



“REAL” JOBS

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback **TOMMY MADDOX** once pitched insurance policies before he got a job throwing footballs. **JOSE CORTEZ** of the Kansas City Chiefs, the only NFL player in history born in El Salvador, was once a roofer. And everybody knows that 2001 NFL MVP **KURT WARNER** once stocked groceries.

Indeed, a surprising number of NFL players had “real” jobs before they came into the league. “Football is a blue-collar man’s game,” says former Washington Redskins cornerback **DARRELL GREEN**. And maybe that’s why the league is filled with so many former “blue-collar” workers.

Following is a list of “real jobs” previously held by some NFL players:

<u>PLAYER, TEAM</u>	<u>CAREER(S)</u>
David Akers, Philadelphia	Substitute teacher; waiter
James Allen, Houston	Worked at Houston recording studio
Mitch Berger, St. Louis	Pumped gas in Canada
Jose Cortez, Kansas City	Roofer
Mark Dixon, Miami	Golf course lawn maintenance
Jay Feely, Atlanta	Financial consultant
Ray Jackson, Cincinnati	Wal-Mart sporting goods employee
Michael Lewis, New Orleans	Budweiser truck driver
Tommy Maddox, Pittsburgh	Insurance salesman
Fred McCrary, New England	Corrections officer
David Patten, New England	Landscaper, electrician, truck loader
Nathan Poole, Arizona	Youth counselor
Jeff Saturday, Indianapolis	Electrical supply company
Al Wallace, Carolina	Public school assistant principal
Kurt Warner, St. Louis	Stocked groceries



OTHER JOBS

Football takes up a lot of their time, but that has not prevented a good number of NFL players from preparing for life after the game by jumping into some other lines of work even as they “moonlight” on the football field.

For example, Philadelphia Eagles cornerback **TROY VINCENT** – the 2002 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year – is a full-fledged offseason entrepreneur. He helps run a financial services company, a building-services firm, and has a stake in the Professional Business and Financial Network (PBFN), an organization that advises athletes on managing their money.

San Diego Charger **RYAN MC NEIL** is the president and CEO of PBFN, and clearly has learned something about being a businessman and a football player. “It’s like a coach giving me a defensive coverage,” says cornerback McNeil. “I’ve got to know the certain way to play that coverage for it to work. Business is the same, because there are certain paths that must be followed to be successful.”

A list of some of the off-the-field career interests of NFL players:

<u>PLAYER, TEAM</u>	<u>CAREER(S)</u>
Sam Adams, Buffalo	Owns, coaches and manages Seattle semi-pro football team.
Tiki Barber, N.Y. Giants	Broadcaster.
Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay	Owns real estate business.
Rob Burnett, Miami	Manages and promotes boxers.
Frank Ferrera, N.Y. Giants	Actor and stunt man.
Bryce Fisher, St. Louis	Works in the public affairs office at the Air Force Academy.
Jason Fisk, San Diego	Franchise owner of Athletes Foot shoe stores.
Dave Gibson, Cincinnati	Owns music and film production company; owns funeral home.
Erron Kinney, Tennessee	Volunteer fireman.
Steve Martin, New England	Runs commercial real estate agency.
Steve McNair, Tennessee	Raises cattle on a ranch in Mississippi.
Johnnie Morton, Kansas City	Screen Actors Guild member and model.
Simeon Rice, Tampa Bay	Owns Juggernaut, a recording company.
Tim Ruddy, Miami	Stockbroker.
Mike Schneck, Pittsburgh	Financial advisor.
Jimmy Spencer, Denver	Assistant defensive backs coach for the Broncos.
Reggie Swinton, Dallas	Rapper; just released debut album <i>Whatcha Gone Do</i> .
George Teague, Dallas	Boutique owner.
Troy Vincent, Philadelphia	Entrepreneur, owns financial services company Eltekon.
Darwin Walker, Philadelphia	Partner in Progressive Engineering firm in Knoxville.



NFL SUPERSTITIONS

Superstition plays a part in the pregame rituals of a lot of NFL players.

Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay quarterback **BRAD JOHNSON** doesn't reveal his pregame ritual, but some players weren't as secretive with their superstitious habits.

Following are 10 of the more unusual NFL superstitions:

PLAYER	SUPERSTITION
Denver C Tom Nalen	Never washed practice T-shirt in college. Broncos equipment staff now insists on washing it.
Green Bay WR Donald Driver	Tapes and puts on wrist bands the same way every time.
Green Bay CB Mike McKenzie	Paints tips of his shoes.
Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning	Likes to read game programs cover-to-cover before warm-ups.
Miami DE Jason Taylor	All movements are done from left to right -- i.e. tying his shoes, putting on his socks, brushing his teeth, etc.
Minnesota RB Michael Bennett	No "splitting poles." When walking with group of people, everyone must pass any poles (light pole, telephone pole, stop sign, etc.) on same side.
Minnesota CB Corey Chavous	Always keeps some soul food in his house.
New York Giants T Luke Petitgout	Thinks the opposite of what he thinks is going to happen and uses it as motivation.
Philadelphia CB Troy Vincent	Always tapes his left ankle before his right one prior to practice and games.
Tampa Bay K Martin Gramatica	Wears a family shirt underneath his jersey during every game. He gets a new shirt printed every season.



WHO WAS YOUR BOYHOOD HERO?

Every player had a favorite NFLer when they were a youngster. In fact, the idol of Dolphins linebacker **ZACH THOMAS** was another linebacker -- new teammate **JUNIOR SEAU**. When Thomas was in high school, he had a poster signed by Seau.

The idol of Buccaneers running back **MIKE ALSTOTT** was another bulldozing running back—**JOHN RIGGINS**. Quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**'s favorite was his father, **ARCHIE MANNING**.

A list of boyhood heroes of current NFL players:

PLAYER	BOYHOOD HERO	PLAYER	BOYHOOD HERO
Buccaneers RB Mike Alstott	John Riggins	Giants DT Cornelius Griffin	Reggie White
Ravens QB Kyle Boller	John Elway	Texans CB Aaron Glenn	Frank Minifield
Patriots QB Tom Brady	Joe Montana	Colts WR Marvin Harrison	Tony Dorsett
Titans RB Chris Brown	Walter Payton	Colts RB Edgerrin James	Walter Payton
Texans QB David Carr	Junior Seau	Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson	Phil Simms
Giants S Ryan Clark	Deion Sanders	Giants WR Daryl Jones	Michael Irvin
Colts S Mike Doss	Lester Hayes	Titans DE Jevon Kearse	Lawrence Taylor
Packers WR Donald Driver	Jerry Rice	Steelers QB Tommy Maddox	Roger Staubach
Chargers WR Tim Dwight	Willie Gault	Packers CB Mike McKenzie	Walter Payton
Chargers LB Donnie Edwards	Dan Fouts	Rams T Kyle Turley	Howie Long
Colts DE Dwight Freeney	Lawrence Taylor	Falcons QB Michael Vick	Steve Young



NFL TRIVIA ONE-LINERS

A whole page of one-line trivia notes about NFL players, coaches and teams, one having nothing to do with the other...

