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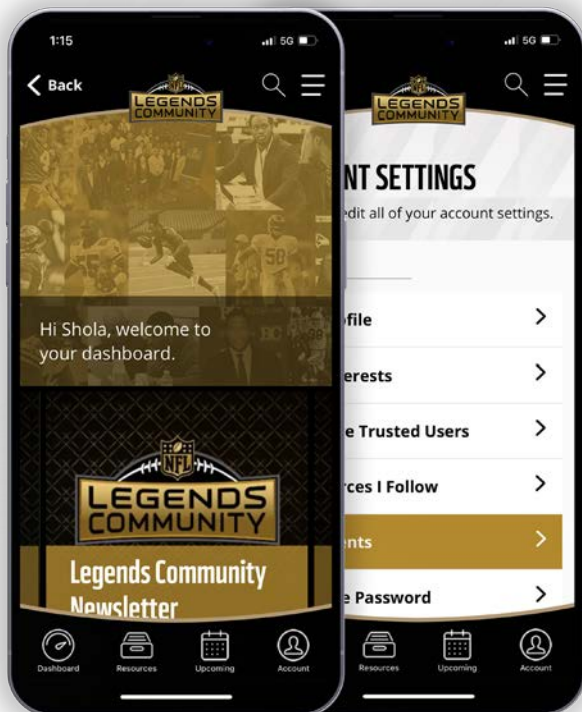
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WELCOME LEGENDS

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of the Jaguars Legends Newsletter. We're proud to share with you stories of fellow Jags and former teammates out in search of their best lives and chasing their biggest dreams. In this issue you'll reconnect with cornerback Tyler Patmon who along with wife Tiffany is working to change the way young athletes approach the game and themselves. It's an inspiring story you won't want to miss.

Offensive lineman Jacques McClendon has long been a fan of Jacksonville. He had the opportunity to sell the area and the Jags to Liam Coen in January. We'll reconnect you with the man running the coaching operations at WME.

Defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks has been a trucker at heart since his stepfather introduced him to the business as a young man and is now building his own legacy in an essential field.

Jimmy Smith was an All Pro during his legendary career in Jacksonville and today is seeking a similar peak in the cattle industry with what he believes will be an amazing piece of beef on your plate.

Kicker Josh Scobee remains one of the most popular former Jaguars in part because he still lives in Jacksonville and is knee deep in the community but also because he's out there living the life he always wanted to and everyone can see it.

And finally, we recognize a pair of new Hall of Famers. Linebacker Paul Posluszny entered the College Football Hall of Fame in 2024, and defensive tackle John Henderson goes in the Class of 2025.

As always, we're here to help you build a Legends Community that inspires you and includes you in a variety of ways. We'd love to hear from you so reach out and if you have a story we should tell, let us know.

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LEGENDS PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

The Jaguars and the NFL provide Legends a variety of programs and opportunities to leverage quality of life through benefits, resources, discounts, grants and more.

NFL Foundation Grant Opportunities

Legends may apply for a matching grant to a youth or high school football program of their choice. There is a grant to help fund youth football camps conducted by Legends for a turnkey solution or receive financial funding to support their free camp. If a former player is coaching youth or high school football, they may apply for up to \$5,000 for their respective program. There are also grants to assist Legends with their own foundations or nonprofits in which they work full time. Social justice and community grants recognize the contributions of alumni working to better their communities.

Legends Programs

Legends programs are designed to assist and engage Legends in their post football careers. Everything from coaching and scouting to owning and running their own successful businesses. There are workshops and special educational events conducted specifically for Legends.

Legends Discounts

Former NFL players can take advantage of the many discounts on products and services that include vehicle rentals, golf equipment, NFL merchandise, gifts and more. Please note that some discounted opportunities require an active NFL Alumni membership.

Legends Benefits

Health Care Benefits and Mental Health Resources are listed on our Legends website at Jaguars.com/Legends under resources. Whether you need general medical assistance, disability benefits, or are struggling with substance abuse, there are multiple resources that we encourage you to explore and take advantage of.

If you or someone in your family are ever in need of help, call the NFL Life Line (800) 506-0078. This is an extremely valuable resource that is secure, confidential, and independent. This line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all 365 days of the year.

For more information on Legends programs and resources, contact Jason Trosclair at trosclairj@nfl.jaguars.com

HENDERSON AND POSLUSZNY CALLED TO HALL

The history of college football dates back to a game between Rutgers and Princeton played on November 6, 1869, and from that contest in New Brunswick, NJ some 156 years ago a game became a national obsession.

Hundreds of thousands of men have put on a college jersey from Alabama to California and from the big schools with incredible tradition like Michigan and Notre Dame to the small schools that embraced the game that unified their campuses across America.

