

# S JAYLEN WATKINS 26



**5-11 | 194**  **3rd Year**  
**BORN: Nov. 27, 1991 (Age 25)**

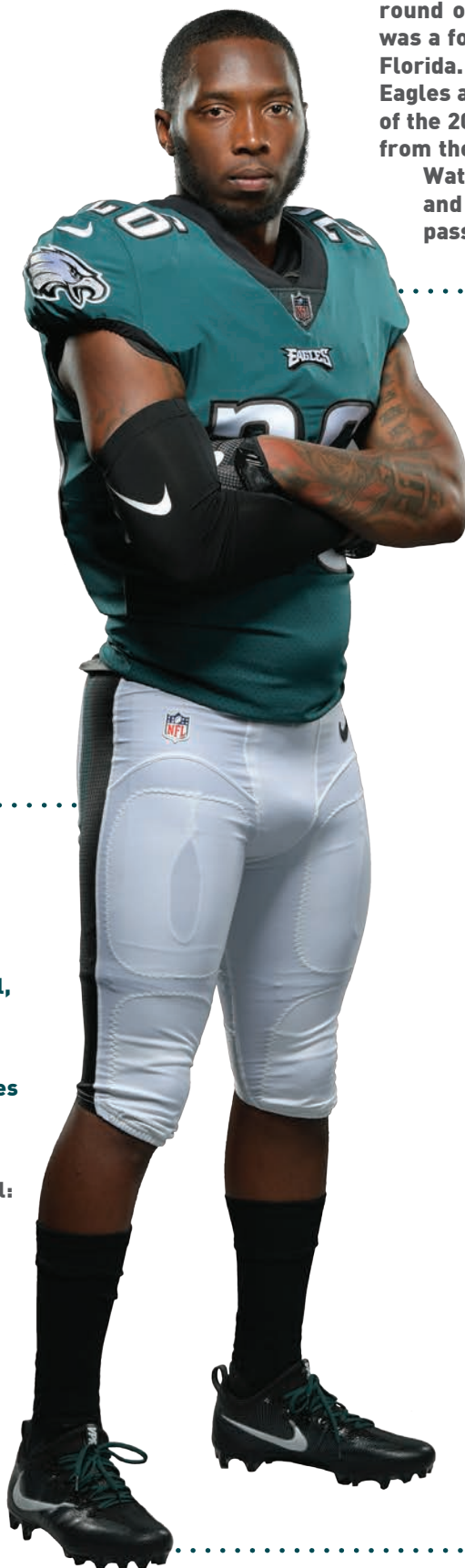


**Cape Coral,  
Florida**

**Cape Coral  
High School**



**Florida**  
**D4-14 (101st overall)**  
**by Philadelphia**  
**Acquired: PS-Buf-15**



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. Watkins spent his rookie year with the Eagles and re-joined the team towards the end of the 2015 season after the Eagles signed him from the Buffalo Bills practice squad. In 2016, Watkins saw significant action on defense and set career highs with 51 tackles and 6 passes defended.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Played in all 16 games (4 starts) for the Eagles in 2016 and finished the season with career highs in tackles (51) and passes defended (6). Also tallied a career-high 4 tackles on special teams
- Logged single-game career highs in tackles (10) and passes defended (3) at NYG (11/6/16)
- Made his first NFL start at Dal. (10/30/16)

## 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 (4 for a loss) and 3 INTs, 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

## 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

## THREE STEP DROP

**Hobbies: Reading, fishing, bowling**

**If he could play another sport: Baseball, outfielder, Miami Marlins**

**Three favorite throwback jerseys: Donovan McNabb, Philadelphia Eagles  
Deion Sanders, Atlanta Falcons  
Charles Woodson, Michigan**

**What he would do if not playing football: Attending graduate school**

**Biggest pet peeve: People chewing loudly**

**Best player he has faced: Odell Beckham Jr.**

**First job: Worked at the Boys & Girls Club as a sophomore in high school**

**Favorite athlete as a kid: Donovan McNabb**

**Favorite movie: Warrior**

**If he could be a superhero: Thor**

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## WATKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/S	TACKLES					PASS DEFENSE						FUMBLES			DEF SNAPS		ST	
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	Hur	FF	FR	Yds	No	Pct		No
2014	Philadelphia	4/0	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	3%	1
2015	Philadelphia	4/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	--	0	3	0	0	0	0	83	7%	3	
2016	Philadelphia	16/4	51	34	17	1.0	0.0	0	0	--	0	6	2	0	0	0	388	38%	4	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24/4</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>8</b>	



## CAPE CORAL HALL OF FAME

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 Cape Coral H.S. during the Eagles' 2016 bye week and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. During the game, Watkins had his No. 7 jersey retired and helped out on the Seahawks' sideline, as his alma mater defeated Ida Baker 46-36.



## BROTHERLY LOVE

Watkins' younger brother, Sammy, was a first-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2014. Prior to their college games, the brothers would send each other words of encouragement. Sammy would never leave his room to head to the stadium until he texted Jaylen, "Play today like it's your last game." Jaylen always responded with "Play hard and be safe." The two brothers were reunited as teammates in 2015, when Jaylen signed to the Bills practice squad and spent nearly three months with Buffalo until he was re-signed by the Eagles.

## LEE COUNTY LEGENDS

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."

## BIRDSEED

Watkins is the son of Brandy Green and Samuel Watkins III. Brandy is a second-grade teacher and Samuel is a truck driver. Watkins' 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.

Watkins recently married his long-time girlfriend Gerraka Lewis. The two met when Watkins was playing Pop Warner football and they both attended Cape Coral (FL) High School and the University of Florida.

Watkins, who earned his degree from Florida in family, youth and community science, played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back in high school. As a senior in 2009, he passed for 1,230 yards and 13 TDs and rushing for 928 yards with 10 TDs. He also racked up 29 receptions for 461 yards and 5 TDs.

Watkins also ran track at Cape Coral and advanced to the Class-4A Track Championships in the 4x100 relay.

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## 2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

## 2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
SIGNED BY EAGLES FROM BILLS PRACTICE SQUAD (11/27)											
Dec 6	at NE	W 1/0	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%
Dec 20	Ari	L 1/0	1	1	0.0	0	2	0	0	49	64%
Dec 26	Was	L 1/0	2	1	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>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7%</b>

## 2014 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 7	Jax	W 0/0	INACTIVE (HAMSTRING)								
Sep 15	at Ind	W 0/0	INACTIVE								
Sep 21	Was	W 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Sep 28	at SF	L 0/0	INACTIVE								
Oct 5	StL	W 0/0	INACTIVE								
Oct 12	NYG	W 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Oct 26	at Ari	L 0/0	INACTIVE								
Nov 2	at Hou	W 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nov 10	Car	W 0/0	INACTIVE								
Nov 16	at GB	L 0/0	INACTIVE								
Nov 23	Ten	W 0/0	INACTIVE								
Nov 27	at Dal	W 0/0	INACTIVE								
Dec 7	Sea	L 0/0	INACTIVE								
Dec 14	Dal	L 0/0	INACTIVE								
Dec 20	at Was	L 0/0	DID NOT PLAY								
Dec 28	at NYG	W 1/0	3	3	0.0	0	1	0	0	30	38%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4/0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3%</b>

## CAREER HIGHS

<b>Total Tackles</b>	10	11/6/16 at NYG
<b>Solo Tackles</b>	7	11/6/16 at NYG
<b>PDs</b>	3	11/6/16 at NYG

