

**Height:** 5-11**Weight:** 194**Date Of Birth:** November 27, 1991**Hometown:** Cape Coral, FL**HS:** Cape Coral**College:** Florida**NFL Experience:** 2nd Year**Draft Pick:** D4-14 (101st overall)

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**VITALS****EAGLES WITH BROTHERS IN NFL**

Jaylen and Sammy Watkins (BUF)

Brent and Garrett Celek (SF)

Jason and Travis Kelce (KC)

Mychal and Eric Kendricks (MIN)

**2016: WATKINS' CAREER YEAR****TACKLES** ..... 51**PASSES DEFENSED** ..... 6**ST TACKLES** ..... 4**GAMES PLAYED** ..... 16**GAMES STARTED** ..... 4**DEFENSIVE SNAPS** ..... 388**THREE-STEP DROP****If he could play another sport, what position/team:** Outfielder, Miami Marlins**Three favorite throwback jerseys:** Donovan McNabb, Eagles; Deion Sanders, Falcons; Charles Woodson, Michigan**What he'd be doing if not playing football:** Going to graduate school**Best player he has lined up against:** Odell Beckham, Jr.**If he could be one superhero, he would be:** Thor**First job:** Working at the Boys & Girls Club as a sophomore in high school**Favorite athlete growing up:** Donovan McNabb**Favorite movie:** *Warrior***Biggest pet peeve:** People chewing loudly

Originally selected by the Eagles in the fourth round of the 2014 NFL Draft, Jaylen Watkins was a four-year letterman at the University of Florida. During his collegiate tenure, Watkins appeared in 48 games with 28 starts, recording 133 tackles, three interceptions and 21 passes defended. In 2016, Watkins saw a significant amount of action on defense and set career highs with 51 tackles and six passes defended.

**BIRDSEED**

- Watkins' younger brother, Sammy, was a first-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in the 2014 draft after a stellar career as a receiver at Clemson. Prior to their college games, the two brothers would send each other words of encouragement. Sammy will never leave his room to head to the stadium until he texts Jaylen, "Play today like it's your last game." Jaylen responds with a phrase Sammy had become accustomed to in his three-year collegiate career, "Play hard and be safe."
- Lee County, FL (which houses Cape Coral and Fort Myers) has turned out a plethora of NFL talent, including Deion Sanders, Jevon Kearse and the Watkins brothers. "It was crazy for our hometown when Sammy and I got selected. We've had a lot of guys get drafted recently, but obviously not two brothers. Fort Myers isn't the biggest town, but it's put together a nice little bit of history on the football field. We had a few other guys selected [in 2015] with Tre Boston going to Carolina and Aaron Lynch heading to San Francisco."
- Considers himself a film junkie and tries to learn as much as he can from game footage. "I just like to watch film. Any kind of film, whether it's watching another team or receivers, other DBs. In college, I used to watch a lot of NFL DBs and try to gain as much knowledge as I could from them. When you watch all of the NFL corners, they're all so different. I like things that all of them do, so I just try to take little things from them and mold them all together. I don't want to model myself after just one guy."

**2016 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Played in all 16 games and finished with career highs in tackles (51) and passes defended (six)
- Recorded seven tackles (six solo) and a pass defended at Cin. (12/4)
- Logged nine tackles (six solo) vs. GB (11/28), marking the second-highest total of his career
- Started his second consecutive game at NYG (11/6) and played 61 out of 64 defensive snaps. Set career highs with 10 tackles (seven solo) and three passes defended, leading the defense in both categories
- Made the first start of his career when the Eagles opened in a nickel defense at Dal. (10/30)
- Saw extended defensive action in a Week 7 win vs. Min. (10/23) and logged a then-career-high seven tackles (five solo). Added a pass defended and a quarterback pressure in a defensive effort that held the Vikings to just 189 net passing yards
- Tied for the team lead with two special teams tackles at Det. (10/9)
- Recorded his first pass defended of the season in Week 3 vs. Pit. (9/25)



## WATKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/GS	TACKLES					PASS DEFENSE					FUMBLES			DEF SNAPS		ST
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	Int	Yards	Lg	TD	KD	FF	FR	Yards	Played	Pct	
2014	Philadelphia	4/0	3	3	0	0	0.0	0	--	--	0	1	0	0	0	30	3%	1
2015	Philadelphia	4/0	3	2	1	0	0.0	0	--	--	0	3	0	0	0	83	7%	3
2016	Philadelphia	16/4	51	34	17	1	0.0	0	--	--	0	6	0	0	0	388	38%	4
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24/4</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>8</b>

## CAREER HIGHS

Tackles	10	11/6/16 at NYG
PDs	3	11/6/16 at NYG

## 2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	GP/GS	S	A	TT	Sac	Hur	Int	Yds	Lg	KD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 11	Cle	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	1	2%
Sep 19	at Chi	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	0%
Sep 25	Pit	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	--	1	0	0	3	5%
Oct 9	at Det	L	1/0	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	11	18%
Oct 16	at Was	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	--	0	0	0	1	1%
Oct 23	Min	W	1/0	5	2	7	0.0	1	0	0	--	1	0	0	46	61%
Oct 30	at Dal	L	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	15	19%
Nov 6	at NYG	L	1/1	7	3	10	0.0	0	0	0	--	3	0	0	61	95%
Nov 13	Atl	W	1/0	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	33	66%
Nov 20	at Sea	L	1/0	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	36	54%
Nov 28	GB	L	1/0	6	3	9	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	58	82%
Dec 4	at Cin	L	1/0	6	1	7	0.0	0	0	0	--	1	0	0	39	61%
Dec 11	Was	L	1/1	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	2	4%
Dec 18	at Bal	L	1/1	2	3	5	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	38	66%
Dec 22	NYG	W	1/0	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	37	42%
Jan 1	Dal	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	7	13%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16/4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>38%</b>

