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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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SPORT TENNIS

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Paul Annacone, University of Tennessee tennis 1982-84

Paul Annacone was the University of Tennessee's first three-time All-American and a two-time SEC champion. In 1984 he was the Rolex National Indoor singles champion and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year. His 1984 singles record of 51-3 is still the best in UT tennis history.

During his 14 years on the professional tour as a player, Annacone won three ATP titles and reached a career high ranking of No. 12 in singles. With long-time partner Christovan Rensburg, he won the 1985 Australian Open and finished his career with 14 doubles titles. He was a member of the 1986 United States Davis Cup team versus Australia, partnering with Ken Flach in the doubles competition.

Annacone turned to coaching after his successful playing career and worked with some of the most esteemed and accomplished players ever to pick up a racquet. Alongside Pete Sampras for nine of his 14 Grand Slam Titles, Annacone was called "the court whisperer" by Sports Illustrated. Under his tutelage, Tim Henman saw his world ranking soar from No. 41 to a career high of No. 4. It was also with Annacone as his coach that Roger Federer brought home two straight year-end ATP Championships in 2010 and 2011, buoying him back to the top ranking and earning his 7th Wimbledon title.

Paul was Managing Director of the USTA's High Performance Program (2001-2003) and in November 2006 was appointed to support Paul Hutchins, the then Head of Men's Tennis at the Lawn Tennis Association. He was Great Britain's Davis Cup coach (April 2008-March 2010).

Annacone has been sharing his wisdom on players and the game worldwide as a commentator for the Tennis Channel and covering the Olympics for NBC. Paul has also worked with WTA rising star Sloane Stephens and three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka. He is currently coaching one of America's best young tennis players, Taylor Fritz.

Roger Federer Winner of 20 Majors, tied for 1st All time

“Everything we did, on and off the court, had a purpose. We set clear goals and did everything in our power, collectively, to achieve them. The pursuit was often difficult, but in the end, when you achieve your goals, it makes all the hard work pay off. Paul was a master at constructing, managing and executing the process.”

Pete Sampras

Winner of 14 Majors

International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2007

“Paul Annacone had a tremendous impact on my career. From his knowledge of the game, to his easy going personality, to his ability to know just what to say and when to say it. He is a wonderful ambassador for the sport of tennis. He went from a successful playing career to being an elite coach, then segued into commentating. Every step of the way, he has dedicated his entire career to sharing his knowledge of the game. I can't think of a person more deserving of any and all accolades that may come his way.”

Jim Courier Tennis Channel Colleague and former World #1

Winner of 4 Majors

International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2005

“Paul has long been a major force in the tennis world from his time as a world class singles and doubles pro to his work as a coach of two of the game's all-time greats, Pete Sampras and Roger Federer as well his expert analysis as a TV commentator. He remains a central figure in professional tennis and would be a worthy addition to the hall of fame. “



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Sharrieffa Barksdale was born in Harriman, Tennessee. The 6th of 7 children, Sharrieffa was always viewed by her family as a strong-willed young lady, who was full of determination and drive to become the best at whatever she chose. This determined attitude was exemplified when she competed for the Harriman High School girls' track team. She was also named high school All-American and identified in Who's Who across America.

Her determination to be a winner no matter what the odds, has shaped her into the woman she is today. Sharrieffa's commitment to her craft of running was strengthened during her 5:00 a.m. morning runs she made every morning throughout her years in high school. As an all-around student athlete, playing basketball, running track, drum major and cheerleading, Sharrieffa showed herself to not only be competitive, but one of the best in every endeavor she undertook.

She earned a track & field scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville majoring in early childhood education. The work ethic that she demonstrated in high school increased as she made her way through college. She was a standout track star running for the Lady Vols, where she became the first female in the history of the women's 400-meter hurdles to go under 55 seconds. She later broke the American record in the 400-meter hurdles with the time of 54.90, just missing the world record by a mere eight-tenths of a second! In 1983 Sharrieffa won the silver medal at the Pan American games. In 1984 she earned a spot on the United States Olympic Team in 1984 that was held in Los Angeles, California where she placed 9 overall and was ranked 9th in the world. Following the 1984 Olympic Games, she was honored by the city of Harriman with the Keys to the City, a street named after her and the local high school track where she competed as a teen was named "Sharrieffa Barksdale Track". Sharrieffa

continued to represent the United States in international competitions around the world for over 15 years.

Sharrieffa has proven to be a champion on and off the track. Upon her retirement from the sport Sharrieffa re-entered the world of track and field in 2000 and has not slowed down, not only competing in Masters in 2008 and was awarded master's Athlete of the Year through USATF Kentucky Association. She served as a Coach, Assistant Manager, and Liaison on several USA International Teams. She has served as the assistant manager for USA Olympic Teams Beijing 2008, London 2012, and Rio 2016.

Ms. Barksdale has over the years shown that in every aspect of life, a winning attitude goes a long way. She has shared her life story through her motivational speaking in many venues on various platforms throughout the nation and abroad. She has spoken at prestigious universities, local elementary and high schools, National and International teams as well as local, state and federal government agencies.

Her speech provides powerful motivation for people to navigate through obstacles of life by not **"Let Nothing Stand in Your Way" and "It Can Happen to You"**. She recorded a song written and co-produced by her called Strong Women. Shortly after her song was released her daughter Gentel Sharrie produced Sharrieffa short film music video which has over 3.6K views on YouTube and is up for 3 nominations.

Ms. Barksdale holds an Honorary Doctoral Degree from McFormalsdale Christian University for Professional Motivational Speaking & Global/International Speaking with a Concentration in Educational Studies and an Emphasis in Sports Management. Ms. Barksdale was inducted into the University of Tennessee Athletics Hall of Fame and the Senior Manager of USA Track and Field Alumni Relations.

Ms. Barksdale who is the founder of Born 2 Be Elite and her Co-founder 4 times Olympian medalist Justin Gatlin runs a Non-Profit organization Elite program in Cape Town South Africa. Ms. Barksdale is also the owner of One-on-One Training Academy and through both programs it allows her and Justin to give back to disadvantaged children by changing lives.

Sharrieffa is the proud mother of two wonderful children, Actor Gentel Sharrie and Javelin thrower Javarus.



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Eric Berry (born December 29, 1988) is a former American football safety. He played college football at Tennessee, where he was a two-time unanimous All-American and recognized as the best collegiate defensive back in the country. He was then drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs fifth overall in the 2010 NFL Draft. Berry has been voted to the Pro Bowl five times and has been named to the First Team All-Pro three times.

Berry was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma on December 8, 2014. After going through chemotherapy in the offseason and being declared cancer free, Berry came back for the 2015 season and was named to the Pro Bowl, the AP All-Pro team, and was named the 2015 AP Comeback Player of the Year. He was named to the NFL 2010s All-Decade Team.



Early years[[edit](#)]

Berry was born in Fairburn, Georgia. He attended Creekside High School in Fairburn, and was a standout athlete for the Seminole track and football teams.^[1]

Berry played cornerback and quarterback, earning a 37–5 record as a starter at Creekside.^[2] He was teammates with Roquevious Watkins and Terrance Parks. Following his stellar high school career, Berry was invited to play in the 2007 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Berry was considered the top player in Georgia and the top cornerback prospect by every recruiting service, and *Rivals.com* ranked him the #3 player in the nation.^[2] He was once clocked at 4.38-4.41 range at the 40-yard dash at a soft indoor surface at a high school Combine.^[3]

Berry was also a standout athlete for Creekside's track team. He set school records in long jump, with a leap of 6.95 meters, and 200 meters, with a time of 21.76 seconds.

Berry was the anchor leg of the 2006 Class 4A state championship 4 × 400 meters relay team. Individually, he was the 2005 Class 4A state champion in the 200 meters and 2007 Class 4A state champion in the Long Jump, beating future NFL players Brandon Boykin, 2nd and Stephen Hill, 3rd.

