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77	WINS VS EACH OTHER	46
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8-8-1	2022 RECORD	12-5
0	LAST MATCHUP: Nov. 23, 2023	45

### **MEMORABLE GAME**

Jan. 8, 2023: Washington 26, Dallas 6

The Dallas Cowboys already had a playoff spot locked up, but they still had plenty left to play for, as a win would have helped secure a better seed in the postseason. Instead, Washington handled the Cowboys with ease in Sam Howell's first career start and handed their NFC East rival a 26-6 defeat. Things got off to a strong start for the Burgundy & Gold. Howell's first career pass attempt went to Terry McLaurin for a touchdown, and Kendall Fuller intercepted a pass from Dak Prescott and returned it 29 yards to make things 13-0. CeeDee Lamb got the Cowboys on the board with a 15-yard reception in the end zone, but Howell responded with a nineyard scramble to make things 20-6. Joey Slye connected on field goals of 22 and 29 yards to start the era of Howell as the Commanders' starter off on a good note.

# 2023 VV SCHEDULE

PRESEASON	ОСТ 15 WK6 1РМ	NOV 23 WK12 4:30PM
SEP 10	OCT 22	■ <b>DEC 3</b>
WK1	NU WK7	WK13
1PM	1PM	1PM
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## **SEAT GEEK**



## JOSH HARRIS

1ST NFL SEASON / 1ST WITH WASHINGTON

Josh is the Managing Partner of the Washington Commanders and the Founder and Managing General Partner of Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment (HBSE).

In connection with the HBSE portfolio, he is the Managing Partner of the Philadelphia 76ers and the Co-Managing Partner, Vice Chairman, & Alternate Governor of the New Jersey Devils. Under his leadership, the HBSE platform has grown to include Top-10 venue, the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., the \$82 million mixed-use Training Complex in Camden, NJ, the Delaware Blue Coats, the Utica Comets, renowned esports franchise Dignitas, and HBSEv, a venture fund investing in early stage sports technology companies, among other franchises. Additionally, Josh is a General Partner of the Crystal Palace Football Club in the Premier League.

Passionate about strengthening the communities in which the teams operate, Josh, in connection with the Sixers Youth Foundation and Devils Youth Foundation, supports Newark, Camden and Philadelphia by partnering with local hospitals, youth centers, schools and food distribution centers for civic growth and relief. Outside of HBSE, in 2022, Josh founded 26North, a next-generation alternatives platform. Prior to founding 26North, Josh co-founded Apollo Global Management and spent over thirty years building the firm into the world's second-largest alternatives and largest alternative credit manager. Harris was responsible for some of the firm's most successful private equity investments, including the historic Lyondell Basell transaction.

Additionally, Josh and his wife, Marjorie, founded Harris Philanthropies in 2014 to advocate for youth and community development. Across their charitable platform, they have become one of the largest supporters of after-school sports programs, helping 15,000 youth annually across the country.

The Harris family is committed to using a blend of philanthropic giving and impact investment to improve outcomes for underserved groups in areas where they have a deep connection, with a focus on sports and academic programming, championing equity and sustainable wealth creation in Black and other diverse communities and enhancing health, wellness and educational outcomes.

Josh serves on the Boards of Mount Sinai Medical Center, Harvard Business School, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, the NBA, and the NHL. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was named a Baker Loeb Scholar, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business with a B.S. in Economics.

Josh and Marjorie have been married for 25 years and live in Miami with their five children. A former college wrestler, Josh remains an active athlete, competing in numerous marathons and triathlons.



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## JASON WRIGHT

11TH NFL SEASON (7 PLAYING/4 EXECUTIVE) / 4TH WITH WASHINGTON

As President of the Washington Commanders, Jason Wright is responsible for leading the organization's business divisions, including operations, finance, sales, and marketing. In addition to leading a historic transformation of a sports franchise, he is the first Black team president in the history of the NFL and currently is the youngest team president in the League. He is the fourth former NFL player to become president of a team.

Prior to joining the Washington Commanders, Jason was a partner in McKinsey & Company's Washington DC office. His work focused on expanding the value of large, complex organizations through operations and culture transformations. Jason specialized in steering companies through their toughest moments - in crisis and turnaround scenarios. From systemic personnel misconduct to financial distress to COVID-19 response, Jason's tenure at McKinsey supported a range of multi-national, corporation-specific challenges, while also leading the company's global inclusion and anti-racism strategies.

His deep passion for intentional change that profoundly expands opportunities for historically marginalized populations resulted in his work co-founding McKinsey's Black Economic Institute. A research entity that analyzes the racial wealth gap, the Institute today serves as a prominent voice in public discussions regarding racial equity in corporate America. This advocacy, combined with his data and results-oriented approaches, have been sought out by leading organizations, such as The Greater Washington Partnership, where Jason helps lead its Inclusive Growth Strategy Council as co-chair. The Inclusive Growth



Strategy Council is a regional collaborative that dissects and identifies a blueprint for the region to address long-standing gaps in income, services, employment, and access to capital for lower-income populations.

Jason's commitment to faith, family, and community is marked by his service on the Board of Trustees at Union Theological Seminary, where he is helping the institution better equip a changing student body focused on community organizing and social entrepreneur- ship. His leadership, passion for community change, and business acumen have been noted nationally and regionally, with Jason being awarded as a "Top 40 under 40" by Black Enterprise magazine, Sports Business Journal's "Best Hire of 2020," and standing as a member of The Economic Club of Washington D.C., where he serves alongside DC-based executives supporting a range of initiatives in the DMV.

Jason spent seven years as a running back in the NFL and was team captain and NFLPA player representative for the Arizona Cardinals during the 2011 NFL lockout. He has a B.A. in psychology from Northwestern University, where he was an Academic All-American student athlete, a two-time All-Big Ten football selection, and the president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He received his M.B.A. in Operations and Finance with honors, from the University of Chicago-Booth School of Business.



### **RON RIVERA**

HEAD COACH

36TH NFL SEASON (25 COACHING/11 PLAYING) / 4TH WITH WASHINGTON

He was named the 30th head coach in franchise history on Jan. 1, 2020 and led Washington to their first division title since 2015. During the 2020 season Rivera was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) located in a lymph node and detected from a self-care check. Rivera continued to coach through his treatments and on January 28, 2021, he was declared cancer free. Rivera was selected as the NFC Coach of the Year by the Committee of 101 following the 2020 season.

Through three seasons in Washington, Rivera has accumulated 22 wins and one playoff appearance. His teams have also gone 8-3 in the month of November and oversaw a defense that finished third in the NFL in yards per game and fourth in the NFL in passing yards per game.



Rivera eclipsed 100 total career wins (regular and postseason) with a victory against the Atlanta Falcons in Week 12 of the 2022 season. He eclipsed 100 regular season wins in Week 2 of the 2023 season against the Denver Broncos, becoming the eighth active head coach and the 44th coach in NFL history to accomplish the feat.

A friend of legendary head coach Joe Gibbs, Rivera is a passionate and skilled leader who has earned the respect of his players, coaching staff and the community. He most recently served as the head coach of the Carolina Panthers for nine seasons, where he led the team to three straight divisional titles and an appearance in Super Bowl 50. Rivera was also recognized twice as the NFL Coach of the Year by the Associated Press in 2013 and in 2015 and is the all-time leader in wins for the Panthers franchise.

Rivera inherited a 2-14 Carolina Panthers team as a rookie head coach in 2011 and guided it back to an NFC force with four playoffs ap- pearances since 2013, tied for the second-most playoff berths in the NFC over that six-year period. In that span, the Panthers recorded 58 wins, tied for the most in any six-year period in their franchise history and fifthmost in the NFL.

Hired by the Panthers for his defensive expertise, Rivera did not disappoint as the Panthers put together five top-10 finishes in total defense in seven seasons from 2012-18. Like Rivera, the Panthers' rebound has been steady and solid, starting with six wins in his first season in 2011 and seven victories in 2012 before registering three consecutive division championships starting in 2013 when he earned his first Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award. Laying a foundation that included back-to-back Rookie of the Year award winners in quarterback Cam Newton and linebacker Luke Kuechly, Rivera blended veteran and young talent into productive units on both sides of the ball.

Rivera helped lead a Panthers team that finished among the league's top-10 rushing offenses, including top-five finishes in 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2018. The Panthers recorded 30 consecutive regular season games with at least 100 rushing yards from Week 6 of 2014 to Week 3 of 2016, the longest streak in the NFL since Pittsburgh tallied 43 from 1974-77.

Carolina's run defense ranked in the top 10 of the NFL in 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Starting in Week 14 of 2016 through Week 1 of 2018, the Panthers went 21 consecutive games without allowing a 100-yard individual rusher, setting a franchise record.

In 2018, Rivera coached two players to All-Pro selections. Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey earned AP All-Pro second-team honors as he helped the Panthers lead the NFL in rushing yards per carry (5.1). McCaffrey also recorded 107 receptions, the most by any running back in a season in NFL history and broke Steve Smith's franchise record for single-season receptions by any player. He ran for 1,098 rushing yards, becoming the third player in NFL history with over 100 receptions and 1,000 rushing yards in the same season. McCaffrey accumulated a franchiserecord 1,965 scrimmage yards, ranking third in the NFL.

Linebacker Luke Kuechly earned his sixth-straight Pro Bowl selection and fifth AP All-Pro first-team honor, tied for the most among active players. Kuechly tied for third in the NFL with 20 tackles for loss. In 2017, the rushing attack helped propel the team to an 11-5 record and a Wild Card berth by averaging 131.4 yards on the ground, good for fourth in the league.

In 2015, Rivera was named NFL Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons as his team earned its third consecutive NFC South title and claimed the top seed in the NFC for the first time in Panthers franchise history. The Panthers became just the seventh team in the Super Bowl era to post a 15-1 or better record in the regular season. Carolina started 2015 with 14 consecutive victories, which, combined with four wins to close the 2014 regular season, gave the Panthers an NFC-record 18-game winning streak. Carolina won its second NFC Championship in franchise history, third consecutive NFC South division title and appeared in Super Bowl 50. Carolina finished the season with a franchise-best 17-2 record, including home playoff victories over Seattle in the divisional round and Arizona in the NFC Championship game.

Rivera's Panthers went 12-4 and won the NFC South in 2013, Carolina's first division title since 2008. The Panthers then recovered from a 3-8-1 start in 2014 to win four in a row and capture a second consecutive NFC South crown. Prior to Rivera's arrival, Carolina had never reached the postseason in consecutive years, and no team had captured the NFC South twice in a row.

Rivera arrived in Carolina with a reputation for hard work, attention to detail and preparation. Those were also the qualities he exhibited in his first campaign as the Panthers tripled their win total from the previous season. Rivera did not even meet his team until they reported to training camp and, despite a slow start, held it together to finish with four wins in the final six games.

