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MEMORABLE GAME

Oct. 25, 2020: Washington 25, Dallas 3

Washington was in need of a win back in 2020, as it entered the home matchup against the Dallas Cowboys with a 1-5 record, and with exceptional performances from Antonio Gibson and Terry McLaurin, the Burgundy & Gold's victory was never in doubt. After a 9-3 first quarter, McLaurin opened things up with a 52-yard touchdown catch after beating Trevon Diggs for the score. Meanwhile, Gibson had one of his best days as a pro with 128 yards on 20 carries, including a 12-yard touchdown. It was the first win for Washinton in five weeks, and it helped launch a push that saw the team finish the year with a 7-9 record and the NFC East crown.

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Dan Snyder is Co-Owner and Co-CEO of the Washington Commanders. A self-made man and an entrepreneur at heart, Dan Snyder's life is marked by an enduring passion for the people, the team and the community he loves. He has been a key member of the leadership team since he and his wife Tanya Snyder acquired the team in 1999. A D.C.-area native, Dan Snyder is a lifelong Washington fan who grew up attending Washington Commanders - then Redskins games with his father Gerald. His childhood and adolescence were shaped and inspired by his devotion to the team. To Snyder, football is family. He has put his passion into action since purchasing the team 23 years ago, consistently leading the franchise to new prominence in the community, in business and across the National Football League.

Dan Snyder continues to be one of Washington's most engaged and impactful community leaders and philanthropists. Shortly after purchasing the franchise, one of Dan and Tanya Snyder's first actions was to create the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, which launched in 2000, to bring together the team and its corporate and community partners to make a positive and measurable impact on area youth across the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area. Under Dan and Tanya Snyder's leadership, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation has contributed more than \$31 million to the local community and grown to impact more than 178,000 area youth each year.

Beyond the team's expansive Charitable Foundation efforts, Dan and Tanya Snyder have identified numerous ways to support and contribute to communities in-need around the world, primarily through contributions to disaster relief, COVID-19-related relief, social justice, Children's National Hospital and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Dan and Tanya Snyder have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and mobilized widespread resources to support Ukrainian response efforts, hurricane relief efforts across the U.S. and internationally in the Caribbean, Haiti, Indonesia and Thailand. As a longtime supporter of the Children's National Hospital Foundation,

Dan Snyder's support enabled construction of the Snyder Family Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center. He also funded construction of the Daniel M. Snyder and Family Communication Center at the NCMEC. Each day, the Center fields hundreds of calls from around the nation from law enforcement organizations, parents of missing children, runaways seeking help and people responding to the Center's well-known awareness campaigns on behalf of missing children. Dan and Tanya Snyder were honored with the Charles B. Wang International Children's Award in 2014. Dan Snyder's support has also extended to the military community. Under his leadership, the organization created Salute, the team's official military appreciation club which coordinates the team's decades-long military appreciation initiatives into one comprehensive, year-round platform. This first-of-its-kind program in the NFL serves, supports and thanks the military community by hosting a variety of events, including pre game parties for military members, re-enlistment ceremonies at both team headquarters and FedExField, military appreciation events and more. Snyder also contributed to the construction of the

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USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir.

Under his leadership, the Washington Commanders remain at the forefront of marketing and business operations in the NFL. The organization has evolved to be innovative with an entirely new, best-in-class leadership team at the Senior Vice President level and above, including Tanya Snyder as Co-CEO and Jason Wright as Team President, making the Commanders leadership team the most diverse in the National Football League. As part of this cultural and business transformation, Dan and Tanya Snyder led the organizational rebrand. The pair also hired a first-of-its-kind Chief Creative & Digital Officer to oversee the organization's storytelling and brand marketing strategies while also developing engaging new content to drive even greater value for fans and team sponsors. In addition to their collaborative work around the team's rebrand, Dan and Tanya Snyder worked closely with senior leadership to launch an in-house content studio. Dan Snyder also leads the team's active stadium search.

During the Snyder's 23 season tenure, 30 different Washington players have earned a total of 62 Pro Bowl appearances, 14 have been named All-Pro per the Elias Sports Bureau and 20 draft picks have been selected to the PFWA All-Rookie Team. In addition, five players – Darrell Green, Bruce Smith, Deion Sanders, Champ Bailey and Jason Taylor – have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Prior to acquiring the Washington Commanders, Dan Snyder founded and acted as Chairman and CEO of Snyder Communications, Inc., making him the youngest CEO of a New York Stock Exchange company at the time. From its launch in 1985, Snyder Communications, Inc. grew to a global organization of 12,000 employees with 77 offices across 17 countries and more than \$1 billion in annual revenue. The company's client base included 200 of the Fortune 500, to which it provided targeted marketing solutions, including advertising and marketing services. It was acquired by Havas in 2000 for more than \$2.3 billion, at the time the largest such merger in the history of the advertising and marketing industry. Snyder is also Founder and Chairman Emeritus of inVentiv Health and Founder and Managing Member of the Board of Red Zebra Broadcasting, LLC, which operates radio stations across the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area. Snyder is active in a variety of other private business ventures, both as an investor and as an advisor to management. He is a frequent invitee to share his experiences and views with business organizations nationwide, and he is enshrined in the Greater Washington Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Dan Snyder is the proud father of three children and a beloved dog, Tackle. Dan and Tanya Snyder reside in Virginia.