And to this day, of all the men who have played the game, fewer than 1,000 have been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. Two Jaguars have recently been honored among the 977; linebacker Paul Posluszny who was inducted in the Class of 2024 and defensive tackle John Henderson who is a member of the Class of 2025.



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“I’m truly blessed by it,” offered Henderson. “It’s the result of all the hard work, the dedication, the pain and everything you put into the game. We played the game to win for our team, for our school, for our fans and that was awesome. But to be recognized above and beyond that is just a blessing and an honor.”

It’s the third consecutive year for Henderson who in 2023 was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in his hometown of Nashville. He was added to the University of Tennessee Athletics Hall of Fame for his outstanding career with the Volunteers winning the Outland Trophy as the best defensive lineman in college football and earning first team All-American honors in 2000.

“It’s wild, isn’t it?” he asked. “Three Halls of Fame in three years? Who gets that? My goodness what an honor and for playing a game that gave me a blueprint for life.

The game gave me so much in terms of big moments and financial opportunities and it also taught me about life and family. Did I say I was blessed already? I'm blessed beyond words."

These days Big John has put various business efforts aside in favor of a teaching career. He's deeply engrossed in home schooling his ten-year-old son.

"I take my hat off to all the teachers in this world, this is a hard job."

"I take my hat off to all the teachers in this world, this is a hard job," he said with a smile. "I'm so sorry for all the challenges I posed for my teachers! I can't imagine dealing with 25 or 30 kids when one, mine, keeps me moving all day. But it's very rewarding when at the end of the day you see that he's making progress, he's learning and that's what a parent, a father is supposed to do for his kids. It's hard but it's good."



Posluszny left Penn State, otherwise known as "Linebacker U," as one of the most highly decorated linebackers the school ever produced. He is the only Penn State linebacker twice named All-American, and he was also a two-time first team All-Big Ten selection and won both the Chuck Bednarik Award as the nation's top defender, twice and the Dick Butkus Award as the country's top linebacker.

Unsurprisingly he was tabbed by the College Football Hall of Fame for his outstanding athletic success at Penn State where he was also an Academic All-American.

"I feel like I had that opportunity simply because I was part of a great team," said Posluszny with his trademark humility. "We had a great success story where we weren't doing very well, and we turned it all around to find a way to win a Big 10 Championship. My success was a direct reflection of that group of teammates I had and the results we all created. When you do that, honors come along, sometimes when you least expect it."

Posluszny, who now puts his efforts into the strategic and international team at Raytheon, a defense contractor, credits playing football and being part of a team for helping him transition to life after the game.

"I love it, love it," he said. "It's not ball, but I'm surrounded by outstanding people and part of a big team that is doing important work. The gentleman I report to is a former

captain of a United States ballistic missile submarine. How awesome is that? I get to work for a man of that caliber, of that character and obviously dedicated to a very critical mission. So, in a way it's like ball, but it's really different."

Both men are deeply grateful and obviously humbled by the honors they've been afforded post football. They're also both quick to point out the impact of great coaches and mentors in their lives as a reason for their success.



"I was deeply grounded in the fundamentals of the game by Coach Fulmer at Tennessee," explained Henderson. "Then I get to Coach Coughlin, and he taught me what it meant to be a pro, what it took to play the game at the highest level for a long time. He took what my mom and high school coaches started and finished the job. I'm really blessed

to have been drafted and played for Tom Coughlin."

Posluszny pointed to his linebackers coach at Penn State when asked about how coaching helped guide him to the College Football Hall of Fame.

"I was so lucky to have Ron Vanderlinden when I was at Penn State," he said. "I consider him to be the best linebackers coach in college football. The drills he taught us, the fundamentals, the technique and consistency it took to play the game. Those traveled with me to Buffalo and Jacksonville and were just as important for me in the NFL as they were in college. He was a special coach; I was so lucky to have him."

The Jaguars are fortunate to have both men in Jacksonville where they're involved in the community and the Legends program.

BY BRIAN SEXTON



MCCLENDON RETURNS IN A NEW ROLE

Jacques McClendon never left football, though he played his final game during the 2016 NFL season. The one-time offensive lineman who was a star in high school and a stand-out at the University of Tennessee found a way to stay in the game when his seven-season professional career came to an end.

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“I can’t imagine where I would be without the sport,” he offered. “The people I worked with and the people I work with now, whether in the executive space or in the coaching space are always affecting someone, the next player that may have an opportunity to change his life through the game of football. That’s what gets me up and going in the morning. I understand what the game did for me, and I understand what it can do for someone else. It’s a dream come true for a lot of us.”

McClendon found himself in Jacksonville recently, the city where he spent two of his seven seasons but not as a Legend or a

spectator. He accompanied Liam Coen, his client, as they sealed the deal for Coen to become the eighth head coach in franchise history. It was a moment both men had been working towards for years. Coen, the up-and-coming offensive mastermind who bounced between Los Angeles, Lexington, KY and Tampa as he built his resume and McClendon, currently the Vice President of Coaching Operations for WME Sports, but also a former front office executive who cut his teeth in the Rams organization. Jacques



is excited for Coen and the opportunity he has to turn the Jaguars around.