Rivera has shined as a coach and player during his 30-plus years in the NFL, serving as defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers' top-ranked defense in 2010 and playing

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linebacker for the Chicago Bears' top-ranked defense and Super Bowl XX championship team in 1985. In 23 seasons as a coach and nine as a player, he has been with teams that have reached the playoffs 19 times, including nine conference championships and three Super Bowls. The mentality of the Chargers defense that Rivera coached and the Bears defense on which he played has stuck with the head coach, and he has transferred it to his teams.

Rivera's character has been influenced by two innovative defensive coordinators. As a player, Rivera was coached by the late Buddy Ryan, the architect of the "46 Defense," which involved blitzing on nearly every down. As a coach, Rivera toiled under the late Jim Johnson, a highly regarded defensive coordinator renowned for his aggressive approach.

Rivera's identity also has been shaped by his family. The son of a U.S. Army officer and the second youngest of four boys, Rivera learned from a young age about chain of command and many of the principles he teaches and expects from his players. "I come from a military family where discipline isn't taught, it's lived. It's expected from day one. I have a philosophy that every player, every coach, everyone who works for this organization, they'll know it day one," Rivera said in his introductory press conference with Washington on Jan. 2.

Rivera worked with the Chargers from 2007-10. He coached inside linebackers before taking over as the team's defensive coordinator midway through the 2008 season. Under Rivera's guidance, the pass defense steadied itself -intercepting nine passes and yielding 229.6 passing yards per game and 11 touchdown passes over the final eight games. Those numbers contrasted to the first half of the season when San Diego notched just seven picks and was victimized for 265.1 yards per game and 14 touchdowns through the air. In Rivera's first full season leading the defense in 2009, the Chargers ranked 16th in total defense and 11th against the pass. Those rank- ings improved in 2010 as San Diego led the NFL with an average of 271.6 total yards allowed per game and gave up a league-low 177.8 passing yards per game. From 2004-06. Rivera oversaw the Chicago Bears defense, engineering the unit to two top-five finishes in the league. Under Rivera's direction, five different defensive players went to the Pro Bowl: linebacker Lance Briggs, safety Mike Brown, defensive tackle Tommie Harris, linebacker Brian Urlacher and cornerback Nathan Vasher.

In his first season as a defensive coordinator in 2004, Rivera presided over a defense that produced nine more takeaways and 17 more sacks than the previous year and scored a franchiserecord and NFC-high six defensive touchdowns. The Bears also thrived on third down and buckled down inside their own 20-yard line, ranking first in the NFL in third-down efficiency (30.5 percent) and topping the NFC in red zone defense (42.6 percent). The following year, Chicago continued to build on the foundation Rivera laid in 2004. The Bears won their first of two consecutive NFC North titles and stood second in the NFL in total defense. In surrendering the fewest points in the league, Rivera's defense went 43 consecutive quarters without allowing more than seven points - the longest streak in the NFL since 1969. During Rivera's last season with the Bears in 2006, the defense paced the NFL with 44 takeaways and finished fifth in the league in total defense and third in scoring defense, helping propel Chicago

to the NFC Championship and an appearance in Super Bowl XLI.

Prior to becoming a defensive coordinator, Rivera spent five seasons from 1999-2003 as the linebackers coach for the Philadelphia Eagles, who advanced to the NFC Championship game in each of his final three seasons. Twice during Rivera's tenure with the Eagles, the team finished second in the NFL in scoring defense and in 2001 held all 16 of its opponents to fewer than 21 points – making them just the fourth team in NFL history to do so.

Rivera gained his first coaching experience with the Bears as a defensive quality control coach from 1997-98. He is just the third Latino head coach in NFL history, joining Tom Flores with the Oakland Raiders from 1979-87 and Seattle Seahawks from 1992-94 and Tom Fears with the New Orleans Saints from 1967-70.

Following retirement from his playing career, Rivera went into broadcasting. He covered the Bears and college football as a television analyst for WGN and SportsChannel Chicago for four years from 1993-96.

Selected in the second round of the 1984 NFL Draft by Chicago, Rivera played all nine of his pro seasons with the Bears. Primarily an outside linebacker, he appeared in 149 games with 62 starts (including 12 postseason contests with six starts) and posted 392 tackles, 8.5 sacks, five forced fumbles, six fumble recoveries, nine interceptions and 15 passes defensed. Rivera was a member of six NFC Central division title teams and a Super Bowl XX championship team in 1985.

As a player, Rivera was known for both his skill and determination on the field and his dedication of time and energy to the community. As a result, he was named the Bears' Man of the Year in 1988 and earned the club's Ed Block Courage Award in 1989. He has carried that same community commitment to coaching, sponsoring a bowling tournament to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, USO and Humane Society. He was a finalist for the 2017 Salute to Service Award, an annual award presented to NFL players, coaches, personnel and alumni who demonstrate an exemplary commitment to honoring and supporting the military community.

Rivera, who lost his brother Mickey to pancreatic cancer in 2015, also serves as a spokesman for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. He has twice been the honorary starter for the organization's PurpleStride 5K in Charlotte.

An All-American at the University of California, Rivera finished his career as the school's all-time leader in sacks with 22 and tackles with 336. As a senior in 1983, he set the Bears' single-season record for sacks with 13 and tackles for loss with 26.5.

Born Jan. 7, 1962, in Fort Ord, Calif., Rivera lived in Germany, Panama, Washington and Maryland before his family settled in Marina, Calif. He attended Seaside High School in Seaside, Calif., and was a three-sport star in football, basketball and baseball. Rivera and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Christopher and Courtney. Stephanie is a former assistant coach for the WNBA's Washington Mystics.

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### **ERIC BIENIEMY** ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR 25TH NFL SEASON (24 COACHING/11 PLAYING) / 1ST WITH WASHINGTON

Eric Bieniemy was hired as the team's assistant head coach/offensive coordinator on February 18, 2023.

Bieniemy enters his 25th NFL season and first with Washington after serving as the Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator the past five seasons. Prior to being named the offensive coordinator, Bieniemy served as the Chiefs running backs coach from 2013-17.

In 2022, Bieniemy helped lead the Chiefs and their offense to their second Super Bowl championship in four seasons and helped quarterback Patrick Mahomes earn his second MVP in five seasons. The Chiefs led the NFL in total yards per game (413.6), passing yards (5,062), scrimmage touchdowns (59) and total points per game (29.2).

In 2021, Bieniemy continued to lead the Kansas City Chiefs offense to finish in the top five in multiple NFL categories including, third down conversion percentage (1st, 52.2), fourth down conversion percentage (T-1st, 66.7), first downs (1st, 419), yards per game (3rd, 396.8), yards after catch (1st; 2,494), offensive touchdowns (5th, 53) and points per game (4th, 28.2) en route to the team's sixth-straight AFC West title. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes continued to add to his NFL resume, adding 4,839 passing yards on 436 completions and 37 touchdowns. Mahomes has 31 career games with 300+ passing yards, which is the most such games by a player in his first five seasons in NFL history.

In 2020, the Chiefs offense led the NFL in multiple categories including, net passing yards per game (303.4), yards per game (415.8), first downs (397), yards after catch (2,254) and plays of at least 20 yards (79) en route to the club's fifth-straight AFC West title and second-straight Super Bowl appearance.

In 2019, the Super Bowl Champion Chiefs offense finished in the top 10 in total yards per game

(379.2), pass yards per game (281.1), yards per play (6.22) and total points scored (28.2). Mahomes became the fastest QB in NFL history to reach 9,000 passing yards and 75 touchdowns, doing so in only 30 games.

In his first year as offensive coordinator, Bieniemy oversaw one of the most prolific offenses in Chiefs history as the club finished 12-4, earned its third-consecutive AFC West Championship and a No. 1 seed in the playoffs en route to hosting the first AFC Championship Game in team history. Mahomes was named the NFL MVP as he passed for 5,097 yards and 50 touchdowns in his first season as a starting quarterback. Tight end Travis Kelce ranked second among NFL tight ends with 1,336 receiving yards, and WR Tyreek Hill's 1,479 single season receiving yards ranked first in Chiefs history.

In 2017, the Chiefs had a 1,000-yard rusher, with the group logging a combined 1,903 yards on the season. From 2013-15, Bieniemy mentored running back Jamaal Charles. In 2014, Charles recorded 1,000 yards for the fifth time in his career. Charles became the all-time leading rusher in franchise history and finished his Chiefs career with 7,260 career rushing yards. His 5.5 yards per carry average is also the best in Chiefs history.

In 2013 under Bieniemy, Charles led the NFL in touchdowns (19) and first downs (104) and ranked second in yards from scrimmage (1,980 yards). He recorded the most receiving yards by a running back in Chiefs history and led the AFC in rushing (1,287 yards).

Prior to returning to the NFL coaching ranks, Bieniemy spent two seasons (2011-12) at his alma mater Colorado after coaching the running backs for five seasons with the Minnesota Vikings (2006-10). In those five seasons, the Vikings produced a 1,000-yard rusher each year while his stable of running backs broke the 100-yard mark 31 times in 80 regular season games.

In 2006, he coached Chester Taylor, who rushed for 1,216 yards; the next season, Taylor and Adrian Peterson combined for 2,185 yards (1,341 by Peterson, who was All-Pro as a rookie). Peterson set a then-Vikings record with 1,760 yards in 2008, earning the Bert Bell Award as the Pro Football Player of the Year. Overall, Peterson totaled 5,782 rushing yards and 52 touchdowns in four seasons under Bieniemy's guidance.

Bieniemy made the move to the professional ranks after three seasons as the running backs coach at UCLA (2003-05). While at UCLA, Bieniemy tutored former NFL RB Maurice Jones-Drew for three seasons. Jones-Drew earned Freshman All-America honors in 2003, rushed for 1,007 yards in 2004 and was a consensus All-America selection as a kick returner in 2005.

Following his nine-year NFL playing career, Bieniemy served as an assistant at Thomas Jefferson High in Denver prior to securing his first job as running backs coach with Colorado. In his first two seasons coaching the position, CU ranked in the top-10 in rushing. He was a second-round draft pick (39th overall) of the San Diego Chargers in the 1991 NFL Draft. He enjoyed a nine-year pro career with three teams: San Diego (1991-94), Cincinnati (1995-98) and Philadelphia (1999), where he played for Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid. In 142 career NFL games, he rushed for 1,589 yards and 11 touchdowns while catching 146 passes for 1,223 yards. He appeared in Super Bowl XXIX in his final season with the Chargers.

A letterwinner from Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, Calif., Bieniemy earned second-team All-America honors in football as a senior when he rushed for 2,002 yards and 30 touchdowns.

A native of New Orleans, Bieniemy and his wife, Mia, have two sons Eric III and Elijah.



