



WALT AIKENS

SAFETY // 6-1 // 200 // LIBERTY '14
 ACQUIRED: D4, '14
 HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, N.C. // BORN: 6/19/91
 NFL: SIXTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: SIXTH SEASON

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- 4th-round pick (125th overall) by Miami in the 2014 NFL draft.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 93 career games with 4 starts.
- 46 tackles (33 solo), 2 interceptions and 3 passes defended.
- 47 special teams tackles (37 solo) and 1 forced fumble.
- Missed just 2 games in his 6-year NFL career.
- Recorded the first defensive 2-point conversion in Dolphins history when he returned a blocked PAT vs. Arizona (12/11/16).

2019 (MIAMI):

- Played in 15 games.
- Inactive for 1 game.
- 13 tackles (8 solo) and 1 pass defended.
- 8 special teams tackles (7 solo).

VS. BALTIMORE (9/8): 6 tackles (3 solo).

VS. NEW ENGLAND (9/15): 2 solo special teams tackles.

AT DALLAS (9/22): 5 tackles (4 solo).

2018 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 16 games with 1 start.
- 2 tackles (1 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defended; 9 special teams tackles (7 solo).
- Served as a season-long team captain.

AT NEW ENGLAND (9/30): 2 special teams tackles (1 solo).

VS. N.Y. JETS (11/4): 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted QB Sam Darnold on 4th-and-10 with 41 seconds remaining in the game to seal Miami's 13-6 victory.

AT INDIANAPOLIS (11/25): 1 solo tackle and 2 solo special teams tackles.

2017 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 16 games.
- 2 solo tackles.
- 7 special teams tackles (4 solo) and 1 forced fumble.

AT NEW ENGLAND (11/26): 2 special teams tackles and 1 special teams forced fumble.

• Forced WR Danny Amendola to fumble a punt at New England's 28-yard line in the 3rd quarter.

AT KANSAS CITY (12/24): 2 special teams tackles (1 solo).

VS. BUFFALO (12/31): 1 solo tackle and 2 special teams tackles (1 solo).

2016 (MIAMI):

- Played in 15 games.
- Inactive for 1 contest.
- 7 special teams tackles (4 solo).

VS. ARIZONA (12/11): Defensive 2-point conversion.

- Returned a defensive 2-point conversion following a DT Jordan Phillips blocked PAT in the 4th quarter to extend Miami's lead to 23-15.

- The defensive 2-point conversion was the first in team history.

AT N.Y. JETS (12/17): 1 assisted special teams tackle and 1 blocked punt.

- Blocked a P Lachlan Edwards punt and returned it 11 yards for a TD.

- It was Miami's first blocked punt return for a TD since 2012.

POSTSEASON:

AFC WILD CARD AT PITTSBURGH (1/8): 1 special teams tackle.

2015 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 16 games with 4 starts.
- 20 tackles (15 solo).
- 10 special teams tackles (9 solo).

AT WASHINGTON (9/13): 2 solo tackles and 1 solo special teams stop.

- Made 1st career start.

AT JACKSONVILLE (9/20): 4 tackles (2 solo).

AT PHILADELPHIA (11/15): 6 tackles (5 solo) and 3 special teams stops.

- His 6 tackles were a season high.

2014 (MIAMI):

- Played in 15 games.
- Inactive for 1 contest.
- 9 tackles (7 solo), 1 interception, 1 pass defended.
- 6 solo special teams tackles.

VS. NEW ENGLAND (9/7): 1 special teams tackle.

- Made NFL debut.

AT OAKLAND IN LONDON (9/28): 1 interception.

- Picked off QB Matt McGloin for his 1st career

interception and returned it 43 yards in the 4th quarter.

AT NEW ENGLAND (12/14): 4 tackles (3 solo).

- His 4 tackles were a season high.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (LIBERTY):

- 3-year starter (2011-13).
- Transferred from Illinois after his freshman season (2009).

CAREER (AT LIBERTY): Played in 34 games with 31 starts for Liberty; 162 tackles (120 solo), 3 sacks, 7 interceptions, 20 passes defended and 6 forced fumbles.

