

# RB WENDELL SMALLWOOD 28



**5-10 | 208** 2nd Year  
**BORN: Jan. 20, 1994 (Age 23)**

**Elkton, Maryland**  
**Eastern Christian Academy**



**West Virginia**  
**D5a-16 (153rd overall)**  
**by Philadelphia**



A native of nearby Wilmington, DE, and a fan of the Eagles during his childhood, **Wendell Smallwood** (pronounced wen-DELL) joined his hometown team after being selected in the 5th round of the 2016 NFL Draft. In 2015, Smallwood earned All-Big 12 second-team honors after setting career highs with 1,519 yards and 12 TDs on 238 carries (6.4 avg.) at West Virginia.

## 300+ RUSHING YDS & 250+ KICK RETURN YDS

ALL-TIME EAGLES ROOKIES



**WENDELL SMALLWOOD**  
2016



**JAMES MCALISTER**  
1975



**TED DEAN**  
1960



**KEN KELLER**  
1956



**STEVE VAN BUREN**  
1944

## THREE STEP DROP

First job: Counselor at the YMCA

Favorite TV show: *Martin*

Favorite quote: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." - Corinthians 9:24

If he could play another sport, what position: Shooting guard, Philadelphia 76ers

Player he models his game after: Marshall Faulk

Three favorite throwback jerseys: Brian Westbrook, Philadelphia Eagles; Michael Vick, Atlanta Falcons; Michael Jordan, North Carolina

## RUSHING LEADERS

WEST VIRGINIA SINGLE-SEASON HISTORY

1,744 Steve Slaton (2006)

1,710 Avon Cobourne (2002)

1,589 Amos Zereoue (1997)

1,519 W. Smallwood (2015)

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- As a rookie in 2016, became the first Eagle to record 300+ rushing yards and 250+ kick return yards since **Correll Buckhalter** in 2007. Joined **James McAlister** (1975), **Ted Dean** (1960), **Ken Keller** (1956) and **Steve Van Buren** (1944) as the only Eagles rookies to accomplish the feat
- Contributed to the Eagles' 208-yard rushing attack in the 24-15 win vs. Atl. (11/13/16) with a 70-yard performance on 13 carries (5.4 avg.)
- Registered his first-career kickoff return TD (86 yards) at Was. (10/16/16), becoming the first Eagles rookie RB to post a kickoff return TD since Derrick Witherspoon in 1995
- Smallwood and **Josh Huff** (98-yard TD vs. Min. on 10/23/16) became the first duo in Eagles history and NFL's fifth since 1970 to produce kickoff return TDs in consecutive weeks

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## SMALLWOOD'S CAREER STATISTICS

| Year          | Team         | GP/S        | RUSHING   |            |            |           |          | RECEIVING |           |            |           |          | TYS        | OFF SNAPS  |            | KICK RETURNS |            |             |            |          |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|
|               |              |             | Att       | Yds        | Avg        | Lg        | TD       | No        | Yds       | Avg        | Lg        | TD       |            | No         | Pct        | No           | Yds        | Avg         | Lg         | TD       |
| 2016          | Philadelphia | 13/3        | 77        | 312        | 4.1        | 19        | 1        | 6         | 55        | 9.2        | 18        | 0        | 367        | 164        | 16%        | 9            | 261        | 29.0        | 86t        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</b> |              | <b>13/3</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>312</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>55</b> | <b>9.2</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>367</b> | <b>---</b> | <b>---</b> | <b>9</b>     | <b>261</b> | <b>29.0</b> | <b>86t</b> | <b>1</b> |

## ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS

Fumbles/Lost: 1/1 Special Teams Tackles: 2

## 2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Date   | Opp    | GP/S        | RUSHING   |            |            |           |          | RECEIVING |           |            |           |          | TYS        | SNAPS      |            | KICK RETURNS |            |             |            |          |   |
|--|--------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|---|
|  |        |             | Att       | Yds        | Avg        | Lg        | TD       | No        | Yds       | Avg        | Lg        | TD       |            | No         | Pct        | No           | Yds        | Avg         | Lg         | TD       |   |
| Sep 11                                       | Cle    | W           | 1/0       | 1          | 1          | 1.0       | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 1          | 2          | 3%           | 1          | 23          | 23.0       | 23       | 0 |
| Sep 19                                       | at Chi | W           | 1/0       | 2          | 16         | 8.0       | 11       | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 16         | 5          | 7%           | 1          | 30          | 30.0       | 30       | 0 |
| Sep 25                                       | Pit    | W           | 1/0       | 17         | 79         | 4.6       | 14       | 1         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 79         | 24         | 37%          | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Oct 9  | at Det | L           | 1/0       | 0          | 0          | ---       | --       | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 0          | 1          | 2%           | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Oct 16                                       | at Was | L           | 1/0       | 4          | 6          | 1.5       | 7        | 0         | 1         | 14         | 14.0      | 14       | 0          | 20         | 10         | 19%          | 1          | 86          | 86.0       | 86t      | 1 |
| Oct 23                                       | Min    | W           | 1/0       | 4          | 13         | 3.3       | 4        | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 13         | 5          | 9%           | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Oct 30                                       | at Dal | L           | 1/0       | 1          | -5         | -5.0      | -5       | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | -5         | 1          | 1%           | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Nov 6  | at NYG | L           | 1/0       | 2          | 25         | 12.5      | 19       | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 25         | 4          | 5%           | 2          | 50          | 25.0       | 26       | 0 |
| Nov 13                                       | Atl    | W           | 1/0       | 13         | 70         | 5.4       | 19       | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 70         | 19         | 24%          | 2          | 32          | 16.0       | 17       | 0 |
| Nov 20                                       | at Sea | L           | 1/0       | 13         | 48         | 3.7       | 18       | 0         | 4         | 31         | 7.8       | 18       | 0          | 79         | 38         | 48%          | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Nov 28                                       | GB     | L           | 1/1       | 9          | 37         | 4.1       | 9        | 0         | 1         | 10         | 10.0      | 10       | 0          | 47         | 22         | 37%          | 0          | 0           | ---        | --       | 0 |
| Dec 4  | at Cin | L           | 1/1       | 8          | 19         | 2.4       | 9        | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 19         | 24         | 30%          | 1          | 13          | 13.0       | 13       | 0 |
| Dec 11                                       | Was    | L           | 1/1       | 3          | 3          | 1.0       | 5        | 0         | 0         | 0          | ---       | --       | 0          | 3          | 9          | 12%          | 1          | 27          | 27.0       | 27       | 0 |
| PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (KNEE) ON 12/12/16 |        |             |           |            |            |           |          |           |           |            |           |          |            |            |            |              |            |             |            |          |   |
| <b>Totals</b>                                |        | <b>13/3</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>312</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>55</b> | <b>9.2</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>367</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>16%</b> | <b>9</b>     | <b>261</b> | <b>29.0</b> | <b>86t</b> | <b>1</b> |   |

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Rushed for a career-high 79 yards on 17 carries (4.6 avg.) and recorded the first TD of his NFL career. His 79 rushing yards were the most by an Eagles rookie since **Bryce Brown** on 12/2/12 at Dal. (169 yards)

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Appeared in 38 games (22 starts) and finished his three-year college career with 425 carries for 2,462 yards (5.8 avg.) and 12 TDs. Ended his West Virginia career ranked 9th all-time on the school's rushing list



## ALWAYS AN EAGLE

Smallwood grew up a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles in nearby Wilmington, DE. One of his favorite games he attended was the Eagles-Packers playoff game on January 11, 2004, when he witnessed the Eagles' 4th-and-26 conversion that led to a comeback win in overtime.

Smallwood's favorite all-time Eagle was Duce Staley, who now serves as his position coach. "I was star-struck at the combine after meeting him. I even asked for a picture with him."

## BIRDSEED

Smallwood, who majored in criminology with a minor in communications at West Virginia, is the son of Nichelle Barber and Wendell Smallwood. He has a pit bull named Prince.

Smallwood began playing football as a fullback and guard for the Claymont (DE) Falcons as a 7-year-old. He played his first three high school seasons at Red Lion Christian Academy in Bear, DE, before finishing high school at Eastern Christian Academy in Elkton, MD.

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## CAREER HIGHS

| <b>Rush Attempts</b>     | 17  | 9/25/16 vs. Pit.            |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| <b>Rushing Yards</b>     | 79  | 9/25/16 vs. Pit.            |
| <b>Rushing Long</b>      | 19  | 2x, last: 11/13/16 vs. Atl. |
| <b>Rushing TDs</b>       | 1   | 9/25/16 vs. Pit.            |
| <b>Receptions</b>        | 4   | 11/20/16 at Sea.            |
| <b>Receiving Yards</b>   | 31  | 11/20/16 at Sea.            |
| <b>Receiving Long</b>    | 18  | 11/20/16 at Sea.            |
| <b>Receiving TDs</b>     | --  | ---                         |
| <b>Kick Returns</b>      | 2   | 2x, last: 11/13/16 vs. Atl. |
| <b>Kick Return Yards</b> | 86  | 10/16/16 at Was.            |
| <b>Kick Return Long</b>  | 86t | 10/16/16 at Was.            |



## RETURN TOUCHDOWNS (1)

| Date     | Opponent                          | Yards | Return |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| 10/16/16 | at Washington Redskins (L, 20-27) | 86    | KR     |

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Compiled 68 career receptions for 618 yards (9.1 avg.), finishing 5th all-time among RBs in school history in both receptions and receiving yards
- Enjoyed a breakout campaign as a junior in 2015, leading the Big 12 in rushing yards with the 4th-highest single-season total in school history (1,519). Was named second-team All-Big 12 by the *Associated Press*
- Played in 13 games (nine starts) as a sophomore in 2014 and finished the season with 722 yards and 2 TDs on 148 carries (4.9 avg.). His 31 receptions tied for the 5th-most in a single-season by a RB in West Virginia history

## TRANSACTIONS

- 2016** Drafted by PHI in 5th round (153rd overall)  
*Signed 4-year contract*
- 12/12/16** Placed on Injured Reserve (knee)