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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 Jordan Todman at todmanj@nfl.jaguars.com

TYLER SHATLEY

A MAN OF MANY TALENTS



What does being a former NFL offensive lineman, marathon runner, surfer and photographer all have in common? Not much other than serving as the many facets of Tyler Shatley and where he was able to grow and appreciate relationships during a pivotal transition in hlife.

In 2025, Shatley made the difficult decision to retire after an impressive 11-year career in the NFL, all with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He hung up his cleats and picked up running shoes, a surfboard and a camera.

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“What I needed the most was something to learn and something to work on,” Shatley said. “The life of an athlete is the chase,” and that was no different entering retirement.

After spending his whole life chasing a dream to play professional football, Shatley knew he needed to find something to help him stay in shape and lose weight, and what better way than running a marathon. After completing his first marathon – the famed 26.2 with DONNA Marathon – in February 2025, Shatley wanted to continue finding ways to stay in shape and knock off a bucket list item which inevitably led him to the ocean. One lesson and he

was hooked! His second lesson using fellow Jaguars Legend Brandon Linder’s surfboard led to four to five visits a week to surf at Jacksonville Beach.

“It’s a great way to do something, stay in shape and not just sit around the house” said Shatley, who is now beginning to share this new passion with his oldest son, Boone. “Surfing began as my time away from everything, but anytime you can share what you love with a person you love, there is something so special about that.”

Shatley beams with pride when he speaks about his family; he and his wife Natalie have four children, Boone, Sutton, Deacon and their newest addition Fisher. From supporting Shatley during Jaguars games in Jacksonville to watching him catch waves at the beach, his family has always been his biggest supporter on and off the field. “If there was anyone in the world I would want to hang out with, it’s my family.”



Surfing has become something so special to Shatley and Boone, it's something they get to enjoy together. Shatley vividly remembers Boone catching his first wave, and he now approaches waves differently than when he first began. Small waves that used to annoy Shatley are now seen as opportunities for his son to catch the wave of a lifetime. He now sees it as "enjoying the moment, enjoying being out there... seeing the joy in his face, you get to relive that moment and its unforgettable."



Boone is following in his dad's footsteps, by playing the game on the flag football field and Shatley is right there...behind the camera. "I originally bought the camera to take pictures while we were fishing, taking them on my phone," Shatley said. "No picture can capture the moment, but it can take you back."

Following each of Boone's flag football games, Shatley would share his photos with Jaguars head photographer, Kam Nedd, asking for tips on how to improve. "It was something I found super interesting, and Kam had mentioned shooting a Jaguars game in the future."

That wasn't just talk as Shatley hit the field again in December 2025, but this time as a photographer. Shatley remembered "that

funny feeling of walking on the field, [it was] such a rollercoaster of emotions," as he entered the field to shoot the Jaguars vs. Jets game at EverBank Stadium. He confessed it was difficult to serve in a different role from his natural inclination toward protecting his quarterback and providing lanes for the running backs to make their way down the field. "When you go onto the field your body wants to do one thing, but your mind wants to do another," said Shatley.

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The Jaguars dominated in a 48-20 win over the New York Jets, but Tyler could not tell you anything about the game he just shot. "I knew that we won, but I was so focused on the photography that I missed everything. There's so much to it with the framing, including sponsors, the shot list and angles, I feel like I had to learn on the fly."

Shatley remembered telling the team photographer, "don't put me in charge of something you need. Don't put that pressure on me." However, Shatley's professionalism and quality of work left his

impression on the Jaguars in a new way that day.

Just as Shatley left an everlasting impression on the Jaguars, Jacksonville left an impression on his family where they rooted their life after football. When he was drafted as a free agent from Clemson in 2014, Shatley thought he and Natalie would return to his home state if North Carolina. The longer they stayed in Northeast Florida, the deeper the roots grew.

The Shatleys found their community here in Jacksonville, in their neighborhood, through their church and with the Jaguars Legends Community. "We bonded, and we did this hard thing together."

"We had our first [child] and we knew Jacksonville was home," said Shatley. "I love the people, it's such a cool community, still feels very small but there is so much to do."

Overall, Shatley emphasized how appreciative he is of the Jaguars organization. "I could've gone and played anywhere else, but it's not going to be my people. The people who were there year after year from the football operations side to the front office, they made the organization feel like home."