“Number one, from an ownership perspective, it doesn’t get any better than Shad,” explained McClendon. “I think Shad has done an unbelievable job of pouring resources and providing opportunities for success. At the end of the day that’s the number one thing that you need, an ownership group that understands what it takes to be successful. But it’s not just the Khan family, the Jacksonville community is an amazing place to live and work, before I took the job in Los Angeles my wife and I were moving there, we were building a house in north Florida.”

McClendon, who was named three-time Academic All-SEC, and who added a master’s degree in Sports Administration before leaving the University of Tennessee and added an MBA from Brown University in 2022, didn’t waste time when his playing days were over. He jumped at the chance to join the Rams as their Director of Football Affairs where he worked with General Manager Les Snead, Head Coach Sean McVay and Vice President of Football Administration Kevin Demoff to build a Super Bowl Championship team.

“I had a unique opportunity to work between the football side of the organization and the business side. I helped in the scouting department and in the coaching department as well,” said McClendon. “I call it the “football ivy” and the chance to learn and

grow from men who are still some of my closest friends and mentors, bosses who empower you and give you gravity. I’m thankful for that chance to learn how things work at the highest levels of this game. They educated me in a way that has translated to my current space and taught me not just how the business works but how you treat people, and that social capital is the most important capital you’ll ever have. I’m forever grateful to those guys.”



Those relationships and the value he places on all his relationships are a substantial part of who McClendon is and how he works, and they go deeper than just football. He learned by watching his mother, Stephanie McClendon, build strong bonds with co-workers, clients and friends.

“I remember asking her what the best thing about her job was and she said it was the people,” he remembered. “She started as a bank teller, but she didn’t see herself as just a teller. She was part of the community, and she leaned on that to talk to folks as they came in and out of the bank or the drive through or whatever. People would come into the bank to see Stephanie McClendon

and she took pride in that, and I've carried that with me to everything I do to this day."

Jacques jumped at another opportunity in 2023 after a long and successful run with the Rams. He made the move from the front office to representing the front office in contract negotiations and his experience has helped him immensely, including Coen's recent deal and Carolina Panthers' head coach Dave Canales the year before.

"I think from my perspective, coming to this side allows me to activate a bunch of the relationships and help make deals that make sense for everyone," he explained. "At the end of the day, my job right now is to serve the client in such a way while also maintaining relationships with organizations and colleges and universities so that we can do more in the future. You want to be known as someone who does the right thing for his clients but also someone who is respected because of how they do that job."

Jacques' influence in the sports world is growing thanks to the way he connects and the results he drives. Beyond his expanding role at WME, he also serves on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and

last month The Athletic named him to their "50 Under 40 List" of influential people in sports.

"You remember all the coaches and executives that affected your life to be able to get you in the seat," he said when asked about the recent honor. "Whether it was working with you on drills or preparation for the scheme or strength and conditioning



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to get you in shape to be able to perform. There's so many people working on your behalf to promote you and give you opportunities. I always say this game has given me so much, I can't ever pay it back.”

McClendon, who was initially drafted by the Colts but also spent time with the Lions, Steelers, Falcons and Dolphins has a particular fondness for the Jaguars and Jacksonville and he's as energized and excited as his client about what he believes is about to happen in north Florida.

“I think the world of the city, I think the world of the people there and a loyal and energetic fan base who loves their team,” said McClendon. “Jacksonville is big in terms of area, land mass but it's still maintaining its small city feel, tight knit and with a community feel to it. Having Tony Boselli who knows and loves that organization and city more than anybody else is going to make this awesome. I'm really glad that Liam's partnered with not only a great owner but a great community. I think when you add everything up there's not many jobs better than the Jacksonville Jaguars.”

BY BRIAN SEXTON



Source: <https://www.foxsports.com/stories/nfl/dolphins-sign-c-jacques-mcclendon-with-mike-pouncey-foot-injured>

JOSH SCOBEE'S FOUND HIS GROOVE

Josh Scobee knows a thing or two about finding the “sweet spot.” The man who booted some of the most iconic kicks in franchise history knew just where his right foot needed to be in relation to the football when the game mattered the most.

So, it's no surprise that the Jaguars long-time kicker finds himself in a similar situation these days, finding the right place for his family in post-football life.

“I played 12 years in the NFL and people ask me all the time what I am doing now,” Scobee said. “I’ve become, in a way, my parents. It seems we’re always going to a practice or a game with the kids, and our family dynamic is really good, really strong. The Good Lord gave me the ability to play football and make a great living and now I get to be involved and engaged with my family every single day. I love my wife. I love my kids and that’s what I get to do every single day.”

