

# C JASON KELCE 62



**6-3 | 295** 🇺🇸 7th Year  
**BORN: Nov. 5, 1987 (Age 29)**

☆ **Cleveland, Ohio**  
**Cleveland Heights High School**



**Cincinnati**  
**D6a-11 (191st overall)**  
**by Philadelphia**



Jason Kelce arrived at the University of Cincinnati as a walk-on linebacker in 2006 and is now a 2-time Pro Bowl center with the Eagles. Between then and now, Kelce used an incredible amount of athleticism, diligent work ethic, and intelligence to make his present a reality. A 6th-round draft pick of the Eagles in 2011, Kelce made the most of his opportunity as a rookie and became an immediate starter. Following the 2013 season, he was rewarded with a 7-year contract extension.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2016, earned his second Pro Bowl trip in three years after becoming the only Eagles player to see action in all 1,133 offensive snaps
- Voted to the Pro Bowl for the first time in 2014, becoming the first Eagles center to gain such recognition since Jim Ringo was named to his 10th Pro Bowl following the 1967 campaign
- Named the team's Ed Block Courage Award recipient in 2013. The award honors those NFL players who exemplify commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and courage and is given by a vote of the team for efforts as well as individual performance. Also garnered *USA Today's* 2013 All-Joe team honors, which recognizes the NFL players whose work doesn't necessarily garner headlines, but is integral to the success of their team
- In 2013, helped the Eagles set a team record with 6,676 total yards of offense and a then-team record 442 points
- Was named to *Dallas Morning News* columnist Rick Gosselin's NFL All-Rookie team after starting all 16 games for an offense that set a team record in first downs (356) and a then-team record in total net yards (6,386)

## THREE STEP DROP

**If he could play another sport: Center for the Philadelphia Flyers**

**First job: Worked a youth hockey camp when he was 14 years old**

**First football team: Played LB and FB for the Roxboro Rockets in 7th grade**

**Three items needed on deserted island: Duct tape, lighter, fishing pole**

**Three favorite throwback jerseys: Chuck Bednarik, Philadelphia Eagles  
Jim Brown, Cleveland Browns  
Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton Oilers**

**Pregame ritual: Listens to Christmas music and combs his beard**

**Favorite movies: *The Big Lebowski* and *The Last Gladiators***

**Favorite teams/athletes as a kid: All Cleveland teams. Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and Jerome Bettis**



## FOOTBALL IS FAMILY

Jason comes from a football lineage, as his younger brother, Travis, was a teammate at Cincinnati (2008-10) as a tight end and was drafted by Kansas City in 2013. His uncle, Don Blalock, played defensive tackle for Purdue (1976-77) and his grandfather, Don Blalock, played football at Ohio University.

Travis is a two-time Pro Bowl TE and was voted All-Pro by the *Associated Press* in 2016. Last season, Jason and Travis both played in the Pro Bowl and the two will face off for the first time in their NFL careers in 2017 when the Eagles travel to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs in Week 2. The Eagles and Chiefs last played when Travis was a rookie in 2013, but he missed the contest with a knee injury.

Travis is pictured on the left in both of the below pictures.

## BIRDSEED

Jason is the son of Donna and Ed Kelce. Donna works in banking, while Ed is a sales rep in the steel business. Cites his dad as the biggest influence on his career. "He really pushed me to be the best I could be and was somebody that I've always looked up to."

Jason grew up playing a variety of different sports including hockey, lacrosse, soccer and baseball. "Playing all of those sports has helped me adapt to any circumstance that is thrown my way."

Jason graduated from Cincinnati with a degree in marketing.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Became the first Eagles rookie offensive lineman to start all 16 games since **Doug Brzezineski** did so in 1999 and the first rookie in team history to start every game at center

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Kelce started his final 38 games at Cincinnati during a 47-game career – 26 at left guard and 12 at center
- Started 12 games at center in 2010, and was an All-American honorable mention and All-Big East Conference first-team selection by *The NFL Draft Report*, adding second-team All-Big East honors from the league's coaches
- As a junior in 2009, earned All-Big East Conference second-team honors while starting all 13 games at left guard
- In 2008, earned Sophomore All-American third-team and All-Big East Conference second-team honors from *The NFL Draft Report* in his first season as a starter
- In 2007, the former walk-on linebacker added more than 40 pounds to his frame during the offseason, shifting to the offensive line, where he competed in nine games as a reserve at center and both offensive guard positions
- Joined the team as a walk-on in 2006, earning Scout Team Defensive Player of the Year honors while lining up as a 240-pound linebacker

## TRANSACTIONS

- 2011** Drafted by PHI in 6th round (191st overall)  
Signed 4-year contract
- 9/8/12** Placed on Injured Reserve (knee)
- 2/27/14** Signed by PHI to a 7-year contract through 2020

KELCE'S CAREER SERVICE					
			STARTS	OFF SNAPS	
Year	Team	GP/S	C	No	Pct
2011	Philadelphia	16/16	16	---	---
2012	Philadelphia	2/2	2	136	12%
2013	Philadelphia	16/16	16	1095	99%
2014	Philadelphia	12/12	12	828	70%
2015	Philadelphia	16/16	16	1156	100%
2016	Philadelphia	16/16	16	1133	100%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>78/78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
PLAYOFFS					
2013	Philadelphia	1/1	1	58	100%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1/1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>