



SHAMAR STEPHEN

POSITION: DEFENSIVE TACKLE

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-5/309

DOB: 2-25-91

HOMETOWN: BROOKVILLE, N.Y.

COLLEGE: CONNECTICUT

ACQUIRED: FA '19

NFL SEASON: 6

VIKINGS SEASON: 5

2018 GP/GS

15/14 - SEA

Career GP/GS

67/34 (52/20 - MIN, 15/14 - SEA)

Playoffs GP/GS

2/1 (1/0 - MIN, 1/1 - SEA)

• Originally selected by the Vikings in the seventh round (220th overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft.

• Appeared in nearly 40% of defensive snaps for the Vikings #1 ranked defense in 2017.

• The first player from UConn drafted by the Vikings since RB Vince Clements (1971).

OFF THE FIELD

- Received bachelor's degrees in economics and sociology.
- Father served in U.S. Air Force.
- Participated in U.S. Bank Places to Play, Vikings Arctic Blast and Toys for Tots.

PRO

- Sixth-year pro has played in 67 career regular season games with 34 starts and two postseason appearances.
- Saw action in all 16 games and started three during rookie season while still holding a career-high 10 tackles vs Carolina (11/30/14).

2018 (SEATTLE)

- Started 14 games and inactive one contest vs. San Francisco (12/2).
- Had a sack in two consecutive weeks at Oakland (10/14) and at Detroit (10/28).
- Played nearly 50% of the defensive snaps for Seattle's 13th ranked rush defense.
- Started at DT in the Wild Card Round at Dallas (1/5/19) and recorded two solo tackles.

2017 (MINNESOTA)

- Played on defense vs. New Orleans (1/14/18) in the Divisional Round before leaving due to injury.
- Made one solo tackle at Green Bay (12/23) as the Vikings posted their first shutout since 1993.
- Posted two solo tackles and a QBH vs. Cincinnati (12/17) to help the Vikings clinch the NFC North title.
- Tallied two QBH at Washington in his first start of the year (11/12).
- Tallied five tackles (three solo) and a QBH vs. Baltimore (10/22).
- Posted the first sack of his career vs. Tampa Bay (9/24), finishing with two total tackles (one solo), one TFL and one QBH.

2016 (MINNESOTA)

- Started all 16 games for the first time in his career and collected a career-best 57 tackles.
- Had five tackles and a career-high five QB hurries at Carolina (9/25).
- Posted six tackles (two solo) and the first TFL of his career at Washington (11/13).
- Registered a season-high seven tackles (three solo) vs. Indianapolis (12/18).

2015 (MINNESOTA)

- Saw action in five games before being sidelined with toe injury that placed him on Injured Reserve.
- Recovered first career fumble vs. Detroit (9/20), scooping up a Theo Riddick fumble forced by Harrison Smith.
- Had season-best two tackles vs. San Diego (9/27) in season-high 20 defensive snaps.

2014 (MINNESOTA)

- Played in all 16 games, the only Vikings rookie to do so, and started three times while recording a tackle in every game.
- Made first career start vs. Green Bay (11/23) and grabbed four tackles in the game.
- Started second career game vs. Carolina (11/30) and notched career-best 10 tackles, with five solo stops.
- Had season-high four QB hurries at Miami (12/21).

COLLEGE

- Started 30 of 46 games, including the final 22 games.
- Named 2nd-Team All-American Athletic Conference after recording 60 tackles, 3 sacks and 10 TFLs as a senior.
- Named Team MVP for 2013 season after being named Team Captain heading into the campaign.
- Participated in the 2014 Senior Bowl.
- Earned Honorable Mention Freshman All-American honors as a redshirt freshman in 2010, recording 27 tackles, four TFLs and two sacks.
- Helped UConn to an 8-5 record and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in 2010.

PREP

- Two-sport standout at Long Island Lutheran (Brookville, New York) High School, playing football and basketball.
- Earned All-American Lutheran Team honors after guiding school to 7-2 record as a senior.
- Finished final prep year with 57 tackles, 12.0 sacks and two blocked kicks.
- Played one season of basketball with current Philadelphia 76ers player Tobias Harris.

STEPHEN'S NFL TOTALS

Year	GP/GS
2014 (MIN)	16/3
2015 (MIN)	5/0
2016 (MIN)	16/16
2017 (MIN)	15/1
Playoffs	1/0
2018 (SEA)	15/14
Playoffs	1/1
Totals	67/34
Playoffs	2/1