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## SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Nate Kaczor (pronounced Kat-sir) enters his fifth season as special teams coordinator with Washington in 2023. Prior to Washington, Kaczor held positions with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In 2022, Kaczor led a unit that produced two Pro Bowl players including punter Tress Way and special teamer Jeremy Reaves. Way became the first Washington punter since Matt Turk in 1998 to be selected to the Pro Bowl. Way now joins Turk (1996-98) as the only other punter in franchise history to be selected to multiple Pro Bowls. Way punted 83 times and recorded 3,885 yards and pinned 37 punts inside the 20 yard line. Reaves was selected as a primary special teamer for the NFC. It was Reaves' first Pro Bowl selection and the selection marks the first time that Washington has sent a special teamer to the Pro Bowl since Lorenzo Alexander in 2012.

In 2021, Kaczor led a special teams unit that finished with the sixth-most total return yards in the NFL which was the most by the organization since 2015. The unit also allowed 643 kickoff return yards, the seventh fewest in the NFL. Washington punted for an average of 47.4 yards, the seventh-most in the league.

In 2020, Kaczor helped standout punter Tress Way record the highest single season net punting average [44.3] in franchise history. Way broke his own record from 2019 [44.1], also under the direction of Kaczor. Way also set a franchise record for most punting yards in a single game, punting 10 times for 511 yards against the Rams in Week 5. Washington led the league in net punting yards in 2020 with 3,325.

In 2019, Kaczor helped guide punter Tress Way to his first Pro Bowl selection. Way was also named to the Associated Press All-Pro Second Team. Way finished the season No. 2 in net average (44.1) and No. 2 in punt yardage (3,919) and No. 7 in punts inside the 20 yard line (30). Under Kaczor's guidance, Washington ranked No. 4 in the league in kickoff return average (25.2) and No. 5 in kickoff return yardage (833) despite fielding one of the league's youngest rosters.

Under Kaczor's guidance, Steven Sims Jr. (NFC Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 12) and Tress Way (NFC Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 13) were also the first players in the history of the franchise to receive the honor of NFC Special Teams Player of the Week in consecutive weeks.

During Kaczor's three seasons with Tampa Bay, the Buccaneers were one of the top punt coverage units in the NFL, allowing only 6.6 yards per return, the fourth-lowest mark in the league during that span.

Punter Bryan Anger was a standout during Kaczor's tenure with the Buccaneers. In his first year with the team, Anger set Buccaneers records for both punts inside the 20 (37) and net punting average (42.7), with both of those ranking in the top five in the NFL in 2016. In the three seasons that Anger spent under Kaczor's tutelage, Anger ranked top 15 in the league in punts inside the 20 and net average while only recording 14 touchbacks.

Kaczor came to Tampa Bay having spent the previous four seasons with the Tennessee Titans, the final three as the teams' special teams coordinator (2013-15) after being hired as the assistant offensive line coach in his first season (2012). In 2015, the Titans tied for the NFL lead in special teams takeaways, while in 2013 Kaczor's unit ranked third in the league in opponent punt return average and eighth in kickoff return average.

Kaczor entered the NFL as an assistant special

teams coach with the Jacksonville Jaguars, working there from 2008-11. During those four years, Jacksonville had one of the league's top special teams coverage units, allowing the lowest punt return average in the NFL (6.5) and the eighthlowest kickoff return average (21.8). In each of Kaczor's final two seasons, Montell Owens earned Pro Bowl recognition as a special teams player.

Prior to joining the NFL, Kaczor spent 17 years coaching in college, the final two working as cooffensive coordinator (2007) and tight ends coach (2006) at Louisiana-Monroe. In his only season as co-offensive coordinator, the team ranked second in the Sun Belt Conference in rushing offense and averaged its most points scored since 1993.

Before his time at Louisiana-Monroe, Kaczor spent two seasons (2004-05) as the co-offensive coordinator/tight ends coach at Idaho and four seasons as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Nebraska-Kearney (2000-03). Kaczor began his coaching career as an offensive assistant at his alma mater, Utah State, working as an offensive assistant for nine seasons (1991-99), helping the team win three conference championships.

A center at Utah State, Kaczor was a team captain, who earned all-conference honors in 1889. A native of Scott City, Kansas, Kaczor is an avid college basketball fan and he and his wife, Angie, have two children, Kaylee and Micah, who had a stint as a pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization.



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#### Chad Englehart is entering his 14th season with Washington and his seventh as the team's head strength and conditioning coach in 2023 after being promoted to the role during the 2017 offseason. He initially joined the team as an assistant strength and conditioning coach on February 26, 2010.

Prior to joining Washington, Englehart served as the head strength and conditioning coach with the Florida Tuskers of the United Football League in 2009.

In 2008, Englehart served as director of strength and conditioning at Xcel Sports Performance



in Louisiana. Before that, he was head strength and conditioning coach in 2007 at HS2 Athletic Performance in Mandeville, La., and at the University of New Orleans in 2006.

Englehart holds a Master's degree in human movement with a concentration in corrective exercise from A.T. Still University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in exercise science from Southeastern Louisiana University. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist with the National Strength and Condition Association and is a Performance Enhancement Specialist and Corrective Exercise Specialist with the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM).

Englehart also holds certifications with USA Weightlifting and USA Track and Field, Functional Movement Screen and TRX Suspension Training certifications as well as a Fitness Nutrition Specialist certification from the NASM and a 3DMAPS (3D Movement Analysis and Performance System) certification from Gray Institute.

Englehart and his wife, Lyndsey, have two daughters, Blair and Elise.



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### DOUG WILLIAMS SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT 27TH NEL SEASON

Doug Williams is Senior Advisor to Washington Commanders President Jason Wright. In his role, Doug leverages his vast experience with the team as a player, ambassador, and executive to provide counsel on all matters pertaining to the establishment of a new, modern identity for the team.

Previously, Doug served as Washington's senior vice president of player development. In that role, one of the most celebrated athletes in franchise history helped lead and guide the efforts of the team's player development department.

Doug, a member of the 90 Greatest Washington players and franchise's Ring of Fame, played with the team from 1986-89 and led Washington to a Super Bowl XXII title, which was a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos. The first African-American quarterback to play in a Super Bowl, he completed 18-of-29 passes for 340 yards with four touchdown passes to earn Super Bowl XXII MVP honors.

Doug is a veteran of 21 NFL seasons, including nine as a player and 12 in scouting/personnel roles. He spent five seasons as Personnel Executive with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2004-08 before being named the team's Director of Pro Personnel for the 2009 season.

Doug joined the Buccaneers' front office in 2004 following a successful tenure as head coach at his alma mater, Grambling State, and one of the most storied playing careers in league and team history. His responsibilities in Tampa included coordinating the scouting and recruiting of all NFL players, while also monitoring NFL transactions and overseeing player tryouts. In addition, he was in charge of Tampa Bay's evaluating efforts of all other professional football leagues, including the Canadian Football League.

A first-round pick by Tampa Bay in the 1978 NFL Draft (17th overall), he led the Buccaneers to the first three playoff appearances in team history. He propelled the team to three winning seasons (10-6 in 1979, 9-7 in 1981 and 5-4 in 1982). They were the only campaigns in franchise history with a winning record until more than 15 years later, in the 1997 season. He started 67 career games for the Buccaneers and was a two-time team MVP in 1980 and 1981. He ended his Tampa Bay career in 1982 as the all-time franchise leader in touchdown passes, passing yards, attempts and completions.

In 1986, Washington traded for Williams' rights following two seasons with the USFL's Oklahoma Outlaws. In his Super Bowl XXII MVP performance following the 1987 season, he set or tied several Super Bowl passing records, including most TD passes (four), most yards passing (340), longest pass completion (80 yards) and longest TD pass (80 yards).

In six seasons during his first tenure (1998-2003) at Grambling State, Doug brought one of the most storied programs in college football history back to prominence, compiling a 52-18 record as head coach after succeeding the legendary Eddie Robinson, who was at the helm for 57 years from 1941-97 and re-wrote the record books as the winningest coach in the history of college football with 408 career wins.

Williams led the Tigers to three consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference titles from 2000-02, as they were named National Black College Champions during the same three-year span. He was also named SWAC Coach of the Year in each of those three seasons. Williams was a two-time finalist for The Sports Network Eddie Robinson (Division I-AA) National Coach of the Year. He rejoined the program for three seasons from 2011-13, including earning the SWAC title in his first season back in 2011.

Doug started his college head coaching career at Morehouse College in 1997. He also has previous NFL experience as a scout for the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995 and as offensive coordinator for the Scottish Claymores of the World League in 1995 and tutoring running backs for Navy in 1994. He also excelled on the high school level as head coach and athletic director at Point Coupee H.S. in New Roads, La., in 1991. In 1993, he was head coach at Northeast H.S. in his hometown of Zachary, La., where he guided the team to a 13-1 record and the state semifinals, including a win over Peyton Manning's Isidore Newman squad in the 1993 state quarterfinals.

As Grambling's quarterback from 1974-77, he had a spectacular college career as he passed for more than 8,000 yards and 93 touchdowns, leading the Tigers to three Black College National Championships and two SWAC titles. He posted a 35-5 record as a starter and finished fourth in voting for the 1977 Heisman Trophy.

In 2005, Doug and Shack Harris established The Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation with the function of providing grants for afterschool initiatives, leadership development, mentoring programs and minority higher education assistance for economically disadvantaged youth. In March of 2009, the foundation put on its first annual Washington Football Legends for Charity in Washington, D.C. In 2010, the foundation established the Black College Football Hall of Fame, which will move to its new home in Canton, Ohio in 2018.

After Super Bowl XLII, the NFL honored the 20th anniversary of his Super Bowl XXII victory as Williams was chosen to present the Lombardi Trophy to the New York Giants following their victory over the New England Patriots.

Doug and his wife, Raunda, have eight children: Ashley, Adrian, Carmeleta, Doug, Jr., Jasmine, Laura, Lee and Temessia.





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## MARTIN MAYHEW

34TH NFL SEASON (25 FRONT OFFICE/9 PLAYING) / 7TH WITH WASHINGTON

Martin Mayhew enters his third season as General Manager of the Washington Commanders after being hired by the organization on January 22, 2021.

Mayhew joined Washington with 22 seasons of NFL experience as an executive, including eight seasons as the general manager of the Detroit Lions. He returns to the franchise that he played for from 1989-92 and was a member of the Super Bowl XXVI team.

Mayhew spent the previous four seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, most recently as the club's vice president of player personnel. He held the position of senior personnel executive for the franchise from 2017-18. Mayhew assisted first-time general manager John Lynch and was a major contributor to a personnel department that was vital in the team's Super Bowl appearance in 2019.

Prior to joining San Francisco, Mayhew spent the 2016 season as the director of football operations/ special projects with the New York Giants. In his role with the Giants, he worked on all aspects of the salary cap, CBA compliance and player contract negotiations.

Prior to his time in New York, Mayhew spent 15 years (2001-15) in the Detroit Lions organization, including the final seven as the team's general manager. He took over as the general manager following Detroit's winless season and oversaw the building of a roster that resulted in a 10-win season in 2011 and an 11-win season in 2014.

