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## CHRISTIAN WILKINS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE // 6-4 // 310 // CLEMSON '19  
 ACQUIRED: D1, '19  
 HOMETOWN: SPRINGFIELD, MASS. // BORN: 12/20/95  
 NFL: FIFTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: FIFTH SEASON



### NFL CAREER

#### TRANSACTIONS:

- 1st-round pick (13th overall) by Miami in the 2019 NFL Draft.

#### CAREER HONORS:

- No. 81 on the NFL Network Top 100 list in 2023.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 64 career games with 60 starts.
- 290 tackles (166 solo), 11.5 sacks, 1 interception, 17 passes defended, 3 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries.
- 2 receptions for 2 yards (2.0 avg.) and 2 TDs.
- Started 1 postseason game.
- His 290 career tackles are 2nd-most among all NFL defensive linemen since he entered the league in 2019:

#### NFL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN TACKLES LEADERS (SINCE 2019)

PLAYER	TEAM	TOT	SOLO	ASST
1. Cameron Heyward	Pit.	300	173	127
2. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>124</b>
3. DeForest Buckner	SF/Ind.	261	154	107
4. Sam Hubbard	Cin.	260	146	114
5. Jonathan Allen	Was.	257	157	100

- His 98 tackles in 2022 were the most by an NFL defensive lineman since 1994:

#### MOST TACKLES IN A SEASON BY A D-LINEMAN (SINCE 1994)

PLAYER	TM	YR	TKLS
1. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>98</b>
2. Anthony Spencer	Dal.	2012	95
Michael Bankston	Ari.	1997	95
Ted Washington	Buf.	1996	92
5. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>89</b>
Cameron Heyward	Pit.	2021	89
Aaron Kampman	GB	2006	89

- He led all NFL defensive linemen with 98 tackles in 2022:

#### NFL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN TACKLES LEADERS (2022)

PLAYER	TEAM	TOT	SOLO	ASST
1. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>
2. Maxx Crosby	LV	87	58	29
3. DeForest Buckner	Ind.	74	44	30
Cameron Heyward	Pit.	74	39	35
5. Zach Sieler	Mia.	70	41	29
Grover Stewart	Ind.	70	44	26

- His 98 tackles in 2022 were the most by a Dolphins defensive lineman since since full tackle records began in 1986:

#### MOST TACKLES IN A SEASON BY A DOLPHINS D-LINEMAN (SINCE 1986)

PLAYER	POS	YR	TKLS
1. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>98</b>
2. Jeff Cross	DE	1993	93
3. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>89</b>
4. Marco Coleman	DE	1992	84
5. Larry Jackson	DE	1997	78

- His 56 tackles in 2019 were the most by any rookie defensive lineman in the league that season:

#### 2019 NFL TACKLES LEADERS (ROOKIE DEFENSIVE LINEMEN)

PLAYER	TEAMS	TOT	SOLO	ASST
1. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>
2. Nick Bosa	SF	47	32	15
3. Maxx Crosby	Oak.	46	35	11
4. Josh Allen	Jax.	44	31	13
5. Ed Oliver	Buf.	43	24	19

- His 56 tackles in 2019 were the 5th-most by an NFL rookie defensive lineman since 2015.
- His 56 tackles in 2019 were tied for the 5th-most by any defensive tackle in the NFL that season:

#### 2019 NFL TACKLES LEADERS (DEFENSIVE TACKLES)

PLAYER	TEAM	TOT	SOLO	ASST
1. Cameron Heyward	Pit.	83	51	32
2. Davon Godchaux	Mia.	75	33	42
3. Grady Jarrett	Atl.	69	38	31
4. Sheldon Richardson	Cle.	62	43	19
5. <b>CHRISTIAN WILKINS</b>	<b>MIA.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>
6. Tyeler Davison	Atl.	55	26	29

- Served as a team captain in 2022.

#### 2023 (MIAMI):

##### HONORS:

- No. 81 on the NFL Network Top 100 list.

#### 2022 (MIAMI):

- Started all 17 games.
- 98 tackles (59 solo), 3.5 sacks, 6 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.
- Served as a team captain.

#### VS. PITTSBURGH (10/23):

- 6 tackles (4 solo) and 0.5 sack.
- Split a sack of QB Kenny Pickett with LB Jaelan Phillips on a 2nd-and-10 snap with just under 2

minutes left in the game.

**AT SAN FRANCISCO (12/4):** 12 tackles (7 solo) and 1 forced fumble.

- Stripped the ball from WR Jauan Jennings in the 2nd quarter.

**AT BUFFALO (12/17):** 6 tackles (4 solo), 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

- Recovered a fumble by QB Josh Allen that was forced by LB Jaelan Phillips in the 4th quarter.
- On the next defensive snap, forced a fumble of QB Josh Allen that was recovered by Buffalo.

