

# AKEEM Spence

DEFENSIVE TACKLE // 6-1 // 303 // ILLINOIS '13 ACQUIRED: T, '18 (DET.) HOMETOWN: FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. // BORN: 11/29/91 NEL: SEVENTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: SECOND SEASON

# NFL CAREER

#### TRANSACTIONS:

- Traded from Detroit to Miami on May 3, 2018.
- Signed by Detroit as an unrestricted free agent from Tampa Bay on March 9, 2017.
- 4th-round pick (100th overall) by Tampa Bay in the 2013 NFL draft.

# CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 88 career games with 57 starts.
- 177 tackles (106 solo), 10.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 3 fumble recoveries.
- 1 special teams fumble recovery.
- Has played in 48 consecutive games.

# 2018 (MIAMI):

- Started all 16 games.
- 42 tackles (23 solo) and 2 sacks.
- 1 special teams fumble recovery.
- VS. TENNESSEE (9/9): 4 tackles (2 solo).

Made Dolphins debut.

- VS. N.Y. JETS (11/4): 3 tackles (2 solo) and 2 sacks.
- Sacked QB Sam Darnold on 2nd-and-16 for a loss of 10 yards with 7:38 remaining in the game.
- Sacked QB Sam Darnold again on 3rd-and-10 for a loss of 5 yards with 3:07 remaining in the game.
- It was the 1st multi-sack game of his career.
- AT INDIANAPOLIS (11/25): 7 solo tackles.
  - Recovered a punt that was deflected by LB Kiko Alonso in the 3rd quarter.

# 2017 (DETROIT):

- Played in all 16 games with 11 starts.
- 39 tackles (19 solo), 3 sacks and 1 forced fumble.
- VS. CAROLINA (10/8): 3 tackles (2 solo), 1 sack and 1 forced fumble.
- Strip-sacked QB Cam Newton on a 3rd down in the 4th quarter, forcing a loss of 8 yards and a missed field goal on the next snap.

VS. CHICAGO (12/16): 2 solo tackles and 1 sack.

AT CINCINNATI (12/24): 8 tackles (3 solo).

# 2016 (TAMPA BAY):

- Played in all 16 games with 4 starts.
- 19 tackles (10 solo) and 0.5 sacks.
- VS. DENVER (10/2): 5 tackles (1 solo) and 0.5 sacks.
- VS. ATLANTA (11/3): 4 tackles (3 solo).
- AT SAN DIEGO (12/4): 2 solo tackles.

#### 2015 (TAMPA BAY):

- Played in 8 games with 7 starts.
- Inactive for 1 contest.
- Missed the 1st 5 games on the physically unable to perform list.
- Missed the final 2 contests after being placed on injured reserve on Dec. 26.
- 11 tackles (8 solo).
- VS. N.Y. GIANTS (11/8): 3 tackles (2 solo).

AT INDIANAPOLIS (11/29): 3 solo tackles.

#### 2014 (TAMPA BAY):

- Played in all 16 games with 5 starts.
- 37 tackles (27 solo), 3 sacks and 2 fumble recoveries.
- AT CLEVELAND (11/2): 4 tackles (3 solo) and 1 sack.
- AT CAROLINA (12/14): 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 fumble recovery.
  - Recovered a fumble by RB Jonathan Stewart in the 3rd quarter.
- VS. NEW ORLEANS (12/28): 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 sack.

# 2013 (TAMPA BAY):

- Played in all 16 games with 14 starts.
- 29 tackles (19 solo), 1 sack and 1 fumble recovery.
- AT N.Y. JETS (9/8): 2 solo tackles and 1 fumble recovery.
  - Started in his NFL debut.
- AT NEW ENGLAND (9/22): 4 tackles (3 solo) and 1 sack.
- Recorded his 1st career sack, a 6-yard loss of QB Tom Brady.
- VS. SAN FRANCISCO (12/15): 3 solo tackles.

# **BEFORE THE NFL**

#### COLLEGE (ILLINOIS):

• 3-year starter (2010-12).

CAREER: Started all 38 games; 186 tackles (65 solo), 3.5 sacks and 2 forced fumbles.

- Started 38 consecutive games every contest in his collegiate career.
- JUNIOR (2012): Started all 12 games; 72 tackles (32 solo), 1 sack and 1 forced fumble.
  - All-Big Ten honorable mention.

**SOPHOMORE (2011):** Started all 13 games; 69 tackles (18 solo), 1.5 sacks and 1 forced fumble.

**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2010):** Started all 13 games; 45 tackles (15 solo) and 1 sack.

- 1st-team Freshman All-American.
- Redshirted in 2009.

# HIGH SCHOOL (FORT WALTON BEACH HS – FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.)

• Also threw shot put and discus in track. SENIOR (2008): 80 tackles and 5 sacks. JUNIOR (2007): 67 tackles and 2 sacks.

# OFF THE FIELD

# COMMUNITY:

- Signed autographs during the 2019 Dolphins Cancer Challenge.
- Participated in the 2019 Miami Open community outreach event at the Sofer animal shelter.

#### **PERSONAL:**

• MAJOR: Communications.

AKEEM SPENCE'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS															
				TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2013	TAMPA BAY	16	14	29	19	10	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2014	TAMPA BAY	16	5	37	27	10	3.0	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2015	TAMPA BAY	8	7	11	8	3	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	TAMPA BAY	16	4	19	10	9	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	DETROIT	16	11	39	19	20	3.0	23.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2018	MIAMI	16	16	42	23	19	2.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	NFL TOTALS	88	57	177	106	71	10.5	56.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4

# SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	8	at Cincinnati, 12/24/17
Sacks:	2	vs. NY Jets, 11/4/18
Passes Defensed:	1	at Oakland, 9/28/14
Forced Fumbles:	1	vs. Carolina, 10/8/17
Fumble Recoveries:	1	3 times, last: at Carolina, 12/14/14