



MATT LEO

DEFENSIVE END | 66

Height: 6-7 **Weight:** 280 **DOB:** May 8, 1992 (Age 30)

NFL Experience: 1st Year (*1st with Eagles*) **Draft:** FA-20 (NFL International Player Pathway Program)

College: Iowa State **Hometown (HS):** Adelaide, Australia (St. Michael's College)



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Originally joined the Eagles through the NFL International Player Pathway Program during the 2020 offseason ... Spent the first three years of his career as a member of Philadelphia's practice squad

BIRDSEED

- ▶ Played club rugby and Australian rules football while attending high school at St. Michael's College (Adelaide, Australia) ... Upon graduating, his father pushed him to get a job in the trades, so he decided to become a plumber ... Began as an apprentice on construction sites
- ▶ Six months before the end of his apprenticeship, decided that he was done with plumbing after hitting his head while trying to squeeze his large frame inside a tiny passage on a 110-degree day of work ... His football dreams were then fueled by his friend and fellow tradesman who told him a story he read about an Australian who earned a partial scholarship to become a punter in the United States
- ▶ Connected with Paul Manera, one of the top football coaches in Australia, and began training for potential opportunities ... After eight months, started sending workout tapes to college coaches ... Heard back from Arizona Western Community College head coach Tom Minnick, who told him he could walk on for the first semester ... Before the semester ended, he had already received a scholarship

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Saw action in 29 career games at Iowa State, totaling 33 tackles, 11.5 TFLs and 3.0 sacks ... Originally began his football career at Arizona Western Community College

TRANSACTIONS

- ▶ **2020** - Signed by PHI (acquired via NFL International Player Pathway Program) ... **9/4/20** - Waived by PHI ... **9/6/20** - Signed by PHI to practice squad ... **7/28/21** - Placed on Reserve/COVID-19 ... **8/9/21** - Activated from Reserve/COVID-19 ... **8/31/21** - Waived by PHI ... **9/1/21** - Signed by PHI to practice squad ... **1/18/22** - Signed by PHI to reserve/future contract ... **8/30/22** - Waived by PHI ... **8/31/22** - Signed by PHI to practice squad ... **2/16/23** - Signed by PHI to reserve/future contract

First job: Plumber ... **Hobbies:** Traveling ... **Bucket list:** Play in a Super Bowl ... **Player he models his game after:** Robert Boucher Jr., from Adam Sandler's *The Waterboy* ... **Favorite sports moment:** Earning a Division I scholarship to play his dream sport ... **Favorite quote:** "Nothing worth having comes easy." ... **Favorite movie:** *Step Brothers* ... **Favorite TV show:** *The Office*