

= Tyler Lockett =

Tyler Deron Lockett (born September 28 , 1992) is an American football wide receiver and return specialist for the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League (NFL) . He was drafted by the Seahawks in the third round of the 2015 NFL Draft . He played college football at Kansas State .

Lockett is the son and nephew of professional football players , and was a prominent member of three state high school championship teams ? two in football and a third in basketball . In college he set numerous Kansas State football records and was both a 2011 All @-@ American (as a kickoff returner) & 2014 College Football All @-@ America Team consensus All @-@ American selection (as a punt returner) . In college , he totaled 6586 career all @-@ purpose yards and 35 touchdowns , including 3710 yards and 29 touchdowns as a receiver .

Through the first nine games of his freshman college season for the 2011 Wildcats , Lockett led the nation in average yards per kickoff return , but he was injured and missed the rest of the season . Nonetheless , he was afterward recognized as an All @-@ American return specialist . In 2012 , he was an honorable mention All @-@ Big 12 performer for the 2012 team . In 2013 , he was a first team All @-@ Big 12 performer for the 2013 team at both wide receiver and all @-@ purpose receiver . That season he established Kansas State school records for single @-@ game receiving yards , single game all @-@ purpose yards and career kickoff return yards . As a senior for the 2014 team , he surpassed his own father 's school records for career receiving yards , career receptions and career receiving touchdowns . As a senior , he was the Big 12 Conference leader in receiving yards and the national leader in punt return average .

A two @-@ time Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year , Lockett began his NFL career as NFC Special Teams Player of the Month for September 2015 when he posted both a punt and kickoff return touchdown in his first three games . He became the second rookie to win multiple Special Teams Player Of The Month awards and was the only rookie to be named 1st team All Pro for the 2015 NFL season . He was selected to the 2015 Pro Football Writers Association (PFWA) NFL All @-@ Rookie Team at three positions .

= = Early years = =

Lockett was born in Tulsa , Oklahoma . He attended Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa , where he was a three @-@ sport star in football , basketball and track . He helped lead the Booker T. Washington Hornets to Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) championships in both football and basketball . As a sophomore , he had several notable contributions to the team on its way to the school 's first football OSSAA championship in 24 years . As a junior , Lockett played most of the year with a broken wrist that had at first been diagnosed as a severe sprain . He suffered the injury in the second game of the football season and did not have a screw put in his wrist until after basketball season . Booker T. Washington compiled a 13 ? 1 record and won the 2010 OSSAA 5A championship in football his senior year . Lockett played several positions in high school , and he was voted All @-@ State by the Oklahoma Coaches Association as a defensive back and Class 5A All @-@ State as a wide receiver . His All @-@ State selection got him invited to the state East ? West All @-@ Star game .

In addition to football , Lockett also was a top competitor in basketball and track . In basketball , he reached the state championship game in basketball , where Booker T. Washington defeated El Reno High School 72 ? 59 to win the 2011 OSSA 5A Championship . He was voted to the all @-@ tournament second team . In track & field , Lockett was one of the state 's top sprinters . He captured a regional title in the 100 @-@ meter dash at the 2011 State 5A Regional , placing first with a time of 10 @-@ 85 seconds . He earned third @-@ place finishes in both the 100 @-@ meter dash (10 @-@ 95 s) and the 200 @-@ meter dash (21 @-@ 90 s) at the 5A state finals .

= = = Recruiting = = =

Regarded as a three @-@ star recruit by Rivals.com , Lockett was ranked as the No. 16 wide

receiver in the state of Oklahoma , and the No. 170 nationally by ESPN.com. According to Scout.com , he was ranked as the No. 115 cornerback in the nation . He was rated as the 16th best high school football player in the state of Oklahoma class of 2011 by Rivals.com , the 115th best cornerback in the national class of 2011 by Scout.com , and the 170th best wide receiver in the class by ESPN.com. He chose Kansas State over a scholarship offer from Kansas .

= = College career = =

Lockett received an athletic scholarship to attend Kansas State University , where he played for coach Bill Snyder 's Kansas State Wildcats football team from 2011 to 2014 . Both his father Kevin and uncle Aaron played wide receiver for the K @-@ State Wildcats under Snyder . The Wildcats ' receivers coach , Michael Smith , has also coached Lockett , his father and his uncle .

