



T.J. Neal

LB

Height: 6'0

Weight: 235

College: University of Illinois

Birthday: December 18, 1993

Hometown: McKeesport, PA

Years Pro: Rookie

Professional (2019-present): T.J. signed with the Sioux Falls Storm during the 2019 season.



Senior (Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 2016): T.J. played in 11 games where he accumulated 15 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss.

- He was named to the Senior Bowl watch list.

Junior (University of Illinois, Champaign County, IL, 2015): T.J. started all 12 games at middle linebacker where he recorded 109 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, two sacks and one pass breakup. He ranked fifth in the Big Ten and 32nd in FBS in tackles per game.

- Neal was a three-time academic All-Big Ten member (2013, 2014, 2015).

Sophomore (University of Illinois, Champaign County, IL, 2014): T.J. started all 13 games where he totaled 98 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, four pass breakups, three QB hurries, one interception and one forced fumble on the season.

Freshman (University of Illinois, Champaign County, IL, 2013): T.J. played in all 12 games where he posted 38 tackles, one tackle for loss and one QB hurry.

High School: T.J. played fullback as well where he rushed for 190 yards and four touchdowns on 27 carries in 2011.

- He was a Pennsylvania Sports Writer Class 4A All-State team in 2011.
- Neal was named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Fabulous 22 team, the East Regional Fabulous 22 team and the All-Foothills Conference team at linebacker in 2011.
- He was a three start recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com.

Personal: T.J. is the son of Mia Piri and Tyrone Neal. He has three sisters, Tyasiah, Tyla and Tyaira. His daughter's name is Ty. He received his bachelor's degree in sport management from Illinois and was working toward a master's degree in the College of Education.

