.
- Played 9 games with 1 start with Denver.
- 19 receptions for 224 yards (11.8 avg.) and 2 TDs with Denver.

VS. OAKLAND (10/1): 4 receptions for 75 yards (18.8 avg.) and 1 TD.

- Caught a 22-yard TD from QB Trevor Siemian in the first quarter, the first TD of his career.

AT KANSAS CITY (10/30): 2 receptions for 21 yards (10.5 avg.) and 1 TD.

- Hauled in an 11-yard TD pass from QB Trevor Siemian in the 4th quarter.

AT KANSAS CITY (12/24): 1 reception for 11 yards.

- Made his Dolphins debut.

2016 (DENVER/NEW ENGLAND):

- Played in 6 games with 3 starts with Denver.
- Inactive for 3 games with Denver.
- 16 receptions for 160 yards (10.0 avg.) with Denver.
- Traded to Denver on Oct. 25.
- Played in 4 games with New England.
- Inactive for 3 games with New England.
- 1 special teams tackle.

AT ARIZONA (9/11): Played but did not record any stats.

- Made his NFL debut.

AT OAKLAND (11/6): Started but did not record any stats.

- Made his first NFL start.

AT TENNESSEE (12/11): 5 receptions for 57 yards (11.4 avg.).

2015 (NEW ENGLAND):

- Missed the entire season due to injury.
- Placed on injured reserve on Aug. 5.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (ARKANSAS):

- 2-year letterman (2013-14) and 1-year starter.
- Transferred from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College following his sophomore season (2012).
- Transferred from Iowa following his redshirt freshman season (2011).

CAREER (AT ARKANSAS): Played in 18 games with 8 starts; 22 receptions for 303 yards (13.8 avg.) and 3 TDs; 19-of-36 passing (52.8 pct.) for 178 yards and 1 TD.

- Moved from quarterback to tight end after his junior season (2013).

SENIOR (2014 AT ARKANSAS): Played in 11 games with 7 starts; 22 receptions for 303 yards (13.8 avg.) and 3 TDs.

- Moved from quarterback to tight end during the spring.

JUNIOR (2013 AT ARKANSAS): Played in 7 games with 1 start at quarterback; 19-of-36 passing (52.8

pct.) for 178 yards and 1 TD.
SOPHOMORE (2012 AT COFFEYVILLE CC): Played 10 games at quarterback; 149-of-321 passing (46.4 pct.) for 1,936 yards and 22 TDs.
REDSHIRT FRESHMAN: (2011 AT IOWA): Played 9 games at quarterback; 3-of-6 passing (50.0 pct.) for 30 yards.
 • Redshirted in 2010.

HIGH SCHOOL (IOWA CITY HS – IOWA CITY, IOWA)

- Also played basketball and baseball.
- Won state title in basketball as a sophomore in 2008.

SENIOR (2009): 98-of-187 passing (52.4 pct.) for 1,820 yards and 23 TDs; 142 carries for 752 yards (5.3 avg.).

- 1st-team all-state at quarterback.
 - Won state championship.
- JUNIOR (2008):** 77-of-136 passing (56.6 pct.) for 1,197 yards and 11 TDs; 168 carries for 1,064 yards (6.3 avg.) and 13 TDs.
- 1st-team all-state at quarterback.

OFF THE FIELD

PERSONAL:

- Father, John Derby, played linebacker for Detroit in 1992.
- Uncle, Glenn Derby, was an 8th-round pick (218th overall) by New Orleans in the 1988 NFL draft and played 7 games as an offensive lineman from 1989-90.
- **MAJOR:** Economics.

A.J. DERBY'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
				REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	NEW ENGLAND			INJURED RESERVE									
2016	NEW ENGLAND	4	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0
	DENVER	6	3	16	160	10.0	17	0	0	0	0.0	-	0
2017	DENVER	9	1	19	224	11.8	29	2	0	0	0.0	-	0
	MIAMI	2	0	2	20	10.0	11	0	0	0	0.0	-	0
2018	MIAMI	4	0	3	48	16.0	19t	1	0	0	0.0	-	0
NFL TOTALS		25	4	40	452	11.3	29	3	0	0	0.0	-	0

ADDITIONAL STATS

Special Teams Tackles: (Denver) 2 in 2017, (Miami) 1 in 2018 for total of 3.

