

DT DESTINY VAEAO 97



6-4 | 299  2nd Year
BORN: Jan. 15, 1994 (Age 23)

**Pago Pago,
American Samoa**


**Tafuna
High School**



Washington State
Acquired: UDFA 2016

THREE STEP DROP

If he could play another sport,
what team/position:
**Forward for the Manu
Samoa rugby squad**

If he could be any superhero:
Superman

Favorite family tradition:
**Tonai (a big, traditional family dinner
on Sundays in Samoa)**

Favorite movie: **Lord of the Rings**

Favorite meal: **Taro and palusami**

Favorite hobby: **Swimming**

Favorite quote: **"When you have
confidence, you can have a lot of
fun. And when you have fun, you
can do amazing things."**
- Joe Namath

TRANSACTIONS

2016 Signed by PHI as UDFA



A native of American Samoa who never set foot in the United States until he enrolled at Washington State in 2012, **Destiny Vaeao** (VIE-ow) was signed by the Eagles as an undrafted free agent in 2016. At Washington State, he combined for 84 tackles, including 19 TFL, 7.0 sacks, 2 FFs and 2 FRs in 44 career games.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016 - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (16/0)

- Joined **Sam Rayburn** (2.0 in 2003) as the only undrafted rookies in Eagles history to record multiple sacks in a season
- Sacked Giants QB **Eli Manning** and notched a career-high 4 tackles at NYG (11/6/16)
- Notched his first-career sack and forced fumble (recovered by Eagles LB **Jordan Hicks**) as he chased down Bears QB **Jay Cutler** at Chi. (9/19/16)

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Named to the All-Pac-12 Second Team after registering 41 tackles (20 solo), 12 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 1 FF, 1 FR and one blocked kick in 13 starts as a senior in 2015. Ranked tied for 10th in the Pac-12 in tackles for loss
- Started all 10 games he appeared in as a junior in 2014, posting 14 tackles (nine solo), 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks and 1 FR
- Appeared in 11 games (10 starts) as a sophomore in 2013, producing 24 tackles (16 solo) and 3.5 TFL
- Totaled 5 tackles (2 solo) as a true freshman in 2012, making two starts in his 10 appearances



VAEAO'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/S	TACKLES					PASS DEFENSE						FUMBLES			DEF SNAPS	
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	Hur	FF	FR	Yds	No	Pct
2016	Philadelphia	16/0	19	11	8	1.0	2.0	0	0	--	0	0	3	1	0	0	268	26%
2017	Philadelphia	4/0	9	5	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	14%
Totals		20/0	28	16	12	1.0	2.0	0	0	--	0	0	3	1	0	0	---	---

2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Hur	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
9/10	at Was	W 1/0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	12	10%
9/17	at KC	L 0/0	INACTIVE (WRIST)								
9/24	NYG	W 0/0	INACTIVE (WRIST)								
10/1	at LAC	W 0/0	INACTIVE (WRIST)								
10/8	Ari	W 0/0	INACTIVE (WRIST)								
10/12	at Car	W 0/0	INACTIVE (WRIST)								
10/23	Was	W 1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	22	34%
10/29	SF	W 1/0	4	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	17	26%
11/5	Den	W 1/0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	28	44%
11/19	at Dal										
11/26	Chi										
12/3	at Sea										
12/10	at LAR										
12/17	at NYG										
12/25	Oak										
12/31	Dal										
Totals		4/0	9	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	79	14%

2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Hur	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 11	Cle	W 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	12	23%
Sep 19	at Chi	W 1/0	1	1	1.0	1	0	1	0	7	13%
Sep 25	Pit	W 1/0	1	1	0.0	2	0	0	0	19	32%
Oct 9	at Det	L 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	8	13%
Oct 16	at Was	L 1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	28	38%
Oct 23	Min	W 1/0	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	30	39%
Oct 30	at Dal	L 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	28	36%
Nov 6	at NYG	L 1/0	4	4	1.0	0	0	0	0	21	33%
Nov 13	Atl	W 1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	8	16%
Nov 20	at Sea	L 1/0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	16	24%
Nov 28	GB	L 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	14	20%
Dec 4	at Cin	L 1/0	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	16	25%
Dec 11	Was	L 1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	13	27%
Dec 18	at Bal	L 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	9	16%
Dec 22	NYG	W 1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	22	25%
Jan 1	Dal	W 1/0	3	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	17	30%
Totals		16/0	19	11	2.0	3	0	1	0	268	26%

CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles	4	11/6/16 at NYG
Solo Tackles	4	11/6/16 at NYG
Sacks	1.0	2x, last: 11/6/16 at NYG
Hurries	2	9/25/16 vs. Pit.
PDs	---	---
FFs	1	9/19/16 at Chi.
FRs	---	---

FAVORITE FOOTBALL MEMORY

Vaeao's favorite football memory was beating Stanford guard Joshua Garnett (2016 first-round pick of the 49ers) for a sack and forced fumble of QB Kevin Hogan.

BIRDSEED

Vaeao, who earned a degree in criminal justice from Washington State in May 2015, is the son of Naomi Vaeao and the late Tepatasi Vaeao and has three brothers and one sister. His older sister also attended Washington State.

Vaeao reached the Island Championship game with Tafuna High School (Pago Pago, American Samoa) in each of his last two seasons, winning the title his junior year. As a senior, he produced 500 receiving yards and 8 TDs as a tight end.

Vaeao was selected to play in the International Bowl All-Star Game for high school seniors from Samoa and Canada against seniors from other states. He participated in the 2011 Samoa Bowl, 2012 IFAF World Game and 2012 IFAF Samoa vs. Australia Game.

Vaeao, who also played soccer, rugby and volleyball at Tafuna, was a high school teammate of Lene Maiava, who was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Seahawks from the University of Arizona in 2016.

FORMER TIGHT END

Vaeao was an accomplished high school tight end and was recruited mostly at that position by colleges. He opted to play at Washington State so he could play on the defensive line.