He had career-bests of 10.66 seconds in the 100 meters and 21.44 seconds in the 200 meters.^[4]

College career[[edit](#)]

Berry received many scholarship offers, but chose to attend the University of Tennessee, where he played from 2007 to 2009 under head coaches Phillip Fulmer and Lane Kiffin.^[5]

2007 season[[edit](#)]

As a freshman, Berry replaced fifth-year senior Jarod Parrish after a strong showing in his first collegiate game against California.^[6] Berry turned in several big plays during his freshman season en route to being named the SEC Defensive Freshman of the Year by the *Sporting News*.^[7] His 222 return yards (on five interceptions) broke the 37-year-old Tennessee record by 43 yards.^[8] Berry led all SEC freshmen in tackles with 86. He twice was named SEC Freshman of the Week for his play over the regular season's final three games.^[9] After the season, he was also named 1st team Freshman All-American by Rivals.^[10]

2008 season[edit]

Berry in 2008 as a member of the Tennessee Volunteers.

Prior to the season, despite being a sophomore, Berry was named a team captain.^[11]

For the year, Berry tied for the national lead in interceptions with seven and returned them for 265 yards and two touchdowns, breaking the record he set the year earlier. Combined with the yards he accumulated as a freshman, Berry set the all-time career SEC record for interception return yards with 487 yards, only 14 yards shy of the NCAA record for interception return yards, set by Terrell Buckley during his time at Florida State. He also finished the regular season with 72 tackles, six pass break-ups, and three sacks.^[12]

Berry also took snaps on offense at quarterback and wide receiver, gaining 44 rushing yards on seven carries. In addition, he gained 32 yards on two kick-off returns.

His early success had some journalists speculating that he could end up being the best defensive player in Tennessee history.^[13] He was nominated as a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, the Lott Trophy, and the Chuck Bednarik Award.

Berry was named the SEC Defensive Player of the year and was a first-team All-SEC pick. He was also a unanimous first-team All American.^[14] The Touchdown Club of Columbus also named him their winner of the 2008 Jack Tatum Award as well.^[15]

2009 season[edit]

As a junior, Berry recorded 87 total tackles, two interceptions, nine passes defensed, and one fumble recovery.^[16] Following the season, Berry was a first-team All-SEC selection, and was recognized as a unanimous first-team All-American for the second consecutive season.^[14] He won the Jim Thorpe Award and also was the recipient of The Touchdown Club of Columbus's Jack Tatum Award for the second straight year.^{[17][18]}

At the conclusion of the 2009 season, Berry announced his intention to enter the 2010 NFL Draft.^[19]

College awards and honors[edit]

- 2009 Unanimous All-American
- 2000s ESPN All-Decade High School Football Team
- 2000s RivalsHigh.com Team Of The Decade First Team
- 2000s *Sports Illustrated* All-Decade Team

- 2009 Jim Thorpe Award
- 2009 Bronko Nagurski Award Finalist
- 2009 Lott Award Finalist
- 2009 Jack Tatum Award Winner
- 2009 First-team All-SEC (Coaches, AP)
- 2008 Unanimous All-American
- 2008 National Defensive Sophomore of the Year (Collegefootballnews.com)
- 2008 SEC Defensive Player of the Year
- 2008 Jack Tatum Award Winner
- 2008 First-team All-SEC (Coaches, AP)
- 2008 Vince Dooley Award

College statistics[edit]

Correct as of the end of the 2009 season.

Professional career[edit]

Following Tennessee's 37–14 loss to Virginia Tech in the 2009 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Berry announced his decision to forgo his final year of college football eligibility, entering the 2010 NFL Draft.^[20] He attended the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana and performed all of the combine and positional drills. Berry finished second among safeties in the 40-yard dash and fifth in the bench press.^[21] On March 16, 2010, Berry opted to participate at Tennessee's pro day, but chose to stand on his combine numbers and only performed positional drills.

"As a rule, safeties aren't talked about going that high. But this guy, I think in everybody's mind, impacts the game. You try to get impact players, and Berry's certainly one."

St. Louis Rams GM Billy Devaney.^[22]

Berry was regarded as the highest scouted safety since Sean Taylor, whom Berry idolized prior to Taylor's death, and was expected to be selected no lower than No. 7, the Cleveland Browns pick.^{[23][24][25][22]} NFL draft experts and scouts projected him to be a first round pick and a possible top ten selection.^[26] He was ranked as the top safety prospect in the draft by NFL analyst Mike Mayock, DraftScout.com, Bleacher Report, and Sports Illustrated.^{[27][28]}

2010[edit]

The Kansas City Chiefs selected Berry in the first round (fifth overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft. He became the highest drafted defensive back since Sean Taylor in 2004, and the highest drafted Tennessee Volunteer since Jamal Lewis.^[31] Berry selected number 29 as his jersey number in honor of former Tennessee defensive back standout Inky Johnson, whose career was cut short due to an injury and also as a tribute to his hometown of Fairburn, Georgia, and the main road U.S. Route 29.^[32]

On July 30, 2010, the Kansas City Chiefs signed Berry to a six-year, \$60 million contract that includes \$34 million guaranteed and made him the highest paid safety in the league history.^{[33][34] [35]}

He entered training camp slated as the starting free safety. Head coach Todd Haley named him the starter, alongside starting strong safety Jon McGraw, to start the 2010 regular season.^[36]

He made his professional regular season debut and first career start in the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the San Diego Chargers and recorded his first career tackle on tight end Antonio Gates after he caught an 11-yard pass in the first quarter of their 21–14 victory. He finished his debut with six combined tackles.^[37] On October 24, 2010, Berry recorded four solo tackles, two pass deflections, forced a fumble, and made his first career interception off a pass by quarterback Todd Bouman during a 42–20 victory against the Jacksonville Jaguars.^[38] The following week, he made a season-high ten combined tackles (seven solo), deflected a pass, and intercepted a pass by Ryan Fitzpatrick in their 13–10 overtime victory over the Buffalo Bills.^[39] In Week 9, he recorded four combined tackles and a season-high two sacks on quarterback Jason Campbell in the Chiefs' 23–20 overtime victory at the Oakland Raiders. It marked Berry's first career sack.^[40] On December 26, 2010, Berry made four solo tackles, broke up a pass, and returned an interception for a 54-yard touchdown to mark the first score of his career. His interception was off a pass by quarterback Kerry Collins that was originally intended for Nate Washington and occurred in the second quarter of their 34–14 victory against the Tennessee Titans in Week 16.^[41] He finished his rookie season with a career-high 92 combined tackles (77 solo), nine pass deflections, four interceptions, two sacks, a touchdown, and a forced fumble in 16 games and 16 starts.^{[42][43]} He led the team in interceptions (4), and was second only to Derrick Johnson in tackles and solo tackles.^[44]

On January 24, 2011, it was reported that Berry would play in the 2011 Pro Bowl as a replacement for Troy Polamalu, who was appearing in the AFC Championship with the Pittsburgh Steelers.^[45] He became the first Chiefs rookie to be selected to the Pro Bowl since linebacker Derrick Thomas.^[46] Berry helped to improve the Kansas City defense from 29th best unit in the 2009 season in terms of points allowed to 11th in the 2010 season,^{[47][48]} In addition to starting every game, Berry was on the field for almost half of Kansas City's special teams plays and was the only Chiefs defender to play every defensive snap.^[49]

The Kansas City Chiefs finished first in the AFC West with a 10–6 record. On January 9, 2011, Berry recorded ten combined tackles and a season-high four pass deflections during a 30–7 loss to the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC Wildcard Game.^[50]

2011[edit]

He started the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the Buffalo Bills, but sustained a torn ACL on the Bills' second offensive drive during the first quarter of their 41–7 loss.^[51] He sustained the injury during a seven-yard run by C. J. Spiller and went down untouched while attempting to switch direction in pursuit of him.^[52] On September 14, the Kansas City Chiefs officially placed him on injured reserve prematurely ending his second season before he recorded a stat.^[53] On September 29, 2011, he underwent surgery to repair the torn ligament. Throughout the season, Jon McGraw replaced Berry in the lineup. On December 13, 2011, the Kansas City Chiefs fired head coach Todd Haley after they stood at a 5–8 record. Defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel was named interim head coach for the last three games.^[54]

2012[\[edit\]](#)

Berry returned to training camp in 2012 and reclaimed his role as the starting strong safety. Head coach Romeo Crennel named Berry and Lewis the starting safety duo to begin the regular season.^[55]