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CO-OWNER AND CO-CEO

Tanya Snyder is Co-Owner and Co-CEO of the Washington Commanders. She has been an integral part of the executive team since Dan and Tanya Snyder acquired the team in 1999, spearheading the launch and continued commitment of the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation and expanding her role over the years into various aspects of the organization. Since 2000, Tanya has led "the team behind the team" and guided social and community efforts across the organization. Under her stewardship, the Charitable Foundation has contributed more than \$31 million to the local community and grown to impact more than 178,000 area youth each year.

In 2021, Tanya Snyder was named Co-CEO, becoming a catalyst for the evolution of the Washington Commanders into a franchise of the future. Under her leadership, the Commanders have undergone a cultural and business transformation that includes a new, innovative leadership team at the Senior Vice President level and above, as well as an organizational rebrand. The Commanders have assembled a best-in-class leadership team – the most diverse in the National Football League – with Tanya at the helm. A breast cancer survivor and longtime advocate for cancer awareness and research, Tanya Snyder and Zeta Tau Alpha co-founded the THINK PINK® campaign for breast cancer awareness within the NFL in 1999 by passing out 8,000 handmade pink ribbons at FedExField to remind fans that early detection saves lives. This gesture launched a pink movement each October throughout the league and across the nation, and what started at FedExField has resulted in nearly 10 million pink ribbons pinned leaguewide and millions of lives touched around the world to date. Tanya's community impact, especially her breast cancer awareness and advocacy efforts, has been recognized by a number of organizations including the American Cancer Society with "Mother of the Year" honors (2013), Men Against Breast Cancer with the Gloria Heyison Inspiration Award (2012), and Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation with the ZTA THINK-PINK!® Ambassador Award (2008).

An Atlanta native, Tanya Snyder is the proud mother of three children and a beloved dog, Tackle. Dan and Tanya Snyder reside in Virginia.





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PRESIDENT

10TH NFL SEASON (7 PLAYING/3 EXECUTIVE) / 3RD WITH COMMANDERS

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, D.C. 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, corporationspecific 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 cofounding 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 entrepreneurship. 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 DCbased 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.



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Ron Rivera enters his 26th season coaching in the NFL and his third as Washington's head coach in 2022.

He was named the 30th head coach in franchise history on Jan.1, 2020 and led Washington to its 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.

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.

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 appearances 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 fifth-most in the NFL. In 2015, 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.

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 franchise-record 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.

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 linebacker for the Chicago Bears' topranked 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 rankings 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

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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, 7.5 sacks, five forced fumbles, four 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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SCOTT TURNER

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Scott Turner is entering his third season as the offensive coordinator of the Commanders after being hired on Jan. 8, 2020. He will be entering his 11th NFL season and has held positions with the Carolina Panthers, Cleveland Browns and Minnesota Vikings during his NFL career.

In 2021, Turner aided several players in reaching significant milestones, including wide receiver Terry McLaurin and running back Antonio Gibson, both of whom reached the 1,000 receiving and rushing yard plateau respectively. Washington had a 1,000-yard rusher and receiver in the same season for the first time since 2014.

McLaurin has recorded 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons under Turner, becoming the first receiver to record two straight 1,000-yard seasons in Washington since Henry Ellard did so in 1994-96.

Turner led an offense that recorded the sixth-most rushing yards and the sixth-most rushing yards per game in the NFC. Washington averaged 30:44 minutes of offensive possession, the 10th-most in the NFL.

In Turner's offense, running back J.D. McKissic recorded the second-most receptions [80] and fifth-most receiving yards [589] for a running back in a season in franchise history.

Washington started four different quarterbacks during the 2020 season, combining for the secondmost completions in a single season in franchise history [389]. Under Turner's tutelage, two players amassed 1,000 yards in 2020. Running back Antonio Gibson became the first Washington rookie to gain 1,000 scrimmage yards since Alfred Morris in 2012, as Terry McLaurin became the first Washington wide receiver with 1,000 yards in a season since 2016.

The offense in Washington took leaps in the second half of last season, registering 2,916 second-half scrimmage yards. It marks the seventh-most in a single season in club history and most since 2016 [3,635], since the stat was officially recorded in 1991.

Turner came to Washington from Carolina, where he served as quarterbacks coach as well as interim offensive coordinator in 2019.

In 2018, Turner helped quarterback Cam Newton post a franchise-record 67.9 completion percentage, despite playing through injury. The Panthers finished 10th in the league in net yards [373.3], the second-highest season average in club history.

Turner served as quarterbacks coach with the Minnesota Vikings from 2014-16, helping quarterback Sam Bradford to set a then-NFL record in completion percentage [71.6].