During Mayhew's tenure as Lions general manager, he was responsible for the draft selections of Pro Bowlers QB Matthew Stafford, DE Ezekiel Ansah and DT Ndamukong Suh. Suh was a four-time Pro Bowler and three-time First Team All-Pro selection with Detroit and was the 2010 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. Mayhew was also responsible for signing WR Golden Tate and S Glover Quin in free agency, both of whom went on to earn Pro Bowl honors in Detroit.

Mayhew first joined the Lions organization in 2001 as the senior director of football administration/ staff counsel and was promoted to senior vice president of football administration/staff counsel in 2003. Mayhew was appointed senior vice president and assistant general manager in 2004. In 2008, Mayhew was promoted to general manager. Mayhew played nine seasons in the NFL and was originally selected by the Buffalo Bills in the 10th round (262nd overall) in the 1988 NFL Draft. During Mayhew's nine-year career, he appeared in 118 games (107 starts) for Buffalo (1988), Washington (1989-92) and Tampa Bay (1993-96) and notched 473 tackles, 21 interceptions, 1.0 sack and four forced fumbles. He started at cornerback for the Super Bowl XXVI champion Washington Redskins.

Mayhew is a native of Tallahassee, Fla. and graduated from Florida State University with a degree in business management and also holds a law degree from Georgetown University. At Florida State, he lettered in both football and track. Mayhew interned for Washington's personnel department in 1999 while in law school at Georgetown. He also held labor and legal department internships with the NFL League Office before joining the Detroit Lions.



Rob Rogers enters his 29th season in the NFL

in the role of Senior Vice President of Football

development of player budget parameters, roster

strategies and salary cap management. Rogers also

oversees the club's football analytics department

along with being one of the main liaison's between

Prior to coming to Washington, Rogers held the

title of executive director of player finance and

football research for the Carolina Panthers. In

this role, he worked closely with the Panthers

general manager on the development of player

proposals, negotiation strategies and salary

football analytics department and worked on

research and analysis of player contracts and

statistics. He directly conducted the majority of

budget parameters, roster management, contract

cap management. He also oversaw the Panthers

management, contract proposals, negotiation

and third with the Washington Commanders

Administration. In this role, Rogers works for

the football senior leadership team on the

the football and business operations.

contract negotiations with player representatives during his time in this role.

29TH NFL SEASON / 4TH WITH WASHINGTON

**BROGE** 

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION

Before gaining the title of executive director of player finance and football research, Rogers was the director of football administration for 11 years (2008-18). He negotiated contracts for all of the Panthers first round and other draft selections during a 16-year span (2003-19) along with numerous free agents. He also worked with the front office on issues dealing with the NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement and as the club's liaison to the NFL Management Council, he kept the Panthers in compliance with all NFL personnel, contract and labor-related issues.

Starting in 2013, Rogers worked on developing efforts in analytics, football research in personnel, opponent analysis and self-scouting along with sports science and next gen statistics. He developed the in-house salary cap management database and also designed the current pro scouting system in Carolina and in the mid 90s worked with in-house developers to design and implement the initial opponent analysis and selfscouting system. Rogers worked extensively with Coach Rivera in Carolina on on-going efforts to develop game management analysis and practices.

Rogers is also a member of the NFL Club Services Committee, which is a group made of various front office executives from around the league, tasked with providing guidance and feedback on technology integration initiatives to the development staff of the NFL Management Council. He has served on the committee since 2002.

Rogers joined the Carolina Panthers in 1995 and worked as a quality control assistant along with helping out on the in-house business analytics team. He is a 1993 graduate of Harvard University and holds a degree in government.

Rogers and his wife Clair have two children: daughter Emma and son Brady.



## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL/PLAYER PERSONNEL

32ND NFL SEASON / 3RD WITH WASHINGTON

Marty Hurney enters his third season as Executive Vice President of Football/Player Personnel of the Washington Commanders after being hired by the organization on January 22, 2021.

Hurney joined Washington with 29 seasons of NFL experience as an executive and rejoined the franchise where he started his NFL career as a member of the team's public relations department.

Hurney was named the Carolina Panthers General Manager in 2002 and held the position until 2012. He was then brought back as the club's interim general manager in 2017 and maintained the official role from 2018-2020. During Hurney's tenure as general manager, the Panthers appeared in the postseason four times, with two NFC South titles, two trips to the NFC Championship game and an appearance in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Hurney has had a strong number of draft selections in the first round. Most notably, he selected both QB Cam Newton and LB Luke Kuechly in the first round of consecutive drafts in 2011 and 2012. Newton went on to win NFL Rookie of the Year in 2011, NFL MVP in 2015 along with setting nearly every passing and rushing record in franchise history. Kuechly won NFL Rookie of the Year in 2012 and NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2013 and was a seven-time Pro Bowl selection. Carolina was just the fourth team in NFL history to have consecutive players win rookie of the year honors since the awards inception in 1967.

Hurney's other notable first round selections include DE Julius Pepper (2002), T Jordan Gross (2003), CB Chris Gamble (2004), LB Thomas Davis Sr. (2005), RB DeAngelo Williams (2006), RB Jonathan Stewart (2008), WR DJ Moore (2018) and DE Brian Burns (2019). Peppers was selected to the Pro Bowl nine times, was the NFL Rookie of the Year in 2002 and is the Panthers' all-time leader in sacks. Gross started at tackle for the Panthers for 11 consecutive seasons, made three Pro Bowls and is the Panthers' all-time leader in games started. Gamble started at cornerback for the Panthers for nine seasons and is the all-time franchise leader in interceptions. Davis Sr. was selected to three Pro Bowls along with gaining First Team All-Pro honors in 2015 and is the Panthers alltime leader in tackles. Stewart and Williams went on to compile 7,318 rushing yards and 6,846 rushing yards, which are No. 1 and No. 2 in Panthers' history, respectively. Moore has led Carolina in receiving and posted 1,000-plus receiving yards in consecutive seasons and was selected to the PFWA All-Rookie Team in 2018. Burns ranked No. 4 among rookies in sacks in 2019 and led the Panthers with 9.0 sacks in 2020.

During Hurney's tenure as Panthers GM, he also had considerable success in free agency and through trades. Hurney executed trades for TE Greg Olsen and long snapper J.J. Jansen who were both Pro Bowlers. Olsen holds the franchise record for receiving yards among tight ends and ranks No. 3 overall in receiving yards in franchise history. He also acquired RB Stephen Davis, QB Jake Delhomme, LB Mark Fields and G Mike Wahle via free agency. All four players were named to Pro Bowls during their time with Carolina. Delhomme ranks second behind only Cam Newton as the franchise's leader in passing yards and passing touchdowns.

Prior to being named general manager of the Panthers in 2002, Hurney held the position of coordinator of player operations from 1999-2001 and director of football administration in 1998. Before joining the Carolina Panthers organization, Hurney held the role of coordinator of football operations with the San Diego Chargers under Pro Football Hall of Fame and Washington Ring of Fame executive Bobby Beathard.

Hurney began his career as a reporter covering Washington in the 1980s. After developing relationships with Owner Jack Kent Cooke, General Manager Bobby Beathard and Head Coach Joe Gibbs, Hurney joined Washington's public relations department in 1988.

Hurney is a native of Wheaton, Md. and attended Catholic University in Washington D.C. Before joining Washington's public relations department, he worked for the Montgomery Journal, Washington Star and Washington Times.







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Eugene Shen arrives in Washington with experience in both coaching and personnel analytics at the NFL level. He previously served as vice president of football analytics for the Jacksonville Jaguars, overseeing all data and analytics for the entire football operation.

Prior to his stint with Jacksonville, he held the position of director of personnel analytics with the Miami Dolphins from 2019-2021. Shen got his start in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens, working with the franchise from 2014-19. In Baltimore, Shen rose to the role of director of coaching analytics and worked closely with Baltimore Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh.

"Bringing Eugene's level of expertise to lead our analytics and software development enables us to build on our data capabilities to help inform decision making," said Head Coach Ron Rivera. "Eugene brings a great deal of practical NFL experience, and we look forward to bringing him



into our conversations about the vision of our team going forward. The willingness of our ownership group to follow through on their pledge to allocate resources to data and analytics is exciting for the future of the franchise."

Outside of his career in the NFL, Shen has held a number of positions in the finance industry. He most recently was a derivatives analyst at Millennium Management Global Investment. Prior to his position with the Ravens, Shen worked at AllianceBernstein as a senior vice president and portfolio manager from 2009-13. He was a partner and portfolio manager for JD Capital Management (2002-08) and also worked for Long-Term Capital Management/JWM Partners from 1998-2001 as a strategist.

"It's an exciting time to be joining this legendary franchise, and I look forward to working with Coach Rivera and the front office to help shape the vision of the franchise going forward," Shen said. "I have immense respect for the hard work that coaches and talent evaluators put into roster construction, team building and game strategy, and I believe that an increase in resources will provide further tools to inform the decisions we make as a franchise going forward as part of the ongoing work to become the best in the NFL."

Shen received his MBA from MIT in 1998 after earning his bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1993. He is also the co-founder and co-editorin-chief of the Journal of Sports Analytics and presented papers at the 2011 and 2012 Sloan Sports Analytics Conference in Boston.

A native of Houston, Texas, Shen and his wife Jopi have a daughter, Summer and a son, Payton.



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Eric Stokes is entering his fourth season with Washington and his third as Washington's senior director of player personnel after serving as the director of pro personnel in 2021. In this role, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the personnel department.

Stokes joined Washington after spending five seasons with the Carolina Panthers in a variety of roles, including director of college scouting, regional director of college scouting and southwest area scout.

As the director of college scouting for the Panthers, Stokes oversaw a college scouting staff that was tasked with targeting and tracking drafteligible prospects, as he worked with area scouts. He was responsible for the pre-draft evaluation



process at the NFL Combine, pro days and visits by draft-eligible players.

Prior to joining Carolina, Stokes spent two seasons (2014-15) as the assistant general manager of the Miami Dolphins. In his role, Stokes assisted in all aspects of player evaluation and acquisitions at the professional and collegiate levels, including the daily management and makeup of the Dolphins roster as well as guiding the team's preparation for the annual NFL Draft.

From 2012-13, Stokes was the director of college scouting for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Prior to joining the Buccaneers, Stokes spent 12 seasons as a member of the Seattle Seahawks scouting staff, working as an area scout (2000-01, 2005-09) and pro personnel assistant (2002-04) before serving as assistant director of college scouting from 2010-11. In that role, Stokes was instrumental in bringing in defensive standouts safeties Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor, linebacker Bobby Wagner and cornerback Richard Sherman.

Stokes played two seasons as a safety for the Seahawks after being selected in the fifth round of the 1997 NFL Draft. He was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the 1999 expansion draft before an injury cut his career short.

Stokes graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in sociology. He and his wife, Tisa, have three daughters, Erisa, Payton and Madison.

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### DLM B SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMEN

29TH NFL SEASON / 17TH WITH WASHINGTON

Malcolm Blacken is entering his third season as Senior Director of Player Development after serving seven seasons as Director of Player Development for Washington. Blacken was named to the elevated position on January 9, 2020.