*"They made the organization feel like **home**"*



JORDAN TODMAN

RETURNING TO DUUUVAL



Jordan Todman has seen every side of football, the field, the sidelines and, in his latest career move, now the front office as the Jacksonville Jaguars Legends Manager. After graduating from the University of Connecticut where he was the 2010 Big East Offensive Player of the Year and rushed 3,179 yards, Todman was drafted by the San Diego Chargers where his seven-year NFL career began.

“Without football and the long lasting relationships I was able to make, I have no idea where I would be. Since I was eight, it was my dream to play in the NFL, it gave me structure and a game plan to follow.”

After spending two years in Jacksonville from 2012-2014, and another three split across the Steelers, Colts and Texans, he decided to make a transition to life after football, which not shockingly, still included football.

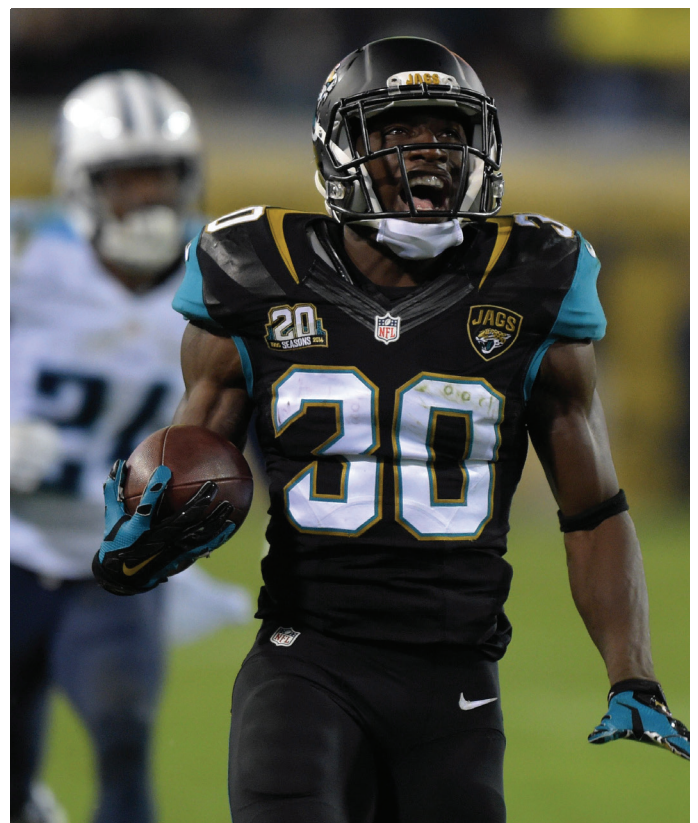
*“My time in the NFL was a **dream** come true”*

“My time in the NFL was a dream come true. At the age of 8, I set a big goal for myself – to play in the NFL. I worked hard, made good choices, stayed committed, and eventually heard my name called on draft day. Those seven years weren’t easy. They

were filled with challenges, sacrifices, and stressful moments, but I wouldn’t change a single second,” said Todman.

“I was on my way back to Jacksonville...” now where he and his family call home, “thinking what was next, what my next passion project was going to be.” That passion founded ‘Rising Athletes.’

“Through Rising Athletes, I trained young athletes in speed, strength and agility. I began by using the neighborhood facilities, which transitioned into a trailer and eventually an operating facility in St. Augustine.”



Jordan also worked with a physical therapist offering cupping, acupuncture, dry needling and rehabilitation services for injuries through 'Elite Performance and Wellness.'

"Starting Rising Athletes was my way of giving back to the community by helping young athletes chase their dreams and reach their goals – just as I was fortunate enough to pursue mine. My hope is to inspire the next generation, equip them

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with the tools to succeed, and show them that with hard work, dedication, and the right mindset, anything is possible."

One afternoon, Todman received an unexpected phone call from Mike Furrey, nine-year NFL veteran, asking him to

join his coaching staff at Limestone University in South Carolina. This wasn't Todman's only invitation back to the field as shortly after, he received his second call from the Jaguars, this time inviting him to join the Bill Walsh Coaching Fellowship as the running backs coach.