In 2014, he assisted Teddy Bridgewater in setting virtually every franchise rookie passing record, and producing the third-best completion percentage [64.6] and seventh-highest passer rating [85.2] in NFL history for a rookie.

In 2013, Turner coached wide receivers for the Cleveland Browns, helping Josh Gordon to the best receiving season in Browns history. Despite appearing in just 14 games, he became the first player in Browns history to lead the NFL in receiving yards (1,646).

Turner entered NFL coaching with two seasons as offensive quality control coach for the Panthers in 2011 and 2012. The Panthers recorded two of the top four seasons in franchise history in terms of net yards, setting the all-time mark with 389.8 yards per game in 2011 and 360.7 in 2012. Newton was named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2011. His 14 rushing touchdowns broke the NFL record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback and were just one shy of the NFL record of rushing touchdowns by a rookie.



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Jack Del Rio enters his 24th season coaching in the NFL and his third as the Commanders defensive coordinator in 2022 after being named to the position on Jan. 2, 2020.

In 2021. Del Rio oversaw a defense that featured defensive tackle Jonathan Allen, who set careerhighs in sacks (9.0) and quarterback hits (30). Washington's defense allowed the eighth-fewest rushing yards per game and recorded the best defensive tackle team grade in the NFL according to Pro Football Focus.

In 2020, Del Rio helped lead a defense that ranked in the top 10 in total yards per game (6th), passing yards per game (5th), interception rate (8th), red zone percentage (3rd) and total points per game (7th).

Del Rio has accumulated 35 combined seasons of NFL experience, including 24 as a coach and 11 as a player. He has held head coaching roles with the Oakland Raiders, Denver Broncos (interim) and Jacksonville Jaguars. He has also coached 29 players to a total of 57 Pro Bowl selections.

From 2015-17, Del Rio was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. In 2016, he guided the Raiders to a 12-4 record, marking the franchise's first 12-win season since 2000. The Raiders earned a postseason berth for the first time since 2002 and landed an NFL-high seven players on the AFC Pro Bowl squad. Del Rio was selected as the recipient of the Maxwell Club's Greasy Neale Professional Coach of the Year Award, becoming the sixth Raiders coach to earn NEL Coach of the Year honors. In addition, he was named the AFC Coach of the Year by Kansas City's Committee of 101.

As defensive coordinator with the Denver Broncos from 2012-14, Del Rio was part of three-straight AFC West titles and helped lead Denver to an AFC Championship and appearance in Super Bowl XLVIII following the 2013 campaign. It marked his second stint under Head Coach John Fox, as the two also spent the 2002 season together in Carolina.

Prior to joining the Broncos in 2012, Del Rio spent nine seasons at the helm in Jacksonville. During his head coaching tenure (2003-11) with the Jaguars, the club ranked sixth in the NFL in yards per game allowed (317.3) and eighth in points per game allowed (20.3).

Under Del Rio, the Jaguars made two playoff appearances in 2005 and 2007, highlighted by the club's first postseason win in eight seasons with a 31-29 road victory against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 2007 AFC Wild Card Game.

During his lone season as a defensive coordinator with Carolina in 2002. he inherited the NFL's worst defense statistically (371.4 yards per game allowed) and turned it into the league's second-ranked unit (290.4 yards per game allowed). Additionally, the 2002 Panthers squad led the NFL in rushing average against (3.7 avg.) and ranked second in third down efficiency (32.9 percent) and sacks (52).

As linebackers coach for the Baltimore Ravens from 1999-2001, Del Rio tutored a talented group that included Peter Boulware, Ray Lewis and Jamie Sharper. Baltimore's 2000 team set the NFL 16-game record by allowing only 165 points while recording four shutouts and forcing a leaguebest 49 turnovers. Lewis was named the NFL's

Defensive Player of the Year and the MVP of Super Bowl XXXV that season after a playoff run in which the defense surrendered just one touchdown in four games.

Del Rio began his coaching career with the New Orleans Saints under Head Coach Mike Ditka, serving as an assistant strength coach in 1997 before moving on to coach the linebackers in 1998.

A veteran of 11 seasons as an NFL linebacker, he was selected in the third round (68th overall) of the 1985 NFL Draft by New Orleans and went on to make the NFL's All-Rookie Team and earn the Saints' Rookie of the Year award.

Del Rio was a four-year starter at the University of Southern California, where he earned consensus All-American honors as a senior and was runnerup for the Lombardi Award, given to the nation's best lineman or linebacker. Named co-MVP of the 1985 Rose Bowl, Del Rio recorded 340 career defensive stops, including 58 tackles for a loss. A standout catcher on the USC baseball team. Del Rio was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1981. He was inducted into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame in May 2015.

Del Rio was a three-sport star in football, baseball and basketball at Hayward (Calif.) High School. He earned a degree in political science from the University of Kansas while playing for the Chiefs.

Del Rio and his wife, Linda, have three daughters, Lauren, Hope and Aubrey, and a son, Luke, who also works for Washington as an offensive quality control coach and assistant guarterbacks coach.



