

## J.T. THOMAS III



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LINEBACKER
6-1 236 LBS.
WEST VIRGINIA
BORN AUGUST 15, 1988
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
ACQ: WAIVERS (CHICAGO) 2013
EXP: 4TH YEAR



**GAMES PLAYED/STARTED:** 2011 (IR), 2012 (16/0), 2013 (15/2), 2014 (12/6) **NFL TOTALS:** 43 games, 8 starts

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JAGUARS TOTALS: 27 games, 8 starts
POSTSEASON TOTALS: 0 games, 0 starts

**TRANSACTIONS:** Originally drafted by Chicago in the sixth round (195th overall) of the 2011 draft ... Waived on 8/31/13 ... Claimed off waivers by Jacksonville on 9/1/13.

**PRO:** Fourth-year LB also sees action on special teams ... Has played in 43 games with eight starts and totaled 68 tackles, two interceptions, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and two tackles for loss ... Has 15 career special teams tackles ... Was claimed off waivers from Chicago on Sept. 1, 2013 ... Originally a sixth-round draft pick of the Bears in 2011 ... Missed entire regular season as a rookie with a hip injury and saw action in all 16 games in 2012 ... Three-year starter at West Virginia ...

2014: 9/7 at PHI: Saw action at LB and on special teams and finished with one solo tackle ... 9/14 at WAS: Totaled two special teams tackles ... 9/21 at IND: Saw action at LB and on special teams ... 9/28 at SD: Saw extensive action at LB and totaled one solo tackle ... 10/5 vs. PIT: Saw action at LB and made one tackle and contributed one special teams tackle ... 10/12 at TEN: Saw action at LB and on special teams ... 10/19 vs. CLE: Made first start of the season and matched his career-high with seven tackles (six solo) ... 10/26 vs. MIA: Started at MLB for first game after season-ending injury to Paul Posluszny. Finished with six tackles (three solo) and first career interception ... 11/2 at CIN: Totaled a career-high eight tackles and two passes defensed while registering an interception in the second consecutive game. Intercepted QB Andy Dalton in the fourth quarter ... 11/9 vs. DAL: Tied for team-lead with five tackles and forced a fumble of Cole Beasley in the second quarter that was recovered by Josh Evans ... 11/24 at IND: Posted 10 tackles (four solo) and one pass defensed ... 11/30 vs. NYG: Started at LB and led team with a career-high 12 tackles (six solo). Scored first career TD in the third quarter, recovering an Eli Manning fumble in the end zone ...

2013: Spent preseason with Chicago before he was claimed off waivers by the Jaguars on Sept. 1 ... Played in 15 games with two starts and totaled 17 tackles (12 solo), two tackles for loss and one QB pressure ... Tied for third on the team with six special teams tackles ... 9/8 vs. KC: Made Jaguars debut, seeing action on special teams. Blocked a Dustin Colquitt punt following Chiefs first drive that resulted in a safety ... 9/15 at OAK: Inactive (groin) ... 10/6 at STL: Saw action on special teams and led team with two tackles ... 11/17 vs. ARI: Led the team with two special teams tackles. Also saw action on defense at LB ... 11/24 at HOU: Saw action on defense and on special teams. Had one special teams tackle ... 12/1 at CLE: Saw action on defense and special teams. Finished with one tackle for loss ... 12/15 vs. BUF: Saw action at LB and totaled three tackles (two solo) ... 12/22 vs. TEN: Made first career start and totaled six solo tackles ... 12/29 at IND: Started at LB and registered a career-high seven tackles (three solo) with one tackle for loss and one forced fumble ...

**2012:** Played in all 16 games, primarily on special teams ... Finished with six special teams tackles and one forced fumble ...

**2011:** Spent entire rookie season on injured reserve after suffering a hip injury in the preseason.

COLLEGE: Three-year starter at LB ... Two-time All-Big East first-team selection ... Played in 49 career games with 39 starts ... Career totals included 233 tackles (106 solo), 6.0 sacks and 27 tackles for loss ... Added two INTs, 13 passes defensed, four forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries ... Started all 13 games as a senior and ranked second on the team with 73 tackles (36 solo) ... Credited with 2.5 sacks, seven tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries ... Earned All-Big East first-team honors ... Registered a career-high 76 tackles as a junior and earned All-Big East first-team honors ... Selected as the 'Iron Mountaineer' by his teammates, an award presented to the most outstanding performers in WVU's offseason strength and conditioning program ... Awarded the Gridiron Gladiator Award from the coaching staff ... Started for first time as a sophomore and collected 65 tackles (23 solo), three sacks and a team-high 10 tackles for loss ... Saw action in 10 games as a redshirt freshman and totaled 19 tackles ... Received a medical redshirt as a freshman ... Won 2006 Danny Van Etten Award for scout team Player of the Year on defense.

## 2014 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

DATE	GAME	TKL	S0L0	ASST	INT SACKS		FF	FR	PD	TFL
09/07	at Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/14	at Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/21	vs. Indianapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/28	at San Diego	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	vs. Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	vs. Cleveland	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/26	vs. Miami	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
11/02	at Cincinnati	8	2	6	1	0	0	0	2	0
11/09	vs. Dallas	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	BYE WEEK									
	at Indianapolis	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
11/30	vs. N.Y. Giants	12	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0
12/7	vs. Houston	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
12/14	at Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12/18	vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12/28	at Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014 TOTALS		57	34	23	2	0	1	1	5	1

## **REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS**

YEAR	TEAM	GP/GS	TKL	S0L0	ASST	ST	SACKS	FF	FR	PD INT TFL		
2012	CHI	16/0	0	0	0	6	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
2013	JAX	15/2	17	12	5	6	0.0	1	0	0	0	2
2014	JAX	13/7	57	34	23	3	0.0	1	1	5	2	1
NFL Totals: 3 vrs		44/9	74	46	28	15	0.0	3	1	5	2	

Additional Statistics: Blocked punt on 9/8/13 vs. KC

**PERSONAL:** Attended Blanche Ely High School (Fla.) where he was a team captain and team's MVP as a senior ... Teammate of Arizona Cardinals' Patrick Peterson ... Ranked Florida Top 100 player by Rivals.com ... Father, J.T. Thomas, Sr., was a LB at West Virginia from 1994-95 ... Took a disabled eighth-grade girl in Morgantown, W.V. to her eighth grade dance in May of 2011 ... Gave a 14-year old boy with epilepsy tickets to Super Bowl XLVI ... Twitter handle is @TheRealJT3 ... Full name: J.T. Thomas II.