= = = Freshman (2011) = = =

He had hoped to redshirt during the 2011 season , which was his freshman year , so that he could add size . He played in 2011 as a true freshman and got off to a modest start . Lockett only recorded four receptions for 50 yards , three rushes for nine yards , one kickoff return for ten yards and two punt returns for a total of 13 yards in his first five games through October 8 . Things started to turn around on October 15 when he posted a 100 @-@ yard return of a kickoff for a touchdown against Texas Tech . Over the ensuing weeks , he earned numerous Big 12 Conference honors for the 2011 team , including becoming a two @-@ time Big Special Teams Player of the Week . His first Player of the Week recognition came on October 24 after he produced a 251 @-@ yard all @-@ purpose yards performance on October 22 against Kansas in the Governor 's Cup that included posting a 97 @-@ yard kickoff return touchdown while becoming the first player in school history to return kickoffs for touchdowns in consecutive games and having a career high five @-@ reception 110 @-@ yard receiving day . His other Player of the Week recognition that season came on November 7 after a 315 @-@ yard all @-@ purpose yard November 5 game against Oklahoma State that included an 80 @-@ yard kickoff return and three rushes for 84 yards as well as three receptions for 32 yards and a touchdown . Due to what was at first an undisclosed injury , he did not play in the final three games of Kansas State 's regular season . Later , the injury was determined to be a lacerated kidney . In the four games before the injury , he had at least three receptions and 125 all @-@ purpose yards in each game .

He was the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year , a second @-@ team All @-@ Big 12 selection as a kickoff returner / punt returner , and an honorable mention selection as a wide receiver . He was a first @-@ team All @-@ American selection by Sporting News and the Walter Camp Football Foundation , and a second @-@ team All @-@ American selection by CBS Sports and Sports Illustrated . As a result of the extent of his honors , he was recognized as a consensus All @-@ American by the NCAA . He also picked up numerous All @-@ Freshman honors from Sporting News , Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) , CBS Sports , Rivals.com (2nd team) and College Football News (honorable mention , WR) . Lockett failed to play in 75 percent of the Wildcats ' games in order to be eligible to be the NCAA statistical leader for average kickoff return yardage . Although Lockett averaged 35 @-@ 19 yards per return (16 returns for 563 yards) , another freshman , Raheem Mostert of Purdue , led the NCAA statistical category with a 33 @-@ 48 average .

= = = Sophomore (2012) = = =

Lockett entered the season as a preseason All @-@ Big 12 first team selection by the Big 12 media as a kickoff returner , but ESPN only listed him as an honorable mention selection , giving the first team honor to Justin Gilbert . On September 15 , Lockett posted his third career kickoff return touchdown against North Texas , by returning a first quarter kickoff 96 yards . He earned Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors on September 17 . On October 20 , he

posted career highs in receptions (9) , receiving yards (194) and receiving TDs (2) against West Virginia , giving him the fifth highest single @-@ game receiving yardage total in school history . His fourth career kickoff return touchdown occurred on November 3 against Oklahoma State . This earned Lockett another Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week . On November 15 , Lockett earned a second team Academic All @-@ Big 12 selection . Lockett was a 2012 All @-@ Big 12 honorable mention selection both at wide receiver and special teams . He was also an honorable mention All @-@ American return specialist selection by Sports Illustrated .

= = = Junior (2013) = = =

Prior to the season , Lockett was recognized as a 2013 Allstate / American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team nominee . He opened the season with 7 receptions for 113 yards , including a 56 @-@ yard touchdown pass , against North Dakota State on August 30 . The following week , he added 111 yards against Louisiana ? Lafayette on 8 receptions . On September 21 , he connected with quarterback Jake Waters for 13 receptions for 237 yards against Texas in the 2013 Big 12 Conference season opener and had an additional 96 return yards on kickoffs . 237 receiving yards is a Kansas State single @-@ game record , surpassing Jordy Nelson 's 214 yards against Iowa State on November 3 , 2007 . This receiving yardage total was the 2nd highest in the first four weeks of the season behind Texas A & M wideout Mike Evans ' 297 yards . Lockett suffered a hamstring injury in the first half of the October 5 contest against Oklahoma State . He returned to the lineup on October 26 , to post three touchdowns and 111 yards on 8 receptions and help Kansas State achieve its first Big 12 win of the season against West Virginia . On November 16 , Lockett posted 8 receptions for 123 yards , including a 74 @-@ yard touchdown reception against TCU . One week later , Lockett caught 12 passes for 278 yards and 3 touchdowns against Oklahoma . He also returned 5 kickoffs for 162 yards . Lockett broke his own Kansas State single @-@ game record for receiving yards and surpassed Darren Sproles for the Kansas State single @-@ game all @-@ purpose yards record (440) . Tyler Lockett was named the Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on November 25 upon becoming the all @-@ time Kansas state leader in career kickoff return yards with 1780 . His 278 single @-@ game receiving yards was fourth in Big 12 history and his 440 single @-@ game all @-@ purpose yards ranked second in Big 12 history and fifth in FBS history . Following the season , he was recognized as an All @-@ Big 12 Conference first team selection as both a wide receiver and an all @-@ purpose player . FWAA named him second team All @-@ American at wide receiver and Sports Illustrated gave him honorable mention All @-@ American recognition as an all @-@ purpose player . In the December 28 , 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl , Lockett had 10 receptions for 116 yards and 3 touchdowns . It marked the most receptions by any receiver in a Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl and the most receptions in a Bowl game by a Kansas State receiver .