• Saints LB DERRICK RODGERS played the trumpet in his high school's nationally-acclaimed marching band.
• Packers FS DARREN SHARPER last year held an Internet chat with young Green Bay fans from China.
• Jets rookie DE MATT WALTERS was an Academic All-American and earned a master's in mechanical engineering.
• Giants head coach JIM FASSEL became godfather to pop star Marc Anthony when Anthony converted to Catholicism.
• Plainfield, Iowa has 450 residents, and will send its first citizen to the NFL this fall: Jets S DEREK PAGEL .
• Cowboys G MATT LEHR is known for doing a perfect impression of comedian Cedric the Entertainer.
• Giants draft pick DE OSI UMENYIORA was born in London, grew up in Nigeria, but attended school in Alabama.
• Newly-signed Jets WR CURTIS CONWAY will play with his 11th starting quarterback in 11 seasons this fall.
• Eagles rookie G REESE HICKS has a Cinderella story: last year he was working the sidelines at Bengals training camp.
• 6-foot-8, 350-pound Vikings T BRYANT MCKINNIE wears the NFL's biggest helmet, at size 8 and 5/8.
• Buccaneers head coach JON GRUDEN worked as a ballboy for Bobby Knight when Knight coached at Indiana.
• Lions QB JOEY HARRINGTON is a talented pianist, and played on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" in June.
• Redskins WR DARNERIAN MC CANTS has an art degree from Delaware State, and does acrylic paintings and oils
• Former Giants QB PHIL SIMMS has a talented nephew: 17-year old golf phenom Teddy Collins is his sister's son.
• Saints CB ASHLEY AMBROSE 's wife Monica was in the U.S. Army Reserves and appeared on "The Amazing Race."
• Ravens rookie FB OVIE MUGHELLI was preparing for his medical school admissions test until he was drafted.
• Dolphins RT TODD WADE is doing his second year of yoga classes, and believes it has added years to his career.
• Seahawks QB MATT HASSELBACK used to mow the lawn of former Patriots RB Craig James.
• Giants rookie TE VISHANTE SHIANCOE is a real international: Liberian parents, Indian first name, African surname.
• Chiefs LB GLENN CADREZ runs the Imperial Valley Police Athletic League in California to help troubled youth.
• Bengals DE REINARD WILSON grew up on his family's farm, and had the nickname "Big Country" at Florida State.
• Jets senior personnel scout DICK HALEY was childhood friends with Chargers coach MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER .
• Chargers LB DONNIE EDWARDS grew up a Chargers' fan, and got Dan Fouts' autograph at training camp as a child.
• Titans S TONY GEORGE was diagnosed with diabetes in 1991, and works with the American Diabetes Association.
• Broncos WR CHARLES JOHNSON lived in 16 places in high school, but took only three years to graduate college.
• Jaguars TE PETE MITCHELL 's former coach, Albert Fracassa, was named 1997 NFL High School Coach of the Year.
• Vikings CB COREY CHAVOUS is a huge NFL draft fan, and has videos on several hundred college players.
• Broncos QB JAKE PLUMMER turned his first drives in high school, college and the NFL into touchdowns.
• Patriots LB ROMAN PHIFER got his middle name (Zubinski) when his father picked it out of a phone book.
• 25-year veteran NFL line judge AL JURY has a fitting name: when he's not officiating, he's a state trooper.
• Bills LB LONDON FLETCHER started out playing Division I basketball in college before switching to football.
• 49ers CB JIMMY WILLIAMS speaks French and Japanese, and was an exchange student in Japan in high school.
• Bears DE KARON RILEY has every single Muhammed Ali professional bout on DVD – and can speak Chinese.



ACTIVE STATISTICAL LEADERS HEADING INTO 2003

TOP 10 ACTIVE PASSERS

(1,000 or more attempts)

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u> <u>Comp.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Kurt Warner, St.L.	5	1,623	1,083	66.7	14,082	101	64	98.2
Jeff Garcia, S.F.	4	1,968	1,224	62.2	13,704	95	43	89.9
Brett Favre, G.B.	12	5,993	3,652	60.9	42,285	314	188	86.7
Tom Brady, N.E.	3	1,017	638	62.7	6,613	46	26	85.9
Peyton Manning, Ind.	5	2,817	1,749	62.1	20,618	138	100	85.9
Rich Gannon, Oak.	14	3,913	2,367	60.5	26,945	171	98	85.3
Daunte Culpepper, Minn.	4	1,389	865	62.3	10,402	65	52	85.2
Mark Brunell, Jax.	9	3,561	2,142	60.2	25,309	142	86	85.1
Brad Johnson, T.B.	9	2,831	1,747	61.7	19,428	114	74	84.6
Trent Green, K.C.	5	1,743	1,006	57.7	12,977	82	53	84.2

TOP 10 ACTIVE RUSHERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
Emmitt Smith, Ariz.	13	4,052	17,162	153
Jerome Bettis, Pitt.	10	2,873	11,542	62
Marshall Faulk, St.L.	9	2,367	10,395	87
Curtis Martin, NYJ	8	2,604	10,361	71
Eddie George, Tenn.	7	2,421	8,978	59
Terrell Davis, Den.	8	1,655	7,607	60
Corey Dillon, Cin.	6	1,727	7,520	43
Garrison Hearst, S.F.	10	1,633	7,117	26
Charlie Garner, Oak.	9	1,387	6,433	36
James Stewart, Det.	8	1,478	5,841	48

TOP 10 ACTIVE PASS RECEIVERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
Jerry Rice, Oak.	18	1,456	21,597	192
Tim Brown, Oak.	15	1,018	14,167	97
Larry Centers, NE	13	808	6,691	27
Shannon Sharpe, Den.	13	753	9,290	54
Marvin Harrison, Ind.	7	665	8,800	73
Jimmy Smith, Jax.	9	664	9,287	51
Keenan McCardell, T.B.	11	640	8,196	44
Marshall Faulk, St.L.	9	628	5,984	33
Isaac Bruce, St.L.	9	619	9,480	63
Ricky Proehl, Car.	13	580	7,521	46

TOP 10 ACTIVE SCORERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>TP</u>
Morten Andersen, K.C.	21	0	486	695	2,153
John Carney, N.O.	15	0	321	368	1,331
Steve Christie, S.D.	13	0	299	399	1,296
Matt Stover, Balt.	12	0	288	366	1,230
Jerry Rice, Oak.	18	203	0	(4)#	1,226
Jason Elam, Den.	10	0	261	410	1,193
Jason Hanson, Det.	11	0	262	358	1,144
Emmitt Smith, Ariz.	13	164	0	(1)#	986
John Kasay, Car.	12	0	233	276	975
Mike Hollis, NYG	8	0	200	279	879

Two-point conversions

TOP 10 ACTIVE INTERCEPTORS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
Rod Woodson, Oak.	16	69	1,465	12
Aeneas Williams, St.L.	12	51	725	8
Ray Buchanan, Atl.	10	45	798	4
Terrell Buckley, Mia.	11	45	688	5
Troy Vincent, Phil.	11	39	597	3
Todd Lyght, Det.	12	37	462	4
Ashley Ambrose, N.O.	11	36	415	2
Donnie Abraham, NYJ	7	35	390	2
Ryan McNeil, S.D.	10	31	312	2
Aaron Glenn, Hou.	9	29	475	5
Ty Law, N.E.	8	29	471	5

TOP 10 ACTIVE SACKERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Bruce Smith, Wash.	18	195.0
John Randle, Sea.	13	132.0
Trace Armstrong, Oak.	14	103.0
Michael Strahan, NYG	10	95.5
Robert Porcher, Det.	11	91.0
Simeon Rice, T.B.	7	78.0
Kevin Carter, Tenn.	8	74.5
Hugh Douglas, Jax.	8	73.5
Warren Sapp, T.B.	8	72.0
Rob Burnett, Mia.	13	71.0
Jason Gildon, Pitt.	9	71.0