"I leaned on the Jaguars Legends Manager at the time, Jason Trosclair, and the Legends Community who helped me secure and find opportunities like the Bill Walsh Coaching Fellowship. It allowed me to build a deeper connection to the Jaguars, I was able to get back into the building and do what I love."

Todman took every opportunity that came his way, which also included attending the Diversity Summit with the Minnesota Vikings and the NCAA and NFL Coaching academy. "The Minnesota Vikings Diversity Coaching Summit and NFL Coaching Academy



created a meaningful pathway for me as a diverse coach. Through mentorship, professional development, networking, interview preparation and hands-on NFL experience. Their goal is to build a stronger pipeline of qualified coaches for future leadership positions across the league. I was truly blessed to have the opportunity to experience these programs firsthand as part of my journey.”

Jacksonville was Todman’s home, where his kids and family lived, and coaching in South Carolina was not easy, so when Edward Waters University offered him the director of sports performance role, he couldn’t say no.

“Living in the same city as my family was the goal, but I also wanted to impact the lives of athletes on and off the field, act as their mentor or leader figure.”

Todman focused on maximizing the student-athletes physical potential, injury prevention and performance through the development and execution of strength and conditioning programs for all EWU athletic teams.

Shortly after, his phone rang again, this time with a call from the Jaguars for an opportunity to bring it full circle – to return to a team that felt like home and join the front office as the Legends Manager. “I was at an appearance where I spoke with Jason [Trosclair] where he let me know the position was opening.”

“I care for the Legends because I too am a Legend. I understand first-hand the transition from playing to retirement, and everything life throws at you during that period. I trusted the plan, embraced the process, controlled what I could control, and put the rest in God’s hands.” Now Todman spends his time connecting

with fellow Jaguars Legends, at every point in their journey. “I want us to lean on each other, be there for one another and stay connected. There is so much more to the transition, but we have all experienced it and have this special brotherhood.”



ISAAC SMOLKO

INSPIRING THE NEXT GEN



Isaac Smolko, former Jacksonville Jaguars Tight End, current medical device salesman and father to three daughters, didn't think coaching football would be in his future, until now.

When Isaac retired from the NFL, he found himself in Ohio, his home state, learning about medical device sales, an industry of which he had little knowledge. His heart was still in the game however.

He later moved to Dallas where he continued his sales career and found himself attending the NFL Transitioning Program, where he connected with Kyle Brady, fellow Jaguars Legend and shared his desire to move back to Jacksonville.

*"I had no clue about anything **beyond** the game"*

"For me, I had already transitioned [out of football]. I was in a career, but the biggest thing I got out of it was the multitude of resources the NFL had for Legends. I had no clue about anything beyond the game and it was the first time I heard about them, which was important for me. At the same time, it was nice to be around guys who played, it's a different fraternity you can't find anywhere else."

"Our main goal was to get back to Jacksonville. First, we loved the community and everything it had to offer. Secondly, we loved the church we were involved with. We always knew we wanted to go back."

That desire became reality in [year]. Once the Smolko's returned to Jacksonville, Isaac's twins, Haven and Torah, began playing in a local girls flag league called Girl Power. Through their involvement, and



Smolko's vast knowledge of football, the connection to coaching was natural.

"I get to coach a sport that I loved and played," shared Smolko. "Being a father with no sons, it is awesome to see my girls, all three of them, grow the love for football, not only flag but tackle. They understand the game, they are growing in their game, they enjoy watching the game. I just love being able to sit and watch a game with them, and they understand."



Smolko began coaching his girls through recreation and travel flag football but has now taken his skills and knowledge to high school flag football where he was named the varsity and JV flag football head coach at The Bolles School in 2026. Starting a new sport and building two new teams from scratch was not easy, but he had great support from student-athletes who already knew and understood the game. Smolko said, "No matter what, I knew we were going to be competitive. The biggest difficulty was getting the girls to understand that regardless of who

we played, we were going to be able to compete at a top level because of the type of student-athletes we have at Bolles. Students tend to be extraordinary and take their academics seriously."

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When building the roster, Smolko noticed that there were girls trying out who hadn't played a day of flag football in their life or only knew the powder puff version played during homecoming. However, that did not stop the Bulldogs from having an impressive and rather historic start to their program in that inaugural year.

