

# LB DON CHERRY 48



**6-2 | 240** 1st Year  
**BORN: Sept. 27, 1994 (Age 22)**

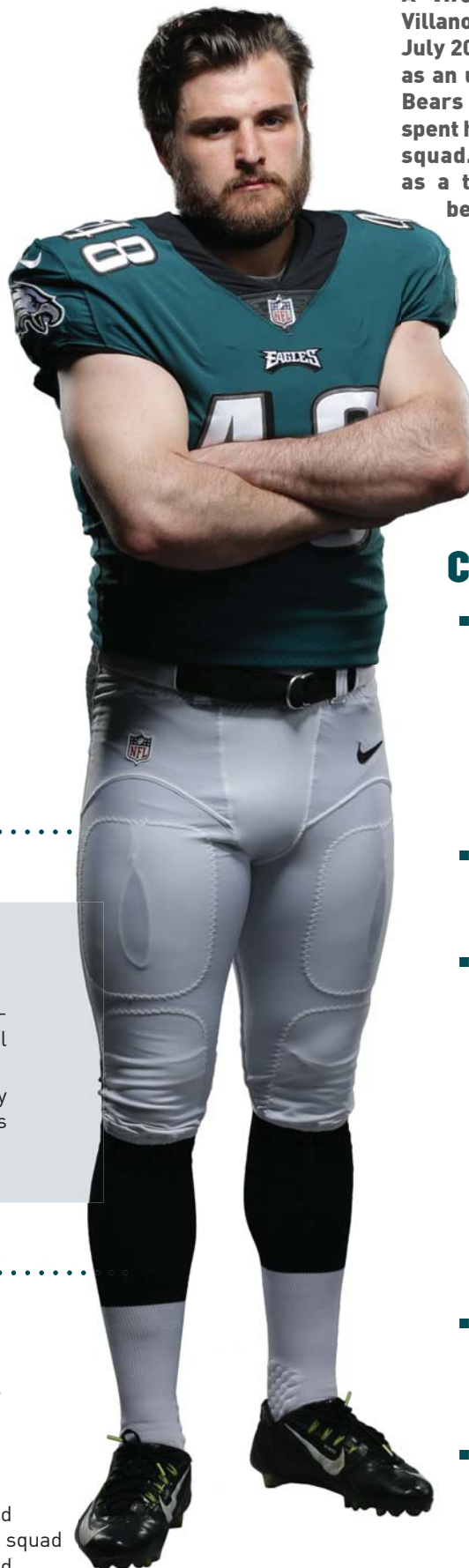
**Trumbull,  
Connecticut**



**Trumbull  
High School**



**Villanova  
UDFA (2016)  
by Chicago  
Acquired: FA 2016**



A two-time All-American linebacker at Villanova, **Don Cherry** signed with the Eagles in July 2016 after originally entering the league as an undrafted free agent with the Chicago Bears following the 2016 NFL Draft. Cherry spent his rookie season on the Eagles practice squad. He concluded his college career as a three-time all-conference selection, becoming one of only six linebackers to do so under Wildcats head coach Andy Talley. The Trumbull, CT, native totaled 331 tackles, 46.5 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, 7 FFs and 2 FRs in 46 games at Villanova.

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Served as a tri-captain for the Wildcats as a senior in 2015 and earned second-team STATS FCS All-America honors and first-team All-CAA accolades after registering 88 tackles, a team-leading 12.5 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks, 2 FFs and a fumble recovery in 11 starts. Tied for fourth in the CAA in tackles for loss and ranked ninth in total tackles
- Contributed to a defense in 2015 that ranked 2nd in the league in total defense (309.1 ypg) and pass defense (171.4 ypg), and 3rd in scoring defense (18.4 ppg)
- As a junior in 2014, garnered first-team All-America honors from the *Sports Network*, *Associated Press* and *Walter Camp Foundation*, while also being recognized as an All-CAA first-team honoree, a *Capital One* second-team Academic All-American and as the CAA Football Student-Athlete of the Year. Started all 14 games and racked up team and career-highs of 134 tackles, 21.5 tackles for loss, 10.0 sacks and 5 FFs. His 134 tackles stands as the 5th-best single-season mark in school history
- Was honored as a second-team All-CAA selection, as well as a CAA All-Academic choice in 2013 when he led the team with 99 tackles and 12.5 tackles for loss, while adding one sack
- Started in two of his 10 games played as a freshman in 2012, where he collared 10 tackles

## BIRDSEED

- Was a first-team all-county and all-conference selection at Trumbull (CT) High School
- Is the son of Don and Monica Cherry and is the youngest of three siblings
- Majored in finance at Villanova

## TRANSACTIONS

- 2016** Signed by CHI as UDFA
- 6/17/16** Waived by CHI
- 7/24/16** Signed by PHI
- 9/3/16** Waived by PHI
- 9/5/16** Signed by PHI to practice squad
- 10/7/16** Released by PHI from practice squad
- 10/11/16** Signed by PHI to practice squad