TOP 10 ACTIVE PUNT RETURNERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Michael Lewis, N.O.	2	58	706	12.2	1
Az-Zahir Hakim, Det.	5	122	1,428	11.7	3
Jacquez Green, T.B.	5	72	832	11.6	2
Jermaine Lewis, Jax.	7	267	3,010	11.3	6
Brian Mitchell, NYG	13	434	4,845	11.2	9
Reggie Swinton, Dall.	2	50	555	11.1	1
Dennis Northcutt, Cle.	3	67	742	11.1	2
Troy Brown, N.E.	10	196	2,148	11.0	3
Karl Williams, T.B.	7	198	2,169	11.0	5
Reggie Barlow, T.B.	7	146	1,581	10.8	2

TOP 10 ACTIVE KICKOFF RETURNERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Eddie Drummond, Det.	1	40	1,039	26.0	0
Darrick Vaughn, Hou.	3	100	2,573	25.7	4
MarTay Jenkins, Atl.	4	151	3,865	25.6	2
Tim Brown, Oak.	15	49	1,235	25.2	1
Michael Lewis, N.O.	2	102	2,569	25.2	2
Aaron Stecker, T.B.	3	75	1,856	24.7	0
John Avery, Minn.	2	52	1,277	24.6	0
Chad Morton, Wash.	3	114	2,785	24.4	2
Steve Smith, Car.	2	82	2,002	24.4	2
Michael Bates, Car.	10	347	8,424	24.3	5

TOP 10 ACTIVE PUNTERS

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Punts</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Lg.</u>
Shane Lechler, Oak.	3	191	45.1	70
Darren Bennett, S.D.	7	689	44.0	66
Todd Sauerbrun, Car.	8	607	43.9	73
Tom Rouen, Sea.	10	656	43.9	76
Chris Hanson, Jax.	3	167	43.8	64
Sean Landeta, St.L.	18	1,268	43.3	74
Tom Tupa, T.B.	14	687	43.3	73
Josh Miller, Pitt.	7	488	43.1	75
Hunter Smith, Ind.	4	257	43.1	69
Mitch Berger, N.O.	8	483	43.0	75

THE COACHES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2003

DAN REEVES, Atlanta, has 198 career victories in 22 seasons and needs two victories to become the sixth coach in NFL history with 200 career victories. Reeves needs 12 victories to pass Chuck Noll (209) to move into fifth place all-time.

MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER, San Diego, needs five victories to pass Bud Grant (168) and Paul Brown (170) to move into eighth place all-time in career victories. In 17 seasons, Schottenheimer has 166 career victories.

BILL PARCELLS, Dallas, needs one victory to reach 150 career victories. In 15 seasons, Parcels has 149 career victories.

MIKE SHANAHAN, Denver, needs four victories to reach 100 career victories. In 10 seasons, Shanahan has 96 career victories.

DICK VERMEIL, Kansas City, needs four victories to reach 100 career victories. In 12 seasons, Vermeil has 96 career victories.

2003 NEW COACHES QUESTIONAIRES



JACK DEL RIO – JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

HOBBIES: Fishing, golf, and relaxing on the beach with my family...**LAST BOOK READ:** *The Last Full Measure* by Jeff Shaara...**FAVORITE FOOD:** Italian or Cajun...**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Pensacola, FL...**BEST FOOTBALL NICKNAME:** William “The Fridge” Perry... **WHAT NFL TEAM DID YOU FOLLOW AS A CHILD:** Raiders... **FAVORITE STADIUM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AND WHY:** Lambeau Field – Great tradition, great atmosphere...**FAVORITE SPORTS UNIFORM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN:** Raiders’ silver and black...**FAVORITE OTHER SPORTS:** Baseball and basketball...**PERSON YOU’D MOST LIKE TO MEET:** George W. Bush...**PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST:** My dad...**BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED:** “Be a man of your word”...**PLAYER (FORMER OR CURRENT) WHO’D MAKE A GREAT HEAD COACH:** Rich Gannon...**GREATEST OVERACHIEVER YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Terry Cousin...**BEST PURE ATHLETE YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Mark Fields...**TOUGHEST PLAYER**

YOU’VE EVER COACHED: Ray Lewis...**MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYERS YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Ray Lewis...**FUNNIEST PLAYER YOU’VE EVER COACHED AND WHY:** Corey Harris – Very quick wit and relentless...**TOUGHEST COACH YOU’VE EVER FACED:** Dan Reeves...**GREATEST TEAM YOU’VE EVER COMPETED AGAINST:** 1985 Chicago Bears...**TOUGHEST GAME YOU’VE EVER COMPETED IN, AS A COACH OR PLAYER:** As a Dallas Cowboy, an overtime game vs. Houston Oilers, with well over 100 plays on defense and special teams...**LOUDEST CROWD OF YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER:** New Orleans Superdome... **MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOOTBALL WRITER YOU’VE EVER MET:** Rick Gosselin, *Dallas Morning News*... **MOST OVERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Preseason predictions...**MOST UNDERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Fundamentals...**HARDEST JOB IN FOOTBALL:** Cornerback...**MOST EMBARRASSING FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Having a touchdown called back because of a holding penalty...**MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Baltimore Ravens winning Super Bowl XXXV; returning an interception 84 yards on Monday Night Football...**IF YOU WEREN’T COACHING, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING:** Drinking less coffee.



DENNIS ERICKSON – SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

HOBBIES: Golf, fishing, reading...**FAVORITE FOOD:** Crab...**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Courtland, Idaho...**BEST FOOTBALL NICKNAME:** Maniacs (High school team)...**FAVORITE COLLEGE TOWN:** Bossier, MT...**WHAT NFL TEAM DID YOU FOLLOW AS A CHILD:** San Francisco 49ers...**FAVORITE ATHLETE AS A CHILD:** Hugh McElhenny...**FAVORITE STADIUM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN:** Arrowhead Stadium – How the crowd gets into it...**FAVORITE SPORTS UNIFORM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN:** Oregon State Beavers...**FAVORITE OTHER SPORT:** College basketball...**PERSON YOU’D MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Henry Kissinger...**PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST:** Mother and father...**BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED:** “Be the best you can be at everything you attempt to do”...**PLAYER (FORMER OR CURRENT) WHO’D MAKE A GREAT HEAD COACH:** Warren Moon...**GREATEST OVERACHIEVER YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Eric Yarber...**BEST PURE ATHLETE**

YOU’VE EVER COACHED: Warren Sapp...**TOUGHEST PLAYER YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Michael Barrow... **TOUGHEST COACH YOU’VE EVER FACED:** Joe Paterno... **GREATEST TEAM YOU’VE EVER COMPETED AGAINST:** Notre Dame...**TOUGHEST GAME YOU’VE EVER COMPETED IN, AS A COACH OR PLAYER:** Any time Notre Dame played Miami while I was there...**LOUDEST CROWD OF YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER:** Arrowhead Stadium... **MOST OVERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Xs and Os...**MOST UNDERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Kicking game...**HARDEST JOB IN FOOTBALL:** Quarterback... **MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Winning our sixth game at Oregon State, for the first winning season in 26 years...**ONE THING YOU’D CHANGE ABOUT PRO FOOTBALL:** Being able to dress more players and include more on the roster on the same day... **IF YOU WEREN’T COACHING, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING:** Teaching.



