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## BENITO JONES

DEFENSIVE TACKLE // 6-1 // 335 // MISSISSIPPI '20  
ACQUIRED: FA, '24  
HOMETOWN: WAYNESBORO, MISS. // BORN: 6/10/97  
NFL: FOURTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: THIRD SEASON

### NFL CAREER

#### TRANSACTIONS:

- Signed by Miami on March 14, 2024.
- Awarded off waivers to Detroit on Aug. 31, 2022.
- Waived by Miami on Aug. 30, 2022.
- Signed to Miami's practice squad on Sept. 6, 2021.
- Waived by Miami on Aug. 31, 2021.
- Promoted from Miami's practice squad on Dec. 2, 2020.
- Signed to Miami's practice squad on Sept. 6, 2020.
- Waived by Miami on Sept. 5, 2020.
- Signed by Miami as an undrafted college free agent on April 29, 2020.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 52 career games with 25 starts.
- 57 tackles (26 solo), 2.5 sacks and 2 passes defended.
- Played in 3 postseason games with Detroit.

#### 2024 (MIAMI):

- Played in 12 games with 10 starts.
- 13 tackles (4 solo).

**VS. TENNESSEE (9/30):** 4 tackles (1 solo).

**AT INDIANAPOLIS (10/20):** 2 assisted tackles.

**VS. NEW ENGLAND (11/24):** 2 solo tackles.

#### 2023 (DETROIT):

- Played in all 17 games with 15 starts.
- 26 tackles (13 solo) and 1.0 sack.

**AT KANSAS CITY (9/7):** 4 tackles (3 solo).

**VS. ATLANTA (9/24):** 2 tackles (1 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB Desmond Ridder for a loss of 8 yards on 2nd-and-8 in the 1st quarter.

**AT L.A. CHARGERS:** 5 tackles (3 solo).

#### POSTSEASON:

**NFC WILD CARD VS. L.A. RAMS (1/14):** Played but did not record any stats.

**NFC DIVISIONAL VS. TAMPA BAY (1/21):** 1 solo tackle.

**NFC CHAMPIONSHIP AT SAN FRANCISCO (1/28):** Played but did not record any stats.

#### 2022 (DETROIT):

- Played in all 17 games.
  - 16 tackles (8 solo), 1.5 sacks and 2 passes defended.
- VS. BUFFALO (11/24):** 1 solo tackle and 1.0 sack.
- Sacked QB Josh Allen on 1st-and-10 with 1:57 remaining in the 3rd quarter.
- VS. JACKSONVILLE (12/4):** 3 assisted tackles and 0.5 sack.
- Split a sack of QB Trevor Lawrence with DE Aidan Hutchinson for a loss of 5 yards in the 4th quarter.
  - It was the 1st half-sack of his career.
- AT GREEN BAY (1/8):** 4 tackles (1 solo).

#### 2021 (MIAMI):

- Spent the entire season on Miami's practice squad.

#### 2020 (MIAMI):

- Played in 6 games.
  - Inactive for 4 games.
  - Spent 6 games on the practice squad.
  - 2 tackles (1 solo).
- VS. N.Y. JETS (10/18):** Played but did not record any stats.
- Made his NFL and Dolphins debut.
- VS. L.A. CHARGERS (11/15):** 1 solo tackle.
- AT DENVER (11/22):** 1 assisted tackle.

### BEFORE THE NFL

#### COLLEGE (MISSISSIPPI):

- 4-year letterman (2016-19) and 3-year starter.
- CAREER:** Played in all 48 games with 36 starts – 32 at nose tackle and 4 at defensive tackle; 132 tackles (66 solo), 10.5 sacks, 1 interception, 1 pass defended, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.
- His 31 tackles for loss ranked 9th in school history.
- SENIOR (2019):** Played in all 12 games with 10 starts at nose tackle; 30 tackles (19 solo), 5.5 sacks, 1 interception and 1 pass defended.
- His 30 tackles led the SEC among nose tackles and ranked 4th in the nation.
  - 2nd-team All-SEC.
- JUNIOR (2018):** Started all 12 games at nose tackle; 34 tackles (16 solo) and 3 sacks.
- SOPHOMORE (2017):** Played in all 12 games with 10 starts at nose tackle; 29 tackles (18 solo), 1.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

- TRUE FRESHMAN (2016):** Played in all 12 games with 4 starts at defensive tackle; 39 tackles (13 solo) and 0.5 sack.
- 3rd-team Freshman All-American.
  - SEC All-Freshman team.

**HIGH SCHOOL (WAYNE COUNTY HS – WAYNESBORO, MISS.)**

- SENIOR (2015):** 83 tackles and 14 sacks.
- Helped his school win the state championship.

- 5A Defensive Player of the Year.
- 1st-team all-state.

**OFF THE FIELD**

**PERSONAL:**

- **PRONUNCIATION:** First name is pronounced beh-KNEE-toh.
- **MAJOR:** General studies.

**BENITO JONES' NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS**

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES	
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2020	MIAMI	6	0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
2021	MIAMI	PRACTICE SQUAD													
2022	DETROIT	17	0	16	8	8	1.5	2.5	0	0	-	0	2	0	0
2023	DETROIT	17	15	26	13	13	1.0	8.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
2024	MIAMI	12	10	13	4	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
<b>NFL TOTALS</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BENITO JONES' NFL PLAYOFF STATS**

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES	
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2023	DETROIT	3	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
<b>PLAYOFF TOTALS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

- Tackles:** 5 at L.A. Chargers, 11/12/23  
**Sacks:** 1.0 Twice, last vs. Atlanta, 9/24/23  
**Passes Defensed:** 1 Twice, last vs. Chicago, 1/1/23