You'll find Josh chasing his kids or spending time talking to players in his occasional role as a Jaguars content creator, or if he had his way – swinging his golf clubs in pursuit of that little white ball which has replaced the brown oblong ball that provided his current lifestyle.



"I was fortunate enough to be drafted in Jacksonville which is probably a top three area for golf in America," he explained. "My father-in-law started me down the path of golf obsession right before we got married, with a lesson and before I knew it, I was hooked. And then in Jacksonville there is always a charity event or a Pro Am every Monday and of course I wanted to play, and the Jaguars wanted me out in the community playing. I blame everyone I can think of for the obsession, it's their fault I love the game so much and it's my fault that I'm so good at it."



The smile on Scobee's face when he says it is misleading, almost as if he wants you to believe he's just having fun, just kidding. But he's not. He's a terrific golfer; he doesn't like you to suggest that he's only a scratch golfer and he's always in search of the chance to test his game against yours.

"I started playing when I was 22 years old, so I better be pretty good," he joked. "I'm getting ready to play in an event in Frisco, Texas called the Pro Rivals Open at the PGA of America course. It's 54 current and former

NFL players, and I'm the favorite to win that one and if I don't, I'm probably going to punch someone in the face."

If you know Josh at all you know he had that same preternatural competitiveness during his football career. He loved the biggest, most pressure-filled moments when the outcome, or the win rested on his shoulder and his powerful right leg. You also know that Scobee was having a blast, enjoying the moment and having fun.

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"Kickers are different, we're different people," he explained. "And Russ Purnell, who I was lucky enough to work with for a few years here in Jacksonville, encouraged me to just be me which was a key to those big moments. I like to have fun, and I would stand on the field waiting for the chance to kick the ball and look around at 70,000 people and hear the noise and let myself feel the moments. Why wouldn't I have fun in that situation? How many people get to do that?"

Not many, which helps explain why the former Jaguars kicker is still welcomed in the building and on the practice field by those who do what he did. Working with the Jaguars Production Department,

Josh unsurprisingly conducted a series of interviews from a golf cart with the Jaguars specialists of the current era and they were well received by the Jaguars fans who watched them and the men who enjoyed the conversation with Josh.

“I’m a pretty interesting guy.”

“I’m a pretty interesting guy,” Scobee said with a laugh. “I like people, and I love doing things that bring out the personality in other people, it’s what human beings do, at least the fun ones. And I love those guys. Logan Cooke is a stud, maybe the best punter I’ve ever seen, and Ross Maticcik does one thing on the field but he’s so incredibly precise and you’ve seen that in the post-season honors he’s been given, and Cam Little, he’s going to be great. That’s a fun group and they work so well together.”

You get the picture that Scobee might be one of the most interesting men to come through the Jaguars organization and if you don’t then consider his car, a 2009 Aston Martin DBS, the car driven by Daniel Craig as James Bond in Casino Royale. He turned



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heads when he first drove it into the players parking lot in 2012 and he’s still having as much fun with the ride as he ever has.

“I fell in love with that car. I mean that. I fell in love so when I signed a new contract with the Jaguars in 2012, I bought it,” he said with pride. “When I look at that car it’s a reminder of my dad who was a huge James Bond fan, and he died of colon cancer when he was only 42 so it’s special to me. I’ll pass that car down to my boys, it will always be in our family. It’s a car and I know that, but it’s also a reminder of how hard I worked to get to where I am today and so every time I drive it I feel blessed to have the life, the family, the experiences that I’ve had.”



Josh will be forever linked to the experience of the longest field goal in Jaguars history: the 59-yarder in 2010 that beat Peyton Manning and the Colts on the final play of the game. It remains almost 15 years later one of the most memorable plays in franchise history, and Scobee savors the moment, enjoys talking about his signature

kick, and you can hear the emotion and feel the gratitude when he tells the tale.

“You know what’s fun about that kick?” he asked. “People ask me all the time, literally I must get that question four or five times a week, even 15 years later, but they ask about the 64 or the 62 yard kick, it gets longer and longer every year. But as a kicker you dream of an opportunity, a moment like that with an insanely long field goal try to win the game and you make the kick and celebrate with 70,000 people and every time I tell the story I get to relive it over and over and over. Not every kicker gets that moment, and I did, and I’ll cherish it, I hope they play it at my funeral.”

Scobee and his perpetual smile and incredibly warm personality fit perfect in Jacksonville and he’s going to keep swinging whether it’s on the golf course, in the business world where he’s a partner in a few restaurants in Louisiana, or with the camera rolling and his lips moving. He loves post-football life, and he wants people to know how grateful he is to have played and still live in Jacksonville.

BY BRIAN SEXTON



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JIMMY SMITH

The irony is rich. One of the fastest receivers to ever play professional football, is today, riding herd over one of the slowest moving animals on earth. Jimmy Smith, who made his name in teal and black running by cornerbacks on his way to the end zone, now spends his days working cattle on his ranch near Clinton, MS.