MARVIN LEWIS – CINCINNATI BENGALS

HOBBIES: Jogging, reading...**LAST BOOK READ:** *Paradox of Power* by Pat Williams...**FAVORITE FOOD:** Mexican food...**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Hilton Head, South Carolina...**BEST FOOTBALL NICKNAME:** “Salukis”...**FAVORITE COLLEGE TOWN:** State College, PA...**WHAT NFL TEAM DID YOU FOLLOW AS A CHILD:** Steelers... **FAVORITE STADIUM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AND WHY:** Three Rivers Stadium, for the loud and energizing atmosphere... **FAVORITE OTHER SPORT:** Basketball...**PERSON YOU’D MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Colin Powell...**PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST:** My father...**BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED:** “Be yourself”...**PLAYER (FORMER OR CURRENT) WHO’D MAKE A GREAT HEAD COACH:** Rod Woodson...**BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER YOU EVER COACHED:** Kevin Greene...**BEST PURE ATHLETE YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Champ

Bailey...**TOUGHEST PLAYER YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Greg Lloyd...**MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER YOU’VE EVER COACHED:** Ray Lewis...**FUNNIEST PLAYER YOU’VE EVER COACHED AND WHY:** Corey Harris – Very perceptive, quick-witted, spares no prisoners...**TOUGHEST COACH YOU’VE EVER FACED:** Bill Cowher...**GREATEST TEAM YOU’VE EVER COMPETED AGAINST:** Steelers and Titans, 1996-2001...**TOUGHEST GAME YOU’VE EVER COMPETED IN, AS A COACH OR PLAYER:** 2000 AFC Divisional Game, Ravens vs. Titans...**LOUDEST CROWD OF YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER:** 1995 AFC Championship, Steelers vs. Colts...**MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOOTBALL WRITER YOU’VE EVER MET:** Peter King, *Sports Illustrated*... **MOST OVERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Measureables...**MOST UNDERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Ability to learn and react...**HARDEST JOB IN FOOTBALL:** Quarterback...**MOST EMBARRASSING FOOTBALL MOMENT:** 1987, coaching at New Mexico and losing to New Mexico State...**MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Super Bowl XXV, Duane Starks’ interception returned for touchdown...**ONE THING THAT SHOULD NEVER CHANGE ABOUT PRO FOOTBALL:** The pregame atmosphere on the field...



STEVE MARIUCCI – DETROIT LIONS

HOBBIES: No hobbies whatsoever. Any and all free time, I spend with my wife and four children... **LAST BOOK READ:** *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss...**FAVORITE FOOD:** Cheese raviolis...**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Tahoe, California... **FAVORITE COLLEGE TOWN:** Berkeley, California...**WHAT NFL TEAM DID YOU FOLLOW AS A CHILD:** Green Bay Packers...**FAVORITE ATHLETE AS A CHILD:** Bart Starr... **FAVORITE OTHER SPORT:** Ski jumping...**PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Pope John Paul II...**PEOPLE WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST:** My parents... **GREATEST OVERACHIEVER YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Ty Detmer...**BEST PURE ATHLETE YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Jerry Rice...**TOUGHEST PLAYER YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Brett Favre...**MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYERS YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Reggie White and Garrison Hearst... **GREATEST TEAM YOU'VE EVER COMPETED AGAINST:** Dallas Cowboys 1992-96...**TOUGHEST GAME YOU'VE EVER COMPETED IN, AS A COACH OR PLAYER:** N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, NFC Wild Card Game, 1/5/03. 49ers come back from 24 points down to win 39-38 ... **MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOOTBALL WRITER YOU'VE EVER MET:** Too many to single one out....**MOST OVERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** The measurables (height, weight, physical test results, etc.)...**MOST UNDERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** The intangibles (heart, dedication, work ethic, etc.)...**HARDEST JOB IN FOOTBALL:** Coaches' wives... **MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Being named the head coach of my home-state team, the Lions... **IF YOU WEREN'T COACHING, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING:** Working in football ownership, front office or broadcasting. Or teaching school.



BILL PARCELLS – DALLAS COWBOYS

HOBBIES: Horse racing and golf...**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pasta...**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Florida...**BEST FOOTBALL NICKNAME:** Wolverines...**FAVORITE COLLEGE TOWN:** Princeton, New Jersey...**WHAT NFL TEAM DID YOU FOLLOW AS A CHILD:** New York Giants... **FAVORITE STADIUM OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AND WHY:** Lambeau Field, for the tradition... **FAVORITE OTHER SPORTS:** Baseball and boxing...**PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Warren Buffett...**PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST:** My father...**BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED:** "Be yourself"...**PLAYER (FORMER OR CURRENT) WHO'D MAKE A GREAT HEAD COACH:** Maurice Carthon...**GREATEST OVERACHIEVER YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Maurice Carthon...**BEST PURE ATHLETE YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Lawrence Taylor...**TOUGHEST PLAYER YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Mark Bavaro...**MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER YOU'VE EVER COACHED:** Dave Meggett...**FUNNIEST PLAYER YOU'VE EVER COACHED AND WHY:** Tony Galbraith – Does great impressions...**TOUGHEST COACH YOU'VE EVER FACED:** Joe Gibbs...**GREATEST TEAM YOU'VE EVER COMPETED AGAINST:** 1985 Chicago Bears...**TOUGHEST GAME YOU'VE EVER COMPETED IN, AS A COACH OR PLAYER:** 1990 NFC Championship Game, Giants vs. 49ers... **MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOOTBALL WRITER YOU'VE EVER MET:** Vinny DiTrani, *Bergen Record*...**MOST OVERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Passing statistics...**MOST UNDERRATED ASPECT OF FOOTBALL:** Kicking statistics...**HARDEST JOB IN FOOTBALL:** Quarterback...**MOST EMBARRASSING FOOTBALL MOMENT:** 1993 New England loss to Jets, 45-7...**MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALL MOMENT:** Winning Super Bowls XXI and XXV... **ONE THING THAT SHOULD NEVER CHANGE ABOUT PRO FOOTBALL:** Scoring system...**IF YOU WEREN'T COACHING, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING:** Owning race horses.

LEWIS JOINS EDWARDS AS HEAD COACH GRADS OF NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Two out of the past three years.

That's the number of graduates from the **NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** that have been named NFL head coaches in the last three years. **HERMAN EDWARDS** of the New York Jets was first in 2001. **MARVIN LEWIS** of the Cincinnati Bengals follows this year.

The program, begun in 1987, annually provides NFL training-camp positions to minority coaches. Numerous present-day NFL coaches have partaken in the program. Two were Edwards and Lewis.

"I am a head coach in the NFL today because of the opportunity that program provided me," says Edwards, who interned with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1989. "The program is really the thing that jump-starts your career. It really worked perfectly for me. I was in the right place at the right time."

A book on Edwards' life, entitled "It's The Will, Not The Skill," will be published next February.

Lewis interned with the San Francisco 49ers in 1988 and the Chiefs in 1991. He went on to build one of the most dominant defenses in NFL history as the defensive coordinator of the Super Bowl XXXV-champion Baltimore Ravens.

"I believe I have a situation to uphold," says Lewis. "I represent coaches who came up the way I did – from Division I-AA and being a graduate assistant. This is a positive step – white, black or green. Winning football games and working hard at it -- that's what people appreciate."

(Yet another graduate of the Coaching Fellowship program, **KARL DORRELL**, was appointed head coach of UCLA last December. Dorrell interned with the Denver Broncos in 1993 and 1999, and spent the past three seasons as the club's wide receivers coach.)

The total number of African-American coaches continues to rise. There are 170 black coaches on 2003 NFL staffs – 30 percent of all coaches – compared to 2002's total of 156. In 1980, by contrast, there were only 14 black coaches in the league. All were assistants.