JEFF ZGONINA DEFENSIVE LINE NFL EXPERIENCE: 24 YEARS



RYAN KERRIGAN ASST. DEFENSIVE LINE NFL EXPERIENCE: 12 YEARS



CHRIS HARRIS DEFENSIVE BACKS NFL EXPERIENCE: 17 YEARS

BRENT VIESELMEYER

ASST. DEFENSIVE BACKS

NFL EXPERIENCE:

5 YEARS





VINCENT RIVERA DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL NFL EXPERIENCE: 6 YEARS

11 YEARS



RICHARD ROGERS ASST. DEFENSIVE BACKS NFL EXPERIENCE: 10 YEARS



CRISTIAN GARCIA ASSISTANT LINEBACKERS/ DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL NFL EXPERIENCE: 2 YEARS



SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

15TH NFL SEASON / 4TH WITH WASHINGTON

Nate Kaczor (pronounced Kat-sir) enters his fourth season as special teams coordinator with Washington in 2022. He will be entering his 15th NFL season and has held positions with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans and Tampa Bay Buccaneers during his NFL career.

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, Tress Way became the first Washington punter since Matt Turk in 1997 to

be named to the Pro Bowl. 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 avg.) and the eighthlowest kickoff return average (21.8 avg.). 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 1989. A native of Scott City, Kansas, he and his wife, Angie, have two children, Kaylee and Micah, who is currently a pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization.



BEN JACOBS ASST. SPECIAL TEAMS NFL EXPERIENCE: 12 YEARS





DOUG WILLANS SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT

SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDER 26TH NFL 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 "Inaugural 70 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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GENERAL MANAGER

33RD NFL SEASON (24 FRONT OFFICE/9 PLAYING) / 6TH WITH WASHINGTON

Martin Mayhew enters his second 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.

"Martin is a proven general manager who will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organization," said head coach Ron Rivera. "He will be an integral part of running the daily football operations and will allow me the opportunity to focus more on coaching. He impressed both myself and Mr. Snyder during the interview process and we both believe he will be a tremendous fit here. He is a man of high character and integrity and was part of the rich history and tradition of this great franchise as a member of the Super Bowl championship team in 1991."

Mayhew spent the previous four season 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

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION 28TH NFL SEASON / 3RD WITH WASHINGTON

Rob Rogers enters his 28th season in the NFL and third with the Washington Commanders in the role of Senior Vice President of Football Administration. In this role, Rogers works for the football senior leadership team on the development of player budget parameters, roster management, contract proposals, negotiation strategies and salary cap management. Rogers also oversees the club's football analytics department along with being one of the main liaison's between the football and business operations.

Prior to coming to Washington, Rogers held the title of executive director of player finance and football research. In this role, he worked closely with the Panthers general manager on the development of player budget parameters, roster management, contract proposals, negotiation strategies and salary cap management. He also oversaw the Panthers football analytics department and worked on research and analysis of player contracts and statistics. He directly conducted the majority of contract negotiations with player representatives during his time in this role.

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.



MARTY HURNEY

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL/PLAYER PERSONNEL 31ST NFL SEASON / 2ND WITH WASHINGTON

Marty Hurney enters his second 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 will rejoin the franchise where he started his NFL career as a member of the team's public relations department.

"Marty Hurney is an excellent evaluator of talent and someone whom I trust and have worked with in the past," said head coach Ron Rivera. "He knows the amount of hard work it takes to operate a successful personnel department. Marty has a proven track record as a successful scout and general manager and will be a vital part of shaping our roster. Both myself and Mr. Snyder agreed that he would bring an enormous amount of experience to our operation. It is also fitting that Marty started his career here working for the legendary Bobby Beathard. I look forward to collaborating with both Marty and Martin in the years to come."

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 all time leader in tackles. Stewart and Williams went on to compile 7,318 rushing yards and 6,846 rushing yards, which is 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.





SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

28TH NFL SEASON / 16TH 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 Jan. 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 BlackXGallery.com.

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



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ERIC STOKES

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL 25TH NFL SEASON (21 FRONT OFFICE/2 PLAYING) / 3RD WITH WASHINGTON

Eric Stokes is entering his third season with Washington and his second 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 brings 25 combined years of NFL experience to the role. He 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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TIM GRBBLE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE PERSONNEL 23RD NFL SEASON / 21ST WITH WASHINGTON

Tim Gribble is entering his 23rd season in the NFL (21st 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 26th season in the NFL and second as Washington's director of pro personnel in 2022. 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.

DIRECTOR OF PRO PERSONNEL 26TH NFL SEASON / 2ND 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 was 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 (18), Caroline (16) and Kate (13).



ATHLETIC TRA 26TH NFL SEASON / 14TH WITH WASHINGTON

Al Bellamy enters his second stint in Washington after spending the last 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 1986-87. He was a member of the 1987 National Championship medical team.

Bellamy earned his master's degree in health

education in 1984 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.