Blacken's hiring served to start his third stint with Washington after having previously served as a strength and conditioning coach for Washington on two occasions (1996-2000 and 2010). In his last season in Washington in 2010, Blacken was responsible for assisting with all aspects of the Redskins' strength and conditioning program.

In his current role, Blacken guides the development and education of Washington players as it pertains to both their personal and professional lives. His guidance covers topics including but not limited to: financial education; healthy and unhealthy relationships; total wellness and mental health; league policies on substance abuse, performance enhancing drugs and personal conduct; social responsibility; social media; decision making; stress and time management; team history and tradition; and the expectations of being a player in the National Football League.

In addition, Blacken works hand-in-hand with Washington 's Charitable Foundation and was a principal figure in instituting the team's Rookie Community Club, which annually takes the team's

rookies and immediately integrates them into the Washington, D.C. area community through a series of service efforts. He also provides assistance with continuing education and offers guidance for players' academic pursuits.

From 2011-12, Blacken served as Director of Speed, Strength & Conditioning for the University of Colorado. He worked directly with the football program on a day-to-day basis while overseeing the speed, strength and conditioning needs of all 16 of Colorado's varsity programs.

In between his first two stops in Washington, Blacken spent nine years as the Detroit Lions' strength and conditioning coach from 2001-09. Blacken was an assistant strength coach for the University of Virginia's football program in 1995 and worked with all other sports in the Cavaliers' athletic department as well. For three years (1992-94), Blacken served as the head strength and conditioning coach for George Mason University, where he oversaw the program for all of the university's varsity sports.

Blacken began his coaching career at the University of South Carolina in 1990-91 as the football program's assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Blacken graduated from Virginia Tech in 1989 with bachelor's degrees in art and physical education.

He was a Hokies running back from 1984-88 and was a four-time letter winner. While at Virginia Tech, Blacken was a two-time winner of the Super Iron Hokie Award (1987-88), which is given yearly to the football program's strongest player at each position.

Off the field, Blacken is an accomplished artist whose paintings have been displayed across the country. Recently, he participated in the 2016 NFLPA Smocks and Jocks art auction in Houston for Super Bowl LI and the 2019 NFLPA Smocks and Jocks art auction in Atlanta for Super Bowl LIII, with proceeds donated to the retired players fund. More about Blacken's art can be accessed by visiting ArtByMalcolm.com.

Blacken currently resides in Ashburn, Virginia, with his wife, Marcy. The couple has two children, Maya and Bo.



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Brvan Porter is in his 20th season in the NFL and second in Washington as director of football operations after being hired by the team in 2021. In his role, Porter directs the football operations team travel, budget, and supports the day-to-day logistics in the department.

Porter was the football operations manager from 2011-17, where he planned and executed all travel,



including bus and hotel contracts, while also managing training camp operations.

Prior to his promotion to manager, Porter was the Panthers' football operations coordinator from 2006-11 and operations assistant from 2003-06. He worked as a team equipment intern in 2001 and 2002 after starting as an intern with the public relations department in the spring of 2001.

Porter played football at Guilford College from 1996-99. He earned his undergraduate degree from N.C. State in business management in 2001.

Porter and his wife. Nicki, have two children. Davis and Henry.

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Tim Gribble is entering his 23rd season with Washington and his second as the Director of College Personnel. He was promoted to his current role on Jan. 14, 2020.

Gribble oversees the organization's evaluation of collegiate talent and manage scouting efforts at both the area and national levels.

Gribble previously assisted Kyle Smith and Washington's personnel staff by providing evaluations of collegiate talent at the national level.



Prior to his promotion to assistant director of college scouting in 2017, Gribble spent the previous 11 seasons as an area scout for Washington. He originally joined Washington in 2002 and served as a pro personnel assistant, later adding responsibility as the team's Northeast scout in 2003. He also covered the South and Midwest regions at various points during his first 16 years with the organization.

Before coming to Washington, Gribble spent two seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers as an assistant in the scouting department. Prior to joining the NFL, he was an assistant coach for his alma mater, Duquesne University. He served as the Dukes' special teams coordinator (1996-2000), defensive line coach (1996-98) and running backs coach (1998-2000).

Gribble was a four-year starter (1992-96) at fullback and team captain at Duquesne. He also played baseball for the Dukes and earned dual degrees in psychology and sociology. He is married to his wife, Jennifer.



Chris Polian enters his third season as Washington's director of pro personnel in 2023. He joined Washington with 24 seasons of NFL experience as an executive and scout, including three seasons as vice president and general manager of the Indianapolis Colts.

Polian was most recently the director of pro personnel with the Jacksonville Jaguars from 2013-2019. He played a major factor in the team's free agency signings in 2017 of DE Calais Campbell, DT Malik Jackson and CB A.J. Bouye who were all Pro Bowl selections during their tenures in Jacksonville. In that offseason, he also helped target S Barry Church who along with Campbell, Jackson and Bouye helped anchor a defense that was ranked No. 2 in the NFL in 2017 and helped Jacksonville capture an AFC South title and appearance in the AFC Championship game. CHRISPOLIAN DIRECTOR OF PROPERSONNEL 27TH NFL SEASON / 3RD WITH WASHINGTON

Prior to his seven seasons with the Jaguars, Polian was an executive scout with the Atlanta Falcons in 2012 and also spent three seasons as vice president and general manager of the Indianapolis Colts from 2009-11. He started his career with Indianapolis in 1998 as the director of pro scouting from 1998-2000. Polian then held the position of assistant director of football operations from 2001-03 and was promoted to assistant general manager/football operations in 2004 and spent five seasons as the vice president of football operations from 2005-09. Prior to joining the Colts, Polian worked with the Carolina Panthers for four years (1994-97) as a personnel assistant.

During Polian's tenure in Indianapolis from 1998-2011, the Colts had a regular season record of 143-81 with playoff appearances in 10 of 14 seasons including seven division titles and a Super Bowl championship in 2006. The franchise also became the only team to win 12-plus games in seven consecutive seasons during that timeframe.

Polian is a native of New York, N.Y. and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from John Carroll University in 1993. His father, Bill, a 2016 Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee, a general manager of the Buffalo Bills, Indianapolis Colts and Carolina Panthers.

His brother Brian is the special teams coordinator at Notre Dame and his brother, Dennis, was the associate athletic director, football at the University of Arizona. He and his wife, Debbie, have three children, Jack, Caroline and Kate.

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Al Bellamy enters his second season and stint in Washington after spending nine seasons as the director of athletic training for Temple University. While working directly with the football team, he also oversaw all 19 of Temple's intercollegiate sports and also managed the sports medicine staff.

Prior to arriving at Temple, Bellamy spent 25 years in the NFL, including 12 seasons with the Detroit Lions and 13 seasons in Washington. With Detroit, Bellamy helped manage the team's athletic training staff and worked closely with the team's physicians.

Bellamy started his NFL career as an assistant trainer in Washington in 1988. He was a member of Washington's medical staff when the team won



Super Bowl XXVI at the end of the 1991 season. Bellamy worked with 21 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame including: Morten Anderson, Champ Bailey, Bobby Beathard, Fred Dean, Edward DeBartolo, Joe Gibbs, Darrell Green, Russ Grimm, Charles Haley, Michael Irvin, Ronnie Lott, Bobby Mitchell, Art Monk, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Charley Sanders, Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith, Charley Taylor, Emmitt Thomas and Bill Walsh.

Prior to joining Washington for his first stint, he served as an assistant athletic trainer with the University of Miami (FL) football team from 1986-88. He was a member of the 1987 National Championship medical team. Bellamy earned his master's degree in health education in 1987 from Syracuse University. As an undergrad, he attended Michigan State and received his bachelor's degree in health education in 1984. While at MSU, he began working in the NFL when he served training camp internships with both the St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers.

Prior to attending Michigan State, Bellamy attended Archbishop John Carroll High School in Washington, D.C.

Bellamy and his wife, Sharon, have two children -- son Chase, and daughter Ashley.



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Bracken joined Washington after serving as video coordinator for the University of South Carolina men's basketball team for the 1999-2000 season and the University of Southern California men's basketball and football teams in 1998. He originally entered the National Football League as a video intern with the Philadelphia Eagles (1997-98).

Bracken graduated from Lycoming College where he played defensive back and helped his team to two conference titles.

A native of Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, Bracken and his wife, Dawn Marie, have three children: daughter, Erin Marie, and sons, Tripp and Aidan. The family resides in Leesburg, Virginia.



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PASSING								
NAME	CMP	ATT	CMP %	YDS	YDS/G	TD	INT	RTG
Sam Howell QB	369	585	63.1	3,793	237.1	20	19	79.5
Jacoby Brissett QB	18	23	78.3	224	74.7	3	0	146.8

RUSHING									
NAME	CAR	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD	YDS/G			
Brian Robinson Jr. RB	169	708	4.2	29	5	50.6			
Sam Howell QB	44	264	6	24	5	16.5			
Antonio Gibson RB	63	257	4.1	16	1	17.1			
Chris Rodriguez Jr. RB	51	247	4.8	16	2	19			
Curtis Samuel WR	6	24	4	13	1	1.6			
Derrick Gore RB	2	23	11.5	23	0	4.6			
Jacoby Brissett QB	3	19	6.3	10	0	6.3			
Logan Thomas TE	1	2	2	2	0	0.1			
Jonathan Williams RB	1	-2	-2	-2	0	-2			

RECEIVING										
NAME	REC	TGTS	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	YDS/G			
Terry McLaurin WR	73	123	946	13	4	48	59.1			
Curtis Samuel WR	60	87	598	10	4	37	39.9			
Jahan Dotson WR	47	80	501	10.7	4	33	31.3			
Logan Thomas TE	54	76	487	9	4	29	32.5			
Antonio Gibson RB	45	55	361	8	2	41	24.1			
Brian Robinson Jr. RB	33	40	358	10.8	3	51	25.6			
Dyami Brown WR	12	23	168	14	1	35	10.5			
Byron Pringle WR	14	22	161	11.5	0	26	10.1			
John Bates TE	19	28	151	7.9	0	35	9.4			
Jamison Crowder WR	15	19	151	10.1	1	26	9.4			
Cole Turner TE	11	15	120	10.9	0	29	10			
Chris Rodriguez Jr. RB	2	2	12	6	0	7	0.9			
Alex Armah RB	2	2	3	1.5	0	3	0.4			