"I love being able to take things I learned in the past and help girls simultaneously understand and learn the game. Sometimes, they are being taught to learn the game but not understand the game, which I think helped them play more competitively."



The Bulldogs scored their first win in program history on their home turf against Creekside High School (St. Johns, Fla.), with a score of 32-6. That winning feeling did not stop. At the end of their first season, Smolko led The Bolles School varsity flag team to Florida State semifinals in Tampa with an 11-2 regular season record. The Bulldogs fell short to the ultimate state champions, the Miami Edison Red Raiders, in the semifinals with a final score 14-7.

“The girls fought and battled each and every game, we had to win defensive games. We struggled early on finding a rhythm on offense but once we found that, things flowed smoother,” shared Smolko. “The biggest excitement from the season was how a group of juniors and seniors rallied around a couple of eighth graders to bring them along, make them feel a part of the team, made them feel important. That was really cool to see.”

Smolko is excited to see where the Bulldogs go in 2027, their first season was only the beginning. “I’m excited to get back to work, we only lost a few important pieces, but I know we have people who can come in and fill their shoes. While not the same way, it will be effective and fit into the style of the team.”

*“The **movement** into football has taken girls athletics to another level”*

Flag football has been on a tremendous rise in the United States with the sport set to hit the international stage at the 2028

Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. “The movement into football has taken girls athletics to another level, not only are they now doing and exceeding in a sport that was primarily for boys, but they are also changing it, making it fun, exciting and their own,” said the proud father and coach. “Yes, girls flag is a different sport but it is just as exciting as anything the boys have been able to do.”

Smolko, seeing first-hand the development of student-athletes on and off the field, believes team sports, and women’s sports, offers something unique. “Ninety-six percent of all women CEOs played sports growing up. That speaks volumes right there. It shows the value of being an athlete and being on a team, doing something that not everyone is willing to do... you don’t have to do extracurriculars on top of your academics, but they’re choosing to hone in on another craft.”





BRANDON LINDER

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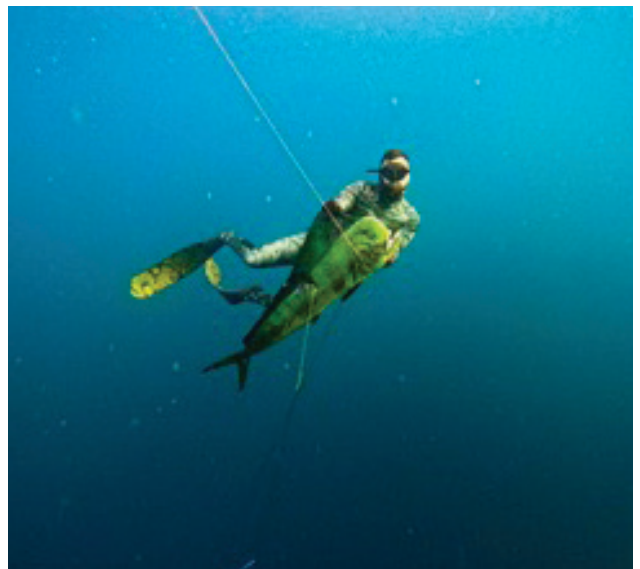
When Brandon Linder entered the Draft, he could have been called up to any number of Clubs across the United States. Lucky for this Florida native and University of Miami alum, he received the call from the Jacksonville Jaguars, which is exactly what he hoped.

*“Once a Jaguar,
always a Jaguar”*

“I’m a very prideful person when it comes to the great state of Florida,” Linder shared with a smile plastered to his face, so when he only had to move five hours north, he was pleased. Linder took the phrase ‘once a Jaguar always a Jaguar’ literally as he completed his eight seasons in the NFL with one team. The starting center from 2014-2022 started 88 games in eight seasons, starting every game he played during his career. On the field and in the community, he represented the team with pride, he became the first five-time captain in Jaguars history and the first to wear the all gold captains patch, and worked with the Ronald McDonald House during the holidays which the team has continued each season.

“I wanted to retire as a Jaguar,” Linder shared. “I fell in love with Jacksonville...hunting, fishing, the outdoors, the beach, and the community...my goal was to play into my second contract and retire with the team.”