CHAD ENGLEHART HEAD OF STRENGTH & CONDITIONING NFL EXPERIENCE: 13 YEARS



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JAKE SANKAL ASST. STRENGTH & CONDITIONING/NUTRITION NFL EXPERIENCE: 7 YEARS



RYAN VERMILLION JR. ASST. STRENGTH & CONDITIONING NFL EXPERIENCE: 2 YEARS



BRETT NENABER NFL EXPERIENCE: 10 YEARS

MARK MCCRACKEN DIR. PLAYER PERFORMANCE ASST. HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER NFL EXPERIENCE: 7 YEARS

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TEAM PHYSICIAN

PRIMARY SPORT CARE MEDICINE

CHAD KASPEROWKSI. DMD

TEAM DENTIST

MASAHIRO TAKAHAGI ASST. ATHLETIC TRAINER NFL EXPERIENCE: 5 YEARS



JEFF RUIZ **DIR. OF REHABILITATION** & PHYSICAL THERAPIST NFL EXPERIENCE: 2 YEARS

ANDREW PARKER. MD TEAM PHYSICIAN AND ORTHOPEDICS

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FRONT OFFICE



MIKE BRACKEN

24TH NFL SEASON / 24TH WITH WASHINGTON

Mike Bracken is entering his 24th season with Washington and his 20th as the head of the video department in 2022. His responsibilities include overseeing the daily operations, including assisting the coaching and scouting staffs with game tape and player highlights. Bracken conducts the editing of video from all practices and games, produces "cut-ups" of upcoming opponents, and creates highlight tapes for use in meetings throughout the season. He is also in charge of

purchasing and maintaining video and digital equipment.

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.



MIKE ADAMS ASST. VIDEO DIRECTOR NFL EXPERIENCE: 13 YEARS



WILL KROM VIDEO ASSISTANT NFL EXPERIENCE: 8 YEARS



AARON CLEM VIDEO ASSISTANT NFL EXPERIENCE: 1 YEAR





Bryan 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.



MATT PETERSON FOOTBALL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT NFL EXPERIENCE: 3 YEARS



DREW CURLS ASST. EQUIPMENT MANAGER NFL EXPERIENCE: 7 YEARS



JUSTIN BROOKS EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT NFL EXPERIENCE: 6 YEARS



JERELLE LEVERITTE EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT NFL EXPERIENCE: 1 YEAR










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JOHN BATES 87 | TIGHT END



JON BOSTIC 53 | LINEBACKER



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PERCY BUTLER 35 | SAFETY



SAAHDIQ CHARLES 77 | TACKLE



CAMARON CHEESEMAN 54 | LONG SNAPPER



SAM COSMI 76 | TACKLE



白 KAMREN CURL 31 | SAFETY



JAMIN DAVIS 52 | LINEBACKER



JAHAN DOTSON 1 | WIDE RECEIVER



MILO EIFLER 46 | LINEBACKER



DARRICK FORREST 22 | SAFETY



KENDALL FULLER 29 | CORNERBACK



ANTONIO GIBSON 24 | RUNNING BACK



DE'JON HARRIS 45 | LINEBACKER



TAYLOR HEINICKE 4 | QUARTERBACK



CHRISTIAN HOLMES 34 | CORNERBACK



SAM HOWELL 14 | QUARTERBACK



KHALEKE HUDSON 47 | LINEBACKER



DANNY JOHNSON 36 | CORNERBACK



CHARLES LENO JR. 72 | TACKLE



CORNELIUS LUCAS 78 | TACKLE



NICK MARTIN 60 | CENTER

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DAVID MAYO 51 | LINEBACKER



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TERRY MCLAURIN 17 | WIDE RECEIVER



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CHRIS PAUL 75 | GUARD



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WASHINGTON TO RETIRE SONNY JURGENSEN'S NO.9 JERSEY

NO WASHINGTON PLAYER WILL EVER WEAR NO. 9 AGAIN

The Washington Commanders will retire the jersey of Washington Legend Sonny Jurgensen today. The standout quarterback was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983, is a five-time Pro Bowler, and member of Washington's Ring of Fame and inaugural 70 Greatest list. Jurgensen will become the fourth member in the franchise's 90year history to have his jersey retired.

Jurgensen played in the NFL for 18 seasons. including 11 as the quarterback in Washington. Jurgensen finished his career having appeared in 218 career games with 147 starts. He registered 2,433 career completions for 32,224 total passing yards and 255 passing touchdowns for a career passer rating of 82.6. His 255 passing touchdowns are ranked 21st all-time in NFL history. Jurgensen appeared in 135 games for Washington and finished his career in the burgundy and gold with 1,831 completions for 22,585 passing yards and 179 passing touchdowns. Jurgensen ranks No. 2 in franchise history in completions, passing yards, and passing touchdowns. Beyond his football accolades, Jurgensen spent six years calling plays for CBS and another 38 consecutive years in Washington's radio booth. During his radio tenure he was the voice of three Washington Super Bowl titles.