On November 1, 2012, Berry recorded eight combined tackles, a pass deflection, and intercepted a pass by Philip Rivers during a 31–13 loss at the San Diego Chargers.^[56] In Week 11, he collected a season-high 11 solo tackles in the Chiefs' 28–6 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals.^[56] On December 16, 2012, Berry tied his season-high of 11 solo tackles and broke up a pass in their 15–0 loss at the Oakland Raiders.^[56] On December 26, 2012, Berry was announced as one of six Chiefs players to be a voted to the 2013 Pro Bowl.^[57] On December 31, 2012, the Kansas City Chiefs fired head coach Romeo Crennel after they finished with a 2–14 record.^[58] He finished the 2012 season with 86 combined tackles (73 solo), ten pass deflections, and an interception in 16 games and 16 starts.^[42]

2013[\[edit\]](#)

New head coach Andy Reid retained Berry and Lewis as the starting safeties to begin 2013.^[59]

On September 19, 2013, Berry recorded five solo tackles, two pass deflections, and returned an interception off Michael Vick for a 37-yard touchdown in the Chiefs' 26–16 victory at the Philadelphia Eagles.^[60] In Week 12, he made a season-high eight solo tackles, broke up a pass, and a sack during a 41–28 loss to the San Diego Chargers.^[61] On December 15, 2013, Berry collected three combined tackles, two pass deflections, a season-high two interceptions, and a touchdown during a 56–31 victory at the Oakland Raiders.^[61] During the first quarter, he intercepted a pass by Matt McGloin and returned it for a 37-yard touchdown.^[62] Head coach Andy Reid decided to rest Berry for the Chiefs' Week 17 matchup at the San Diego Chargers after the Chiefs had already clinched a playoff berth with an 11–4 record.^[61] On December 27, 2013, it was announced that Berry was one of eight players from the Chiefs to be voted to the 2014 Pro Bowl, marking his third consecutive Pro Bowl.^[63] Berry attained the second highest overall grade among safeties from Pro Football Focus in 2013.^[64]

He finished the season with 74 combined tackles (66 solo), ten pass deflections, a career-high 3.5 sacks, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries, and two touchdowns in 15 games and 15 starts.^[42] On January 4, 2014, Berry started in the AFC Wildcard Game and recorded nine combined tackles and a forced fumble during their 45–44 loss at the Indianapolis Colts.^[61] On January 26, 2014, he started in the

2014 Pro Bowl for Team Sanders and recorded two pass deflections and an interception during their 22–21 victory over Team Rice.^[61] He intercepted a pass by Drew Brees in the endzone that was intended for Larry Fitzgerald and lateraled in to Darrelle Revis after a 13-yard gain at the end of the first quarter.

2014[edit]

Berry remained the starting strong safety during training camp and was officially named the starter by defensive coordinator Bob Sutton for the season-opener, along with free safety Husain Abdullah.^[65] He started the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the Tennessee Titans and recorded a career-high 15 combined tackles (14 solo) and a pass deflection during their 26–10 loss.^[42] On September 14, 2014, Berry sustained a high ankle sprain against the Denver Broncos and was sidelined for five consecutive games (Weeks 3–8).^[66] On November 20, 2014, Berry recorded five combined tackles and began complaining of chest pains after their 24–20 loss at the Oakland Raiders.^[67] On December 8, 2014, it was reported that a mass was discovered in Berry's chest and he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.^[68] Berry was placed on the Chiefs' non-football illness list, ending his 2014 season. Berry's doctor, Dr. Christopher Flowers, a lymphoma specialist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, said of Berry's diagnosis, "This is a diagnosis that is very treatable and potentially curable with standard chemotherapy approaches. The goal of Mr. Berry's treatment is to cure his lymphoma and we are beginning that treatment now."^[69] He finished the 2014 season with 37 combined tackles (32 solo) and two pass deflections in six games and five starts.^[42]

2015[edit]

On July 28, 2015, the Kansas City Chiefs announced that Berry had been cleared to resume football activities and was declared clear of cancer nearly nine months after his initial diagnosis.^[70] Head coach Andy Reid opted to bring Berry back gradually and named him the backup free safety behind Husain Abdullah to begin the 2015 regular season.^[71]

On September 17, 2015, he made his first start of the season and recorded four solo tackles in his return to Arrowhead Stadium as the Chiefs lost to the Denver Broncos 31–24.^[72] In Week 7, Berry recorded six combined tackles, a pass deflection, and intercepted a pass by Ben Roethlisberger in a 23–13 win against the Pittsburgh Steelers.^[72] On November 15, 2015, Berry made two solo tackles, a career-high four pass deflections, and intercepted a pass by quarterback Peyton Manning during a 29–13 victory at the Denver Broncos.^[72] The following week, he made a season-high eight solo tackles in the Chiefs' 33–3 victory at the San Diego Chargers.^[72] On December 24, 2015, the Kansas City Chiefs announced that Berry was one of five Chiefs players to be voted to the 2016 Pro Bowl.^[73] He finished the 2015 season with 61 combined tackles (55 solo), ten pass deflections, and two interceptions in 16 games and 15 starts.^[42] Pro Football Focus gave Berry an overall grade of 87.7, which ranked fifth among all qualifying safeties in 2015. He also received the fourth highest coverage grade among safeties (85.2).^[74]

The Kansas City Chiefs finished second in the AFC West with an 11–5 record. On January 9, 2016, Berry started in the AFC Wildcard Game and recorded three combined tackles, a pass deflection, and an interception as the Chiefs routed the Houston Texans 30–0.^[72] The following game, he made seven combined tackles in Kansas City's 27–20 loss at the New England Patriots in the AFC Divisional

Round.^[72] He was named Comeback Player of the Year and was ranked 55th by his fellow players on the NFL Top 100 Players of 2016.^{[75][76][77]}

2016[edit]

On March 1, 2016, the Kansas City Chiefs offered Berry a franchise tag.^[78] He decided to hold out of training camp and offseason activities in the hopes of receiving a long-term contract offer by the Chiefs. On August 28, 2016, Berry signed a one-year, \$10.80 million franchise tag to remain with the Chiefs for the 2016 season after both parties were unable to come to an agreement on a long-term contract.^[79]

On November 13, 2016, Berry recorded nine combined tackles, two pass deflections, and returned an interception by Cam Newton for a 42-yard touchdown in the Chiefs' 20–17 victory at the Carolina Panthers.^[80] In Week 13, Berry made two solo tackles, broke up a pass, returned an interception for a 37-yard touchdown, and became the first player to return an interception for a defensive two-point conversion since the rule was enacted in 2015. His two-point score occurred on an interception by quarterback Matt Ryan during the two-point conversion attempt and provided the winning score for the Chiefs' 29–28 victory against the Atlanta Falcons.^[80] He earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against the Falcons.^{[81][82]} On December 13, 2016, he collected a season-high 11 combined tackles (ten solo) during a 19–17 loss to the Tennessee Titans.^[80] On December 20, 2016, it was announced that Berry was one of four Chiefs players voted to the 2017 Pro Bowl, marking his fifth Pro Bowl selection of his career.^[83] He finished the season with 77 combined tackles (62 solo), nine pass deflections, four interceptions, a forced fumble, and two touchdowns in 16 games and 16 starts.^[42] Berry received an overall grade of 87.8 from Pro Football Focus, which ranked seventh among all safeties in 2016. He also received the fourth highest coverage grade among his position group (88.7) and fifth highest run defense grade (85.0).^[84]

On January 6, 2017, he was selected to be First-team All-Pro, marking his third All-Pro selection in his career.^[85] He was also ranked 13th by his peers on the NFL Top 100 Players of 2017 as the highest ranked defensive back.^[86]

2017[edit]

On February 28, 2017, the Kansas City Chiefs signed Berry to a six-year, \$78 million contract that includes \$40 million guaranteed and a \$20 million signing bonus, making him the highest-paid safety in the NFL.^[87] However, Berry would only play four more games for the Chiefs.^[88]

He remained the starting strong safety, opposite Ron Parker, to start the regular season. He started the Kansas City Chiefs season-opener at the New England Patriots and recorded seven combined tackles, before leaving their 42–27 victory on *Thursday Night Football* in the fourth quarter after sustaining an apparent Achilles injury.^[89] The following day, the Chiefs announced he had ruptured his Achilles and that he would miss the rest of the season. He finished his season with seven combined tackles (four solo) in one game and one start.^[90] On September 9, 2017, the Kansas City Chiefs officially placed him on injured reserve^[91] and he underwent surgery three days later.^[92] With only one appearance, he earned an overall grade of 73.6 from Pro Football Focus.^[93]

