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## Justin Tuck Announces Retirement from NFL

**ALAMEDA, Calif.** – Raiders **DE Justin Tuck** announced today that he will retire from the National Football League.

“Justin Tuck has been an invaluable part of the Raiders organization since the day he arrived here,” General Manager Reggie McKenzie said. “Everyone in the building appreciates all that he has done both on and off the field. His leadership in the locker room and mentorship of young players like Khalil Mack is immeasurable. The Raiders wish him and his family the absolute best.”

“Justin Tuck is a leader and a true professional on and off the field,” Head Coach Jack Del Rio said. “His commitment to his teammates and the organization was awesome and he was a pleasure to coach. I wish Justin and his family nothing but the best.”

Tuck retires after 11 seasons in the league, playing his first nine with the New York Giants from 2005-13 and final two with Oakland from 2014-15. For his career, he played in 147 games with 107 starts and totaled 499 tackles (348 solo), 66.5 sacks, 22 forced fumbles, six fumble recoveries, three interceptions and 32 passes defended. Tuck also appeared in 10 postseason games and posted 32 tackles (26 solo), 5.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one pass defended.

Originally drafted by the Giants in the third round (74th overall) of the 2005 NFL Draft, Tuck is a two-time Pro Bowler, having been selected in 2008 and 2010. He was also named a first-team All-Pro in 2008 after he set a career high with 12 sacks. Tuck helped the Giants win two Super Bowls during his tenure in New York, Super Bowls XLII and XLVI. He ranks second in Super Bowl history with four sacks, having posted two in each of his Super Bowl appearances.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pounder signed with the Raiders as an unrestricted free agent in March 2014. He played in 15 games for Oakland in 2014 and led the team with five sacks. In 2015, he started the first five games before suffering a season-ending injury in Week 5 that landed him on the Reserve/Injured List.

Off the field, Tuck has created a lasting impact in the community. The Raiders’ nominee in 2015 for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, Tuck’s extensive philanthropic work has been recognized and honored by numerous charitable organizations, both national and international. In 2008, he and his wife, Luran, established Tuck’s R.U.S.H. for Literacy, a program focused on providing access to books, combating summer learning loss, and closing the educational opportunity gap that exists for low-income Americans. The program has given more than 65,000 books to over 11,000 students across the country.