“I went and spent \$30,000 on some cows.”

“I went and spent \$30,000 on some cows,” he shared with a laugh. “Believe it or not, I bought them to help maintain my 200 acres. It was costing too much money and taking too much time to cut the grass and keep my land clear.”

Smith made the land investment 30 years ago after he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys. He originally thought he would subdivide it and build houses but that obviously didn't turn out to be the eventual path. He developed a strong affinity for the property and instead of developing homes he's monitoring the soil, maintaining fence lines, and growing his herd. He's become a cattleman.

“I've had some family members who were in cattle, but that wasn't what I was intending to do,” Smith said. “The land was just an investment, but you have to maintain it which means keeping the ground and the soil in good condition. I needed to have something grazing and so I went and bought cattle. Now my long-term vision is to build the Jimmy Smith Cattle Company and raise beef. The cattle market is at an all-time historical high right now, so I got in at the right time and I'm excited about it. It started out as a hobby but now it's the future.”



I used to talk to Smith about the Jaguars upcoming opponent, Fred Taylor's emergence as one of the great running backs in the game and how he and Keenen McCardell worked so well together to carve up a defense. Now we were talking about cows and the business of ranching. The day before we talked, he was chasing calves which had wandered away on him and when we talked Smith covered topics ranging from weather to fence lines to veterinary issues, and it was abundantly clear that his is more than a hobby – it's his passion.

"I've done a lot of research and spend a lot of time listening to other ranchers," Smith explained. "I need to gain as much knowledge as I can because I'm the whole team. I have to be able to do everything because I don't have a big operation. Whether that's moving them or feeding them or playing veterinarian, I have to be able to at least know what's going on so that I can figure out what's next. It's been a big transition, but it's been good and I love it."

Smith leaned into a strong relationship with former teammate Gary Walker, who is also

in agriculture. Walker raises cattle and hogs on his ranch in Georgia, and Smith didn't hesitate to pick up the phone and ask for some advice.

"He's in the business in a big way," said Smith. "And he owns Wagyu, a lot of Wagyu cattle and some Angus, and he's doing a lot of crossbreeding. And initially I was going to buy some of his stock but I found my preference was not going to be Wagyu because they're delicate and require a lot of maintenance. I decided to go with a Hereford Bull and cross breed them with Black Angus, which gives you Black Baldies – the black calves with white faces. They're extremely popular right now, a top seller and I'm glad to have them."

Smith bought 20 cows to go with his two bulls, and after calving season he found himself with 38. Simple math tells you that Smith has made a good investment which is only going to keep growing.

"I want to grow the herd to 60 or 70 before I start selling them off for slaughter," he explained. "In Gary's case, you know, he sells



the cattle to different steakhouses and he gets top dollar. So, I hope to do something similar and develop a relationship with a local steakhouse and follow in Gary's footsteps. He's doing really well in the cattle business."

Smith is working as hard as he ever did in football. He's the quarterback at Jimmy Smith Cattle Company, as well as the left tackle and middle linebacker. He's likely to take on the job of kicker and punter also because he doesn't intend to stand pat with his herd.



"I want to start diversifying as I get towards 60 or 70," Smith said. "Maybe some chickens or sheep or lamb or hogs. To maintain soil quality and the soil health, owning livestock is the best thing."

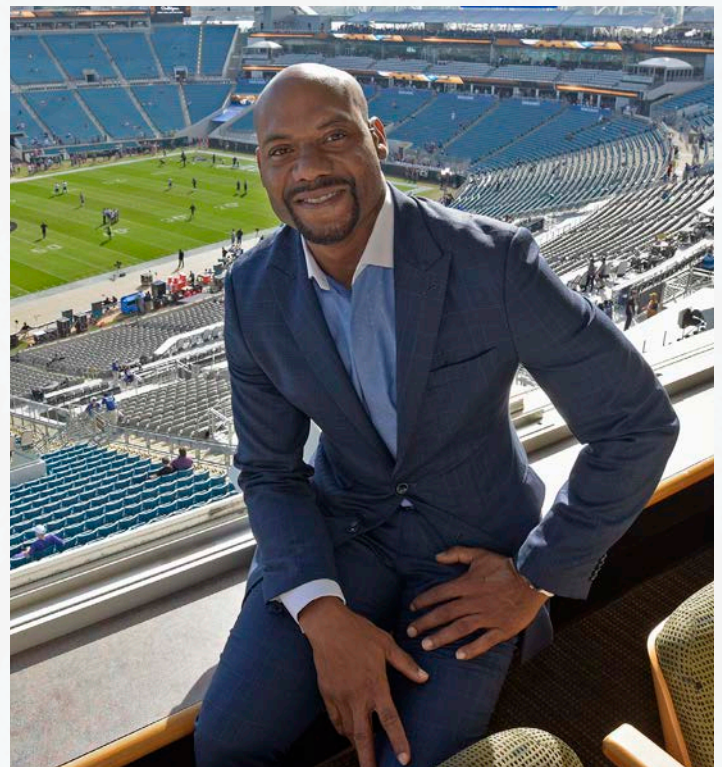
There are a couple of jobs he doesn't enjoy and hopes to someday have a staff big enough to take off his plate, though he knows a small cattle ranch requires the rancher to do a little bit of everything, including the less than glamorous jobs.