## INJURY REPORT

- Sustained a concussion in the third quarter vs. NYG (12/22) and did not return to the game

## PERSONAL

- Earned his degree from Florida in family, youth and community science
- Attended Cape Coral (FL) High School, where he played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. As a senior in 2009, passed for 1,230 yards and 13 touchdowns and rushed for 928 yards with 10 touchdowns, while also racking up 29 receptions for 461 yards and five touchdowns
- In addition to starring on the football field, he also ran track at Cape Coral and advanced to the Class-4A Track Championships in the 4x100 relay
- Began playing football as a 5-year old for the Ft. Myers Firecats. He played wide receiver
- Son of Brandy Green and Samuel Watkins III. Brandy is a second-grade teacher and Samuel is a truck driver
- His brother, Sammy, plays for the Buffalo Bills. His cousin, Jeremy Ware, was selected by the Oakland Raiders in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft
- Hobbies include reading, fishing and bowling
- Has a girlfriend, Gerraka Lewis. The two met when Jaylen was playing Pop Warner football and they both attended Cape Coral High School and the University of Florida
- Twitter: @jwat14

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded a single-game, career-high two passes defended along with one tackle over a career-high 49 defensive snaps vs. Ari. (12/20)

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made his defensive debut in the season finale at NYG (12/28), recording three tackles and one pass defended in the win

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Started 28 of 48 games at Florida (20 at cornerback, two at slot corner and his final six appearances at free safety)
- Recorded 133 tackles (four for a loss) and three interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, during his collegiate tenure. Also finished his career ranked 11th in school history with 21 pass deflections

- Played both right cornerback and safety as a senior in 2013, recording a career-high 52 tackles, two tackles for loss and seven passes defended. Was also the recipient of the Gators' Gene Elleson Community Service Award
- Started 11 games at left cornerback as a junior in 2012, notching 39 tackles, one tackle for loss, three interceptions and 11 passes deflected. Also scored a touchdown on a 26-yard interception return
- Appeared in all 13 games as a sophomore in 2011, starting six contests at left cornerback and two at slot corner, and registered 34 tackles and five pass deflections

## CAPE CORAL HALL OF FAMER

Before moving on to play at the University of Florida, Jaylen Watkins was a standout quarterback and wide receiver at Cape Coral (FL) High School. A 2010 graduate, Watkins returned to Florida during the Eagles' 2016 bye week to be inducted into the CCHS hall of fame and have his No. 7 jersey retired during a Seahawks' home game. During the contest, Watkins helped out on the sidelines, as his alma mater defeated Ida Baker 46-36.





### COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS - Cont.

- Saw action in 10 games as a freshman in 2010 as a gunner on the punt return unit and finished with eight tackles

### INJURY HISTORY

- Sustained a concussion in the third quarter of a Week 16 game vs. NYG (12/22/16) and did not return to the game
- Missed the season finale at NYG (1/3/16) with a shin injury
- Was rendered inactive in the 2014 opener vs. Jax. (9/7/14) with a hamstring injury

### TRANSACTIONS

- 2014      Drafted by PHI in 4th round (101st overall) ... signed 4-year contract
- 9/5/15    Waived by PHI
- 9/8/15    Signed by BUF to the practice squad
- 11/27/15 Signed by PHI from the BUF practice squad

### 2014 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	GP/GS	S	A	TT	Sac	Hur	Int	Yds	Lg	KD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 7	Jax	W	0/0	INACTIVE (HAMSTRING)											0	0%
Sep 15	at Ind	W	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Sep 21	Was	W	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Sep 28	at SF	L	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Oct 5	StL	W	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Oct 12	NYG	W	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Oct 26	at Ari	L	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Nov 2	at Hou	W	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nov 10	Car	W	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Nov 16	at GB	L	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Nov 23	Ten	W	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Nov 27	at Dal	W	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Dec 7	Sea	L	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Dec 14	Dal	L	0/0	INACTIVE											0	0%
Dec 20	at Was	L	0/0	DID NOT PLAY											0	0%
Dec 28	at NYG	W	1/0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	38%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4/0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3%</b>

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Date	Opp	W/L	GP/GS	S	A	TT	Sac	Hur	Int	Yds	Lg	KD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
SIGNED TO THE EAGLES 53-MAN ROSTER (11/27) FROM THE BILLS PRACTICE SQUAD																
Dec 6	at NE	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	--	--	0	0	0	3	3%
Dec 13	Buf	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	--	--	0	0	0	0	0%
Dec 20	Ari	L	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	--	--	2	0	0	49	64%
Dec 26	Was	L	1/0	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	--	--	1	0	0	31	41%
Jan 3	at NYG	W	0/0	INACTIVE (SHIN)												
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4/0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7%</b>