


Shaquem Griffin Single-Handedly Beats The Odds

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UCF Linebacker **Shaquem Griffin** is proving doubters wrong everyday. (Photo: USA Today)

At the age of 4, a growth defect cost **Shaquem Griffin** all five fingers on his left hand.

Shaquem is now a professional football player.

With the #141 pick, the [@Seahawks](#) select LB [@ShaquemGriffin!](#) [#NFLDraft](#)

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Shaquem Griffin (Right), brother and Seattle Seahawk Shaquill (Left) at high school all-star game. (Photo: Orlando Sentinel)

Griffin is a product of Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg, FL and the recipient of the 2018 **Jason Witten** Man of the Year Award.

Shaquem Griffin,
You may not be from these parts.
But you have inspired us Texans.
We're all rooting for you. pic.twitter.com/ZJaTCW4grS

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The Old Coach's Jeff Power was in Austin when Shaquem and his brother Shaquill represented their country in USA Football's International Bowl.

With 1 hand, Shaquem Griffin became:
Division 1 Student Athlete.
AAC Defensive Player of the Year.
Peach Bowl Defensive MVP.
Man of the Year Honoree.
Professional Football Player.

Impossible is nothing. pic.twitter.com/SfF2nWZSMn

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Selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the 5th round, Shaquem now joins his twin brother Shaquill.

Legion of Boom → Legion of Griffins

In Seattle, [@ShaquemGriffin](#) joins forces with his lifelong teammate.

His twin brother, [@ShaquillG](#). pic.twitter.com/Ji5NUXBpA7

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