




6-3 | 259  **2nd Year**
DOB: June 25, 1996 (Age 22)


Brentwood, Tennessee
Brentwood Academy



Tennessee
 D1-17 (14th overall)
 by Philadelphia



Originally selected by the Eagles with the 14th-overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft, **Derek Barnett** was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team after finishing his debut season with 5.0 sacks, the most by an Eagles rookie since **Fletcher Cox** (5.5) in 2012. Barnett played at the University of Tennessee, where he produced a school-record 33.0 career sacks.



MOST SACKS

EAGLES PLAYERS IN 2017

Brandon Graham	9.5
Fletcher Cox	5.5
Derek Barnett	5.0
Chris Long	5.0
Vinny Curry	3.0

EAGLES ROOKIE HISTORY (SINCE 1982)

Corey Simon (2000)	9.5
Derrick Burgess (2001)	6.0
Fletcher Cox (2012)	5.5
Mike Mamula (1995)	5.5
Derek Barnett (2017)	5.0
Trent Cole (2005)	5.0

TACKLES FOR LOSS

EAGLES PLAYERS IN 2017

16	Brandon Graham
13	Vinny Curry
11	Malcolm Jenkins
9	Derek Barnett
9	Tim Jernigan

At the University of Tennessee, Barnett set a school-record with 33.0 career sacks, breaking the previous mark of 32.0 set by Pro Football Hall of Famer and Eagles legend **Reggie White** (1980-83).

THREE STEP DROP

First job: Worked on a farm cutting grass and weeding

Bucket list: Travel to Africa

Prized possession: His old college and high school jerseys

Desired talent: Ability to sing

If he could play another sport: Baseball

Best player he ever lined up against: Jason Peters in practice

Player he models his game after: Eagles DE Michael Bennett

Favorite movie: *Boyz n the Hood*

Favorite meal: Crab legs

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named to the PFWA **All-Rookie Team** in 2017 after producing the most sacks (5.0) by an Eagles rookie since **Fletcher Cox** (5.5) during the 2012 season
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MOTHER'S INSPIRATION

Barnett considers his mother, Christine, his best friend and inspiration. Christine, who works in a UPS warehouse and at times has held three jobs to support her three children, instilled a humble attitude in Barnett at an early age.

"She always told me, 'Stay humble and put your head down and just work.' I think I get that attitude from her. Even though she worked a lot, she was still always there and made sure I had everything I needed."

Barnett noted in his pre-draft *Players' Tribune* article that his mother deserves to be taken care of for all of her hard work, but she admirably prefers to live her life as usual.

"She's already told me that she's going to keep her same job at the UPS warehouse — on her feet, sweating, sorting packages on a tight deadline — even after I make it to the league."



NFL DRAFT COVER LETTER

Prior to the 2017 NFL Draft, Barnett penned a letter in *The Players' Tribune* to the league's general managers.

"I just thought it was a great way to express my feelings, and my mom thought it would be a good idea to get that letter out as well."

Barnett expressed his admiration for Reggie White, whose career sacks record he broke at the University of Tennessee, but assured readers that his work was not done yet.

"Right now, you might know me as the kid who broke Reggie White's sack record at Tennessee, but that's not the only thing I'm going to be remembered for by the time I leave this game. I promise you that."



REGGIE WHITE'S RECORD

As a junior at the University of Tennessee in 2016, Barnett set a new school record with 33.0 career sacks, surpassing the previous record of 32.0 set by Pro Football Hall of Famer and Eagles legend Reggie White (1980-83). After breaking the record, Barnett received a phone call from Sara White.

"She was just congratulating me on everything I've accomplished. Even though I broke the record, I told her Reggie is still Reggie. I don't think I'm better than Reggie. It meant a lot."

Barnett admires the games of several other NFL players, past and present. "I like watching [Eagles DE] Michael Bennett play. I like his demeanor. He uses his hands very well. When I was younger, [Pro Football Hall of Famer and former Giants DE] Michael Strahan was one of the best to do it. I look up to a lot of those guys."

MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Prior to the 2017 NFL Combine, Barnett caught the flu and his numbers were not as good as he originally anticipated. However, that did not keep him from making an impression on NFL teams, especially the Eagles.

"I caught the flu a few days before we ran, and I knew I probably wasn't going to test my best. But I knew it was an important job interview and I knew I had to go out there and grind it out. I told myself to just go out there and do my best and control what I can control, and I did so."

BIRDSEED

Barnett lettered at Brentwood Academy (Brentwood, TN), where he earned all-state honors as a defensive end. As a senior, Barnett recorded 60 tackles, 18 TFL, 5.5 sacks and 1 FF and helped lead his team to a state semifinal berth.

Barnett began playing football at an early age as both a guard and defensive end. He developed an immediate love for the game.

"The first time I picked it up, I started playing football in fifth grade, and I always used to play backyard football when I was younger. When I picked it up the first day of practice I had a blast, and I knew I was going to go a long way with it."

Barnett majored in communication studies at Tennessee.





CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/S	TACKLES					PASS DEFENSE						FUMBLES			DEF SNAPS	
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	QPH	FF	FR	Yds	No	Pct
2017	Philadelphia	15/0	25	18	7	9	5.0	0	0	--	0	0	32	1	2	0	424	41%
Totals		15/0	25	18	7	9	5.0	0	0	--	0	0	32	1	2	0	---	---

PLAYOFFS

2017	Philadelphia	3/0	3	3	0	1	1.0	0	0	--	0	0	8	1	1	-3	83	40%
Totals		3/0	3	3	0	1	1.0	0	0	--	0	0	8	1	1	-3	---	---

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Fumble Recovery TD: 12/25/17 vs. Oak. **Blocked FG:** 10/29/17 vs. SF **Blocked PAT:** 12/17/17 at NYG **Blocked FG Recovery:** 10/29/17 vs. SF

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles	4	11/19/17 at Dal.
Sacks	2.0	2x, last: 11/19/17 at Dal.
INTs	--	---
PDs	--	---
FFs	1	2x, last: 1/21/18 vs. Min. (Conf.)
FRs	1	3x, last: 2/4/18 at NE (SB)

2017 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct	
Sep 10	at Was	W	1/0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	26	41%	
Sep 17	at KC	L	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	21	40%	
Sep 24	NYG	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	26	38%	
Oct 1	at LAC	W	1/0	3	2	0.0	0	0	1	24	42%	
Oct 8	Ari	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	26	43%	
Oct 12	at Car	W	1/0	2	0	0.5	0	0	0	39	48%	
Oct 23	Was	W	1/0	3	3	2.0	0	0	0	36	56%	
Oct 29	SF	W	1/0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	34	52%	
Nov 5	Den	W	1/0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	29	45%	
Nov 19	at Dal	W	1/0	4	2	2.0	0	0	1	32	51%	
Nov 26	Chi	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	26	47%	
Dec 3	at Sea	L	1/0	1	0	0.5	0	0	0	26	42%	
Dec 10	at LAR	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	17	35%	
Dec 17	at NYG	W	1/0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	42	48%	
Dec 25	Oak	W	1/0	2	1	0.0	0	0	1	20	29%	
Dec 31	Dal	L	0/0	INACTIVE								
Totals			15/0	25	18	5.0	0	0	1	2	424	41%

PLAYOFFS

Jan 13	Atl	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	16	25%
Jan 21	Min	W	1/0	2	2	1.0	0	0	1	33	49%
Feb 4	at NE	W	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	1	34	45%
Totals			3/0	3	3	1.0	0	0	1	83	40%

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

2017 - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (15/0, 3/0)

- Named to the PFWA **All-Rookie Team** after producing the most sacks (5.0) by an Eagles rookie since **Fletcher Cox** (5.5) during the 2012 season
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- Strip-sacked QB **Case Keenum** (recovered by **Chris Long**) to halt a Vikings red zone drive in the NFC Championship win vs. Min. (1/21/18). Became the first Eagles rookie to record a strip-sack in a playoff game since **Derrick Burgess** on 1/27/02 at St. Louis (**Kurt Warner**). The takeaway set up a 76-yard TD drive that gave the Eagles a 21-7 advantage in the second quarter
- Capped off the Eagles' 19-10 victory vs. Oak. (12/25/17) with a 23-yard fumble recovery TD as time expired. Became the first Eagles rookie to register a fumble recovery TD since **Brian Rolle** on 11/7/11 vs. Chicago (22-yard TD)
- Blocked a PAT attempt by **Aldrick Rosas** in the 34-29 win at NYG (12/17/17). According to *Elias Sports*, the Eagles became the first NFL team to block a punt, FG and PAT in the same game since the Buffalo Bills on 11/24/91 at New England (blocked 2 FGs, 1 PAT and 1 punt)
- Led the Eagles with a career-high-tying 2.0 sacks in the 37-9 win at Dal. (11/19/17), including his first career strip-sack (Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott**) that resulted in a 37-yard fumble recovery TD by **Nigel Bradham**





CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Blocked and recovered a **Robbie Gould** FG attempt in the third quarter vs. SF (10/30/17)
- Posted a career-high 2.0 sacks vs. Was. (10/23/17)
- Recovered his first career fumble after **Chris Long** strip-sacked Chargers QB **Philip Rivers** at LAC (10/1/17)

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Played in all 39 games (36 starts) during his three-year career at the University of Tennessee, where he set a new school record with 33.0 career sacks. Surpassed the previous record of 32.0 set by Pro Football Hall of Famer and Eagles legend **Reggie White** (1980-83)
- Compiled 52 TFL in his career, finishing 2nd all-time in school history behind **Leonard Little** (53 from 1995-97)
- Earned first-team All-America honors from the *Associated Press* as a junior in 2016 after registering a career-high 13.0 sacks with 56 total tackles, 19 TFL, 16 hurries and 2 FFs
- Named second-team All-SEC by the *Associated Press* after starting all 13 games and leading the team with 10.0 sacks as a sophomore in 2015. Also finished 3rd on the Volunteers defense with 69 total tackles
- Named second-team All-SEC by the *Associated Press* as a freshman in 2014. Earned Freshman All-America honors and was selected to the Freshman All-SEC team. Set true-freshman school records with 10.0 sacks and 20.5 TFL

TRANSACTIONS

- 2017** Drafted by PHI in 1st round (14th overall)
Signed 4-year contract

