

FAMOUS LOVE THE NFL!

Celebrities in other sports leagues admit their leagues could learn a thing or two from the NFL!

“They do things bigger than life,” says NASCAR driver **JEFF GORDON** about the Super Bowl. “It’s spectacular. The game is spectacular and the entertainment value is spectacular.”

NASCAR driver **RICHARD PETTY’S** wife **LYNDA** (and mom to NASCAR driver **KYLE PETTY**) admits that when she watches the races at home, they often compete for her attention with her favorite sport, pro football. “I’m Kyle’s and Richard’s fan, but I’m not a race fan,” says Lynda.

Actor **DEAN CAIN** played a baseball player in his TV series *Clubhouse*, but he was a star defensive back at Princeton University and had a tryout with the Buffalo Bills. Who does he root for now? You guessed it -- the Bills!

Cain has great memories of his Bills training camp.

“I remember bumping into **BRUCE SMITH**’s butt,” he says. “It was about head level with me. We were in the lunch line and I bumped into him and he turned around and looked at me and said, ‘Hey, what’s up man?’ He was just looking me up and down and he asked, ‘What are you, a kicker?’ I said, ‘No sir, I’m a defensive back.’ I remember that.

“And I remember one of the guys teasing **SHANE CONLAN**, our linebacker, who had very small calves, who was stretching next to me in the stretching lines,” continued Cain. “The guy was teasing Shane that I had bigger calves than Shane did. And Shane just scowled at me. That was a scary moment.”

And it’s not just the famous athletes who love the NFL.

Country singer **TIM McGRAW** likes the NFL so much he can’t decide on just one team to root for!

“Growing up in Louisiana, I liked the Saints, and of course, now we’ve got Nashville’s own Titans,” says McGraw. “**BRETT FAVRE** is one of my good friends, so I like rooting for him and the Packers.” What a quandry! Hey, everybody loves the NFL:

25 CELEBRITIES WHO LOVE NFL FOOTBALL & THEIR FAVORITE TEAMS

Ben Affleck	New England Patriots
Pamela Anderson	San Diego Chargers
Jim Belushi	Chicago Bears
Jon Bon Jovi	New York Giants
George & Barbara Bush	Houston Texans
Charlie Daniels	Tennessee Titans
Jermaine Dupri	Atlanta Falcons
Ari Fleischer	Miami Dolphins
Tom Hanks	Oakland Raiders
Michael Keaton	Pittsburgh Steelers
Nick Lachey	Cincinnati Bengals
George Lucas	San Francisco 49ers
Nelson Mandela	Dallas Cowboys
Paul McCartney	Pittsburgh Steelers
John Mellencamp	Indianapolis Colts
General Richard Myers	Kansas City Chiefs
John McCain	Arizona Cardinals
Matthew McConaughey	Washington Redskins
Nelly	St. Louis Rams
Condoleezza Rice	Cleveland Browns
Tim Russert	Buffalo Bills
Martin Scorsese	New York Jets
Will Smith	Philadelphia Eagles
David Spade	Green Bay Packers
Britney Spears	New Orleans Saints

2005-06 NFL CALENDAR

September 8-12	Kickoff 2005 Weekend.
October 18	Trading deadline.
October 25-27	NFL Fall Meeting (Site TBD).
January 1	Final regular-season Sunday.
January 7-8	Wild Card Playoffs.
January 14-15	Divisional Playoffs.
January 22	Conference Championships.
February 5	Super Bowl XL, Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan (ABC).
February 12	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii (ESPN).
February 22-28	Scouting Combine, RCA Dome, Indianapolis, Indiana.
March 26-30	NFL Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida.
April 29-30	NFL Draft.
May 23-25	NFL Spring Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

FUTURE SUPER BOWLS

<u>Super Bowl</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
XL	February 5, 2006	Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan.
XLI	February 4, 2007	Dolphins Stadium, Miami, Florida.
XLII	February 3, 2008	Cardinals Stadium, Glendale, Arizona.
XLIII*	February 1, 2009	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida.

*Tentative date