2018[\[edit\]](#)

While recovering from the torn Achilles, he had been dealing with a sore heel, which was later diagnosed as a Haglund's deformity, which is a bone spur that digs into the Achilles causing extreme pain.^[94] He missed the first 13 games before making his season debut in Week 15. He played in two regular season games and one playoff game, the Chiefs 31–37 loss to the Patriots in the AFC Championship game.^[95]

On March 13, 2019, Eric Berry was released by the Chiefs, in order to avoid a portion of his salary being fully guaranteed.^[96]

NFL career statistics



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Reginald John Cobb (July 7, 1968 – April 20, 2019) was a professional American football running back who played seven seasons in the National Football League. A second-round selection in the 1990 NFL Draft, he initially played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, registering his best season in 1992 when he rushed for over a thousand yards and scored nine touchdowns. He was later a member of the inaugural roster of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Cobb played college football at Tennessee, where he led the SEC in touchdowns his freshman year.[1]

High school

Cobb was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was a four-year starter at Central High School. During his senior year, he rushed for 1,141 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 6.7 yards per carry, and returned 13 kickoffs for 305 yards and a touchdown. He was named to the Nashville Banner Elite 11, and was ranked the number three recruit in the state by the Knoxville News Sentinel.[2]

As a member of Central's track team, Cobb won the state long jump title, and placed fifth in the 100-meter dash.[2]

College

Cobb signed with the Tennessee Volunteers in 1986, part of a stellar recruiting class that included future NFL players Alvin Harper, Anthony Miller, Antone Davis, Charles McRae, and Tracy Hayworth.[2] He redshirted his first year as veterans William Howard, Keith Davis and Charles Wilson handled the bulk of the team's rushing duties. Cobb rushed for 90 yards on 15 carries, including a 54-yard touchdown, in the 1987 Orange-and-White Game, and emerged from spring practice third in the running back rotation behind Keith Davis and Vando Davis.[3]

Cobb received considerable playing time in his first game of the 1987 season and made the most of the opportunity, erupting for 138 yards on 25 carries in the Vols' 23-22 win over Iowa.[4] In Tennessee's 38-10 win over Mississippi State, Cobb scored three touchdowns, including a 39-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.[5] Two weeks later, he rushed for 66 yards and scored two touchdowns, including the game-tying touchdown late in the fourth quarter, in Tennessee's 20-20 tie against Auburn.[6] In Tennessee's 38-12 win over California, Cobb rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns, and caught a 25-yard touchdown pass.[7] He rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns in Tennessee's win over Georgia Tech,[8] picked up 127 yards and two touchdowns against Louisville,[9] scored three touchdowns against Ole Miss,[10] and finished the season with 144 and 140 rushing yards, respectively, in close wins against Kentucky and Vanderbilt.[11] In Tennessee's 27-22 win over Indiana in the 1988 Peach Bowl, Cobb rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, to win game MVP honors.[12] For the season, he had a school-record 1,721 all-purpose yards, including a team-leading 1,197 rushing yards. His 20 touchdowns (17 rushing and three receiving) was second in the nation behind Paul Hewitt's 24,[1] and tied an SEC record.[13]

During the 1988 season, Cobb missed three full games and part of two games with an ankle injury, and his production dropped to 547 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 118 carries, and 126 yards and three touchdowns on 17 catches. He rushed for a career-high 182 yards against Duke, and picked up 113 yards rushing against Ole Miss before leaving the game with an injury.[14]

Prior to spring practice in 1989, Cobb was placed on indefinite suspension for failing a third drug test.[15] After completing a drug rehabilitation program, he was reinstated just before the start of the season.[15] He rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown in Tennessee's 17-14 opening win over Colorado State,[16] and added 78 yards against UCLA the following week, sharing time with rising star Chuck Webb to form a running back tandem that became known as "Cobb-Webb." [17] In Tennessee's 28-6 win over Duke, Cobb rushed for 109 yards and three touchdowns, much of his total coming on a 61-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run.[18] The biggest game of Cobb's college career came in Tennessee's 21-14 win over Auburn, when he exploded for 225 yards on 22 carries, including a 79-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.[19] In Tennessee's 17-14 win over Georgia, Cobb rushed for 106 yards on 20 carries, and scored a key touchdown in the fourth quarter.[20]

Cobb was dismissed from the team prior to Tennessee's game against Alabama in October 1989 after he once again failed a drug test.[15] For his abbreviated season, he rushed for 625 yards and six touchdowns on 90 carries.[21] At the time of his dismissal, he was locked in a battle with Florida's Emmitt Smith for the SEC's rushing title.[22] His 6.8 yards-per-carry in 1989 led the SEC.[23]

During his career at Tennessee, Cobb rushed 445 times for 2,360 yards and 26 touchdowns, caught 33 passes for 360 yards and three touchdowns, and returned 16 kickoffs for 326 yards.[24] His 1,721 all-purpose yards in 1987 remained a school single-season record until broken by Cordarrelle Patterson in 2012, and his 17 rushing touchdowns in 1987 remains a modern school single-season record.[25] His 1,197 rushing yards in 1987 remains the 9th-highest single-season total in school history, and his 2,360 career rushing yards is the school's 10th-highest career total.[26]

NFL

In January 1990, Cobb entered the John Lucas New Spirit Recovery Treatment Center in Houston. He was occasionally visited by Tampa Bay coach Ray Perkins, who became one of his advocates. In spite of his past drug use, Tampa Bay took a chance and made Cobb their second-round pick in the 1990 NFL Draft.[15] He signed with the Bucs in August 1990.[27] In his first NFL game on September 9, 1990, he rushed 11 times for 43 yards and a touchdown in the Bucs' win over Detroit.[28] His first 100-yard game came on November 10, 1991, when he carried 21 times for 139 yards and three touchdowns, including a 59-yard touchdown run. Two weeks later, he ran 22 times for 110 yards and a 27-yard touchdown in a close loss to the New York Giants.[29] Cobb's best NFL season came in 1992, when he registered four games with 100 or more yards rushing, and finished the season with 1,171 yards rushing and nine touchdowns.[30] He did not re-sign with the Bucs after the 1993 season, and became an unrestricted free agent.[31]

Cobb signed with the Green Bay Packers in April 1994.[32] He struggled at the beginning of the season. Green Bay's ground attack ranked 26th in the league at the end of September.[33] In the Packers' loss to Philadelphia on September 18, Cobb scored the team's lone touchdown on a 37-yard pass from Brett Favre. He ran for 66 yards on 13 carries in the Packers' win over Detroit on November 6, and rushed for 78 yards on just 11 tries in the Packers' rout of Chicago on December 11. In his lone trip to the postseason, Cobb had 12 yards on 8 carries and an 18-yard reception in Green Bay's 16-12 win over Detroit on December 31, and was held to just 14 yards on four carries and a 12-yard catch in the Packers' loss to Dallas the following week.[34]

Cobb was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 1995 NFL Expansion Draft. He was released by the team after the first game of the season, however. In May 1996, he signed with the New York Jets,[35] where he played primarily as a reserve. He was cut by the Jets at the end of preseason in August 1997.[36]

NFL career statistics

Year	Team	GP	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
1990	TB	16	151	480	3.2	17	2	39	299	7.7	17	0
1991	TB	16	196	752	3.8	59	7	15	111	7.4	21	0
1992	TB	16	310	1,171	3.8	25	9	21	156	7.4	27	0
1993	TB	12	221	658	3.0	16	3	9	61	6.8	19	1
1994	GB	16	153	579	3.8	30	3	35	299	8.5	37	1
1995	JAX	1	9	18	2.0	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	NYJ	15	25	85	3.4	9	1	4	23	5.8	12	0
Career		92	1,065	3,743	3.6	59	25	123	949	7.7	37	2

Post-playing career

Following his NFL playing career, Cobb entered the scouting profession with the help of fellow ex-Vol (and current senior personnel executive for the Miami Dolphins) Reggie McKenzie.[37] Cobb joined the Washington Redskins administration as a scout in 2001, and subsequently worked for six years as Tampa Bay's Southwestern regional scout. He joined the San Francisco 49ers, where he was the team's Western regional scout, in 2009. In 2011, he was named NFC scout of the year by the Fritz Pollard Alliance.[38]

In July 2011, Cobb was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.[37] Cobb died in Santa Clara, California from a heart attack due to one of his arteries being 80% blocked on April 20, 2019, at the age of 50.