During his seventh year he knew the transition into retirement was around the corner. “I climbed the mountain top, and stayed on top as long for as I wanted, and was able to leave on my own decision,” shared Linder. “That first year out of the league was very tough. It was amazing, it was beautiful. I went from a high-stress under the microscope job to being able to do anything I wanted on my own time, and it was an out of body experience to have that weight lifted off of my shoulders.”



The Florida native spent the first few years of retirement traveling, hunting and fishing, all on his time. After some much needed rest and relaxation, Linder knew his next chapter was waiting for him. “I wanted to work on myself, figure out who I am now that football is not attached to my identity.” In 2020, Linder met a set of brothers, Tim and Jeff Bleything, through a mutual friend and they immediately connected based on their love of the outdoors. This friendship grew into more than he could’ve imagined.

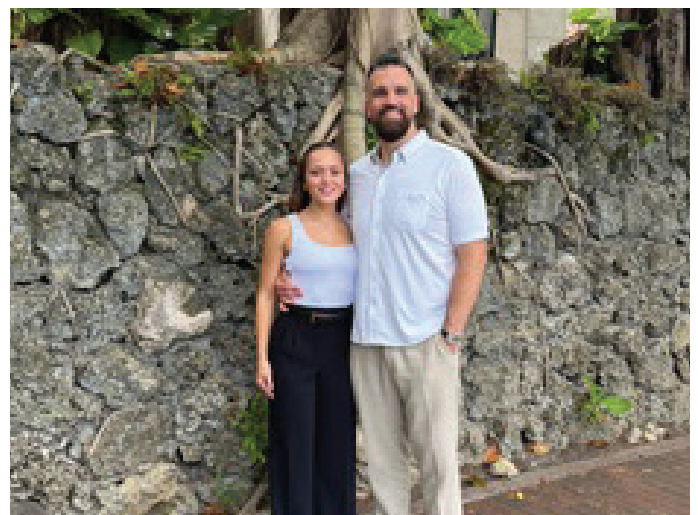


“I started learning about their commercial restoration company, and they were learning about me, how I was wired, my relationships and my experience in the NFL, and we realized there was something there,” said Linder. “I became a partner of Phoenix [Catastrophe Services], and through all of these relationships I made networking over the years, now in my business development role, I am able to leverage those relationships and provide optimal service to these new clients”

Linder is now a partner in three different complementary businesses.

The first, Phoenix Catastrophe Services, is a national disaster response and commercial restoration firm specializing in rapid large-loss and commercial property recovery across the nation. “We truly hit the ground running when we get called into action. We are driven to get our clients back online ASAP, minimizing damage and potential loss of use.”

The second company is called Cypress Supply Group, a national wholesale building material distributor that focuses on large scale multi family, hospitality and general commercial spaces. While being a distributor, the supply group also has controlling interest in a 350,000 square foot door manufacturing facility and a 140,000 square ft vinyl window manufacturing facility which allows them to be extremely competitive in the markets they serve. “We lead off with our window and door package, but we also provide cabinets, counters, lumbar packages, and more which is very exciting...”



The third company is called Lok N Blok, which is a revolutionary lightweight interlocking building material that has been engineered to withstand winds exceeding 250 mph. This patented system will transform how traditional construction

is built around the world, allowing buildings to be assembled significantly faster while reducing skilled labor requirements and improving efficiency. “I don’t know which one I am more excited about,” Linder shared. “Each venture fits into our portfolio and complements the other within the industry’s we serve.”

*“Steadily **moving** chess pieces”*

Linder always had an entrepreneurship mindset, so this transition was rather natural. Both of his parents were entrepreneurs in the restoration and insurance industry, where he worked in high school, but at an even younger age he knew his calling. In fifth grade, it started with selling wrestling action figures, then moving on to candy in sixth grade, and CDs in the seventh grade. At some points during this time, he was making \$40 to \$50 a day, buying items in bulk, itemizing and tracking everything on a spreadsheet. From a young age, Linder was “steadily moving chess pieces and weaving webs.”

As Linder spoke about this next venture he exuded so much excitement and pride. “I didn’t foresee this coming, I thought I was going to retire and never work a day in my life, but after three years of traveling and not working, it became boring.”

Linder recalls, “These new ventures have scratched the itch I’ve been missing since football, competing in something, building a team of incredible people to execute at our highest ability, and when you have that, that’s a recipe for success.”