Also in the past offseason, six African-American coaches were newly appointed to NFL coordinator roles – two who are Coaching Fellowship graduates. In 2003 there will be a record 14 African-American coordinators in the NFL. The new coordinators:

- **HUE JACKSON, Offense, Washington Redskins** – A 1995 participant in the Coaching Fellowship with the Redskins, Jackson also received coaching experience in the NFL Europe League with London in 1991.
- **LESLIE FRAZIER, Defense, Cincinnati Bengals** – Former Coaching Fellowship participant Marvin Lewis hires a fellow graduate of the program (Arizona, 1995).
- **MAURICE CARTHON, Offense, Dallas Cowboys** – Former NFL running back rejoins new Cowboys head coach **BILL PARCELLS**, for whom he played with the New York Giants, and coached under with the New England Patriots and New York Jets.
- **GEORGE EDWARDS, Defense, Washington Redskins** – Promoted to coordinator after one season with Washington following four years as the linebackers coach in Dallas.
- **SHERMAN LEWIS, Offense, Detroit Lions** – Former offensive coordinator of Green Bay and Minnesota assumes same role with Detroit.

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NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship, continued...

- **RAY RHODES, Defense, Seattle Seahawks** – Former head coach of Philadelphia and Green Bay joins Seahawks after two seasons as Denver’s defensive coordinator.

2003 NFL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEAD COACHES/COORDINATORS

Greg Blache, Chicago, Defense	Hue Jackson, Washington, Offense *
Maurice Carthon, Dallas, Offense *	Marvin Lewis, Cincinnati, Head Coach *
Ted Cottrell, NY Jets, Defense	Sherman Lewis, Detroit, Offense
Romeo Crennel, New England, Defense	Tim Lewis, Pittsburgh, Defense
Tony Dungy, Indianapolis, Head Coach	Johnnie Lynn, NY Giants, Defense
George Edwards, Washington, Defense *	Ron Meeks, Indianapolis, Defense
Herman Edwards, NY Jets, Head Coach	Ray Rhodes, Seattle, Defense *
Leslie Frazier, Cincinnati, Defense *	Lovie Smith, St. Louis, Defense
Jerry Gray, Buffalo, Defense	* Appointed in 2003

Another program to help **all assistant coaches** advance is the **NFL COACHES CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM**. The symposium, conceived by NFL Commissioner **PAUL TAGLIABUE** as a way to help assistant coaches and coordinators develop the unique skills demanded of NFL head coaches, offers a far-ranging agenda of career-enhancement topics tailored specifically to NFL assistants. The sixth annual Coaches Career Symposium was held this past May in Philadelphia.

The **NFL EUROPE LEAGUE** this past spring initiated a program similar to the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship.

The **NFL COACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** included six current and 12 former NFL players who participated in the month-long NFLEL training camps in Tampa in February. Seven of the former players continued coaching for the entire 10-week NFL Europe League season in Europe, and joined NFL clubs during training camp as part of the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program.

The seven were **MARTIN BAYLESS, REGGIE BROOKS, BARRY FOSTER, ERIC GREEN, HUGH GREEN, AMP LEE** and **REGGIE MC ELROY**. The NFL Coaching Internship Program is a joint effort of the NFL and the NFL Players Association.



DEL RIO SECOND YOUNGEST TO GRUDEN

New Jacksonville Jaguars head coach **JACK DEL RIO** is a relative NFL youngster. At 40, he’s the second-youngest coach in the league, only four months older than the man who won last year’s Super Bowl, Buccaneers coach **JON GRUDEN**.

Del Rio’s age makes him younger than four active players in the league. Here’s how he compares to the NFL’s 40-year olds:

PLAYER	AGE*/BIRTHDATE
Morten Andersen, Kansas City	43, 8/19/60
Sean Landeta, St. Louis	41, 1/6/62
Jerry Rice, Oakland	40, 10/13/62
Doug Flutie, San Diego	40, 10/23/62
Jack Del Rio, Coach, Jacksonville	40, 4/4/63
Bruce Smith, Washington	40, 6/18/63

(*As of August 4, 2003)

Despite his relative youth, Del Rio does not feel an overwhelming need to prove himself. “I have prepared for this opportunity,” he says. “Everybody handles pressure differently. To me, as a team, you want to apply the pressure and not feel the pressure.”

Gruden’s experience proves that age is not necessarily a prerequisite to postseason success. Neither, apparently, is head-coaching experience. In fact, three of the four coaches in last year’s conference championship games had no previous service as head coaches before they were appointed. But they did well nonetheless:

Coach	Hired as Head Coach	2002 Result
Bill Callahan	2002, Oakland Raiders	AFC Champions
Jeff Fisher	1994, Houston Oilers	lost AFC Championship game
Andy Reid	1999, Philadelphia Eagles	lost NFC Championship game



ERICKSON: CHIP OFF OL’ BLOCK

New San Francisco 49ers head coach **DENNIS ERICKSON** was just about born to be a football coach. His father, **ROBERT “PINK” ERICKSON**, was a legendary high school football coach in the Everett, Washington region.

Not only did his dad’s job provide young Dennis with an introduction to football (at age five)—“I was watching film on Saturday when most kids were watching cartoons,” he says—it gave him a chance to compete against the elder Erickson as well. Over his high school playing career, Dennis’ team was 2-1 against his father’s squad.

Some coaching lessons and direction Dennis gleaned from his dad:

1. Love and respect the game of football.
2. Deal with players fairly – it’s good motivation.
3. Even as Xs and Os change, general practices remain.
4. Appreciate the big principles of football, not just the details.



MOOCH RETURNS HOME

New Detroit Lions head coach **STEVE MARIUCCI** will become the fourth active NFL head coach to lead a team based in his home state. He joins some distinguished company with that distinction, and his Michigan roots are indeed deep.

“My wife made me promise I wouldn’t get my local accent back anytime soon,” laughs Mariucci.

NFL coaches working in their home state, and some Mariucci Michigan background:

COACH	TEAM	HOME TOWN
Bill Cowher	Pittsburgh Steelers	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dick Jauron	Chicago Bears	Peoria, Illinois
Steve Mariucci	Detroit Lions	Iron Mountain, Michigan
Dan Reeves	Atlanta Falcons	Americus, Georgia

MARIUCCI IN MICHIGAN
-- Childhood friends with Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo
-- All-American quarterback for NCAA Division II champs Northern Michigan
-- Brother Mike has run Michael’s Hair Design in Flint for 13 years
-- Parents still live in his childhood house off the Upper Peninsula’s Lake Antoine



PARCELLS AIMS FOR SUPER BOWL HISTORY

BILL PARCELLS is back – as the new head coach of the Dallas Cowboys – and he’s looking to make history. If he follows through on his promise to “bring the Dallas Cowboys another championship,” he’ll become the first head coach to lead three different teams to a Super Bowl, and the first head coach to win Super Bowls with two different teams.

Even without a Super Bowl ring, just a trip to the playoffs would make Parcels the first coach to take four teams to the playoffs. And already, he’s become only the fourth person to take the helm of at least four different teams, joining an elite group of coaches:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roy Andrews	Kansas City Cowboys	1924-26	Bill Parcels	New York Giants	1983-90
	Cleveland Bulldogs	1927		New England Patriots	1993-96
	Detroit Wolverines	1928		New York Jets	1997-99
	New York Giants	1929-30		Dallas Cowboys	2003
	Chicago Cardinals	1931			
Jimmy Conzelman	Rock Island Independents	1921-22	Marty Schottenheimer	Cleveland Browns	1984-88
	Milwaukee Badgers	1922-23		Kansas City Chiefs	1989-98
	Detroit Panthers	1925-26		Washington Redskins	2001
	Providence Steam Roller	1927-30		San Diego Chargers	2002-present
	Chicago Cardinals	1940-42, 46-48			