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Cosey Coleman

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SPORT Football

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Cosey Coleman earned All-America status his junior year after starting 30 consecutive games at right guard in a three-year span. His 6-foot-5, 315-pound frame helped pave the way for tailbacks Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry in 1999 as the two rushed for 816 and 790 yards, respectively. During Coleman's career on the line, Tennessee rushed for more than 200 yards 11 times and had a 100-yard rusher 19 times when he started at guard. He was part of consecutive SEC Championship teams in 1997 and 1998, including Tennessee's National Championship season in 1998.

Career Totals

Games Played: 35

CAREER HONORS

1999 First-team All-America

1999 First-team All-SEC

1998 All-SEC (first-team AP / second-team coaches)

1997 SEC All-Freshman Team

1999 - JUNIOR

A 1999 first-team All-America selection

Named first-team All-SEC by the AP and coaches

Played and started in all 12 games

Paved the way for Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry as the two rushed for 816 and 790 yards, respectively

Helped lead the Vols to the 2000 Fiesta Bowl against Nebraska and a No. 9 finish in the AP poll

Vols' offense generated 2,160 yards on the ground, while averaging 30.8 points-per-game

1998 – SOPHOMORE

Served as a force in the trenches for the Vols' 1998 National Championship team

Earned first-team All-SEC honors from the AP and second team honors from the league's coaches

Shared the most outstanding lineman award, voted by teammates, with defensive tackle Darwin Walker

Started 12 games at right guard and one at right tackle

Key figure in the Vols' success in rushing for over 200 yards in seven games

1997 - FRESHMAN

Only true freshman on the offensive line, he became the first true freshman to start on Tennessee's offensive line in years, and was named to Knoxville News Sentinel All-SEC team

Began the year as a reserve, but worked his way into the starting lineup against Southern Miss, starting at right tackle

Started the remaining five games, including the SEC Championship victory over Auburn and the FedEx Orange Bowl contest against Nebraska

PRO CAREER

Coleman was drafted in the second round with the 51st overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a rookie with Tampa Bay in the 2000 season, he appeared in eight games at both offensive guard positions, and averaged about six pancake blocks a game. He moved into the starting lineup in 2001, starting for all 16 games and the Buccaneers' playoff game. Looking to improve further, Coleman started 15 games in the 2002 season as well as all three playoff games, which included Super Bowl XXXVII. In that game, the Buccaneers dominated the Oakland Raiders en route to a 48-21 victory

and his only Super Bowl title. Coleman would start all 32 games over the 2003 and 2004 seasons and continued to cement his reputation as one of the league's best offensive linemen.

Following the 2004 season, Coleman moved on to the Cleveland Browns and was promptly inserted into the starting lineup for a young Browns team. He would play for the Browns for two seasons from 2005-2006.

Over his seven-year career, Coleman has played in 85 games, of which he started 77. Coleman announced his retirement from professional football in 2007 after seven years in the league due to bad knees, which not would allow him to pass a physical.



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SPORT Football

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player University of Tennessee/NFL
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Antone Eugene Davis (born February 28, 1967) is an American former professional football player who was an offensive tackle and guard in the National Football League (NFL) for seven seasons during the 1990s. He played one year of football for Peach County High School in Fort Valley, Georgia, and was recruited out of high school by the Tennessee Military Institute, for whom he played one year of college football. He earned a full scholarship to play for the Tennessee Volunteers the following year and started at left guard during his sophomore year in 1988. He was moved to right offensive tackle before his junior year and earned unanimous All-American honors as a senior in 1990. He finished as a finalist for the 1990 Outland Trophy as well, and was drafted by the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles as the eighth overall selection in the 1991 NFL Draft.

Davis played for five seasons with the Eagles, who traded two first-round draft picks to pick Davis. In his rookie season in 1991, he started in fifteen games, missing one start in week seven due to his benching. He started in fifteen games again in 1992, missing one game due to a knee sprain. Davis started in every game for the Eagles in 1993 at right tackle, but was moved inside to left guard in 1994 following the team's pick of tackle Bernard Williams in the 1994 NFL Draft. Davis struggled at his new position and was benched again for the final two games of the season. He began the 1995 season as a backup, but injuries forced him to start in the final thirteen games of the season. Considered a draft bust in Philadelphia, Davis signed with the Atlanta Falcons in 1996 and spent two seasons with the team. After his retirement from football, he worked in the food industry as a restaurant owner and manager. He finished as the runner-up on the twelfth season of the reality television show *The Biggest Loser* in 2011.

Early years

Davis grew up as the youngest of eight children in Fort Valley, Georgia, and attended Peach County High School in Fort Valley. His father, Milton Trice, was raised in North Philadelphia, and moved when he was seventeen years old to Georgia. Davis worked many jobs in high school, including work in the high school cafeteria. He had attendance issues that caused him to be held back in ninth grade. He weighed about 300 pounds (140 kg) at the age of fourteen. Unable to play football as a sophomore because of his grades, Davis refocused and brought his grades up. He played football as a junior, but could not play as a senior due to his class graduating the year prior.[1]

College career

Davis played college football for one season in 1986 at the Tennessee Military Institute, a preparatory school near Sweetwater, Tennessee, that recruited him out of high school after graduation. He received a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee the next year.[1] Following the 1987 season and the graduation of the Volunteers' two starting offensive guards, Harry Galbreath and John Bruhin, Davis was expected to start for the Volunteers at left guard in 1988 as a sophomore.[2] An ankle injury suffered during the season-opener against Georgia on September 3[3] caused him to miss the next four games, before he was able to return against Alabama on October 15.[4] Before the start of the 1989 season, Davis was moved to right offensive tackle.[5] In the 1990 season, he helped running back Tony Thompson lead the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in rushing with 1,261 yards.[6] He was named as a finalist for the Outland Trophy in November 1990 as a senior,[7] but lost out to defensive tackle Russell

Maryland from Miami.[8] Davis earned unanimous All-America honors, receiving first-team honors from the Associated Press, United Press International, Walter Camp Football Foundation, American Football Coaches Association, Football Writers Association of America, Scripps–Howard Newspapers, Football News, and The Sporting News.[9] He also earned All-SEC honors.[10] Following the 1990 season, Davis won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in January 1991, as the best blocker in the SEC.[11] He played in the Hula Bowl on January 18, 1991, for the East squad.[12]

Davis earned the University of Tennessee's Chancellor Citation for his community service efforts during his college career, including his contributions with the "Just Say No" campaign, the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the Knoxville Community Parks Association. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in urban studies in December 1990.[1]

Professional career

Philadelphia Eagles

1991 season

At the NFL Scouting Combine in February 1991, Davis arrived weighing 338 pounds (153 kg) (25 pounds (11 kg) overweight).[13] He ran a 5.2-second 40-yard dash, but received criticism for weight issues and his up-and-down personality.[14] He had 26 repetitions in the bench press.[1] Before the draft, analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. said, "Davis has slipped a bit. He's still a Top 10 pick, but his recent workouts haven't been good." [14] John Butler, the Buffalo Bills' director of player personnel said Davis was "a blueprint tackle, with size and everything else." [1]

Davis was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles as the eighth overall selection in the 1991 NFL Draft, one pick after former Tennessee teammate Charles McRae was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It was the first time in NFL history that two former college teammates who played the same position were drafted back-to-back.[15] Davis was the first draft pick by new Eagles head coach Rich Kotite. The Eagles traded up from the 19th pick with the Green Bay Packers to select Davis, giving Green Bay the 19th selection (which was used on cornerback Vinnie Clark[16]) and a first-round pick in the 1992 NFL Draft.[17] The pick in 1992 ended up being the 17th selection, and the Packers traded it to the Atlanta Falcons for quarterback Brett Favre on February 10, 1992. The Falcons then traded the pick to the Dallas Cowboys (who used it to select cornerback Kevin Smith) and received the 19th selection (used to select running back Tony Smith) and a fourth round pick (used to select cornerback Frankie Smith).[18]