PUNTING					KICKING					
NAME	PNT	AVG	IN20	LONG	NAME	FGM	FGA	LONG	FG%	
Tress Way	72	46.0	30	66	Joey Slye	18	23	61	78.3	

# **DEFENSIVE STATS**

DEFENSE											
NAME	SOLO	TOT	SACK	TFL	PD	INT	TD	FF			
Kamren Curl S	74	115	1	3	5	0	0	1			
Cody Barton LB	63	113	0	3	1	1	0	0			
Jamin Davis LB	50	89	3	8	4	1	0	2			
Kendall Fuller CB	55	79	0	2	9	2	0	0			
Percy Butler S	35	64	0	2	8	0	0	1			
Benjamin St-Juste CB	48	63	1	1	17	1	0	2			
Khaleke Hudson LB	34	61	1	2	2	0	0	0			
David Mayo LB	37	55	2	6	0	0	0	0			
Jonathan Allen DT	30	53	5.5	10	1	0	0	0			
Daron Payne DT	31	50	4	13	4	0	0	2			
Jartavius Martin S	25	42	1	1	3	1	0	0			
Emmanuel Forbes CB	30	33	0	2	12	1	0	0			
John Ridgeway DT	15	30	0	0	1	0	0	0			
Darrick Forrest S	18	29	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Casey Toohill DE	17	26	5	6	1	0	0	0			
James Smith-Williams DE	11	21	1	2	0	0	0	0			
KJ Henry DE	13	18	1.5	4	2	0	0	0			
Danny Johnson CB	13	17	0	0	1	0	0	0			
Terrell Burgess S	9	15	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Christian Holmes CB	3	8	0	0	1	0	0	0			
Phidarian Mathis DT	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Dyami Brown WR	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jeremy Reaves S	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Abdullah Anderson DT	3	5	0.5	1	0	0	0	0			
Terry McLaurin WR	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Andre Jones Jr. DE	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0			
Tariq Castro-Fields CB	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jalen Harris DE	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			
John Bates TE	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Byron Pringle WR	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Antonio Gibson RB	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Logan Thomas TE	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			

# 53 MAN ROSTER



JONATHAN ALLEN 93 | DEFENSIVE TACKLE



58 | LONG SNAPPER

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ALEX AKINGBULU 62 | TACKLE



40 | RUNNING BACK



57 | LINEBACKER



JOHN BATES 87 | TIGHT END



JACOBY BRISSETT 12 | QUARTERBACK



2 | WIDE RECEIVER



TERRELL BURGESS



TARIQ CASTRO-FIELDS 26 | CORNERBACK



**SAAHDIQ CHARLES** 77 | OFFENSIVE LINE



SAM COSMI 76 | TACKLE



JABRIL COX 41 | LINEBACKER



JAMISON CROWDER 83 | WIDE RECEIVER



KAMREN CURL



JAHAN DOTSON



EMMANUEL FORBES JR. 13 | CORNERBACK



JAKE FROMM 11 | QUARTERBACK



29 | CORNERBACK



63 | CENTER



24 | RUNNING BACK



JULIAN GOOD-JONES 61 | OFFENSIVE TACKLE



JALEN HARRIS



KJ HENRY 55 | DEFENSIVE END

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**CHRISTIAN HOLMES** 34 | CORNERBACK



SAM HOWELL 14 | OUARTERBACK



KHALEKE HUDSON 47 | LINEBACKER



ANDRE JONES JR. 48 | DEFENSIVE END



**KYU BLU KELLY** 36 | CORNERBACK



**CORNELIUS LUCAS** 78 | TACKLE



JARTAVIUS MARTIN 20 | DEFENSIVE BACK



PHIDARIAN MATHIS 98 | DEFENSIVE TACKLE



DAVID MAYO 51 | LINEBACKER



TERRY McLAURIN 17 | WIDE RECEIVER



CHRIS PAUL 75 | GUARD



DARON PAYNE



BYRON PRINGLE 3 | WIDE RECEIVER



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JOHN RIDGEWAY III 91 | DEFENSIVE TACKLE



BRIAN ROBINSON JR. 8 | RUNNING BACK



CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR. 23 | RUNNING BACK



CURTIS SAMUEL 4 | WIDE RECEIVER



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JOEY SLYE 6 | KICKER



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**BENJAMIN ST-JUSTE** 25 | CORNERBACI



LOGAN THOMAS 82 | TIGHT END





CASEY TOOHILL 95 | DEFENSIVE END



COLE TURNER 85 | TIGHT END



TRESS WAY 5 | PUNTER



JONATHAN WILLIAMS 18 | RUNNING BACK



ANDREW WYLIE 71 | GUARD/TACKLE



# OFFENSIVE DEPTHCHART

### WR

TERRY McLAURIN DYAMI BROWN CORNELIUS LUCAS ALEX AKINGBULU LG CHRIS PAUL SAAHDIQ CHARLES **G** NICK GATES

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LOGAN THOMAS JOHN BATES COLE TURNER WR CURTIS SAMUEL DYAMI BROWN JAMISON CROWDER

WR JAHAN DOTSON BYRON PRINGLE MITCHELL TINSLEY QB SAM HOWELL JACOBY BRISSETT JAKE FROMM

### RB

BRIAN ROBINSON JR. ANTONIO GIBSON CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR. FB

ALEX ARMAH

# DEFENSIVE DEPTHCHART

### DE

CASEY TOOHILL ANDRE JONES JR. JALEN HARRIS

### DT

DARON PAYNE JOHN RIDGEWAY III DT JONATHAN ALLEN PHIDARIAN MATHIS DE

JAMES SMITH-WILLIAMS KJ HENRY JOSHUA PRYOR OLB

DAVID MAYO KHALEKE HUDSON MLB

CODY BARTON JABRIL COX

CB

KENDALL FULLER QUAN MARTIN CB BENJAMIN ST-JUSTE CHRISTIAN HOLMES KYU BLU KELLY CB

EMMANUEL FORBES JR. KAMREN CURL TARIQ CASTRO-FIELDS FS TERRELL BURGESS QUAN MARTIN





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**CEEDEE LAMB** 88 | WIDE RECEIVER



**DAK PRESCOTT** 4 | QUARTERBACK



26 | CORNERBACK



DEMARCUS LAWRENCE 90 | DEFENSIVE END





DORANCE ARMSTRONG 92 | DEFENSIVE END



JAKE FERGUSON 87 | TIGHT END



JAYRON KEARSE



JOHNATHAN HANKINS 95 | DEFENSIVE TACKLE



MICAH PARSONS



MICHAEL GALLUP 13 | WIDE RECEIVER



**OSA ODIGHIZUWA** 97 | DEFENSIVE TACKLE



STEPHON GILMORE 21 | CORNERBACK



78 | TACKLE



20 | RUNNING BACK



63 | CENTER



TYLER SMITH



TYRON SMITH 77 | TACKLE



70 | GUARD



OB DAK PRESCOTT COOPER RUSH TREY LANCE RB

TONY POLLARD RICO DOWDLE DEUCE VAUGHN HUNTER LUEPKE

CEEDEE LAMB JALEN BROOKS

WR BRANDIN COOKS KAVONTAE TURPIN

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## LOOKING BACK ON WASHINGTON'S THANKSGIVING MATCHUP WITH DALLAS

By Zach Selby

Brandin Cooks was sprinting across the field after shaking Benjamin St-Juste and Percy Butler and heading straight for the end zone.

Dak Prescott, lined up in shotgun at the Washington Commanders' 31, rolled to his right and waited a tick before unloading a shot to his wideout across the field. Cooks caught it with little effort and put the Dallas Cowboys up by two scores with about eight minutes left in the first half.

It's been the story of the Commanders' defense all year. Wide receivers have had an easy time of finding wide open holes in the secondary and capitalizing on them. It's the primary reason why the defense, which is last in points allowed and near the bottom in yards allowed, leads the league in explosive plays given up through 12 games.

While there were certainly less of them in the Commanders' 45-10 Thanksgiving loss to the Cowboys, partly because Prescott simply missed on them, they were enough to bury the Burgundy & Gold in its third-straight defeat.

With the loss that makes their record 4-8, the Commanders have given up at least 30 points in seven of 12 games.

The score might not look like it, but Washington did actually have a shot to create a different

outcome until the fourth quarter. Up to that point, the Commanders were only down 10 points with plenty of time to make things interesting.

When the Cowboys were humming, there was little the Commanders could do to stop them. They marched 90 yards downfield on nine plays after punting on their opening drive and capped things off with Prescott dumping it off to Rico Dowdle, who ran it into the end zone for the 15-yard score.

Then, after a 43-yard field goal from Joey Slye, Prescott found Cooks on the 31-yard score that wrapped up a six-play, 75-yard drive and made the score 14-3.

The closest the Commanders got to making it a game came on their ensuing drive. Sam Howell, who finished the night with 300 yards, converted two third downs as part of a 13-play drive. Howell hit Curtis Samuel, his favorite receiver with 100 yards on nine catches, for a 13-yard pickup that put them at the 1-yard line, and Howell decided to run the ball in himself and make the score 14-10.

With all three timeouts and 1:51 in the second quarter, there was hope that Washington could actually get the ball back possibly take the lead before halftime. That evaporated quickly, however, as Dallas moved 75 yards in 90 seconds and made the score 20-10 with a seven-yard touchdown run from Tony Pollard. Then, after a relatively eventless third quarter, the Cowboys began to put the game away.

It started slow. After holding the Commanders to 11 yards on six plays, the Cowboys tacked on a 52-yard field goal to make things 23-10. That was followed by the Commanders failing to convert a fourth-and-1 at their own 34-yard line, and the Cowboys only needed three plays to get in the end zone again with a 15-yard score from CeeDee Lamb, who had 53 yards on four catches.

Another Commanders turnover on downs was followed by another Cowboys touchdown. This time, it was KaVontae Turpin who got in the end zone with a 34-yard strike from Prescott.

Then, there was the dagger. Howell's pass intended for Jahan Dotson was intercepted by DaRon Bland, who broke an NFL record with his 63-yard return for a touchdown.

In the end, despite picking up two more first downs and controlling the clock for nearly 14 more minutes, the Commanders gave up 431 yards to Dallas and forced zero sacks on just 50 plays.



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#### By Hannah Lichtenstein

A cheerful and generous presence with a mission of giving gifts to children showed up alongside the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation in the DMV area.

No, it wasn't Santa Claus. It was the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation doing what they've done best for over 30 years.

"Despite the hardships faced by many in today's economy, the spirit of giving prevailed, and witnessing the community come together to support those in need was truly heartwarming," the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation said.

The Commanders and Toys for Tots aren't new partners, but the relationship has taken on an increased vigor this year. In August, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation announced a leveled-up collaboration with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in order to broaden the reach and deepen the impact of donation and toy collection efforts for local families. During 2023's Season of Giving, three special events -- featuring helping hands from Washington Legends, local government and other partners -- came to life in powerful and exciting ways thanks to Toys for Tots.

The first of these took place on Dec. 1 as Washington Legends, Jackie Taylor, the Prince George's County Police Department and volunteers from the Commanders came together to organize the Toys for Tots warehouse ahead of their busiest time of the year. "What we're here to do is make sure we've got a lot of happy kids on Christmas Day," Super Bowl champion Brian Mitchell said at the event. "It's probably one of the greatest things to do because I've been blessed, and I think a lot of people in this room have been blessed. We just want to be a blessing to somebody else."