The four coaches to take two different teams to the Super Bowl:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Super Bowl Result</u>
Bill Parcels	New York Giants	1986	14-2	Defeated Denver 39-20 in Super Bowl XXI
		1990	13-3	Defeated Buffalo 20-19 in Super Bowl XXV
	New England Patriots	1996	11-5	Lost to Green Bay 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI
Dan Reeves	Denver Broncos	1986	11-5	Lost to New York Giants 39-20 in Super Bowl XXI
		1987	10-4-1	Lost to Washington 42-10 in Super Bowl XXII
		1989	11-5	Lost to San Francisco 55-10 in Super Bowl XXIV
	Atlanta Falcons	1998	14-2	Lost to Denver 34-19 in Super Bowl XXXIII
Don Shula	Baltimore Colts	1968	13-1	Lost to New York Jets 16-7 in Super Bowl III
	Miami Dolphins	1971	10-3-1	Lost to Dallas 24-3 in Super Bowl VI
		1972	14-0	Defeated Washington 14-7 in Super Bowl VII
		1973	12-2	Defeated Minnesota 24-7 in Super Bowl VIII
		1982	7-2	Lost to Washington 27-17 in Super Bowl XVII
		1984	14-2	Lost to San Francisco 38-16 in Super Bowl XIX
Dick Vermeil	Philadelphia Eagles	1979	12-4	Lost to Oakland 27-10 in Super Bowl XV
	St. Louis Rams	2000	13-3	Defeated Tennessee 23-16 in Super Bowl XXXIV



GRUDEN JOINS NOLL AS THIRD COLLEGE DUO TO WIN SUPER BOWLS

The University of Dayton might not immediately come to mind when discussing Super Bowl-winning coaches – but it should.

With Tampa Bay head coach **JON GRUDEN** leading the Buccaneers to a 48-21 win over the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII, the school now has become only the third institution to produce two Super Bowl-winning head coaches. Gruden joins legendary Pittsburgh Steelers coach **CHUCK NOLL** as Dayton grads to win football's ultimate prize.

The other schools boasting a pair of Super Bowl winners on the sidelines are the San Jose State duo of **BILL WALSH** and **DICK VERMEIL** and Arkansas' **JIMMY JOHNSON** and **BARRY SWITZER**.

"I found my passion for football at Dayton," says Gruden, while addressing a crowd of more than 500 at a fundraising dinner this spring for the school's new football practice facility. "I loved being in the football program and I learned about high expectations."

Gruden was a three-year letterman at quarterback for the Flyers, with the team posting a 24-7 record in his three varsity seasons. Gruden, who became the youngest head coach ever to win a Super Bowl, graduated in 1985 with a degree in communications.

"I was not a very good player," Gruden says, "I wasn't the backup quarterback, I was the backup to the backup quarterback. But I did whatever I could to help the program. They have a vision here at Dayton to dominate academically and athletically. I realize I have to do something as an alumnus to help the guys who are here now, like other alumni helped when I was here."

A closer look at the college duos to coach their NFL teams to Super Bowl victory:

<u>College</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>NFL Club</u>	<u>Super Bowl Championships</u>
Dayton	Jon Gruden	Tampa Bay	XXXVII vs. Oak
	Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	IX vs. Min; X vs. Dal; XIII vs. Dal; XIV vs. LA Rams
Arkansas	Jimmy Johnson	Dallas	XXVII vs. Buf; XXVIII vs. Buf
	Barry Switzer	Dallas	XXX vs. Pit
San Jose State	Dick Vermeil	St. Louis	XXXIV vs. Ten
	Bill Walsh	San Francisco	XVI vs. Cin; XIX vs. Mia; XXIII vs. Cin



SPENCER LATEST OF NFL PLAYER COACHES

It's a rarity all right – particularly in today's NFL.

But this year, the league will see its first player-coach in 32 years – Denver Broncos cornerback **JIMMY SPENCER**, a 12-year NFL veteran who also will be the team's assistant defensive backs coach.

"I'm very excited," says Spencer, who is believed to be the first such player-coach since **DAN REEVES** with the Dallas Cowboys in 1970-71. "It's going to be a great challenge. I would say that the biggest challenge is time-wise, scheduling myself and getting the proper rest. As coaches, you have to stay up and watch a lot of tape. Right now everything is film, film, film."

A member of the Broncos since 2000, Spencer played for the New Orleans Saints from 1992-95, the Cincinnati Bengals from 1996-97 and the San Diego Chargers from 1998-99. In his 11 seasons in the NFL, he has played in 161 games and recorded 26 interceptions.

San Francisco safety **SCOTT FROST** has an idea about the challenges that will be facing Spencer. While on injured reserve in 2002, Frost joined the coaching staff at Nebraska, his alma mater, as a graduate assistant a month before the team's Independence Bowl game in December.

"I think the one thing you don't realize is the amount of time coaches put in," says Frost. "There's endless work to do."

The quarterback of Nebraska's 1997 co-national champion team, Frost had the following advice for Spencer.

"I think the big reason ex-players get into coaching is their desire to be around the game," says Frost. "The thing that comes naturally is the understanding of the game. But the other key is learning how to communicate with your players."

Spencer has handled his transition from player to authority figure in stride and has the respect and attention of his teammates.

"It was kind of different at first," says Spencer. "The players didn't know what to expect. But I told them 'Hey, I have the authority now, so when I say something you guys have to listen.' They listen well and the good thing is that they know I'm going to be straight up with them."

Following are some of the most notable player-coaches in NFL history:

<u>PLAYER-COACH</u>	<u>TEAM (YEAR)</u>
Jim Thorpe *	Canton Bulldogs (1915-17, 1919-20); Oorang Indians (1922-23)
George Halas *	Decatur Staleys (1920); Chicago Staleys (1921); Chicago Bears (1922-29)
Earl (Curly) Lambeau *	Green Bay Packers (1921-29)
Fritz Pollard	Milwaukee Badgers (1922)
Ernie Nevers *	Duluth Eskimos (1927); Chicago Cardinals (1930-31)
Don Hutson *	Green Bay Packers (1944-45)
Tom Landry *	N.Y. Giants (1954-55)
Sam Huff *	Washington Redskins (1969)
Forrest Gregg *	Green Bay Packers (1969-70)
Dan Reeves	Dallas Cowboys (1970-71)

*Members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame



LEWIS LATEST OF COWHER “COACHING TREE” TO SPROUT TO NFL HEAD COACH

BILL COWHER of the Pittsburgh Steelers is the longest-serving head coach in the NFL. And when you coach for that long (he’s entering his 12th season, beginning in 1992), it makes sense that your coaching influence will be felt far and wide.

Indeed, four of Cowher’s coordinators have gone on to their own head-coaching positions, the newest being **MARVIN LEWIS**, a former Steelers assistant who is the new head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Cowher has always respected his assistants’ wishes to move onward and upward.

“I’ve never put my own agenda ahead of another coach’s opportunity to obtain a dream,” says Cowher. “An assistant coach with a chance to become a head coach, I think it would be hard to say no to any opportunity that came along. They only come so often.”

Here’s a look at the Cowher “coaching tree”:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Under Cowher</u>	<u>Head Coaching Position(s)</u>
Dom Capers	Defensive coordinator, 1992-94	Carolina Panthers, 1995-98 Houston Texans, 2001-present
Chan Gailey	Wide receivers coach, 1994-95 Offensive coordinator, 1996-97	Dallas Cowboys, 1998-99
Jim Haslett	Defensive coordinator, 1997-99	New Orleans Saints, 2000-present
Marvin Lewis	Linebackers coach, 1992-95	Cincinnati Bengals, 2003



SPECIAL TEAMS COACH OF YEAR EVEREST IMPARTS THE KEYS

The importance of good special teams units, though perhaps overlooked by the casual observer, is common knowledge to football coaches throughout the country on all levels. And in 2002, the NFL special teams coach deemed the best by a truly knowledgeable audience – his NFL special teams peers – was the New Orleans Saints’ **AL EVEREST**.