Special Teams Forced Fumbles: (Miami) 1 in 2018.

Miscellaneous Tackles: (Miami) 1 in 2017.

Miscellaneous Fumble Recoveries: (Miami) 1 in 2018.

Kickoff Returns: (Miami) 1 for 11 yards in 2017.

2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI/DENVER)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/11	L.A. CHARGERS	1/0	3	34	11.3	13	0
09/17	DALLAS	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
09/24	at Buffalo	1/1	1	5	5.0	5	0
10/01	OAKLAND	1/0	4	75	18.8	29	1
10/15	N.Y. GIANTS	1/0	1	10	10.0	10	0
10/22	at L.A. Chargers	1/0	6	66	11.0	23	0
10/30	at Kansas City	1/0	2	21	10.5	11t	1
11/05	at Philadelphia	1/0	1	11	11.0	11	0
11/12	NEW ENGLAND	1/0	1	2	2.0	2	0
DENVER TOTALS		9/1	19	224	11.8	29	2
12/03	DENVER		INACTIVE				
12/11	NEW ENGLAND		INACTIVE				
12/17	at Buffalo		DID NOT PLAY				
12/24	at Kansas City	1/0	1	11	11.0	11	0
12/31	BUFFALO	1/0	1	9	9.0	9	0
MIAMI TOTALS		2/0	2	20	10.0	11	2
2017 TOTALS		11/1	21	244	11.6	29	2

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6 at L.A. Chargers, 10/22/17
Receiving Yards: 75 vs. Oakland, 10/1/17
Longest Rec.: 29 vs. Oakland, 10/1/17
TD Receptions: 1 twice, last: at Kansas City, 10/30/17

2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (DENVER/NEW ENGLAND)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/11	at Arizona	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
09/18	MIAMI		INACTIVE				
09/22	HOUSTON		INACTIVE				
10/02	BUFFALO	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
10/09	at Cleveland	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
10/16	CINCINNATI	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
10/23	at Pittsburgh		INACTIVE				
N.E. TOTALS		4/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
10/30	SAN DIEGO		INACTIVE				
11/06	at Oakland	1/1	0	0	0.0	-	0
11/13	at New Orleans	1/0	2	22	11.0	12	0
11/27	KANSAS CITY	1/0	4	43	10.8	13	0
12/04	at Jacksonville	1/1	1	3	3.0	3	0
12/11	at Tennessee	1/1	5	57	11.4	17	0
12/18	NEW ENGLAND	1/0	4	35	8.8	16	0
DENVER TOTALS		6/3	16	160	10.0	17	0
2016 TOTALS		10/3	16	160	10.0	17	0

2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (MIAMI)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
09/09	TENNESSEE	1/0	0	0	0.0	-	0
09/16	at N.Y. Jets	1/0	1	19	19.0	19t	1
09/23	OAKLAND	1/0	1	16	16.0	16	0
09/30	at New England		INACTIVE				
10/07	at Cincinnati		INACTIVE				
10/14	CHICAGO		INACTIVE				
10/21	DETROIT		INACTIVE				
10/25	at Houston		INACTIVE				
11/04	N.Y. JETS		INACTIVE				
11/11	at Green Bay	1/0	1	13	13.0	13	0
11/25	at Indianapolis		INACTIVE				
12/02	BUFFALO		INACTIVE				
12/09	NEW ENGLAND		INJURED RESERVE				
12/16	at Minnesota		INJURED RESERVE				
TBD	JACKSONVILLE		INJURED RESERVE				
12/30	at Buffalo		INJURED RESERVE				
2018 TOTALS		4/0	3	48	16.0	19t	1