



57 JUSTIN STAPLES

LINEBACKER • 6'4" • 245 LBS • COLLEGE: ILLINOIS
ACQUIRED: FREE AGENT - 2014 • NFL EXPERIENCE (NFL/TITANS): 3/3
HOMETOWN: CLEVELAND, OHIO
GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 21/0 (PLAYOFFS: 0/0)



PRO: Justin Staples is a versatile linebacker that has the ability to play both inside and outside linebacker in a 3-4 defensive scheme. The 6-foot-4-inch, 245-pounder has excelled on special teams coverage units in his first three seasons with the Titans. Tennessee originally added Staples from their practice squad to the active roster on Nov. 20, 2014. The 6-foot-4-inch, 245-pounder entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with the Cleveland Browns in 2013 and spent parts of his rookie campaign on the team's practice squad.

TITANS TIDBITS:

- Staples is related to Roebuck "Pops" Staples of the famed soul/R&B group The Staples Singers.
- Staples is the second oldest of nine siblings. He grew up in Berea, Ohio, down the street from the Cleveland Browns' practice facility.
- On senior day at Illinois in 2012, Staples wore jersey number 61 instead of his usual 54 to honor his late father Lenson. Lenson played football at Northwestern before transferring to Missouri in 1983-84, when he wore No. 61 for the Tigers. Lenson died in August 2010, just one month before Illinois played Missouri for the final time in their Arch Rivalry Series.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- The Cleveland, Ohio, native was originally signed by the Cleveland Browns as a rookie free agent on April 30, 2013.
- Released by the Browns on Aug. 31, 2013.
- Signed by the Browns to their practice squad on Sept. 25, 2013.
- Released from the Browns' practice squad on Oct. 7, 2013.
- Signed by the Browns to their practice squad on Nov. 12, 2013.
- Released from the Browns' practice squad on Dec. 3, 2013.
- Signed by the Browns to their practice squad on Dec. 10, 2013.
- Signed by the Browns to a futures contract on Dec. 30, 2013.
- Released by the Browns on Aug. 30, 2014 and signed to the team's practice squad a day later.
- Released from the Browns' practice squad on Sept. 9, 2014.
- Signed by the Titans to their practice squad on Sept. 16, 2014.
- Signed by the Titans to the active roster from the practice squad on Nov. 20, 2014.
- Released by the Titans on Sept. 6, 2015 and signed to the team's practice squad two days later.
- Signed by the Titans to the active roster from the practice squad on Oct. 17, 2015.
- Released by the Titans on Sept. 3, 2016 and signed to the team's practice squad a day later.
- Signed by the Titans to the active roster from the practice squad on Dec. 6, 2016.

SEASON RECAPS:

2016 (3/0 - Tennessee): Appeared in three games as a reserve on special teams and collected a tackle on coverage units. Spent the first 12 weeks of the season on the Titans' practice squad. Was inactive for one contest.

- Against Denver (12/11), was inactive.
- At Kansas City (12/18), made his season debut as a reserve on special teams and collected a tackle on coverage units.

2015 (12/0 - Tennessee): Played in 12 games and registered seven special teams tackles. Collected two passes defended on defense. Spent the first four weeks of the season on the team's practice squad. Tied for the team lead in special teams tackles three times in 2015 (vs. ATL, vs. OAK, vs. HOU). Tied for the team lead in passes defended once in 2015 (at NYJ).

- Against Oakland (11/29), tied for the team lead with three special teams tackles.
- At N.Y. Jets (12/13), saw action as a reserve on special teams. Registered a pass defended on defense. Batted down a pass intended for Quincy Enunwa late in the first quarter.
- Against Houston (12/27), saw action as a reserve on special teams and notched a tackle on coverage units.
- At Indianapolis (1/3), saw limited action at outside linebacker and recorded a pass defended. Batted down a pass intended for Frank Gore late in the second quarter.

2014 (6/0 - Tennessee): Saw action in six games as a reserve and amassed four special teams tackles. Tied for the team lead in special teams tackles once in 2014 (vs. NYJ). Spent nine weeks on the Titans' practice squad before being signed to the active roster on Nov. 20. Made his NFL debut at Philadelphia (11/23/14). Spent the first week of the season on the Cleveland Browns' practice squad before joining the Titans in Week 3.

- At Philadelphia (11/23), made his NFL debut and collected a solo special teams tackle on coverage units.
- Against N.Y. Jets (12/14), tied for the team lead with two special teams tackles.
- At Jacksonville (12/18), played as a reserve on special teams and registered a tackle.

2013 (0/0 - Cleveland): Spent eight weeks of his rookie season on Browns' practice squad.

COLLEGE:

- Played in 48 games at defensive end at Illinois and recorded 62 tackles, 2.5 sacks and three forced fumbles.
- As a senior in 2012, played in 11 games and notched 20 tackles, a half sack, 2.5 tackles for loss, a pass defended and a forced fumble.
- In 2011, played in all 13 games with one start as a junior and posted 16 tackles, one sack and two pass breakups in 2011.
- Played in all 13 games, with three starts, at the bandit position in 2010 and totaled 26 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, one sack, two forced fumbles and one pass breakup.
- In 2009, played in 10 games as a redshirt freshman, primarily on special teams and forced a fumble against Ohio State.
- Majored in sociology at Illinois.

PERSONAL:

- Got married to Amber during the 2017 offseason.
- Attended St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, where he earned all-state honors as a linebacker.
- Finished his high school career with 172 tackles, 13 sacks, six forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries.
- Recorded 92 tackles, seven sacks, one interception, 11 pass break-ups, six forced fumbles and two recovered fumbles as a senior.
- Also played forward on St. Edward's basketball team, as well as Ohio AAU teams.
- Born Justin Ikeem Staples on Dec. 10, 1989 in Chicago, Ill.

JUSTIN STAPLES' GAME-BY-GAME

2014 Tennessee Titans

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot Solo	Asst	Sk	- Yds	QBP	TFL	Int - Yds	-TD	PD	FF	FR - Yds	SpT	
Nov 23	@ Phi	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nov 30	@ Hou	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 7	NYG	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 14	NYJ	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dec 18	@ Jax	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dec 28	Ind	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals				0-6	6/0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Nov 19	@ Jax	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 29	Oak	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dec 6	Jax	W	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 13	@ NYJ	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dec 20	@ NE	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 27	Hou	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jan 3	@ Ind	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals				2-10	12/0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

2015 Tennessee Titans

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot Solo	Asst	Sk	- Yds	QBP	TFL	Int - Yds	-TD	PD	FF	FR - Yds	SpT
Oct 18	Mia	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 25	Atl	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nov 1	@ Hou	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nov 8	@ NO	W	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nov 15	Car	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2016 Tennessee Titans

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot Solo	Asst	Sk	- Yds	QBP	TFL	Int - Yds	-TD	PD	FF	FR - Yds	SpT
Dec 11	Den	W	IA												
Dec 18	@ KC	W	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dec 24	@ Jax	L	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan 1	Hou	W	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals				3-1	3/0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

JUSTIN STAPLES' NFL STATISTICS

REGULAR SEASON		TACKLES								INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				
Year	Team	GP	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	QBP	TFL	No	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	SpT
2013	Cleveland	0	0	Practice Squad															
2014	Tennessee	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2015	Tennessee	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
2016	Tennessee	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NFL Totals		21	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	12

Single-Game Highs

Pass Defensed - 1 (Twice, last at Indianapolis 1/3/15)

Special Teams Tackles - 3 vs. Oakland (11/29/15)