SENIOR (2013 AT LIBERTY): Played in 12 games with 10 starts; 62 tackles (50 solo), 3 interceptions, 6 passes defended, 3.5 tackles for loss and 1 sack; 2 punt returns for 2 yards (1.0 avg.); 2 kickoff returns for 57 yards (28.5 avg.).

- His 62 tackles were tied for the team lead.
- 1st-team All-Big South.

JUNIOR (2012 AT LIBERTY): Played in 11 games with 10 starts; 51 tackles (39 solo), 1 interception, 6 passes defended and 3 forced fumbles; 4 punt returns for 42 yards (10.5 avg.).

- His 51 tackles led the team's defensive backs.
- His 3 forced fumbles were tied for most in the conference.
- 2nd-team All-Big South.

REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE (2011 AT LIBERTY):

- Started all 11 games; 49 tackles (31 solo), 3 interceptions, 3 forced fumbles and 2 sacks.
- 2nd-team All-Big South.

SOPHOMORE (2010): Redshirted after transferring to Liberty.

TRUE FRESHMAN (2009 AT ILLINOIS): Played in 10 games with 5 starts; 32 tackles (26 solo) and 2

passes defended.

- All-Big Ten Freshman team.

HIGH SCHOOL (HARDING UNIVERSITY – CHARLOTTE, N.C.)

- Played quarterback and defensive back.
- Also played basketball for his father, Walter, who was the school's head basketball coach.

SENIOR (2008): Threw for 1,500 yards and 15 TDs; Rushed for 565 yards and 5 TDs; Recorded 6 interceptions.

- All-Queen City Conference Offensive Player of the Year.
- 1st-team all-conference on defense.
- Earned The Gridiron Great award.

OFF THE FIELD

COMMUNITY:

- Rode 14 miles in the 2019 Dolphins Cancer Challenge bike ride.
- Has been an advocate for the American Diabetes Association since joining the NFL.
- Became an ambassador for the Police Athletic/Activities League in 2018.
- Participated in the Football Unites police ride alongs in 2018.

PERSONAL:

- Served as the Miami Dolphins correspondent at the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Pro Bowls in Orlando, Florida.
- Participated in a media combine in 2017, gaining experience with local TV and radio stations.
- **MAJOR:** Kinesiology.

WALT AIKENS' NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS

| YEAR | TEAM | GP | GS | TACKLES | | | | | INTERCEPTIONS | | | | FUMBLES | | |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | TOT | SOLO | ASST | SK | YDS | INT | YDS | LG | TD | PD | FF | FR |
| 2014 | MIAMI | 15 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1 | 43 | 43 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | MIAMI | 16 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | MIAMI | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | MIAMI | 16 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2018 | MIAMI | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | MIAMI | 15 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| NFL TOTALS | | 93 | 4 | 46 | 33 | 13 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2 | 43 | 43 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

WALT AIKENS' NFL PLAYOFF STATS

| YEAR | TEAM | GP | GS | TACKLES | | | | | INTERCEPTIONS | | | | FUMBLES | | |
|-------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | TOT | SOLO | ASST | SK | YDS | INT | YDS | LG | TD | PD | FF | FR |
| 2016 | MIAMI | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NFL TOTALS | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ADDITIONAL STATS

Special Teams Touchdowns: 1 blocked punt return in 2016.

Special Teams Tackles: 6 in 2014, 10 in 2015, 7 in 2016, 7 in 2017, 9 in 2018, 8 in 2019 for total of 47.

Special Teams Forced Fumbles: 1 in 2017.

Blocked Kicks: 1 punt in 2016.

Defensive 2-Point Conversions: 1 in 2016.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

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| Tackles: | 6 | Twice, last: vs. Baltimore, 9/8/19 |
| Interceptions: | 1 | Twice, last: vs. NY Jets, 11/4/18 |
| Passes Defended: | 1 | 3 times, last: vs. Philadelphia, 12/1/19 |
| Forced Fumbles: | 1 | at New England, 11/26/17 |