"The fencing is tough," he said. "I have 200 acres and that's a lot of fence and you know it gets old and rusty and trees fall on it, so it's a constant job."

It sounds tough, challenging and difficult but it isn't the worst job on the ranch.

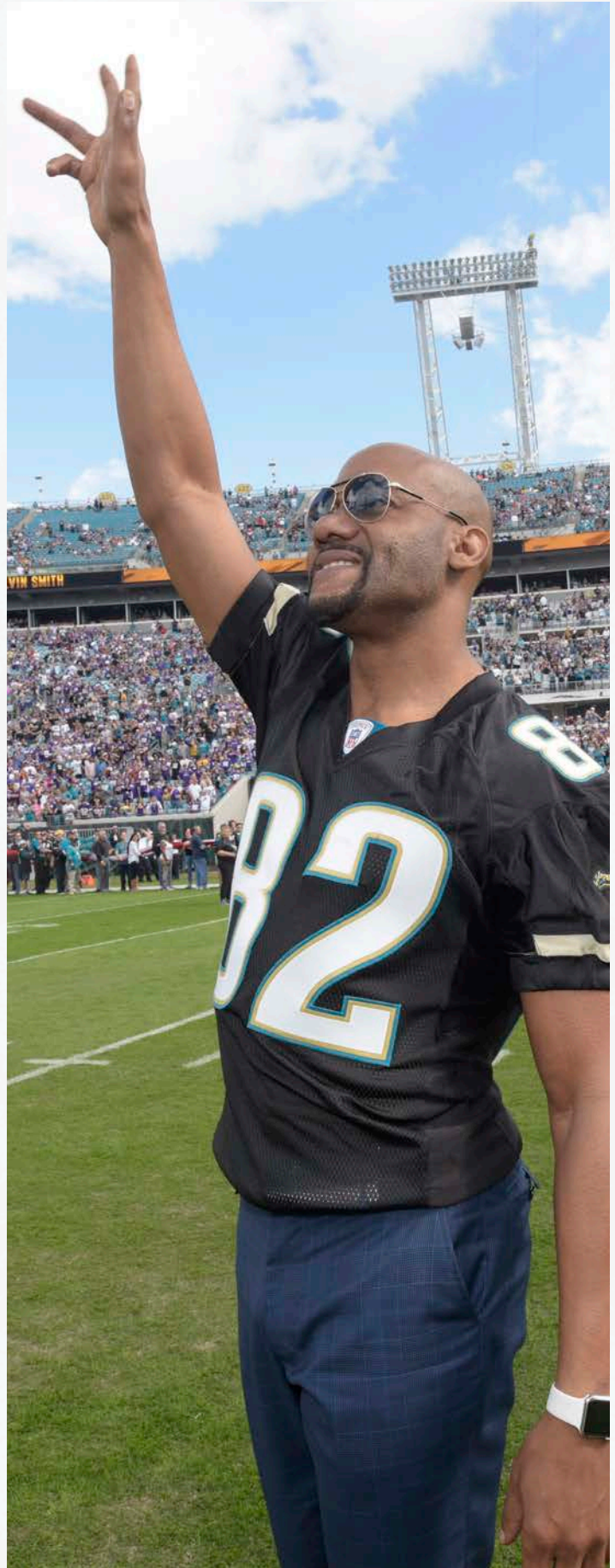
"Managing cow manure, I hate that job."

"Managing cow manure, I hate that job," Smith said. "That's one thing I really hate to do. They poop everywhere and in order to maintain good quality in your soil you have to kind of spread it around as fertilizer. If they poop in one area they won't go back and eat as the grass grows so managing the poop has to be done and it's nasty and you can't just leave it there to dry out."



The All-Pro wide receiver, who lived a glamorous and fast-paced life in the NFL in search of a championship, is now grinding out his days in search of his new dream. It's dramatically different but just as satisfying for Smith.