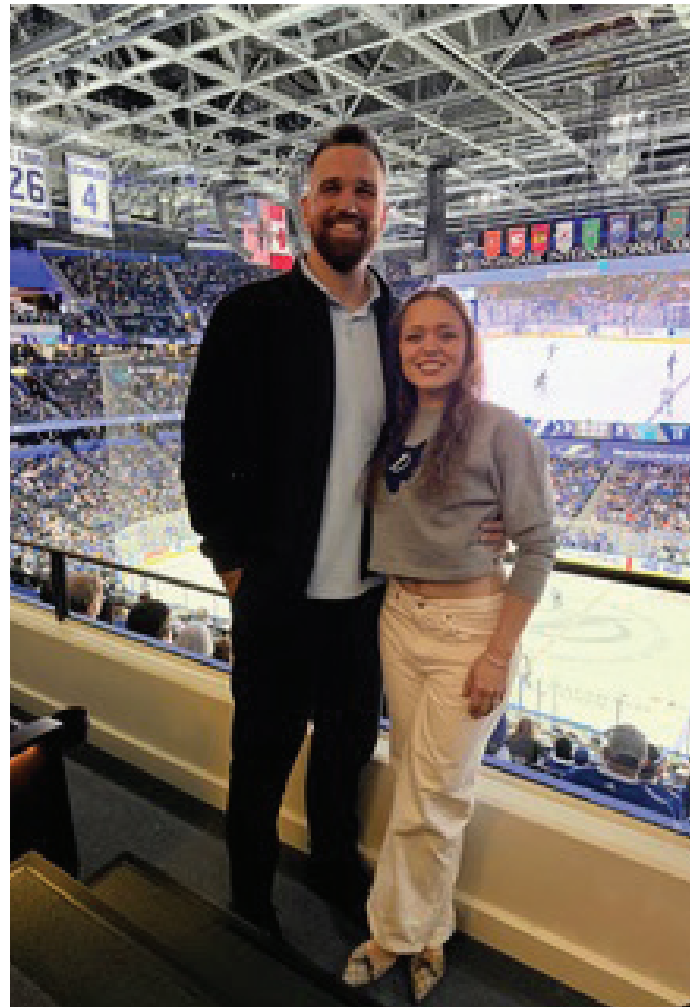
“I’m getting back to the mindset of when I was playing, the blinders are coming back

on because there’s an opportunity to build something special here. I continue to throw myself into the fire, I figure it out and the same time and energy I spent perfecting my craft in the NFL, climbing the mountain, I am now redirecting this into commercial restoration and building supplies.”

The Florida native and forever Jacksonville Jaguar is now climbing a new mountain.

“I highly recommend not jumping into something right away and truly taking time to let the dust settle, and figure out who you are without football attached to your identity. What do I like, who am I now that football is not attached.

*“You are so much **more** than football”*





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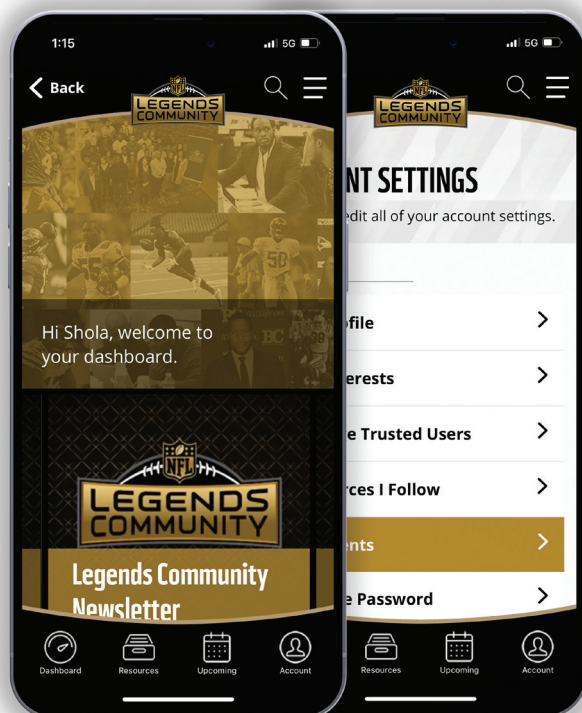
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