



6-3 | 295  **8th Year**
DOB: Nov. 5, 1987 (Age 30)



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2017



Cincinnati
D6a-11 (191st overall)
by Philadelphia



Originally selected by the Eagles in the 6th round (191st overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft out of the University of Cincinnati, **Jason Kelce** is a two-time Pro Bowler and was named first-team All-Pro by the *Associated Press* following the 2017 season. The veteran center has led the Eagles in offensive snaps in each of the last three seasons (2015-17).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named first-team **All-Pro** by the *Associated Press* after playing an integral role on the Eagles' **Super Bowl LII**-winning offensive line. In 2017, helped the team rank 3rd in the NFL in offensive points (414, tied) and rushing offense (132.2) as well as 7th in total offense (365.8)
- In 2016, earned his second **Pro Bowl** nod in three seasons after seeing action in all 1,133 of the Eagles' 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
- Was the recipient of the team's **Ed Block Courage Award** 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 their team's success
- In 2013, helped the Eagles set a team record with 6,676 total yards 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**



CAREER STATISTICS

			STARTS	OFF SNAPS	
Year	Team	GP/S	C	No	Pct
2011	Philadelphia	16/16	16	N/A	N/A
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%
2017	Philadelphia	16/16	16	1079	95%
2018	Philadelphia	6/6	6	440	99%
Totals		100/100	100	---	---

PLAYOFFS					
Year	Team	GP/S	C	No	Pct
2013	Philadelphia	1/1	1	58	100%
2017	Philadelphia	3/3	3	207	100%
Totals		4/4	4	---	---

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

- 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



HUNGRY DOGS RUN FASTER

Dressed in Mummer's regalia at the podium atop the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Kelce closed the Eagles' Parade of Champions with an emotional, powerful and memorable speech that solidified his unique place in Philadelphia folklore. Inspired by the "underdog" theme associated with the Eagles' playoff run, Kelce delivered an ode to his teammates and the resilient spirit of the city of Philadelphia.

"It was a very real moment for myself and I think that the fans and really everybody watching it picked up on that as well, that it was really coming from the heart. It wasn't some sort of show, even though it might have looked like it with the Mummer outfit and all the spectacle around it. It was something that came from a burning place down inside that had been engrained through a lot of hard work, a lot of failures, a lot of success throughout my entire career, and the same thing with the city and this entire organization."

FOOTBALL IS FAMILY

Kelce 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.

BIRDSEED

Kelce is the son of Donna and Ed Kelce. Donna works in banking, while Ed is a sales rep in the steel business. He cites his dad as the biggest influence on his career.

Kelce graduated from Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in marketing.