"No member of the Washington franchise will ever wear the number 9 again, which is truly a nod to Sonny's incredible accomplishments on and off the field," said Co-CEO and Co-Owner Tanya Snyder. "Dan and I are thankful for the 55 years Sonny dedicated to the franchise. People will remember him as one of the greatest quarterbacks in franchise history and the radio voice of the team for our three Super Bowl victories. He represents true excellence and professionalism and serves as a role model for future Washington players. We look forward to honoring his legacy with his friends and family later this season. He will forever be a part of the Burgundy & Gold."

Jurgensen will be recognized in a pregame ceremony that will take place on the main concourse at FedExField 60 minutes prior to kickoff on January 7 or 8 during "Rivalry Weekend" against the Dallas Cowboys. The ceremony will include members of Jurgensen's family and teammates and will be open to fans. Additionally, Jurgensen will be honored during a pregame ceremony on the field leading up to kickoff. Jurgensen had some of his best performances against the Cowboys. In those contests he registered 332 completions for 4,668 yards and 33 touchdowns. He ranks No. 3 in completions and No. 4 in both passing yards and passing touchdowns all-time against Dallas in NFL history. He ranks first in all three categories against Dallas in franchise history. Jurgensen also led one of the greatest comebacks in Washington history against Dallas on Nov. 28, 1965. Dallas was leading Washington 21-0 in the second quarter of the contest. Washington ended up defeating Dallas 34-31. Jurgensen finished that game 26-of-43 with 411 passing yards along with three passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown.

"I am very humbled by this recognition, it is an honor of a lifetime to have my jersey retired with a franchise I spent 55 years of my life with," said Washington Legend Sonny Jurgensen. "Thank you to Dan and Tanya for this honor and for supporting me and my family during our time in Washington. From hanging up my cleats to hanging up my clipboard and headset a few decades later, my time spent in Washington meant the world to me. Additionally, I want to thank my coaches and teammates including Coach Lombardi, Leonard Hauss, Billy Kilmer, Bobby Mitchell, Jerry Smith and Charley Taylor, and my special radio and tv partners Sam Huff, Frank Herzog and others. Thank you to the fan base for cheering on the Burgundy & Gold every single Sunday, without you we wouldn't have the ability to play or talk about this special game for a living. Lastly, a special thank you to my wife Margo for always being by my side and for the unconditional support."



"OUARTERBACKS TO TRADE UNIFORMS; EAGLES SEND JURGENSEN TO REDSKINS IN TRADE FOR SNEAD⁹⁹ (NY TIMES)

JURGENSEN TRADE HERALDED A NEW ERA

It was no April Fool's Day joke when Washington traded for quarterback Sonny Jurgensen on April 1, 1964. In fact, it was one of the most important trades in franchise history.

Jurgensen, who grew up in Wilmington, N.C., and played his college football at Duke University, was drafted by Philadelphia in the fourth round in 1957.

With the Eagles, he played behind Hall of Famer Norm Van Brocklin for three years and was part of the Philadelphia team that won the NFL title in 1960.

But in April 1964, the Eagles decided to ship Jurgensen to Washington, D.C., in a trade for quarterback Norm Snead and cornerback Claude Crabb.

Earlier this year, Jurgensen commented on the trade in an exclusive interview with Redskins.com TV.

"I was shocked in a way," he said. "I had just met with the new coach of the Eagles who had come in with the new owner. I met with him, sat in his office for a few hours talked about what we were going to do, what offense we were going to have and how we were going to win again.

"I left, went to lunch, met some friends of mine. Then someone came in and said you were traded to the Redskins. I said 'No, it's April Fool's Day, you're kidding.' He said, 'No, I'm not kidding. I just heard it on the radio.' So I was shocked.

"When I looked back on it, being shocked initially, it was an opportunity to start fresh and to start anew. It was a team I had followed because Washington was part of the south. I had come up to see them play as a high school team. My family could come up and see me play. I enjoyed that."

Sonny, or Christian Adolph Jurgensen III, was widely recognized as the finest pure passer of his era, which also included Baltimore's Johnny Unitas, Green Bay's Bart Starr and the New York Jets' Joe Namath.

Jurgensen played for 18 seasons in the NFL. A five-time Pro Bowl selection, He earned three NFL individual passing titles. With a career QB rating of 82.6, his stats include 2,433 completions for 32,224 yards and 255 touchdowns. In his prime, Jurgensen, a popular TV and radio commentator for Washington since his playing career ended, could throw the ball 80 yards.

As a Redskin, many of his accurate spirals fell into the arms of Bobby Mitchell, Charley Taylor or Jerry Smith.

As Taylor once said: "The NFL back then had other great quarterbacks like Unitas and Starr. But Sonny was the guy. He had a feel for the game, a feel for what was happening. He made things easier for you."

Jurgensen played for nine coaches in his career. He once said that his favorite was Vince Lombardi, who came to Washington in February of 1969 after coaching Green Bay to two Super Bowl wins and three other NFL titles.

