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WR

ANDRE HOLMES



6-4

210

7TH YEAR



JUNE 16, 1988 (AGE 30)



HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS



JAMES B. CONANT HS



HILLSDALE

ACQUIRED 2017

Signed as a free agent by the Bills on March 18, 2017.

SHOUTOUTS

- Posted three touchdown catches for the Bills in 2017.
- Set career highs with the Raiders in 2014 with 47 catches, 693 yards and four touchdowns.
- Grabbed a career-long, 77-yard touchdown pass from Derek Carr vs. San Diego in 2014.
- Caught a touchdown pass in his only career playoff game at Houston (1/7/17). It was a 8-yard catch from Connor Cook.
- Inducted into the Hillsdale College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.
- In his final season at Hillsdale in 2010, set single-season school records for receptions (104), and receiving yards (1,368), and caught 11 touchdown passes.



FIRST-AND-10

ANDRE HOLMES is in his second year in Buffalo and his 7th in the NFL after signing a three-year contract with the Bills in 2017. Holmes provides size and depth at the wide receiver position and on special teams. He entered the NFL as undrafted free agent with the Vikings from Division II Hillsdale College. After stints with Minnesota, Dallas and New England early in his career, Holmes finally made his mark in Oakland, playing four seasons with the Raiders (2013-16).

IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'

UNLIKELY ROUTE

Holmes is an example of perseverance. He did not play much football in high school. Division II Hillsdale was the only school to offer him a scholarship. In the NFLPA Bowl game in 2011, he "didn't know how to get off press coverage and got destroyed. Going against Division I athletes was a new experience." It all worked out well.

SPECIAL MENTALITY

It is no accident Holmes is one of the most productive special teamers on the team. "I take a lot of pride on playing special teams. That's how I got on the field early in my career. A special teams play starts every series. It sets the tone."

UNIQUE EYE TRAINING

Uses Senaptec Strobe goggles to "recalibrate" his eyes before each game.

PERSONAL

He and his wife, Diana, have two sons, Micah and Kai. The son of Kevin and Mary Holmes. His father played 13 years of professional basketball in Europe. Has two brothers and two sisters. Earned a degree in physical education.



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LATE BLOOMER

Holmes (pictured above with other inductees in the Hillsdale College Hall of Fame) started playing football as a 170 pounder in high school. "I have always felt I was behind the curve in sports growing up. Whether I was too slow, too skinny, or played at a small college, I always felt I had something to prove. And the fear of failure always motivated me."

He heeded the advice from his college offensive coordinator Barry Fagan. "There was a moment after my redshirt freshman year, where I had to fill out a form listing goals. I left the part about long-term goals empty and my coach said if I stay committed to the weight room and the classroom, anything is possible. And he was always on me. He was on me every part of practice. He worked me hard."

THE STAMPEDE

DREAM JOB OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL:

Sports psychologist

FAVORITE SPORTS JERSEY OWNED AS A KID:

Michael Jordan Bulls

FAVORITE MEAL:

Steak with mushroom sauce

IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE SUPERPOWER:

The intelligence and inventiveness of Batman

MOST UNIQUE THING ORDERED ONLINE:

A Michael Jordan poster of his game-winning shot to beat the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals. It's for our sports-themed basement in Chicago.



TURNING POINT

Barely played on his high school varsity team until his senior. In fact, he thought about giving up football altogether and play soccer. He continued to play as a senior and after a 0-4 start, he became very frustrated again playing wide receiver in an offense that was geared toward running.

"My father told me after that fourth game that I wasn't doing enough to help the team. And I thought, we are not throwing the ball. How can I be more helpful? My father talked about blocking better. And the next game, I took that advice to heart. My blocks sprung two long touchdown runs, I made two tackles on special teams and we won the game. That was a turning point for me and I ended up getting a college scholarship."

CHILDHOOD SPORTS IDOL:

Michael Jordan



FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Breaking Bad

FAVORITE BUFFALO-AREA RESTAURANT:

Gabriel's Gate for wings

IF YOU COULD PLAY ANY OTHER SPORT:

Soccer for team USA

HOBBIES IN YOUR SPARE TIME:

Golf and video games

HIDDEN TALENT:

Cooking

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST:

Kendrick Lamar



ANDRE HOLMES - NFL REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

DATE	TEAM	GP	GS	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
				NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	TD
2011	Cowboys	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012	Cowboys	7	0	2	11	5.5	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013	Raiders	10	4	25	431	17.2	40	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014	Raiders	16	13	47	693	14.7	77†	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015	Raiders	16	1	14	201	14.4	49†	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016	Raiders	16	2	14	126	9.0	23	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2017	Bills	14	2	13	120	9.2	36	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS		79	22	115	1,582	13.8	77†	15	0	0	0.0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS: RUSHING/RECEIVING

Receptions 7 at Dallas Cowboys, Nov 28, 2013

Receiving Yards 136 at Dallas Cowboys, Nov 28, 2013

Longest Receptions 77† vs. Los Angeles Chargers, Oct 12, 2014

Receiving TDs 2 vs. New York Jets, Nov 01, 2015

Special Teams Tackles 3 vs. Oakland Raiders, Oct 29, 2017

2017 GAME-BY-GAME REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS (BILLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	P/S	RECEIVING					RUSHING					W/L	SCORE
			NO	YDS	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	LG	TD				
09/10	JETS	P	1	1	1†	1	0	0	0	0	0	W	21-12	
09/17	at Panthers	P	2	18	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	3-9	
09/24	BRONCOS	P	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	W	26-16	
10/01	at Falcons	S	1	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	23-17	
10/08	at Bengals	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	16-20	
10/22	BUCCANEERS	P	2	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	30-27	
10/29	RAIDERS	P	3	51	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	W	34-14	
11/02	at Jets	P	1	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	21-34	
11/12	SAINTS	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	10-47	
11/19	at Chargers	P	1	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	24-54	
11/26	at Chiefs	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	16-10	
12/03	PATRIOTS	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	3-23	
12/10	COLTS	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	13-7+	
12/17	DOLPHINS	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W	24-16	
12/24	at Patriots		INACTIVE									L	16-37	
12/31	at Dolphins		INACTIVE									W	22-16	
2017 TOTALS		14-2	13	120	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	9-7		

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