After holding out for 21 days,[19] Davis was signed initially to a contract designed as a temporary compromise in order to get him into training camp on August 5, 1991. It was speculated that the reason behind Davis' holdout and the temporary compromise was that Davis and his agent wanted to see what McRae, who also held out with the Buccaneers, signed for first.[20] Davis was not allowed to practice with the team until he was under contract, thus the compromise contract enabled him to practice while still work to get a long-term deal done. The compromise was a one-year contract with an option for a second year, and Davis received US\$600,000 in signing the first contract. He was able to play against the Cincinnati Bengals in the Eagles' third preseason game on August 10. Davis was projected to be the

Eagles' starting right offensive tackle for the 1991 season.[21] Davis suffered a sprained ankle while running laps around JFK Stadium and tripping over a goal post support on August 19.[22] Due to the injury, he was taken out of the preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts on August 23 at halftime by Kotite.[23] The Eagles and Davis finalized a five-year contract worth \$4.6 million on September 6 following the first week of the season. Davis changed his jersey number from 77 to 78 after signing the contract.[24] He had his best game of the season in week four against the Pittsburgh Steelers on September 22, as Kotite called more run plays to the right side towards the end of the game.[25] Davis had a key block on a Jim McMahon quarterback sneak touchdown and McMahon gave Davis the ball immediately after to spike in celebration. The Eagles were given a five-yard penalty for the spike, however.[26] In a week five game against the Washington Redskins on September 30, Davis gave up two sacks against defensive end Charles Mann, who received Pro Bowl honors after the season.[27] Davis gave up a total of ten sacks in the first five games of the season.[28]

Against the Buccaneers in week six on October 6, Davis was benched in the third quarter after he was called for three holding penalties and was replaced by Bruce Collie. Collie suffered a knee injury in his second play, and Davis re-entered the game.[29][30] The day after the game, Kotite said about Davis: "He certainly played poorly yesterday without question. If you've got eyes you could see that." [31] Ron Heller moved from left tackle to replace Davis at right tackle the next week against the New Orleans Saints. Daryle Smith, after being waived in training camp, was re-signed to play left tackle.[32] Due to a groin injury suffered by Smith, Davis regained his starting job at right tackle with Heller moving back to left tackle against the San Francisco 49ers in week nine.[33] Davis gave up two sacks against Charles Haley in the game and was called for holding once, but Kotite said Davis improved from his previous start.[34][35] Davis started in every game at right tackle after his benching in 1991.[36] Kotite praised Davis after the Giants game on November 4, saying that he "played very well." [37]

1992 season

Davis improved as a blocker in his second season with the Eagles.[38][39] At the start of training camp in 1992, Davis vowed to refuse all requests for interviews by the media in an attempt to focus on getting better. In the season-opener against the New Orleans Saints, Davis helped the Eagles lead the NFC in rushing for the week with 186 yards.[40] Against the Washington Redskins in week seven on October 18, 1992, he suffered a knee sprain after quarterback Randall Cunningham ran into him.[41] He was listed as doubtful before the following game against the Phoenix Cardinals,[42] and did not play in the game.[43] He was listed as doubtful again before the game against the Dallas Cowboys in week nine. Otho Davis, the team's head athletic trainer, said Davis was not working hard enough to rehabilitate his knee.[44] Antone Davis was upgraded to questionable two days before the game,[45] and started against the Cowboys on November 1.[46] In the wild card playoff game against the Saints on January 3, 1993, Davis gave up a sack against Rickey Jackson, which caused a Cunningham fumble.[47] Davis started in all 15 games he played during the regular season, and started in both of the team's playoff games.[36] Pro Football Weekly rated Davis as the 26th-best offensive tackle in the league for the season.[48]

1993 season

Davis played through a shoulder injury early in the 1993 season.[49] Defensive end Reggie White, who signed with the Green Bay Packers following the 1992 season after spending eight seasons with the Eagles and earned seven Pro Bowl selections, said that he believed he destroyed Davis' confidence as a rookie and second-year player, as Davis had to go up against White in practice every week. White said "there are some guys who get very discouraged because they can't block you. I think that was the situation at times with Antone." Davis, however, disputed White's statements as the Eagles played against the Packers in the second week of the season.[50] Dave Goldberg, a writer for the Associated Press, named Davis to his "all-unsung" team after his performance against White.[51] Davis started in every game for the Eagles at right tackle in 1993.[36]

1994 season

With the Eagles pick of offensive tackle Bernard Williams in the first round of the 1994 NFL Draft, Davis moved inside to play left offensive guard in the 1994 season.[52][53] Davis was ejected from a week thirteen game against the Atlanta Falcons on November 27, along with Lester Holmes, for fighting on the field with defensive tackle Pierce Holt of the Falcons.[54] Davis was benched in favor of rookie Joe Panos before a week sixteen game against the New York Giants after committing seven penalties in his previous fourteen starts.[55] Davis played in the final two games of the season.[36] Head coach Rich Kotite was fired after the season.[56]

1995 season

Under new coach Ray Rhodes, Davis was moved back to right tackle in 1995. Rhodes said that after looking at the 1994 season's game footage, he determined Davis' "best position for [the Eagles] is at tackle." [56] The Eagles signed former Packer Joe Sims on April 14, 1995, to compete with Davis for the starting right tackle job.[57] The team reportedly tried to trade Davis in order to move up in the first round of the 1995 NFL Draft, but no team would take their offer.[58] Due to left tackle Bernard Williams' six-game suspension from the NFL, Sims moved over to the left, with Davis staying at right tackle before the preseason.[59] However, due to his performance in training camp, Davis was benched before a preseason game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on August 24, in favor of Lester Holmes.[60] Holmes suffered a knee injury during the second week of the season and was replaced by Davis.[61] Davis replaced him in week three against the San Diego Chargers[62] and started in the remaining thirteen games of the season and two playoff games thereafter.[36] In a week fourteen game against the Seattle Seahawks, Moe Elewonibi played in place of Davis for two series in a move, as Rhodes explained, aimed at giving reserve players experience in case of injury.[63] Davis gave up three sacks against Alonzo Spellman of the Chicago Bears in the final regular season game. He gave up seven total sacks in his fourteen regular season starts.[64] Davis suffered a mild concussion in a wild card playoff game against the Detroit Lions after he was kicked in the head.[65] He gave up two sacks against Tony Tolbert in a divisional round playoff loss to the Cowboys.[64] His rookie contract expired following the season[66] and he made \$1 million for the season.[64] He was considered a draft bust after being taken in the first round in 1991.[67][68][69]

Later career

Davis was not re-signed by the Eagles following the 1995 season and became an unrestricted free agent.[70] He worked out for the Atlanta Falcons on April 25, 1996.[71] After initially disagreeing on the terms of the contract,[70] Davis signed with the Falcons on May 13 and agreed to a two-year contract worth \$1.9 million. The contract contained a \$200,000 signing bonus and a \$300,000 workout bonus to go along with a \$1.4 million base salary, and up to \$300,000 in incentives based on playing time.[64] He began the 1996 season as a backup[72] behind David Richards at right tackle, Davis started in place of the injured Richards for a week five game against the San Francisco 49ers on September 29.[73] Richards came back from his injury in week six, but he and Davis split playing time in weeks seven and eight against the Houston Oilers and Dallas Cowboys, respectively.[74] Richards was waived on October 23 by the Falcons, who decided to go with Davis at right tackle for the remainder of the year.[75] Davis suffered a right ankle sprain in a week sixteen game against the St. Louis Rams on December 15.[76]

The Falcons proposed a restructured contract to Davis, reportedly worth \$3 million for three years in March 1997.[77] After starting the first three games at right tackle in 1997, Davis was benched in favor of backup Matt Willig on September 18.[78] Davis did not play in the remaining thirteen games of the season,[36] and was waived by the team on February 11, 1998.[79]

The Green Bay Packers signed Davis on January 22, 1999, reuniting him with new Packers coach Ray Rhodes.[80] His tenure with the Packers was short-lived, however, as Green Bay released him in June.[81]