"You remember how Tom was, consistent and demanding? That's how I do it out here only it's me holding me accountable," Smith said, recalling what Coach Coughlin and his time in Jacksonville taught him. *"I think being consistent, getting up at the same time every morning is so critical because those cows hold you accountable. There is so much to be done and if you have a plan, and work your plan, you can stay in front of it and perform. It's different than football but the objective is the same...to win. I want to produce incredible beef and build a sustainable family business, and it won't happen if I don't demand the best from myself."* BY BRIAN SEXTON



MARKS MAKES A MARK IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

Defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks carried around one of the biggest personalities in professional football during eight seasons with the Titans and Jaguars, and is why it's unsurprising that he built a life after football around hauling loads of strawberries, chicken and auto parts across America.



"My stepdad, who raised me, was a trucker. That's how I started to like it, because I was around it," Marks explained. "He only drove local routes so he would drop us off at school and go do his thing, then in the summertime they would pay us to go over to the truck terminal and wash the trucks. I enjoyed it and gained some experience which made it a natural transition after football."

A timely conversation in 2014 with a buddy who was running 200 trucks all over the Southeast, turned his attention to post-football.

"I used to tell him at the time that I was going to buy some trucks, and he could run them for me," said Marks. "He tried to tell me that isn't how the business works, but I just wanted to invest in some trucks and have someone else run the business. By the time I retired his business had wound down to just a handful of trucks for a lot of reasons and so I bought four trucks, and started rebuilding the business."

These days, OneWayXpress has more than a dozen trucks running the roads in and around Atlanta and anywhere else a customer needs Marks to get his goods. You won't find the big man behind the wheel any longer but there was a time when the do-it-all requirement of owning a business required him to hit the road.

"I enjoyed it while I was doing it," he recalled. "I started driving because I had to. We had an Amazon contract and at the time we had a lot of turnover with the drivers, and COVID was an issue. When you have

an Amazon contract you take the loads they give you and if you can't fulfill them, they take them back and once you start going backwards it's tough to get them again. So, I read the book, did some practice tests and passed the class and pretty soon was hauling chicken to California and back hauling strawberries. It was cool."

With his winning smile still intact despite a career in the trenches, Marks loves to tell stories, and he always did. He doesn't mind telling you how much work is required and how focused you have to be to make it in the business world. His stepfather and a life in football taught him that hard work was the only way through to where he wanted to go.



"I think playing football was tougher than driving a truck because the trucks don't push you back," he said with a laugh. "Plus, I had a coach at every step of the way to help me with the scheme or technique or assignment. As a businessman it's totally different. I know now that as a businessman or as an athlete we don't know as much as we think we do. I'm always asking questions. You know me! I want to know so I can go do my job and we can win."



Marks has learned that the business world can be just as big of a grind as training camp in July in Jacksonville, and just like those long summer sessions it takes physical and mental toughness and resilience to win.

"This business has some crazy ups and downs," he explained. "The insurance costs don't get lighter, and the fuel isn't getting any less expensive, and payroll doesn't get easier to meet with shipping rates that never seem to match the pace of inflation. If you have 200 trucks you can keep it going, but if you're a small operator which is what we are, it's about breaking even most of the time. You have to hustle to make it in the trucking business."

There is more to the connection between football and business, and it gets to the heart of that big personality that Marks was seemingly born with, and that people love. He loves people. He loves to work with them and tell stories to them and celebrate wins with them. That's the part he misses the most from his time in professional football.

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"I don't miss playing," he joked. "That part still hurts! I miss the guys in the locker room. I miss talking to Shad Khan and Gus Bradley and Jimmy Love. It didn't matter whether we were friends, or I didn't even know you, I liked to be around you. Why do you think I always said 'yes' when someone with a microphone asked a question? I loved every

part of playing football, especially the little things that happened off the field and in the building.”

Some things about Marks have changed, even if his borderline boisterous personality hasn't. The slimmed down, post-football version of Sen'Derrick also boasts a clean haircut. Gone are his trademark dreadlocks, and though he loved the hair he now appreciates life without the grooming requirements.

“First of all, I'm getting older and losing my hair,” he said with a grin. “Look, I'm going bald up front and I'm only 38 years old. I just kind of got tired of it and didn't like the fact that I couldn't just put my head in the pool because then I had to go through the whole deal of drying my hair. So, I asked my daughter if she wanted to cut it and after she snipped the first one I was like, ‘screw it, let's cut them all off then.’ I like it now, the first thing I noticed was I could put my head on the headrest, and it felt good because the ponytail was gone.”



Almost every conversation with a former player ultimately turns to football as a metaphor for life – early mornings, long days, huge wins, humbling defeats and the people you meet along the way. These days Marks is enjoying life despite the business environment and though he's away from the locker room and the game he loves, he still has and cherishes all the relationships he's made with friends scattered around the country. He's helping his wife Rayanne assist her mother Mary navigate a battle with cancer and trying to find as much time to spend with his daughter as he can. He appreciates the connection.