Washington finished 7-5-2 with Lombardi in 1969, their first winning season since 1955. Jurgensen had an All-Pro year for Washington and Lombardi in 1969, throwing for 3,102 yards and 22 passes and completing 62 percent of his throws.

Both Snead and Crabb were solid NFL players but neither could come close to matching Jurgensen's impact.

During his 18-year NFL career, Snead, a native of the Newport News, Va., area who was drafted in Round 1 by Washington in 1961, played for five NFL teams--Washington, Philadelphia, Minnesota, the New York Giants and San Francisco.

Crabb played for seven years--with Washington, Eagles and Los Angeles Rams--before retiring in 1968.

Meanwhile, at the age of 40 in his final season in 1974, Jurgensen won his third NFL passing crown. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.



Sonny Jurgensen thought it was an April Fool's joke. But when a man told Jurgensen he had been traded from the Eagles to Washington, he was hearing the truth.

On April 1, 1964, Washington's NFC East rival traded a gun-slinging Jurgensen to the burgundy and gold. The deal involved four players, with the Eagles and Washington each swapping a quarterback and defensive back. In making the trade for Jurgensen, former Washington head coach Bill McPeak desired a new look under center, calling on Jurgensen to revitalize the Washington offense. Although quarterback Norm Snead was selected to two Pro Bowls in his first three seasons in Washington, McPeak wasn't impressed with his statistics, leading to the acquisition of Jurgensen.

His return to Franklin Field was one Jurgensen and those in attendance would remember for a long time.

After Washington started the season 0-4, Jurgensen led them to a resounding 35-20 victory on a chilly October afternoon in Philadelphia. He finished the game with five touchdown passes, totaled 385 yards through the air and completed 22 of his 33 passes.

Washington went on to sweep the season series against the Eagles, and over the course of his Washington career, Jurgensen went on to win 13 of the 16 games in which he faced his former franchise. In those matchups, the Washington Ring of Fame inductee threw for 33 touchdowns.

"Jurgensen is a great quarterback," said NFL legend Vince Lombardi during his one-year tenure in Washington in 1969. "He hangs in there under adverse conditions. ...He's the best the league has ever seen. He's the best I have seen."

In 18 seasons in the NFL, Jurgensen totaled 255 touchdowns and 32,224 yards. In 1983, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Washington franchise.







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This year will go down as a special one in Washington's history as it marked the franchise's first season under the Washington Commanders brand identity. From the reveal on February 2nd to the final 2022 regular season home game, the Commanders have produced some incredible "firsts" and made countless memories on and off the field. Take a look back at a few of those standout moments:



February 2, 2022: After an 18-month collaborative process, Washington reveals its new name and brand identity, the Washington Commanders.



April 28, 2022: Jahan Dotson becomes first Commander to be drafted. Fittingly, the Penn State WR chooses #1 as his jersey number.





July 9, 2022: On the day the franchise was established 90 years ago, Commanders begin celebrations, commemorations and programming to honor the 90th anniversary.





September 6, 2022: Commanders introduce Mando, an English Labrador in training with K9s For Warriors, as the official team dog of the 2022 season. Mando is set to become a service dog for a retired military member upon the completion of his training with K9s For Warriors.



August 13, 2022: Commanders unveil revamped team Fight Song at preseason opener.



August 26, 2022: Commanders head to Richmond to host first rally of the season along with a girls' flag football scrimmage and practice for local high schools. September 11, 2022: Wide receiver Curtis Samuel scores the first touchdown of the Commanders era in Washington's 28-22 Week 1 over the Jacksonville Jaguars at FedExField.

October 2022: Washington recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is guided by new tagline "Command the Cure." Events from the month include a first-of-its kind BCA panel at the National Museum of African American History & Culture.





November 14, 2022: Commanders defeat the previously undefeated Eagles 32-21 on Monday Night Football.



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JONATHAN ALLEN, TRESS WAY, JEREMY REAVES, AND TERRY MCLAURIN NAMED TO 2023 PRO BOWL

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. – The National Football League announced this evening that defensive tackle Jonathan Allen, punter Tress Way, special teamer Jeremy Reaves and wide receiver Terry McLaurin were named to the 2023 Pro Bowl. Allen, Way and Reaves have been named Pro Bowl starters for the NFC.

Washington is sending their most total players to the Pro Bowl since 2016. With Allen and Way being named NFC starters and Jeremy Reaves being named primary special teams player, it marks the most starters selected to the Pro Bowl in franchise history since the team sent three starters in 2002.

Including two selections last season, Washington has now produced at least two Pro Bowl players in seven consecutive seasons for the first time since the 1985-91 campaigns. This marks the second consecutive season that Washington has multiple Pro Bowl starters on their roster. It is the first time since 2009-10 that Washington has had multiple starters in the Pro Bowl in consecutive seasons.