= = = Senior (2014) = = =

Lockett entered his senior season as a preseason All @-@ Big 12 selection as well as a Walter Camp Award , Maxwell Award , Paul Hornung Award and Biletnikoff Award watchlist candidate . On September 25 , he was named one of 62 FBS semifinalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy . He posted his first 100 @-@ yard game of the season against Iowa State on September 6 , in Kansas State 's second game when he tallied 136 receiving yards on 6 receptions . On September 18 , he was named one of 30 candidates for the Senior CLASS Award . On September 27 , Lockett posted two 50 @-@ plus @-@ yard punt returns including a 58 @-@ yard touchdown against UTEP . On September 29 , Lockett earned his sixth career Big 12 player of the week recognition when he was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week . The following week he posted 12 receptions for 125 yards and 2 touchdowns against Texas Tech on October 4 , and he added 103 yards on 8 receptions against Texas on October 25 . On October 30 , he earned an \$ 18 @,@ 000 postgraduate scholarship as one of 16 finalists for the Campbell Trophy . On November 8 , he posted 196 yards and a touchdown on 11 receptions against the number 6 ranked TCU . The effort

boosted Lockett 's career receiving yardage total to 3 @, @ 073 yards , surpassing his father 's school record total of 3 @, @ 032 set in 1996 . Then , he was named as one of 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award and one of 10 semi @-@ finalists for the Biletnikoff Award . On November 20 , he was recognized as a first team Academic All @-@ Big 12 honoree . Lockett had 10 receptions for 196 yards and a 43 @-@ yard punt return touchdown against West Virginia on November 20 and 9 receptions for 119 yards and 2 touchdowns against Kansas on November 29 . In the Kansas ? Kansas State rivalry game , Lockett passed his father 's school record for receptions and tied his school record for touchdown receptions . In his final regular season game against # 5 Baylor , Lockett posted 14 receptions for 158 yards and a touchdown , which gave him 27 career touchdown receptions and broke a tie with his father for the school record . With just a bowl game remaining , Lockett 's career total of 3 @, @ 546 receiving yards ranked 6th in Big 12 Conference history . He added 13 receptions for 164 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns against UCLA in the January 2 , 2015 Alamo Bowl . In the game Lockett had a 41 @-@ yard punt return and had a 72 @-@ yard punt return touchdown negated due to a holding penalty . He established Alamo Bowl records for receptions (13) and all @-@ purpose yards (249) . He was recognized as the game 's Sportsmanship MVP .

On December 10 , the Big 12 coaches selected Lockett as a repeat All Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year and as a first team wide receiver . ESPN selected Lockett as the All @-@ Big 12 first team all purpose player while the Associated Press named him a first team All @-@ Big 12 wide receiver . Lockett was an all @-@ purpose first team selection to the 2014 College Football All @-@ America Team by ESPN , CBS Sports , Scout.com , American Football Coaches Association , and Sports Illustrated . He was a first team punt returner selection by the Football Writers Association of America . He was a second team selection by USA Today at wide receiver , Walter Camp Foundation at return specialist , and Associated Press as an all @-@ purpose player . He earned the school 's eleventh consensus All @-@ American recognition . Lockett was selected to play in the 2015 Senior Bowl . He was recognized as the 2014 Big 12 Football Scholar @-@ Athlete of the Year . He was recognized as one of five First team Senior All @-@ Americans from the 2014 Senior CLASS Award candidates . Lockett was recognized with the Jet Award .