Watching as so many jumped into give their time brought a smile to the face of Dawn Stem, Prince George's County local coordinator for Toys for Tots.

"I'm so excited to be out here today. We have a lot of organizations coming together in support of all the families around Prince George's County," Stem said. "This is such a proud moment because there are so many families that depend on this, and we work so hard each and every year to make sure their holidays are fantastic."

The day at the warehouse was followed up by a gameday collaboration on Dec. 3 as the Commanders took on the Miami Dolphins at FedExField. As fans poured in for the Week 13 matchup, over 60 marines stood outside collecting new, unwrapped toys and monetary donations totaling over \$31,000. For season ticket member Jay Nash, the sight of these uniformed marines conjured up feelings of honor and memories of his late dad, and he couldn't have been prouder to donate on the day.

"I am so proud and honored that my favorite football team for the past 40 years supported such a great event and gave back to the community," Nash said. "My father [who was a marine] passed away and my donation to the toy drive was in his memory. He always took time to support events for kids."

In the final event of December, happiness filled the Commanders' stadium as hundreds of kids got to pick out their favorite games, stuffed animals and more at the team's highly anticipated toy giveaway, presented by United Airlines. Recognizing the need this holiday season, the Commanders partnered with community groups to identify youth who would most benefit from the event.

"There's nothing greater than a smile bringing that gift to a young child on days like these," Prince George's County Chief of Police said while helping to pass out toys.

Lots of families who needed a boost during the holidays were given one with the help of the Commanders Charitable Foundation and Toys for Tots via this year's trio of giveback initiatives. A bow may have been put on December, but this collaboration is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

"Football has a special magical appeal to children, especially the NFL. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is grateful to the Commanders for helping us also create some magic, as well as joy and hope, for economically disadvantaged children," the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation said. "Together, we are making a difference in the precious lives of children."





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# **TERRY MCLAURIN PROVED HE CAN Still be a play maker vs. Rams**

By Zach Selby

Terry McLaurin was lined up out wide at the Los Angeles Rams' 29-yard line and gave a quick stutter step before sprinting past cornerback Derion Kendrick towards the end zone. Jacoby Brissett lofted it up to the veteran receiver, and just as he's done so many times in his career, McLaurin leapt and made the grab over Kendrick for a touchdown.

It was McLaurin's third score of the season and first since Oct. 29 -- a high point during a career day that saw him catch six passes for 141 yards. It's something we haven't seen often enough from him this season.

It's been an up-and-down year for McLaurin, despite being on track for his fourth consecutive 1,000-yard campaign -- a feat that no other Washington receiver has achieved in the 90-plus years of the franchise's existence. He's been held to less than 50 yards in six games, including zero yards and no catches against the Miami Dolphins.

Though it came in a 28-20 loss, it showed that Terry can still be scary.

"You always want to put your best foot forward coming out," McLaurin said in the locker room on Wednesday. "I know what I'm capable of, and I believe our coaches and my teammates believe that as well. It was just good to be able to do that in a game situation where we needed to have it and [give] our team some energy."

No matter who has been running the Commanders' offense for the last four seasons, getting the ball to McLaurin has been the top priority for any quarterback wearing burgundy and gold, from Taylor Heinicke and Carson Wentz to Garrett Gilbert and Kyle Allen. The relationship with McLaurin and Sam Howell got off to a good enough start with the then-rookie's first career pass going to McLaurin for a touchdown. They also connected on a 52-yard bomb later in the second half of the 26-6 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

There have been moments like that this year, such as the 30-yard touchdown in Week 2 against the Denver Broncos and the 26-yard score against the Philadelphia Eagles on Oct.29, but the explosive plays simply haven't hit the way many expected them to with the duo. Although he's on pace for 136 targets, which would be a career high, he's also projected to finish with his lowest number of yards since his rookie year.

"I think it's still developing," coach Ron Rivera said of the connection between Howell and McLaurin. "I think, again, early on when they had it rolling together, it was really about Sam getting the ball fed to Terry."

Those problems have popped up at various points of the season. Against the Philadelphia Eagles, for example, McLaurin couldn't haul in two critical passes that would have kept the Commanders' offense on the field, despite being open on both plays. McLaurin took some of the blame for the uncharacteristic drops, although in fairness to him, both passes were low and off-target.

One game after McLaurin's zero-catch game -- just the second of his career -- against the Dolphins, there was more of an emphasis from Howell to get the ball to McLaurin. On a fourth-and-2 in the first quarter, Howell found McLaurin for a 24-yard gain that put Washington at the Rams' 21-yard line.

There were other plays where it was clear that Howell and McLaurin are still trying to get in sync. Facing a third-and-4 in the second quarter, Howell took a second too long to recognize that McLaurin was open in the middle of the field on a slant route. The ball still ended up going to McLaurin, but the receiver took a hard hit from a Rams defender and could not bring in the catch.

Things looked different with Brissett at quarterback. After McLaurin's touchdown, the wideout beat Kendrick again in man coverage and caught the pass from Brissett in stride before being taken down at the 1-yard line.

"It's kind of a case-by-case thing," Howell said. "Every play is kind of different and there were some chances late in the game where they kind of left him one-on-one and we took advantage of it. But I mean, we try to do those things every single game when we get those opportunities."

With the Commanders facing the New York Jets, San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, all of which have top defenses with talented secondaries, Rivera said the Commanders want to focus on finishing strong. A quick way to do that would be getting more attention to McLaurin, who has double-digit targets in just five games this season.

"We're going to continue to work it and see if we can find more ways to create those things," Rivera said. "We're at the point now I think where you should have the familiarity with what we do as a group, and we got to find the ways to be explosive and use him in these last few games."

Part of that will also require Howell to get out of the slump that he's been in for the past month. His passer rating has been 50.5 over the last two games, and he hasn't had multiple passing touchdowns in a game since Nov. 12.

McLaurin, however, still trusts that Howell can get the job done.

"Him and I have been close on a lot of plays this year," McLaurin said. "We've made some, we've missed some. The thing I like about is that he's still not shying away from still taking those opportunities ... We just gotta find a way to help him out and make some of those tougher plays."

The Commanders will need more from their offense if they hope to compete against the final three teams on the schedule. Getting Howell and McLaurin on the same page at a more consistent level would certainly help in that endeavor.



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# TERRY MCLAURIN GETS TO BE A KID AGAIN DURING HOLIDAY EVENT AT STEM LAB

By Kyra Plourde

Terry McLaurin likes to joke that his football uniform is his Batman suit. When it's not a game day and McLaurin can hang up his helmet, he finds himself embracing the very best parts of himself, and it has nothing to do with football.

With about a 12-hour turnaround from his touchdown against the Rams, McLaurin landed from Los Angeles, caught a few short hours of sleep and headed to the Children's Science Center. McLaurin's arrival was warmly greeted by more than 60 students from James McHenry Elementary School, faculty chaperones and talented representatives from the science center.

In partnership with Northwest Federal Credit Union and the Washington Commanders, the students were able to have a day of experiential learning, bonding and making lasting, important memories on the grounds of confidence and empowerment.

For McLaurin, his favorite part was being able to be a kid amongst the next generation of ambition and talent. A close second though, the slimemaking station.

"It wasn't like I was a football player, I was a kid," McLaurin said. "I'm just Terry every other day besides gameday. And to get to be with the kids, they bring out that kid side of me and just make me feel like myself. That's why I'm so driven to be a part of their lives. That's always gonna be my goal because they're the future. You never know what's going to be inspired from them by doing these things."

The students from James McHenry were brought on what was many of their first field trips and left with Commander's swag, toys, and an unforgettable experience with an important rolemodel.

"They are so excited to go on any field trip, but this is the first one of the school year so they were extra excited," said Assistant Principal Caretha Henneghan. "They were screaming when they saw the buses outside. They knew they were going to be doing experiments and were so excited."

The extra layer of surprise was when McLaurin pulled up a seat next to them at the slime-making station.

From here, the Children's Science Center ran a seamless, special morning for the students as

they had the chance to shift in between four special hands-on learning experiences. And for the science center, making STEM fun is what it's all about.

"We are all about making STEM learning fun and accessible, and think it's so important for the future," said Executive Director of the Children's Science Center Adalene "Nene" Spivy. "It's not just for the scientists and engineers of the future, but for all of us to have these skills. So we want to make it experiential so that way when they're in the classrooms, they'll remember the fun components of science. We want kids to grow up with a science center in their community and we haven't had this hands-on science center in Northern Virginia."

The passion and love for education continue for the Children's Science Center as they collaborate with the state of Virginia on their new, expansive science center breaking ground in northern Virginia next year.

The kids had the chance to work with McLaurin on science projects, and the enjoyment of the

morning was mutual. His contribution to these experiences comes back to the center of what he aims to do with the Terry McLaurin Foundation.

"I think kids have a different outlook on life than adults," McLaurin said. "When you have interactive things where they're able to collaborate with their peers, it's the best. I used to love field trips and to have one where you can also learn is very cool. And for me to get to be a part of that was so special."

While things for McLaurin are much different on his day-to-day work schedule, and the activities for the students are much different when they're in the classroom, this experience allowed both parties to simply be kids.

The connection back to the joy of learning and connecting with those around them made for an incredibly special morning at the Children's Science Center that left students, teachers and McLaurin filled with joy.















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## **COMMAND FORCE CAPTAIN** ERICA SURPRISED WITH PRO BOWL SELECTION

#### By Hannah Lichtenstein

During Week 13 against Miami at FedExField, Erica didn't give much thought to the fact that Major Tuddy had handed her flowers following one of the Command Force's mid-game performances. It wasn't until the mascot pointed to the Jumbotron that the captain understood what was happening.

"I saw my face and name with the message, 'Congratulations, Erica, 2024 Pro Bowl cheerleader.' I was completely stunned, and the magnitude of the surprise left me momentarily speechless," she said. "The best part of this unforgettable moment was the realization that my family was in the crowd, and I had no clue they were there to share in the excitement."

Voted on by teammates and coaches, a Pro Bowl selection is perhaps the highest honor an NFL dancer can receive. For Erica, the achievement is a testament to her leadership, hard work and belief in herself on a journey that has had its fair share of unlikely turns.

As for her beginnings as a dancer, the Richmond, Virginia, native discovered her passion for dance in a somewhat unexpected way when she joined her high school's marching band as a majorette dancer in ninth grade.

"Although I wasn't a trained dancer, I always loved dancing with family and friends since childhood," Erica reflected. "Being part of the marching band provided me with the perfect opportunity to combine my love for movement with music."

Time spent in the high school marching band also sparked a love for all the fun and excitement that came at the intersection of sports and dance. "Friday night games held a special kind of magic and energy that captivated me from the start," she said. "The combination of live sports, enthusiastic fans and the electrifying atmosphere created an experience like no other."