Allen was selected as a starting defensive tackle for the NFC. This is Allen's second Pro Bowl selection. Allen became the first ever defensive tackle in Washington franchise history to be named a starter in the Pro Bowl last season and now earns the honor in back-to-back seasons. Allen is the first Washington defensive tackle in the Common Draft Era to be selected to multiple Pro Bowls. The only other Washington defensive tackle to be selected to multiple Pro Bowls was Bob Toneff who was a Pro Bowler during both the 1960 and 1961 seasons.

Way was selected as the starting punter for the NFC. This is Way's second Pro Bowl selection. Prior to being selected to the Pro Bowl in 2019, 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.

Reaves was selected as a primary special teamer for the NFC. This is Reaves' first Pro Bowl selection. Reaves' selection marks the first time that Washington has sent a special teamer to the Pro Bowl since Lorenzo Alexander in 2012.

McLaurin was selected as a wide receiver for the NFC. This is McLaurin's first Pro Bowl selection. McLaurin becomes the first Washington wide receiver to be named to the Pro Bowl since Santana Moss in 2005.

Through Week 15, Allen has registered 58 tackles (42 solo), including 16 tackles for loss. He has also registered 7.5 sacks for 53.5 total yards and has forced two fumbles and three passes defensed. Allen currently leads all defensive tackles in the NFL in tackles for loss and ranks fifth in total sacks.

Through Week 15, Way has registered 70 total punts for 3,284 yards (46.9 avg.) with 32 punts pinned inside the 20-yard line. Way leads all punters in punts pinned inside the 20-yard line. Way's net average ranks No. 3 among all punters in the NFC.

Through Week 15, Reaves has 16 total special teams tackles. His 16 special teams tackles leads the NFL. Reaves leads a punt return coverage unit that ranks No. 4 in the NFL.

Through Week 15, McLaurin has recorded 68 receptions for 1,015 yards (14.9 avg.) and has scored three touchdowns. McLaurin also has 11 receptions of 25-plus yards. McLaurin ranks fourth in the NFC in receiving yards, third in 25-plus yard receptions and second in the NFC in yards-per-reception for players with a minimum of 50-plus receptions.

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(Woody Sellers)

DJ OH GOODY, BIG 57 REALIZE DREAM WITH THEIR COMMANDERS SONG 'LEFT HAND UP' PERFORMANCE AT FEDEXFIELD

By Hannah Lichtenstein

Before the Sunday Night Football game against the Giants, Woody "DJ oh Goody" Sellers and his nephew Wayne "Big 57" Sellers took the stage at FedExField's Legend Plaza to perform their hit Commanders song "Left Hand Up."

"For me it was an out of body experience. It felt as if I was watching myself perform with the crowd if that makes sense," Wayne Sellers said. "It just didn't feel real to have one of my biggest dreams come true."

The Sellers' performance was met with a ton of energy. The two were cheered when they came on stage. The crowd sang along to the lyrics. When the song cued "Left hand up, who are we? The Commanders!", listeners had their fists in the air moving to the beat. After and before the show, attendees flocked to take pictures with the duo. The scene at Legends Plaza made clear how much of a chord this song has struck with Washington fans.

The attention generated by the "Left Hand Up" has been a whirlwind for the Sellerses, who are lifelong Washington fans. It had humble beginnings with stops that included Woody brainstorming lyrics in his FedEx delivery truck and a beat purchased on BeatStars.com. The music video, which starred a lot of their family and family, went viral in the fall as clips were shared by big football social media accounts with millions of followers.

Since then, the song has grown into a sort of unofficial anthem among fans. A raised left hand has become a go-to gesture for those displayed on the big screen and even players at times. Just recently during the bye week, Taylor Heinicke joked that "Left Hand Up" was the most played song on his phone. From the start, the unlikely journey has been propelled by the Sellerses belief in what they have created and what this song could be.

"For me this process was a whole lot of speaking things into existence," Woody Sellers said. "When we prepared to do the video, we said that the organization may like this song. We told people to come to our shoot because we are about to make history. The same thing with the dream of performing at FedExField. We spoke it into existence."

In a few ways, the Sunday night performance captured so much of what the song is all about. Legends Plaza, for example, was a fitting spot for the concert as the tune makes references to Doug Williams, the Hogs, John Riggins and Joe Gibbs as well as Washington's three Super Bowl wins.

The pregame show also highlighted community support and the coming together of a diverse fanbase around a shared love. Fans across many different generations could huddle around the stage. Hoping to give back to those in the DMV area who have been there for them, the Sellerses rallied kids from the first Baptist Church of Highland Park and Wayne's middle school Benjamin D. Foulis to dance while they sang. The kids wore "Left Hand Up" shirts made by District Height-based business Our Republic 7. So many of the ideas and elements that helped the creation of this hit were harmonizing on that Sunday night.

As the lights flashed from recording phones and their own voices were drowned out by the crowd singing their song, DJ oh Goody and Big 57 let the magnitude of the moment wash over them. They believed in a dream and, with the help of their <u>Burgundy & Gold family</u>, made it into a reality.

"What I'll remember about Sunday night is the love the atmosphere had," Wayne Sellers said. "The Commanders have the best fanbase in all of football and it definitely showed that night."



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