



38 Thomas TAPEH

Position: Fullback

Height, Weight: 6-1, 243

Born: 3/28/80 in Monrovia, Liberia

College: Minnesota

High School: Johnson, St. Paul, MN

NFL Experience: 5th (5th as an Eagle)

Acquired by Eagles: 05-04 (162nd selection overall)

Originally joined NFL: Same as above

A native of Liberia who moved with his mother and two sisters to the United States when he was just nine years old, Thomas Tapeh has indeed taken the long road to the NFL. The Eagles fifth round draft choice in 2004, Tapeh has the ability to play fullback, running back and special teams.

BIRDSEED:

- During the offseason, utilizes Bikrim Yoga three times a week to complement his workout regimen. "During the rehabilitation process with my hip, I felt I needed to push myself more and to loosen my hip much more. You get used to the 110 degree temperature for the hour and a half session, but it's very tiring. When you leave, you feel great."
- Credits cartoons for helping to learn English. "Cartoons helped me a lot. There was 'Tailspin.' There was 'Thundercats.' All those cartoons, that's what I watched, and I mimicked how they spoke."

- Believing that he would return to action from his hip injury a better player due to an intense rehabilitation, Tapeh changed his number from 41 to 38 after reading the following verse from 1 Corinthians (chapter 3, verse 8): "Now that he planteth and that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."
- Grew up playing soccer in Liberia before moving with his mother, Cecily Woiwor, and his two sisters, Vickey and Winifred, to St. Paul when he was 9 years old. Said Tapeh of the transition, "I had to learn how to speak English. I was alone. All I had was my mother and sisters. I really did not fit in with the other kids and I did not have any friends. So it was real hard for me."

2006 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Set career highs in recepts. (16) and yards (85)

PERSONAL:

- Single, and resides in Sicklerville, NJ, during the season
- Family resides in a home located in St. Paul, MN, built by Habitat for Humanity. Thomas, in fact, helped build that house
- His younger brother, Tim Massaquoi, is a tight end for the Miami Dolphins. Also has a brother Archie, and a sister, Amy.
- Growing up without a father in his life, Tapeh received special guidance from Von Shepard, his high school guidance counselor, and Steven Scroggins, his junior high basketball coach. Shepard engrained this quote into Tapeh's mind, "If there is no enemy from within, the enemy inside can do you no harm."
- Graduated with a degree in family social sciences and youth studies. "I want to change lives the way Steve and Von, along with my extended family, did with me," said Tapeh. "If they can change my life, I want to be in a position to change many more."
- Was a *USA Today* second-team All American and Minnesota State player of the year at Johnson High School in St. Paul. Holds the St. Paul City Conference records for points in a career (296), season (158), game (37), and TDs in a game (6)
- Was also an all-conference selection in basketball and track
- Was a guest at the Multicultural Community Family Services annual fundraising dinner in the Philadelphia area in 2004. The event featured a Liberian cultural dance performance by Princess Hawah Daisy Moore





- Considers himself a devout Christian
- Is an avid fan of soccer and enjoys watching the World Cup
- Hobbies include fishing and bowling
- Full Name: Thomas Teah Tapeh (pronounced: Tuh-PAY)

INJURY HISTORY:

Was placed on the PUP/Reserve list on 8/30/05 and did not return to play in 2005. Late in the 4th quarter at StL (12/27/04), suffered a dislocated hip and was placed on the Injured Reserve list on 12/29.

THOMAS TAPEH'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP/GS	RUSHING					RECEIVING					STT
			Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
2004	PHIL.	7/0	12	42	3.5	10	0	2	15	7.5	13	0	3
2005	PHIL.	0/0	PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM - HIP										
2006	PHIL.	16/8	5	9	1.8	4	0	16	85	5.3	15	1	8
TOTALS		23/8	17	51	3.0	10	0	18	100	5.6	15	1	11
PLAYOFFS													
2004	PHIL.	0/0	INJURED RESERVE - HIP										
2006	PHIL.	2/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	3	1.5	5	0	1
TOTALS		2/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	3	1.5	5	0	1
ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS													
FUMBLES/LOST: (o/o)													
CAREER HIGHS: RUSHING - Atts. 4 vs. Was. 11/21/04, Yds. 14 vs. Was. 11/21/04, Long 10 at StL 12/27/04; RECEIVING - Recepts. 2 (four times) last at TB 10/22/06, Yds. 15 (twice) last at TB 10/22/06, Long 13 yds. StL 12/27/04, TDs 1 at TB 10/22/06													
MILESTONES: First rushing attempt: vs. NYG 9/12/04; First reception: at StL 12/27/04 (QB Jeff Blake), First TD: at TB 10/22/06 (12-yard pass from QB Donovan McNabb), First start: at Hou. 9/10/06.													

TAPEH GAME-BY-GAME

2004 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES										2006										
DATE	OPP	W/L	P/S	Att	Yd	Avg	Lg	TD	TYS	DATE	OPP	W/L	P/S	Att	Yd	Avg	Lg	TD	TYS	
SEP 12	NYG	W	1/0	3	3	1.0	2	0	3	SEP 10	@ HOU	W	1/1	1	2	2.0	2	0	15	
SEP 20	MIN	W	0/0							SEP 17	NYG	L	1/0	1	2	2.0	2	0	11	
SEP 26	@ DET	W	0/0							SEP 24	@ SF	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
OCT 3	@ CHI	W	0/0							OCT 2	GB	W	1/0	1	4	4.0	4	0	5	
OCT 17	CAR	W	0/0							OCT 8	DAL	W	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	-1	
OCT 24	@ CLE	W	0/0							OCT 15	@ NO	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	1	6	
OCT 31	BAL	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	OCT 22	TB	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	2	15	
NOV 7	@ PIT	L	0/0							OCT 29	JAC	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
NOV 15	@ DAL	W	0/0							NOV 12	WAS	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
NOV 21	WAS	W	1/0	4	14	3.5	9	0	14	NOV 19	TEN	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
NOV 28	@ NYG	W	1/0	3	12	4.0	6	0	12	NOV 26	@ IND	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	1	1	
DEC 5	GB	W	0/0							DEC 4	CAR	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	1	5	
DEC 12	@ WAS	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	DEC 10	@ WAS	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	1	4	
DEC 19	DAL	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	DEC 17	@ NYG	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	1	8	
DEC 27	@ StL	L	1/0	2	13	6.5	10	0	28	DEC 25	@ DAL	W	1/1	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE LIST AFTER DISLOCATED HIP ON 12/29										DEC 31	ATL	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	3	24	
TOTALS			7/0	12	42	3.5	10	0	3	TOTALS			16/8	5	9	1.8	4	0	16	
SPENT THE ENTIRE 2005 SEASON ON THE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM LIST										PLAYOFFS										
										JAN 7	NYG	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	5
										JAN 13	@ NO	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	-2
										TOTALS			2/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	