Davis finished his seven-year NFL career with 87 starts in 97 games and recovered a fumble in the 1997 season.[36]

After football

Davis owned a restaurant called "Gridiron Grill" in Clermont, Florida, for a short time after his career ended.[82] He worked as a manager of a Chili's restaurant prior to going on *The Biggest Loser* in 2011,[83] but was fired after his boss requested that he go back to work immediately after returning home for an interim period.[84]

Davis was a contestant on the twelfth season of *The Biggest Loser*, which premiered on September 20, 2011, and ended on December 13, 2011. He struggled with his weight after his football career ended,[85] and he weighed 476 pounds (216 kg) before he decided to go on the reality television show. Additionally, he saw several former college and professional teammates die due to their weights, including Reggie White and Harry Galbreath, and wanted to change his lifestyle.[86] He began the show weighing 447 pounds (203 kg),[82] and he weighed 245 pounds (111 kg) in the season finale, for a total loss of 202 pounds (92 kg), or 45.19 percent, and finished as the runner-up behind John Rhode.[87]

The University of Tennessee announced on August 28, 2012, that Davis had been hired as the Vol for Life (VFL) Coordinator for the school's football program.[88] Five years later, on October 31, 2017, he submitted his two-week notice to resign from that position.[89] During his tenure with Tennessee, he resided in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.[88]

Davis moved to Delaware to work for JPMorgan Chase with his wife after leaving the University of Tennessee in 2017.[90] Davis' oldest son Dakota played college football for the Chattanooga Mocs as an offensive lineman before his career ended prematurely due to concussions.[90] His younger son Braden was a highly-recruited quarterback for Middletown High School (Middletown, Delaware) and Lake Minneola High School (Minneola, Florida),[90][91] and committed to play college football for South Carolina in April 2021.[92]



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Joetta Clark Diggs (née Clark, born August 1, 1962 in East Orange, New Jersey) is a retired American track and field champion, specializing in middle distance running. She ran for more than 28 consecutive years never missing an indoor or outdoor season, with her races being in the 800 meters and 1500 meters. A 4-time Olympian in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000,[1] she competed in every outdoor USA Championships or Olympic trials between 1979 and 2000, winning five outdoor championships.[2] Indoors, she was in the national championship race in 18 of the last 19 years, winning seven times.[2] Clark Diggs was ranked in the top 10 in the world since 1991. Moreover, in 1998 at age 36, she was ranked number four in the world. This was her best ranking out of six such appearances.[3]

Coached by Terry Crawford at the University of Tennessee, Clark Diggs left Knoxville with nine collegiate titles (including relays) and a degree in public relations.

Clark Diggs was coached by her brother, J.J. Clark, who is the women's coach at the University of Tennessee. J.J. also coached two other 800m runners: his wife, Jearl Miles-Clark, and his younger sister, Hazel Clark. Hazel, Jearl and Joetta were all ranked #1 in America at one point in time. This Clark Team is known as the First Family of Track & Field because of their 800m dominance. At the 2000 Olympic Trials the family pulled off a remarkable sweep of the three Olympic qualifying positions with Hazel winning, Jearl second and Joetta making her final Olympic team at age 38 in third. She was the second oldest female Olympic track team member that year and the fifth oldest of all time.[4] She was the team captain in 2000.[5][6] She is the oldest ever to qualify in a track running event.

Later she added a graduate degree in recreation administration. Like her father, she now works the lecture circuit.

Personal life

Raised in the South Ward of Newark, New Jersey, she lived there during the 1967 riots.[7] Living in South Orange, New Jersey, she attended Columbia High School, where she started her career in track and field, winning the state Meet of Champions in all four years.[8]

She has a husband, Ronald Diggs, who is a successful businessman, and a daughter, Talitha LaNae Clark Diggs, who was the 2014 USATF | Hershey National Champion in the long jump and 2019 Pennsylvania State Champion at 200 and 400 meters as a high school junior.[9]

Career

She added a graduate degree in recreation administration.

In June 1997, she was appointed by a Governor as one of eight commissioners of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, where she is responsible for helping to ensure that the Meadowlands Sports Complex continues to serve as a national and international model for sports, racing entertainment and exposition industries.[10]

Clark Diggs was chosen as Sports Illustrated Hometown Hero for her work with youth, and in 1998 she also received the Visa Humanitarian award for her involvement with children.[11] In October, Clark Diggs received the New Jersey Pioneer Women of the 90s Award. Moreover, because of her longevity, and consistency, she is considered by sports enthusiasts as "America's most successful middle distance runner" ever.

A motivational and personal inspiration speaker, Clark Diggs is the daughter of Jetta Clark and noted educator Dr. Joe Clark. Joe Clark was the subject of the movie Lean on Me. Clark Diggs has continued to use her talents and experiences in sports, marketing, consulting and public speaking to provide services to her community, state and nation. As President of Joetta Sports & Beyond, LLC, Clark Diggs delivers messages of health, fitness and empowerment to corporations, colleges, medical programs and civic organizations on the lecture circuit. She is the author of Joetta's "P" Principles for Success, Life Lessons Learned From Track & Field[12] and the Executive Director of the Joetta Clark Diggs Sports Foundation, which promotes involvement with physical activities for school-aged children and provides opportunities for children in the sports and entertainment industry.[13]

Honors

Inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

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Selected by the Star Ledger, which is NJ State's Paper

As the Women Athlete of the Century

2000 Women Olympic Team Captain

Inducted into the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame 2009[14]

Inducted into Penn Relays Hall of Fame – 2004

Inducted into the University of Tennessee's Hall of Fame

Chosen as Sports Illustrated Hometown Hero

Received the VISA Humanitarian Award

Undefeated in the 800m all four years while at Columbia High School

15- time All American

9-Time NCAA Champion

11-Time USA National Champion

Selected to Who's Who of American Women – 2000

Received New Jersey Pioneer of the 90s Award

Inducted into Millrose Games Hall of Fame at Madison Square Garden – 2002

Featured on MSNBC News Broadcast

Featured on CNN

Featured in Jet Magazine

Featured in Women's Sports and Fitness Magazine

Featured Documentary on Madison Square Garden Network

Distinguished Honoree Award-Somerset County Commission on Status of Women – 2001

Received Key to the City of Newark – 1990

New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Distinguished Award – 2001

Rolling Hills Girl Scouts Women of Achievement Award

Board Member of the Raritan Valley Community College 2001

Board Member of the Business Partnership of Somerset County



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Shaun Ellis

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SPORT Football

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player University of Tennessee/NFL
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MeShaunda "Shaun" Pizarrur Ellis (born June 24, 1977),^[1] nicknamed Big Katt,^[2] is a former American football defensive end who spent the majority of his career with the New York Jets of the National Football League (NFL). He played college football for the University of Tennessee. Ellis was drafted by the New York Jets in the first round (12th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft, and also played for the New England Patriots. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

College career

Ellis enrolled in the University of Tennessee, where he was a stand-out defensive end for the Tennessee Volunteers football team under head coach Phillip Fulmer. In the 1998 season, he was part of the undefeated Volunteers team that won the National Championship over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona. At the end of his collegiate career, he had 105 tackles, 12.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, and one interception which he returned for 90 yards to score a touchdown.^[3]

Professional career

New York Jets (2000-2010)

Ellis was selected by the New York Jets in the first round with the 12th overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. He was the first of four first round draft picks that the Jets had that year, and was the compensation pick from the New England Patriots for hiring Bill Belichick away from the Jets as their head coach. The other players drafted were defensive end John Abraham (13th overall), quarterback Chad Pennington (18th overall), and tight end Anthony Becht (27th overall).^[4]

Ellis was an immediate impact player. In his rookie season, he recorded 8.5 sacks. Only defensive end Hugh Douglas, with 10 sacks in the 1995 season, ranks higher in Jets history for most sacks by a rookie. After 2001 and 2002 campaigns which saw his overall numbers drop, Ellis rebounded in the 2003 season with an impressive 12.5 sacks. Ellis followed up his 2003 season with 11 sacks in 2004.^[5] Ellis anchored a strong Jets run defense which contributed to a 10-6 season and a wild card berth. In Week 17, he recorded three sacks in the final game of the 2004 regular season against the St. Louis Rams.