“This award was a tribute to the hard work Al has put in over the last three years to improve our special teams and also to the players that make up those units,” said Saints head coach **JIM HASLETT**. “That he was chosen in a vote by his peers makes it even more rewarding for him and for our staff.”

Everest, who joined the Saints with Haslett in 2000, began his coaching career in 1972 and has aided in the development of football players around the world, including stops in Italy and Mexico. Since coming to New Orleans following four years with the Arizona Cardinals, Everest has helped turn the Saints kicking game and coverage units into one of the NFL’s best.

The 2003 Pro Bowl was a good indication of Everest’s success. Return specialist **MICHAEL LEWIS** and coverage ace **FRED MC AFEE** each made their first appearance as NFL All-Stars, as Lewis set an NFL record with 2,432 combined kick-return yards (1,807 kickoff, 625 punt) and also became only the seventh player in NFL history to return a punt and kickoff for a touchdown in the same game. The former NFL Europe standout with the Rhein Fire accomplished the feat on October 13 in a 43-27 win over the Washington Redskins.

“Great special teams play starts with leadership and ends with the commitment of the players,” Everest explains. “The head coach must support special teams and be committed to its significance, just as he is committed to the offense and defense. We have seven assistant coaches who help out on special teams and they bring the same energy and expertise to it as they do the positions they coach. Finally, the players must carry the torch of pride and excellence onto the field. They must both love and respect the challenges of playing on special teams for the Saints.”

A look at the top five 2002 NFL team rankings in various key special teams categories:

<u>Most KR – 40+ yards</u>		<u>Most PR – 20+ yards</u>		<u>Highest KR Avg.</u>		<u>Lowest KR Avg – Opp.</u>	
Detroit	8	NY Jets	10	Philadelphia	24.9	Carolina	18.5
New Orleans	7	New Orleans	7	New Orleans	24.8	Jacksonville	19.5
Atlanta	6	Philadelphia	7	Detroit	24.6	San Diego	20.0
Baltimore	6	Dallas	6	Tampa Bay	24.1	Tennessee	20.0
Cincinnati	6	San Francisco	6	NY Jets	23.8	Cleveland	20.4
Philadelphia	6	Washington	6				
<u>Highest PR Avg.</u>		<u>Lowest PR Avg – Opp.</u>		<u>Avg. Drive Start – KR (Receiving Team)</u>		<u>Avg. Drive Start – KR (Kicking Team)</u>	
NY Jets	16.0	Detroit	4.5	NY Jets	31.7	Tennessee	24.8
San Francisco	14.1	Atlanta	4.7	New England	31.4	New Orleans	25.3
New Orleans	13.9	New Orleans	5.5	Philadelphia	31.1	Atlanta	26.1
Kansas City	13.5	Houston	5.7	Dallas	30.6	Carolina	26.2
Cleveland	13.2	Indianapolis	5.8	Kansas City	30.1	Philadelphia	26.6

JEFFCOAT KNOWS THEM ALL

The Dallas Cowboys enjoy a rich tradition and history of excellence rivaling that of any team in professional sports. One man has had a unique view of the franchise through the years -- current Cowboys defensive ends coach **JIM JEFFCOAT**.

Jeffcoat was a standout defensive end with the team from 1983-94, helping the club to a pair of Super Bowl victories during that span. He then rejoined the team as an assistant coach, beginning in 1998. Jeffcoat is the only Dallas Cowboy to have either played under or coached with every head coach in team history, from legendary Pro Football Hall of Famer **TOM LANDRY**, through current two-time Super Bowl-winning head coach **BILL PARCELLS**.

"The biggest adjustment from playing to coaching has been where the responsibilities lie," says Jeffcoat. "As a player you depend on yourself to get things done. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are working as hard as you can in the weight room, classroom and on the field to prepare yourself. You get direction from the coaches, but only you can control how well you know your assignments when you take the field. As a coach, you have the responsibility of teaching your group those assignments. You have to prepare them for every situation and make sure they know how to react when they hit the field."

Jeffcoat's description of the six head coaches in Dallas Cowboys history:

Coach	Years	Relationship	Life With Coach...According to Jeffcoat
Tom Landry	1983-88	Player	He always seemed to be a step ahead of everyone, and he had command of the entire game. In meetings, he was the one who critiqued the entire offense and defense. You don't hear of that any more because most head coaches now concentrate on just one side of the football.
Jimmy Johnson	1989-93	Player	How hard he worked us. I remember Coach Johnson saying one time that it didn't matter if we were 1-15 or Super Bowl champs, we were going to practice like we were in the Super Bowl every time we went out, and that is what we did. We practiced and prepared like we were going to the Super Bowl. Everything we did was geared toward winning. We never did anything just to do it. He had a reason behind everything he said and did.
Barry Switzer	1994	Player	Compassion. Barry came in at a time when the team probably needed to have the reins let out a little. We had a veteran team and he trusted his players to prepare themselves. He truly cared about the players as people.
Chan Gailey	1998-99	Defensive line assistant	Chan was one of the smartest coaches I have ever been around. He knew what he wanted, and he knew how he wanted to get it. He had one of the best offensive minds I have been around in his game preparations.
Dave Campo	2000-02	Defensive ends coach	He was a darn good defensive coach. Campo was special to me because I was around him from the first day he joined the Cowboys. He had a little bit of everyone in him, a little Landry, Jimmy, Barry and Chan.
Bill Parcells	2003	Defensive ends coach	If I was to compare him to anyone it would have to be Coach Landry. He is from that school where he is involved in every aspect of the game from special teams to offense and defense. He is very detailed in his preparations. He is very detailed in his preparations, and you have to make sure that if you coach for him that you have your I's dotted and T's crossed. He is very demanding, but he wins. That is a positive of working for coach Parcells. The reason he demands it is because he wants you to give him your best either as a coach or a player.



LEWIS JOINS SCHOTTENHEIMER AS FORT CHERRY H.S. NFL HEAD COACHES

McDonald, Pennsylvania is positioned 80.23 degrees west of the Prime Meridian and is a prime location for finding future NFL coaches to the first degree.

Fort Cherry High School in McDonald is the alma mater of two current NFL head coaches: **MARVIN LEWIS** of the Cincinnati Bengals and **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** of the San Diego Chargers. Beyond a common school, they share an uncommon and legendary head football coach in **JIM GARRY**.

A 1994 inductee into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Hall of Fame, Garry coached Fort Cherry from 1959-2002. Along with instilling football values such as discipline and teamwork, he compiled a sterling coaching record of 265-153-14 (.630). This season, Garry's son **TIM** becomes the second head football coach in the red-helmeted Rangers' history. The elder Garry continues to contribute as an assistant.

Among his more than 2,000 former players, the senior Garry recalls what made Lewis and Schottenheimer stand out.

"For one thing, they were good-sized kids," says Garry. "Mentally, they knew what they were doing and didn't make many mistakes. They were both nice kids, always very attentive and they were team leaders. They've grown to become good people, smart people.

"I'd be happy just to be remembered as someone to have been associated with people like Marty, Marvin, and (Detroit Lions defensive coordinator) **KURT SCHOTTENHEIMER**, too. They went on and did their job in college and now in the pros. It makes you feel good to see them do so well."

Asked to list a key item that he learned from Garry, Cincinnati's Lewis says, "How to command a great deal of respect without ever cursing."

"He was a great coach," says the Chargers' Schottenheimer. "He was a very, very good teacher. He organized everything and did a tremendous job."

Incidentally, the Chargers host the Bengals on Nov. 23.