Lockett finished his college career with 249 receptions for 3 @, @ 710 yards and 29 touchdowns as a receiver ; 77 kickoff returns for 2196 yards and 4 touchdowns ; 32 punt returns for 488 yards and 2 touchdowns ; and 22 rushes for 192 yards as well as 6 career tackles . This totals 6586 career All @-@ purpose yards . Although the National Collegiate Athletic Association officially recognizes 1 @. @ 2 punt returns per game as the qualifying minimum threshold , some sources consider 1 punt return per game as the qualifying minimum , and thus Richard Leonard of Florida International is the 2014 punt return average leader by those sources . Lockett 's senior season totals led the Big 12 Conference in receiving yards and the nation in punt return average .

= = = Pre @-@ draft = = =

= = Professional career = =

= = = Seattle Seahawks = = =

Lockett was drafted in the third round of the 2015 NFL Draft with the 69th overall selection by the Seattle Seahawks after the team traded third- , fourth- , fifth- , and sixth @-@ round picks (95th , 112th , 167th , and 181st overall) to the Washington Redskins in order to move up to # 69 in order to select Lockett .

= = = = 2015 : Rookie Year = = = =

In his first NFL appearance , Lockett had a 103 @-@ yard kick return touchdown against the

Broncos in Seattle 's preseason opener , marking the first touchdown of the season for the team . Four weeks later , in his NFL regular season debut , Lockett returned a 57 @-@ yard punt for a touchdown on his first career return , against the Rams . He also posted 4 receptions for 34 yards in his debut . The following week he made his first career regular season start against Green Bay . Lockett returned a 105 @-@ yard kick return in week 3 against the Bears , setting a new franchise record . His performance for the first three weeks of the season earned him recognition as NFC Special Teams Player of the Month for September 2015 . Lockett was the first Seahawks rookie to win the award since Joey Galloway . Lockett posted his first career touchdown reception on Thursday Night Football against the San Francisco 49ers on October 22 , 2015 . On November 22 against the San Francisco 49ers Lockett scored 2 receiving touchdowns . On December 6 against the Minnesota Vikings who were 8 @-@ 3 at the time , Lockett had 7 receptions for 90 yards , both new career highs . One week later , Lockett had his first 100 @-@ yard receiving game and his second multi touchdown game with 104 @-@ yards , and a 2 @-@ touchdown winning effort against the Baltimore Ravens . Lockett was named Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week for his performance vs the Ravens . On December 22 , 2015 , Lockett was selected to be part of the 2016 Pro Bowl . Lockett was one of only three rookies to be selected to the Pro Bowl , along with Rams running back Todd Gurley and Chiefs cornerback Marcus Peters . In the final week of the season on January 3 against the Arizona Cardinals , Lockett set up several scores by the Seahawks with long punt returns and receptions . His 139 punt return yards on 4 punt returns set a Seahawks single @-@ game punt return yardage record and earned Lockett NFC special teams player of the week recognition for week 17 . Three punt returns of at least 30 yards in the same game had not been accomplished by an NFL returner in at least 10 seasons . For his performance over the last 5 weeks of the season in which he amassed 759 all @-@ purpose yards , he earned the NFC ? s Special Teams Player of the Month for December / January , making him the second rookie to win the award twice (Tamarick Vanover , 1995) . He joined Gale Sayers as the only rookie to record at least 5 receiving touchdowns , a punt return touchdown and a kickoff return touchdown . He was the only rookie to be named to the Associated Press All @-@ Pro 1st team . He was also voted along with teammate Thomas Rawls to be in the Pro Football Writers Association NFL All @-@ Rookie Team (2015) . Lockett was selected to the team at three positions : wide receiver , punt returner and kickoff returner .

= = Personal = =

Tyler was born to Nicole Edwards and Kevin Lockett who , having played at K @-@ State from 1993 to 1996 , was the school 's all @-@ time leading receiver before being passed by Tyler , and also played in the NFL for the Kansas City Chiefs . His uncle , Aaron , who played at K @-@ State from 1998 to 2001 , was their fourth all @-@ time leading receiver as well as their second all @-@ time leading punt returner . Aaron also holds Big 12 Conference records and set the school record in the 60 meters . Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder had coached his father and uncle . His paternal grandparents are John and Beatrice Lockett and his maternal grandparents are Marvin D. Hopson and Shirley Edwards .