She had gotten a taste of what this world was about at its core, and it stuck with her. When Erica learned about the opportunity to try out for Washington's entertainment team several years later, those memories and that feeling that came with being a part of the action were deeply motivating. Plus, Erica just loved football, and she really wanted to be a part of something special as a member of the then First Ladies of Washington.

All of that wasn't enough to earn her spot on the team on the first or even the second try.

"The audition process was both challenging and rewarding," she said. "Each attempt taught me valuable lessons, and the third time proved to be the charm."

"Challenging" and "rewarding" wouldn't just end up being apt terms for the audition process; they have appeared hand-in-hand through lots of different chapters of her stint on the team, whether it's been COVID, rebranding or collaborating with choreographers across the industry.

No matter the situation in front of her, Erica has committed to applying herself and learning. In her four seasons, she's grown exponentially as both a dancer and a teammate. Now as a veteran and captain, she appreciates being in a position to help others and making the team the best it can be. "Being a captain goes beyond just leading on the football field and in the studio; it's about fostering a positive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive," she said. "Leading a large team comes with its complexities, but I absolutely love it."

All that Erica has contributed to the Command Force certainly hasn't gone unnoticed. A Pro Bowl selection shows a level of really being seen by her teammates and coaches, and that is emotional for her.

"To know that my hard work has been recognized by the very people I share the field with means the world to me," she said. "I have already had a special journey with the Commanders and the Command Force, and just when I thought it couldn't get any better, I received this extraordinary recognition."

From not having her name called during auditions to being the only one called during the 2023 Pro Bowl surprise, Erica's Command Force story is a remarkable one, and she couldn't be more excited to write another chapter of it in Orlando in just over a month.

"Combining the thrill of representing my team, the anticipation of building new connections within the Pro Bowl community, and the enchantment of Disney, it's safe to say that this trip is shaping up to be a magical adventure," she said.

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## ENTERTAINMENT TEAM



## **GENIENNE SAMUELS**

Hey Commanders Fans! I am thrilled to be your In-Game Host for another season, cheering on our favorite NFL team with the BEST fans in the NFL!

I'm no stranger to the Burgundy & Gold. I first stepped foot in FedExField as a Redskinette and then Redskins Cheerleader, for eight amazing seasons. As a cheerleader, I was a Head Captain for four years, Co-Captain for two years, and had the honor to represent the team at the 2004 Pro Bowl game in Honolulu, Hawaii.

After retiring from the NFL, I become a Wizard Girl for the NBA's Washington Wizards for three seasons. In the middle of my third season, I took on the role as the In-Arena Host for the Wizards and WNBA's Washington Mystics for four years. I was also the In Game Host for the AFL's Baltimore Brigade and In-Match Host for the NWSL's Washington Spirit.

But I finally made it back home to FedExField in 2019 as the In-Game Host for the Burgundy & Gold!

In addition to sports hosting, I have been in the entertainment and broadcasting industry for over two decades, and it is an honor to now be the prime-time evening anchor of WTVR CBS in Richmond, VA, my hometown. Before moving back home, I was a freelance anchor, reporter and producer for Prince George's County CTV-News. I have also hosted other shows such as "SchoolScene" in Fairfax and Montgomery Counties and "The Sound" of Washington DC. I was also the host of "Operation Rising Star", the United States Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual singing competition for service members and their families for 10 years.

I founded two businesses. Sideline Prep provides individual counseling to young women and men auditioning for professional dance and cheerleading teams. I'm also the owner and lead consultant for GS Consulting & Communications, Inc., which is a BPR (Business Process Reengineering), quality and process improvement company.

And as if that isn't enough, I'm Aunt Nienne to three nieces, two nephews, and seven godchildren.

I would love to connect. Be sure to say Hi or "Hail Yeah" at a Commanders event or on gameday, and please connect with me at GeNienneSamuels on Facebook, X @GeNienneWithaG, or GeNienneWithaG on Instagram.



## **DJ PREMONITION**

DJ Premonition is a 20+ year staple in the DMV area with his energetic mixing style and creative music curation. After getting his start while attending Howard University, DJ Premonition elevated his craft in DC night clubs while also expanding his client base by performing for numerous corporate brands. He became the Washington Commanders GameDay DJ in the 2018 season. He was honored to be selected to represent the NFC DJs in the 2022 NFL Pro Bowl. He also performed as one of the main stage DJ's for the NFL Draft in 2022 (Las Vegas) and 2023 (Kansas City).

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## **MARK FRATTO**

Mark Fratto has been a live sports announcer for 20 years with more than 3,000 live events, sports promos and commercial spots under his belt.

Fratto's experience behind the microphone includes serving as a public address announcer at Capital One Arena for the Washington Wizards, at Madison Square Garden for New York Knicks, college basketball and New York Liberty games, at Yankee Stadium for New York City FC Major League Soccer contests, at Pocono Raceway for NASCAR, at MetLife Stadium in the 2018 preseason for the New York Football Giants, at the Westchester County Center for Westchester Knicks NBA Development League games, at MCU Park in Coney Island for Brooklyn Cyclones Baseball and Brooklyn Bolts Football, at Rutgers University for Sky Blue FC women's professional soccer, and as the announcer for a variety of NCAA Division I intercollegiate contests at the University of Maryland, St. John's University and for a number of other colleges, universities and professional teams.

In 2019, Fratto began announcing Army Football at Michie Stadium and served as the announcer for the historic 2020 Army-Navy game. Fratto has been one of the voices of the popular NBA2K video game for the past three editions.

Fratto was a NCAA National Champion as part of Maryland Basketball's back-to-back Final Four runs in 2001 and 2002, and he served as the lead communications director during the Terrapins' 2004 ACC Title Season. As an announcer, Fratto has a 2021 MLS Championship ring with New York City FC and a 2019 New York-Penn League title with the Brooklyn Cyclones. Fratto was tabbed by the National Basketball Association to announce the 2015 NBA Development League All-Star game, slam dunk contest and 3-point shootout, as well as the FDNY-NYPD-NBA Legends charity game at Barclays Center as part of NBA All-Star Weekend in New York City. He returned to his 13th NCAA Final Four in Houston in April 2023, where he again served as news conference moderator.

Fratto was cast as the MMA main event announcer in the Halle Berry movie "Bruised" and has served as ring announcer for boxing events at Madison Square Garden; The Hard Rock, the Monte Carlo and Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas; Boardwalk Hall, the Ocean Resort and the Showboat in Atlantic City; Encore Boston Harbor, House of Blues Boston and MGM Springfield, Mass.; Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods in New England; MGM National Harbor, the Washington D.C. Armory and the ESA in Our Nation's Capital; Turning Stone Resort in

Verona, N.Y.; Fantasy Springs Resort and the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Southern Cal; New York City's Hammerstein Ballroom, Webster Hall, B.B. King's Blues Club and Grill and SONY Hall; the 2300 Arena, the Met and Sugar House Casino in Philadelphia; and Wild Horse Pass Casino in Chandler, Arizona, among others.

He has announced for Golden Boy Promotions, Matchroom Boxing, Mayweather Promotions, DiBella Entertainment, K2 Promotions, GGG Promotions, Roy Jones Jr. Promotions, Evander Holyfield's Real Deal Promotions, King's Promotions, Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing, Murphy's Boxing, Salita Promotions, Hard-Hitting Promotions, Hitz Boxing, Rising Star Promotions, Uprising Promotions, Petra Nemcova's Happy Hearts Fund, the NYPD and FDNY and has called fights on HBO, HBO PPV, Showtime, HBO Latino, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Deportes, CBS Sports Network, MSG Network, Facebook and Ring TV.

He has been behind the mic for cards and events featuring Roy Jones Jr., Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, Bernard Hopkins, Gennady "GGG" Golovkin, Miguel Cotto, Gervonta Davis, Ryan Garcia, Michael Buffer, Jimmy Lennon Jr., "The Miracle Man" Daniel Jacobs, Jaime Munguia, Luis "King Kong" Ortiz and Amir "King" Khan, just to name a few.

Fratto - who was a collegiate athletics administrator in the communications departments of St. John's University and the University of Maryland for 15 years from 1999 to 2014 - founded Linacre Media, a full-service digital/ social media, production services and public relations consulting firm, in the Fall of 2014. Linacre Media is an official broadcast partner of the NBA and serves as the primary production partner for the Westchester Knicks of the NBA G League, in addition to packaging numerous other pro/college/high school athletics events for platforms like ESPNU, CBS Sports Network, the Madison Square Garden Network, Comcast Sports Networks, Facebook and Facebook FIGHTNIGHT LIVE, ESPN+, ESPN3 and the Campus Insiders Network/ Stadium. Linacre Media has produced events for the NBA, the BIG EAST Conference, Nike, Jordan Brand, Army, Navy, the American Athletic Conference, the Atlantic 10 Conference, the Ivy League, the Patriot League, the Northeast Conference, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, professional boxing and MMA promoters, the ABA, the FXFL, St. John's University and the CUNYAC.

Fratto lives in Edgewater, MD, with his wife Kristin and their sons, Jackson and Mason.

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SAM HUFF LINEBACKER, 1964-67, 1969

CHARLIE JUSTICE RUNNING BACK, 1950, 1952-54

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BILL DUDLEY RUNNING BACK, 1950-51, 1953

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**BILLY KILMER** QUARTERBACK, 1971-78

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ART MONK WIDE RECEIVER, 1980-1993

GUARD, 1960-70

JERRY SMITH TIGHT END, 1965-77

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GENE BRITO DEFENSIVE END, 1951-53, 1955-58

> **MONTE COLEMAN** LINEBACKER, 1979-94

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> KEN HOUSTON SAFETY, 1973-80

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	1	John Riggins	1,988	7,472		3.8	79
	2	Clinton Portis	1,667	6,824		4.1	46
	3	Larry Brown	1,530	5,875		3.8	35
	4	Stephen Davis	1,383	5,790		4.2	45
	5	Alfred Morris	1,078	4,713		4.4	29
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	1	Art Monk	888	12,026		13.5	65
RECEIVING	2	Charley Taylor	649	9,110		14.0	79
LEADERS	3	Gary Clark	549	8,742		15.9	58
	4	Santana Moss	581	7,867		13.5	47
	5	Bobby Mitchell	393	6,492		16.5	49
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	1	Mark Moseley	1,206	0		263/397	417/441
	2	Chip Lohmiller	787	0		175/245	262/267
	3	Dustin Hopkins	668	0		163/194	179/190
LEADERS	4	Charley Taylor	540	90		0	0
	5	John Riggins	510	85		0	0
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	1	Brian Mitchell	317	3,476		11.0	
	2	Mike Nelms	212	1,948		9.2	
	3	Eddie Brown	111	1,150		10.4	
LEADERS	4	Rickie Harris	119	1,005		8.4	
	5	Brandon Banks	100	937		9.4	
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	1	Brian Mitchell	421	9,586		22.8	
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RETURN LEADERS	3	Mike Nelms	175	4,128		23.6	
	4	Dick James	155	3,949		25.5	
	5	Brandon Banks	119	2,856		24.0	
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