“I saw a quote when I was at Auburn and it's stuck with me all these years later,” he recalled. “It's not about the goals you set or the achievements you reach it's about what you do when you get there.” Boy, that hit me spot on. I lived that way and thought about that every time I have a big decision to make or goal to set. I set the goal to go to college and achieved that. Then the NFL, I achieved that, what's next? So it's always going to continue in the trucking business or whatever we do next, and as Gus (Bradley) always used to say, ‘just trust the process and get to work.’ Everything works out in time.”

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TYLER PATMON IS SHARING WHAT HE LEARNED IN THE NFL

Tyler and Tiffany Patmon have been to the top of the athletic mountain; Tyler in six NFL seasons as a cornerback and Tiffany as an All-American basketball player at Oklahoma State and WNBA champion. They not only know what it takes to achieve the dream, they understand how difficult it can be for young athletes to succeed no matter how talented they are.

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“We saw the need to help athletes, especially young athletes build a strong foundation,” Tyler said in explaining Camp Exposure.

“We want to help them understand who they are in Christ, first and foremost, because if they know who they are in Him then they never question their value. If they get that they’re special and unique in His eyes, then the difficult part of playing at a higher level doesn’t take away their identity.”

A talented cornerback out of Oklahoma State, Patmon was drafted by his hometown Dallas Cowboys but didn’t stick. So, he traveled the NFL highways and byways in search of a profitable career and made his way to Miami, Tennessee, Carolina, Kansas City and Jacksonville before eventually hanging up his cleats in search of his true purpose.



“Sports, as I learned, is just part of who I am and it’s just part of who all athletes really are,” he said. “We take them through a program at Camp Exposure where we help them to discover more of their gifts than just their athleticism. We help them find some of the other things they’re passionate about and help them connect it to the big picture of their life and help prepare them for life after sports. That’s our mission, empowering athletes to discover the identity, purpose and worth beyond their athletic careers.”

Tyler and Tiffany have built a holistic approach to developing athletes. There is the over-arching identity part of the equation and the elements include mental health, nutrition and wellness, relationship skills, professional development and financial literacy.

There's on-the-field work through the Camp Exposure Academy, but also mentorship programs and topic-specific workshops that identify areas of improvement and help athletes develop in ways that they wouldn't necessarily get at home or in their high school programs.

"Because of our experience and our track record, coaches, parents and school administrators come to realize that we can help their kids on the field and off of it," he explained. "It's tough to truly understand the way the business of sports works and how it can have a detrimental effect if you're not prepared for how different it is. That's where things start to unwind, and athletes lose their sense of self. When you want to learn something, you seek out a mentor, right? You look for someone who can teach you from their experience and that's what we focus on with young athletes who might get lost in the process."



Tyler credits former teammate Don Carey who he was with in his two seasons in Jacksonville for helping him develop the right mindset and eventually sparking his passion for helping others in the same way.



"Don was a veteran guy and just to sit and listen to him share his experiences in professional football meant so much to me," Patmon explained. "I think it's easy to be influenced by the wrong people in the NFL, having the wrong conversations which aren't as fruitful as they could be. I used to think only about that second contract, the one with more zeros in it, and Don just kept asking me why I wasn't thinking beyond the second contract and about a bigger impact on my post-football life. Talk about a leader, this guy made an impact on me and made me want to have a similar impact on others."

Tyler also credits Tiffany, a leader in women's sports across multiple platforms and a distinctive public speaker, who carries the message of Camp Exposure as passionately as he does. She won an WNBA Championship in her first season and traveled the league much like Tyler did seeking a fulfilling career.

It was Tiffany who decided Camp Exposure needed to be bigger, and so last year the duo

opened the doors to young female athletes, basketball players like she was and the results have been outstanding.

"We have three daughters so it only makes sense that we would grow into girls sports so we could help them as much as we help the boys," he said. "She's great with both. I think she's able to connect with the boys and the girls and you can see them all soften a bit, especially the boys when she steps onto the stage."



Camp Exposure is doing great things and there is a big vision for where its future lies. The Patmons have stayed closely connected to their faith to ensure that their vision is in line with what they believe God has planned for them. Since they retired from sports and began working in the non-profit space, they dreamed of finding a way to help more kids than Camp Exposure could reasonably accept, even though they were constantly in fundraising mode and raising awareness of their mission so they could always be doing more.

A few years ago, Tyler says the mission became crystal clear.

"During my time coaching and teaching in high school, I believe as clear as day, the Lord told me, 'I want you to start a school,'" Patmon recalled. "So, after considerable prayer, I told my head coach I would be stepping away and I took a leap of faith and focused full time on this mission. We've been working to get to learn about this generation and how to empower them to truly discover their identity in Christ beyond sports and discover and develop their God-given gifts into a professional career for Kingdom impact. This year we're thrilled to take the next step and bring this vision to fruition."

It's a big jump from an after school and weekend program to a school, but the Patmons have proven since 2017 that they're willing to take it step by step and make sure they're aligned not only with the students' interests but also those of their families and of course their faith.

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