



A.J. EPENESA
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | 57

(pronounced epp-UH-ness-UH)



Height: 6-6 Weight: 260 DOB: Sep. 15, 1998 (Age 27)
NFL Experience: 7th Year (1st with Eagles) Draft: D2-20 (54th overall) by BUF Acquired: FA-Buf-26
College: Iowa Hometown (HS): Edwardsville, IL (Edwardsville)

CAREER STATISTICS																		
			TACKLES				PASS RUSH			INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		DEF SNAPS	
Year	Team	GP/S	Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	QBH	QBP	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	No	Pct
2020	Buffalo	14/1	14	11	3	3	1.0	4	9	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	291	27%
2021	Buffalo	14/0	14	8	6	2	1.5	9	26	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	330	31%
2022	Buffalo	15/2	16	13	3	7	6.5	10	26	0	0	--	0	5	2	1	375	36%
2023	Buffalo	15/1	20	9	11	7	6.5	10	28	2	38	32t	1	8	1	1	387	36%
2024	Buffalo	17/13	39	23	16	8	6.0	11	24	0	0	--	0	2	2	0	612	55%
2025	Buffalo	16/2	29	15	14	2	2.5	9	22	2	25	24	0	4	0	1	438	45%
Totals		91/19	132	79	53	29	24.0	53	135	4	63	32t	1	21	5	2	---	---
PLAYOFFS																		
2020	Buffalo	3/0	3	3	0	0	0.0	1	4	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	79	32%
2021	Buffalo	2/0	2	0	2	0	0.0	0	3	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	45	32%
2022	Buffalo	2/0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	3	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	64	44%
2023	Buffalo	2/0	1	1	0	1	0.0	1	4	0	0	--	0	1	0	0	49	43%
2024	Buffalo	3/3	8	4	4	2	0.0	1	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	99	59%
2025	Buffalo	2/0	2	1	1	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	--	0	2	0	0	51	40%
Totals		14/3	17	10	7	3	0.0	3	15	0	0	--	0	5	0	0	---	---
ADDITIONAL STATISTICS																		
Special Teams Tackles: 3 - 2025 (3)																		

CAREER HIGHS		
Tackles	6	1/19/25 vs. Bal. (Div.)
Sacks	2.0	10/14/24 at NYJ
INTs	1	4x, last: 12/7/25 vs. Cin.
PDs	3	10/8/23 vs. Jax.
FFs	1	5x, last: 10/20/24 vs. Ten.
FRs	1	3x, last: 9/14/25 at NYJ



BIRDSEED

- ▶ Family has legacy ties to the Iowa Football program ... His dad, Eppy, walked on at Iowa after moving from the American Samoa ... Upon committing to the program, A.J. was the highest-rated recruit to play for legendary head coach Kirk Ferentz ... His brother, Eric, spent four seasons with the program, while his other brother, lose, currently plays on the defensive line

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Originally selected by Buffalo in the 2nd round (54th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft ... Spent the first six seasons of his career with the Bills, appearing in 91 games (19 starts) and recording 132 tackles (79 solo), 135 pressures, 29 TFLs, 24.0 sacks, 21 PDs, 5 FFs and 2 FRs
- ▶ Played in 14 playoff games during his Bills tenure, helping the club make two appearances (2020, 2024) in the AFC Championship Game

2025 SEASON - BILLS

- ▶ Saw action in 16 contests (two starts), totaling 29 tackles (15 solo), 22 pressures, 4 PDs, 2.5 sacks, 2 INTs and 1 FR in 438 defensive snaps ... Added 3 special teams tackles

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Played three seasons at Iowa (2017-19), registering 101 tackles (61 solo), 36.5 TFLs, 26.5 sacks, 9 FFs, 8 PDs and 1 FR ... Earned All-Big Ten honors in all three of his seasons with the Hawkeyes



2025 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (ATL)												
Date	Opp		GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snap	Pct
Sep 7	Bal	W	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	16	31%
Sep 14	at NYJ	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	26	55%
Sep 18	Mia	W	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	21	34%
Sep 28	NO	W	1/0	2	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	23	34%
Oct 5	NE	L	1/0	2	0	0.5	0	1	0	0	29	48%
Oct 13	at Atl	L	1/0	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	33	47%
Oct 26	at Car	W	1/0	3	3	1.0	1	1	0	0	28	46%
Nov 2	KC	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	23	38%
Nov 9	at Mia	L	0/0	INACTIVE								
Nov 16	TB	W	1/0	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	37	53%
Nov 20	at Hou	L	1/0	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	24	41%
Nov 30	at Pit	W	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	21	49%
Dec 7	Cin	W	1/1	3	1	0.0	1	1	0	0	49	82%
Dec 14	at NE	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	23	44%
Dec 21	at Cle	W	1/0	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	26	39%
Dec 28	Phi	L	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	26	48%
Jan 4	NYJ	W	1/1	3	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	33	69%
Totals			16/2	29	15	2.5	2	4	0	1	438	45%
PLAYOFFS												
Jan 11	at Jax	W	1/0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	23	41%
Jan 18	at Den	L	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	2	0	0	28	39%
Totals			2/0	2	1	0.0	0	2	0	0	51	40%



- Was selected as a first-team All-American by *The Athletic* and a finalist for Polynesian Player of the Year as a junior in 2019 after posting 14.5 TFLs, 11.5 sacks and 4 FFs ... In 2018, led the Big Ten Conference with 10.5 sacks while also forcing 4 FFs, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors

TRANSACTIONS

- **2020** - Drafted by BUF in 2nd round (54th overall) ... 12/20/21 - Placed on Reserve/COVID-19 ... 12/29/21 - Activated from Reserve/COVID-19 ... 3/11/24 - Re-signed by BUF to 2-year extension ... 6/11/26 - Signed by PHI to 1-year contract