#### POSTSEASON:

**AFC WILD CARD AT BUFFALO (1/15):** 4 tackles (2 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Split a sack with DT Zach Sieler of QB Josh Allen on a 3rd-and-8 snap early in the 2nd quarter.
- Split a sack with DT Zach Sieler of QB Josh Allen on a 2nd-and-8 snap late in the 2nd quarter.

#### 2021 (MIAMI):

- Started all 17 games.
- 89 tackles (49 solo), 4.5 sacks, 4 passes defended, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.
- 1 reception for 1 yard and 1 TD.

**AT JACKSONVILLE IN LONDON (10/17):** 3 tackles (2 solo), 1.0 sack and 1 forced fumble.

- Strip-sacked QB Trevor Lawrence in the 3rd quarter and the fumble was recovered by DT Zach Sieler.

**AT N.Y. JETS (11/21):** 3 tackles (2 solo) and 1 fumble recovery.

- Recovered a QB Joe Flacco fumble forced by S Brandon Jones in the 2nd quarter.

**VS. N.Y. JETS (12/19):** 7 tackles (2 solo) and 1 pass defended; 1 reception for 1 yard and 1 TD.

- Caught a 1-yard TD pass from QB Tua Tagovailoa in the 4th quarter to give Miami a 24-17 lead.

**VS. NEW ENGLAND (1/9):** 7 tackles (6 solo), 1.0 sack and 1 pass defended.

- Sacked QB Mac Jones for a loss of 8 yards on 3rd-and-4 in the 3rd quarter.

#### 2020 (MIAMI):

- Played in 14 games with 12 starts.
- Spent 2 games on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- 47 tackles (28 solo), 1.5 sacks, 1 interception, 5 passes defended and 1 fumble recovery.
- Member of the team's Social Impact Committee.

**AT SAN FRANCISCO (10/11):** 2 tackles (1 solo) and 1 fumble recovery.

- Recovered a QB C.J. Beathard fumble forced by DE Emmanuel Ogbah in the 4th quarter.

**VS. N.Y. JETS (10/18):** 5 tackles (3 solo), 1.0 sack and 2 passes defended.

- Sacked QB Joe Flacco in the 2nd quarter on 3rd-and-6 for a loss of 8 yards.

**VS. L.A. RAMS (11/1):** 5 tackles (3 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted QB Jared Goff in the 2nd quarter and returned it 8 yards for his 1st career interception.

#### HONORS:

- Won the Nat Moore Community Service Award as part of the team's Social Impact Committee.

#### 2019 (MIAMI):

- Played in all 16 games with 14 starts.
- 56 tackles (30 solo), 2.0 sacks and 2 passes defended.
- 1 reception for 1 yard and 1 TD.
- His 56 tackles were the most by any rookie defensive lineman in the league.
- His 56 tackles were the 5th-most by an NFL rookie defensive linemen since 2015.
- His 56 tackles were the 5th-most by any defensive tackle in the NFL.

**VS. N.Y. JETS (11/3):** 5 tackles (3 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB Sam Darnold on 3rd-and-3 forcing a Jets missed field goal.
- It was his 1st career sack.

**AT CLEVELAND (11/24):** 6 tackles (3 solo).

**VS. CINCINNATI (12/22):** 3 solo tackles and 1.0 sack; 1 reception for 1 yard and 1 TD.

- Scored a 1-yard TD on Miami's first possession. He caught a pass out of the backfield and recovered his own fumble in the end zone for the score. It was the 1st reception and TD of his career.

- Is the 2nd Dolphins defensive player ever to catch a touchdown (Vern den Herder).

- Is just the 3rd player NFL player in the 2010s decade to catch a TD and record a sack on the same game (Vita Vea and J.J. Watt).

- Sacked QB Andy Dalton in the 3rd quarter.

### BEFORE THE NFL

#### COLLEGE (CLEMSON):

- 4-year letterman (2015-18) and 3-year starter.

**CAREER:** Played in all 59 games with 45 starts; 191 tackles (94 solo), 16 sacks, 16 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries; 2 blocked kicks; 4 carries for 13 yards (3.3 avg.) and 2 TDs; 2 receptions for 32 yards (16.0 avg.) and 1 TD.

- Finished his career tied for the most games played in school history (59).

- 1 of 4 players in school history to earn All-American honors in 3 different seasons.

**SENIOR (2018):** Started all 15 games; 50 tackles (26 solo), 6 sacks, 2 passes defended, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 blocked kick; 3 carries for 3 yards (1.0 avg.) and 2 TDs.

- Won the William V. Campbell Trophy (nation's best scholar-athlete) and became the 1st player in school history to win the award.

- Unanimous 1st-team All-American.

- 1st-team All-ACC.

- Finalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player).

- Finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (best defensive player).

- Finalist for the Outland Trophy (nation's best interior lineman).

- Finalist for the Lombardi Award (based on performance, leadership, character and resiliency).

- Finalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy (best defensive player in character and performance).

- Finalist for the Senior CLASS Award (most

outstanding senior).

- Helped his team win the College Football Playoff National Championship.
- Voted a team captain.

**JUNIOR (2017):** Started all 14 games; 60 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 sacks and 4 passes defended.

- Won the Bill Willis Award (nation's best defensive lineman).
- 1st-team All-American.
- 1st-team All-ACC.
- Served as a team captain.

**SOPHOMORE (2016):** Started all 15 games; 48 tackles (24 solo), 3.5 sacks, 10 passes defended and 2 fumble recoveries; 1 blocked kick; 1 carry for 10 yards; 1 reception for 1 yard and 1 TD.

- 1st-team All-American.
- 2nd-team All-ACC.
- Finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (nation's best defensive player).
- Helped his team win the College Football Playoff National Championship.

**TRUE FRESHMAN (2015):** Played in all 15 games with 1 start; 33 tackles (18 solo), 2 sacks and 1 forced fumble; 1 reception for 31 yards.

- Freshman All-American.

## HIGH SCHOOL (SUFFIELD ACADEMY – SUFFIELD, CT.)

- Also lettered in basketball.

**CAREER:** Played in 35 games; 253 tackles, 28.5 sacks and 6 fumble recoveries.

**SENIOR (2014):** 71 tackles, 8 sacks and 4 forced fumbles.

**JUNIOR (2013):** 57 tackles.

**SOPHOMORE (2012):** 12 receptions for 209 yards (17.4 avg.) and 2 TDs.

## OFF THE FIELD

### COMMUNITY:

**2022:**

- Partnered with Dade County Federal Credit Union to distribute 800 Thanksgiving turkeys to Miami Gardens families.
- Along with defensive teammates, hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at Hard Rock Stadium for 100 kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward and Miami.
- Hosted a Halloween shopping event at Spirit

Halloween for 35 children from Break the Cycle and Alex's Place, the pediatric hematology-oncology clinic at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

- Participated in the 35-mile bike ride at DCC XII to benefit Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**2021:**

- Partnered with Dade County Federal Union to distribute hundreds of Thanksgiving turkeys and meals for South Florida families involved in the Head Start Program for school readiness in low-income households.

**2020:**

- Helped establish the Social Impact Committee to make a difference in civic engagement, education and economic empowerment.
- Rode the 25-mile Fort Lauderdale Ride in the 2020 Dolphins Cancer Challenge.

**2019:**

- In 2019, along with fellow Dolphins rookies, collaborated with Neighbors4Neighbors to sponsor four South Florida families with holiday gifts and game tickets.
- Delivered Thanksgiving meals to local families in need with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department through Football Unites.
- Visited children at Alex's Place at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami for the Top Golf event through Football Unites.
- Delivered and assembled beds for two South Florida families in need in partnership with Ashley HomeStore.
- Spent time with 80 local youth from the His House Children's Home, a Miami Gardens foster care residential facility, and shopped for back-to-school shoes at DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse.
- Surprised 100 underprivileged kids in South Florida with brand new beds in partnership with Ashley HomeStore and helped host the 3rd annual Hope to Dream Sleepover at the Baptist Health Training Facility.

### PERSONAL:

- **GRADUATE DEGREE:** Athletic leadership.
- **MAJOR:** Communication.

### CHRISTIAN WILKINS' NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES	
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2019	MIAMI	16	14	56	30	26	2.0	14.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
2020	MIAMI	14	12	47	28	19	1.5	10.0	1	8	8	0	5	0	1
2021	MIAMI	17	17	89	49	40	4.5	31.0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1
2022	MIAMI	17	17	98	59	39	3.5	24.5	0	0	0	0	6	2	1
<b>NFL TOTALS</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

### CHRISTIAN WILKINS' NFL PLAYOFF STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES	
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
2022	MIAMI	1	1	4	2	2	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PLAYOFF TOTALS</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### ADDITIONAL STATS

**Receiving:** 1 for 1 yard and 1 TD in 2019; 1 for 1 yard and 1 TD in 2021.

#### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 12 at San Francisco, 12/4/22  
**Sacks:** 1.0 11 times, last: at Buffalo, 1/15/23\*  
**Interceptions:** 1 vs. L.A. Rams, 11/1/20  
**Passes Defensed:** 2 3 times, last: vs. Green Bay, 12/25/22  
**Forced Fumbles:** 1 3 times, last: at Buffalo, 12/17/22  
**Fumble Recoveries:** 1 4 times, last: at Buffalo, 12/17/22

\* AFC Wild Card game