THE PILOT COACH

One of the most interesting offseason coaching hires was done by the New York Giants when they added **MIKE PRIEFER** as their assistant special teams coach/administrative assistant to the head coach. Priefer is a Naval Academy graduate who was a helicopter pilot who flew in the Persian Gulf after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

“What is good about pilots is that they can function under pressure,” says Giants head coach Jim Fassel. “That’s what I needed. Coach Priefer is a smart guy and he’ll bring a lot to the table.”

Priefer believes that his military experience can help him succeed with the Giants.

“My background can help because we were always put into pressure situations our plebe year,” he says. “They kind of tear you down and build you back up the Navy way. I approached flights like I approach a football game. The same butterflies, the same preparation, the same tension.”

According to Priefer, there are three qualities that make up a good helicopter pilot:

1. Pride in his work ethic and performance.
2. Poise under pressure.
3. Adaptability – the ability to adapt to any situation during any mission.

“It was an honor and a privilege to be a member of the United States Navy,” says Priefer. “I was both fortunate and blessed to be able to serve my country in the capacity that I did. The Naval Academy and the Navy helped form much of who I am today and I take a lot of pride in the fact that I was a helicopter pilot in our country’s military.”

Following are some NFL personnel with military backgrounds:

NAME	TEAM	POSITION	RELATIVE	MILITARY
Bud Adams	Tennessee	Owner	--	Navy
Ashley Ambrose	New Orleans	Cornerback	Wife	Army Reserve
Mike Anderson	Denver	Running Back	--	Marine Corps
Chris Beake	San Francisco	Offensive Assistant	--	Air Force
Tom Benson	New Orleans	Owner	--	Navy
Bryce Fisher	St. Louis	Defensive End	--	Air Force
Donnie Edwards	San Diego	Linebacker	Grandparents	Army
Hank Fraley	Philadelphia	Center-Guard	Brother Sister-in-law	Army Army
Michael Haynes	Chicago	Defensive End	Father Mother	Air Force Army
Larry Izzo	New England	Linebacker	Father	Army
Terrell Jones	San Francisco	Strength Coach	--	Air Force
Jim Kubiak	Indianapolis	Quarterback	--	Navy
Ben Leber	San Diego	Linebacker	Father	Army
Otis Leverette	San Diego	Defensive End	Father	Army
Wellington Mara	New York Giants	Owner	--	Navy
Scot McCready	New England	Wide Receiver	Father	Royal Air Force
Tom Moore	Indianapolis	Offensive Coordinator	--	Army
Earle Mosley	Chicago	Running Backs Coach	--	Army
Mike Priefer	New York Giants	Assistant Special Teams/Administrative Assistant to Head Coach	--	Navy
Josh Reed	Buffalo	Wide Receiver	Brother Cousin	Army Navy
Tony Richardson	Kansas City	Fullback	Father	Army
Jay Robertson	New York Giants	Offensive Assistant	--	Army
Orlando Ruff	New Orleans	Linebacker	Father	Air Force
Mike Sullivan	Jacksonville	Offensive Assistant	--	Army
Mike Sweatman	Chicago	Special Teams Coach	-- Son (Tom) Son (Chris) Son (Dan)	Marine Corps Marine Corps Navy Navy
Pat Tillman	Arizona (1998-2001)	Safety	-- Brother	Army Army
Cliff Washburn	New York Giants	Defensive End	--	The Citadel
Ralph Wilson	Buffalo	Owner	--	Navy

NOW THERE'S TWO FASSEL HEAD COACHES

New York Giants head coach **JIM FASSEL** is now the father of another head coach. His son, **JOHN**, 29, is the new head football coach of New Mexico Highlands University.

"It's a great opportunity for him at this age," says Fassel. "Before I'm done coaching, I would love to coach with him. That's kind of a dream of mine."

Other sons of NFL coaches are following in their father's footsteps. A look at "apples that didn't fall far from the tree":

COACH	SON
Dolphins defensive coordinator Jim Bates	Buccaneers offensive asst. Jeremy
Bears offensive assistant Pete Carmichael, Sr.	Chargers offensive asst. Pete, Jr.
Broncos asst. head coach/offensive line Alex Gibbs	Broncos defensive back coach David
Buccaneers defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin	USC graduate asst. Lane
Saints tight ends coach Bob Palcic	Miami (OH) secondary coach Joe
Lions special teams coach Chuck Priefer	N.Y. Giants asst. special teams coach Mike
Chargers head coach Marty Schottenheimer	Chargers quarterback coach Brian
Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan	UCLA graduate asst. Kyle
Vikings asst. coach/special projects Willie Shaw	Ravens quarterback/receivers coach David
Colts defensive line coach John Teerlinck	Indiana graduate asst. Bill

EDWARDS THE "QUOTEMEISTER"

HERMAN EDWARDS of the New York Jets has developed quite a reputation as he prepares to head into his third season as head coach: that of a veritable "quotemeister." Ask him a question, and chances are you'll get back a memorable quote.

In fact, Edwards is so quotable that the Pro Football Writers of America honored him this year with their Horrigan Award for his "qualities and professional style in helping the pro football writers do their job." In addition to his charismatic Jets news conferences, he also does some motivational speaking for large corporations.

Edwards is fairly self-aware when it comes to his verbosity. "When I was 25 years old, I probably said some things I shouldn't have said," he recalls. "In this day and age, we can tame lions and tigers...but the tongue is the hardest thing to tame."

Some of Herman Edwards' most memorable lines:

-- "He can maul the tight end. If the police were watching him, they'd probably arrest him."

-- "It's up there. He's a huge human." (On how much Jets tackle **CHESTER MC GLOCKTON** weighs)

-- "Like those horses in Central Park, they have those blinders, no peripheral vision at all. Keep the blinders on. Here's the road, it's dark, don't worry about the light. It could be a train, it could be a flashlight. Trust what I am telling you, it is not a train.

-- "Character wins....They make the right decision when the pressure's on. Guys who have character keep their poise."

-- "Am I losing their respect? Are we that bad? Will I ever sleep again? Will anybody see me kick this mutt over that highway divider? It's up – good!"

-- "If I'm a player on this team and it's first down, I'm playing the run. Hello! Play the run. You better figure it out. Do I have to tell them that every play on first down. I hope not."

-- "Hello! You play to win. You play to win the game!"

-- "I'm an old-fashioned guy. I like to listen to the words" (On listening to a CD of *The Temptations*).

"THE VERY BEST KIND OF PRIDE IS THAT WHICH COMPELS A MAN TO DO HIS VERY BEST EVEN THOUGH NO ONE IS WATCHING"

Even professional football players need a motivational pick-me-up, like the one above that hangs in the San Diego Chargers locker room. Many NFL locker rooms display inspirational quotes to boost player morale. Some quotes are short reminders of the clubs' basic values. While others offer philosophical theories.

A sampling of quotes that hang on the walls of NFL locker rooms:

- **ATLANTA FALCONS:** "Tough times don't last: Tough people do."
- **HOUSTON TEXANS:** "No excuses."; "Deeds not words."; "Where only your best is good enough."; "Earn the right to be special."
- **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS:** "Expectation. Execution. No Excuses. No Explanations."
- **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:** "Share the commitment."
- **MIAMI DOLPHINS:** "When you want something you've never had, you've got to do something you've never done."
- **MINNESOTA VIKINGS:** "If you are not the lead dog, the view never changes."; "Knowledge is confidence"; "Asking dumb questions is much easier than correcting dumb mistakes."
- **NEW YORK GIANTS:** "Winners are ordinary people with extraordinary determination."; "A successful team beats with one heart."; "Physical football is NY GIANT Tradition; *MAINTAIN THE STANDARD!*"
- **ST. LOUIS RAMS:** "At the highest level."; "Give yourself completely, expecting nothing in return and EXCELLENCE will be yours."
- **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS:** The Race at Sunrise: "Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows that it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up, you had better be running."