On December 14, 2008, in a home game against their AFC East divisional rival Buffalo Bills, Ellis recovered a fumble from quarterback J. P. Losman and ran it for a touchdown in the final two minutes, giving the Jets the lead and the eventual 31-27 win.

On December 23, 2008, Ellis was fined \$10,000 for tossing snow at opposing fans when the Jets played the Seattle Seahawks at Qwest Field the previous Sunday. Ellis claimed that it was "all in good fun."^[6]

In 2009, Ellis became the longest tenured player on the Jets roster.^[7] Under new head coach Rex Ryan, Ellis helped lead the Jets to the postseason where the Jets made the AFC Championship for the first time in 11 years but lost to the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 30–17.

Ellis helped lead the Jets to the AFC Championship for the second consecutive season in 2010 as they lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers by a score of 24-19. On January 26, 2010, Ellis was named to the 2010 Pro Bowl as a replacement for Indianapolis Colts defensive end Robert Mathis.[8]

New England Patriots (2011)

Ellis signed with the New England Patriots on August 7, 2011, ending his 11-year tenure with the New York Jets.[9] During the 2011 season, Ellis played in 14 games with 14 total tackles and one sack. The Patriots would finish the regular season with a 13-3 record and advanced to Super Bowl XLVI, which was Ellis's first career trip to the Super Bowl. The Patriots lost to the Giants by a score of 21-17. Ellis was released by the Patriots after the 2011 season ended.

Free agency and retirement

Ellis spent most of the 2012 season on free agency and eventually announced his retirement from professional football.

NFL statistics

Year	Team LNG	GP TD	COMB PD	TOTAL	AST	SACK	FF	FR	FR YDS	INT	IR YDS	AVG IR
2000	NYJ 1	16 0	53 3	39	14	8.5	1	2	0	1	1	1
2001	NYJ 0	16 0	39 2	27	12	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2002	NYJ 0	16 0	40 4	30	10	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2003	NYJ 0	16 0	69 0	47	22	12.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2004	NYJ 0	15 0	57 3	38	19	11.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2005	NYJ 0	13 0	38 0	30	8	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006	NYJ 0	16 0	58 3	37	21	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	NYJ 0	16 0	49 0	32	17	5.0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	NYJ 0	16 0	60 0	41	19	8.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2009	NYJ 0	15 0	53 0	35	18	6.5	1	0	1	0	0	0
2010	NYJ 0	15 0	36 1	26	10	4.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2011	NE 0	14 0	14 0	7	7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	1	184 0	566 16	389	177	73.5	13	5	0	1	1	1



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James Thomas Gallagher Jr. (born March 24, 1961) is an American professional golfer and sportscaster.

Gallagher was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. His father, a career club pro, started him in golf at age 6. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Gallagher turned pro in 1983 and joined the PGA Tour in 1984.

Gallagher won five events on the PGA Tour. His first win came in 1990 at the Greater Milwaukee Open. In 1993, he won twice: the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic and The Tour Championship. He repeated his two-win performance in 1995 by winning the KMart Greater Greensboro Open and the FedEx St. Jude Classic. Gallagher's best finishes in a major championship were a 3rd-place finish at the 1991 PGA Championship, and a T-2 at the same tournament the following year.[2] He was a member of the victorious 1993 Ryder Cup team and the 1994 Presidents Cup team.

Gallagher, who works as a golf analyst for Golf Channel, has appeared in a limited number of events on the Champions Tour since reaching age 50 in 2011. He had two top-10 finishes in this venue in both 2011 and 2013.

Gallagher comes from a golfing family: his father a career club pro in Marion, Indiana, his wife Cissy is a former LPGA Tour player, sister Jackie and brother Jeff are both touring professionals. He and Cissy have four children, Mary Langdon, Thomas, Kathleen, and Elizabeth, and live in Greenwood, Mississippi. Kathleen plays golf at LSU.[3]

Professional wins (9)

PGA Tour wins (5)

Legend

Tour Championships (1)

Other PGA Tour (4)

No.	Date	Tournament	Winning score	Margin of victory	Runner(s)-up
1	Sep 1, 1990	Greater Milwaukee Open	-17 (69-70-66-66=271)	Playoff	United States Ed Dougherty, United States Billy Mayfair
2	Jul 11, 1993	Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic	-15 (66-68-70-65=269)	2 strokes	United States Chip Beck
3	Oct 31, 1993	The Tour Championship	-7 (63-73-72-69=277)	1 stroke	South Africa David Frost, United States John Huston,

Australia Greg Norman, United States Scott Simpson

4 Apr 23, 1995 KMart Greater Greensboro Open -14 (69-70-69-66=274) 1 stroke
 United States Peter Jacobsen, United States Jeff Sluman

5 Jul 2, 1995 FedEx St. Jude Classic -17 (65-62-68-72=267) 1 stroke United States
 Jay Delsing, United States Ken Green

PGA Tour playoff record (1-1)

No.	Year	Tournament	Opponents	Result
1	1990	Greater Milwaukee Open	United States Ed Dougherty, United States Billy Mayfair	Won with par on first extra hole
2	1991	NEC World Series of Golf	United States Davis Love III, United States Tom Purtzer	Purtzer won with par on second extra hole

Other wins (4)

1983 Indiana Open

1985 Magnolia State Classic (PGA Tour Tournament Players Series), Charley Pride Golf Fiesta (PGA Tour Tournament Players Series)

1990 Jerry Ford Invitational (tie with Donnie Hammond and Andy North)

Results in major championships

Tournament	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	1999	2000	2001	2002							
Masters Tournament					T17	T25	CUT	CUT		T29	
U.S. Open	CUT	CUT CUT	T33	T11	T57	CUT	T47	T62	T67		
The Open Championship							CUT	CUT	T47	T55	
PGA Championship			T12	CUT	3	T2	CUT	CUT	T44	T52	

Did not play

CUT = missed the half-way cut

"T" indicates a tie for a place

Summary

Tournament	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top-5	Top-10	Top-25	Events	Cuts made		
Masters Tournament	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	
U.S. Open	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	6		
The Open Championship			0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
PGA Championship	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	8	5	
Totals	0	1	1	2	2	6	27	16		

Most consecutive cuts made – 6 (1995 U.S. Open – 1996 PGA)

Longest streak of top-10s – 1 (twice)

U.S. national team appearances

Four Tours World Championship: 1991

Ryder Cup: 1993 (winners)

Presidents Cup: 1994 (winners)



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Deon D'Marquis Grant (born March 14, 1979) is a former American football safety who played 12 seasons in the National Football League. He played college football for the University of Tennessee, was a member of Tennessee's national championship team and earned All-American honors. He was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft, and also played professionally for the Jacksonville Jaguars, Seattle Seahawks and New York Giants of the NFL. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Giants against the New England Patriots.

College career

Grant attended the University of Tennessee, and played for the Tennessee Volunteers football team from 1997 to 2000. He was selected as a consensus first-team All-American in 1999 after he tied for the NCAA lead with nine interceptions for 167 return yards. He finished the 1999 season with 69 tackles and eight pass breakups. He had two picks in three different games and earned SEC Defensive Player of the week after intercepting three passes versus Auburn. His leaping interception in UT's overtime win over Florida in 1998 was a crucial play in the Vols' march to the BCS National Championship. Grant left Tennessee and declared for the NFL Draft following his junior year.

Professional career

Carolina Panthers

Grant was drafted in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft with the 57th overall pick by the Carolina Panthers.

Jacksonville Jaguars

After playing for four seasons with the Panthers, Grant was sent to the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he played for three seasons.

Seattle Seahawks

Grant was picked up in free agency by the Seattle Seahawks in 2007. He was cut March 15, 2010 mostly because of his large contract. He finished his tenure in Seattle with 224 tackles, eight interceptions, and one fumble recovery.

New York Giants

Grant signed with the New York Giants on April 1, 2010. After one season with the Giants, he became an unrestricted free agent, however he re-signed with the Giants on August 16, 2011 to a one-year, \$4 million contract. He won a Super Bowl ring in Super Bowl XLVI.^[1] Following the season, he became an unrestricted free agent.

On August 7, 2013, Grant retired as a member of the New York Giants.^[2]^[3]



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