



## D.J. SWEARINGER

### SAFETY

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 208 | College: South Carolina |  
 Hometown: Greenwood, S.C. | Rookie |  
 First with Texans |  
 Acquired: D2-'13 |

**TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Houston Texans with the 57th overall pick and 25th pick of the second round of the 2013 NFL Draft on April 26, 2013.

#### Career Notes:

- Started 33-of-52 games at South Carolina, where he was primarily the free safety, but also lined up in the slot in the nickel packages and at times, either cornerback spot over the course of a game
- Finished with 244 tackles (184 solos) that included 6.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage and three quarterback pressures
- Caused four fumbles and recovered two others, advancing one 65 yards for a vs. Alabama-Birmingham, the longest return of a fumble recovery in school history
- Had six interceptions for 94 yards, returning two interceptions for touchdowns and also deflected 16 passes
- Gained 126 yards on six kickoff returns (21.0 avg)

#### 2012 (Senior):

- A second-team All-Southeastern Conference selection, Swearinger started 12 games at free safety, helped the Gamecocks finish 11th in the nation in total defense (315.5 yards per game), as he recorded 79 tackles (62 solos) with three stops behind the line of scrimmage and one quarterback pressure
- Caused and recovered two fumbles
- Deflected seven passes and gained 72 yards on a pair of interceptions
- Credited with a pair of pass breakups in the season-opening win at Vanderbilt, including one on a fourth-down play on the Commodores' final drive, securing the victory
- Had an interception in the win over East Carolina
- Grabbed a fumble and rambled 65 yards to pay dirt in the win over Alabama-Birmingham
- Logged 10 tackles at LSU and credited with a team-leading 10 tackles including eight solo stops in the win over Tennessee
- Had a season-best 13 stops that included 10 solos vs. Arkansas and, with his 69-yard interception return for a score, was named the Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week and the SEC co-Defensive Player of the Week...Posted a dozen tackles vs. Wofford, giving him 35 tackles over a three-game stretch
- Had two pass breakups and forced a fumble in the Outback Bowl vs. Michigan

#### 2011 (Junior):

- Started all 13 games at safety, recording a career-high 80 tackles (58 solos) with 1.5 stops for losses of four yards, as he caused a fumble, intercepted three passes and deflected three more
- Also chipped in on special teams with two kickoff returns for 39 yards
- Played the first two games of the season at strong safety, before moving to play the free safety spot for the rest of the season
- Had seven tackles vs. both Georgia and Navy
- Logged his first interception of the year vs. Kentucky
- Had the best game of his Gamecock career at Mississippi State and was named the SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after totaling a career-best 12 tackles and intercepting a pass in the waning minutes of the game to preserve the 14-12 win
- Added his third pick in as many games when he intercepted a Tennessee pass near the goal line
- Credited with nine tackles vs. Florida and eight more vs. The Citadel
- Registered seven solo tackles and forced a key fumble in the Capital One Bowl win over Nebraska

#### 2010 (Sophomore):

- Played in all 14 games, starting eight, as he saw action at both free and strong safety
- Finished fourth on the team with 66 tackles (51 solos), including two for loss and had five pass breakups
- Also returned four kickoffs for a 21.8 yard average
- Had four tackles and a forced fumble at Auburn
- Tied for the team lead with a nine tackles in an upset win over top-ranked Alabama in his first career start
- Made seven tackles, including a tackle for loss at Kentucky
- Delivered seven tackles coming off the bench vs. Arkansas
- Made first start at strong safety vs. Florida and had six tackles and a pass breakup
- Picked off a pass vs. Troy and returned it 22 yards for his first career touchdown, as he was also in on five tackles in the game

#### 2009 (Freshman):

- Played in all 13 games and recorded 19 tackles, including 13 solo stops
- Credited with a pass breakup and one quarterback hurry
- Posted three tackles vs. Alabama and three solo stops at Arkansas

#### High School:

- Attended Greenwood (S.C.) High School, playing football for head coach Shell Dula
- Excelled as a quarterback in the run-option system
- As a sophomore, he rushed for 400 yards and logged 68 tackles with five interceptions
- Ran for 516 yards nine touchdowns and posted 93 tackles and an interception as a junior
- A second-team All-State selection as a senior, he rushed for 904 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior quarterback and caught 20 passes for 210 yards as a receiver...Also had 77 tackles, broke up eight passes and caused two fumbles as a safety
- Closed out his career by recording an interception in the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas
- Was rated a three-star prospect that was considered the 20th-best safety in the nation and the 14th-best prospect in South Carolina by Rivals.com
- Received a three-star prospect grade and was regarded as the nation's 82nd-best safety according to Scout.com
- Considered the state's ninth-best player by Super Prep and named to Prep Star's All-Atlantic Region squad in 2008

#### Personal:

- Retailing Business major
- Born Dayario Jamal Swearinger

#### Swearinger's Career Defensive Statistics

Year	Tackles							Interceptions				Fumbles		
	G	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	No	Yds	Lg	TDPBU	FF	FR	
2009	13	0	19	13	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2010	14	8	66	51	15	0.0	0.0	1	22	22	1	5	1	0
2011	13	13	80	58	22	0.0	0.0	3	0	0	0	3	1	0
2012	12	12	79	62	17	0.0	0.0	2	72	69	1	7	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Swearinger's Career Kickoff Statistics

Year	Kickoff Returns				
	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2010	4	87	21.8	25	0
2011	2	39	19.5	23	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>