



NFL SUPERSTITIONS

As Kansas City kicker **LAWRENCE TYNES** attempted the winning field goal last December 25 against Oakland, He wished he had washed his car. Before every home game, the kicker washes his car for good luck. Fortunately for him, he made the kick to propel the Chiefs to a 31-30 win with 22 seconds left. “It was too cold this morning to wash the car,” said Tynes. “I was thinking I should have washed it.”

It seems like ever NFL player has a superstition.

A list of the more interesting NFL player superstitions:

PLAYER	SUPERSTITION
DT Brenston Buckner, Carolina	Kisses his cleats for each of his family members before a game.
DE Jesse Chatman, San Diego	Wears an extra pair of socks inside-out underneath his game socks and puts his practice jersey underneath his game jersey.
DB Marcus Coleman, Houston	Eats a chicken caesar sandwich before every game and has to be the last player on the bus.
RB Ahman Green, Green Bay	Watches the film “Pure Payton” on the eve of every game.
QB Rex Grossman, Chicago	Takes a shower after warming up on the field prior to a game.
DE John Henderson, Jacksonville	Gets slapped before each game by assistant trainer Joe Sheehan.
T Daniel Looper, Tennessee	Puts his equipment on left to right in game order for every practice and game.
RB Moran Norris, Houston	Does not walk under the cross bars before games
DE Corey Sears, Houston	Eats an entire lemon before each game.
CB Charles Tillman, Chicago	Has the same person stretch him and tape him and must warm up playing catch with LB Joe Odom on game days.
DE Jason Taylor, Miami	Does everything from left to right including tying his shoes, buttoning his shirt, putting on his socks and brushing his teeth.



10 LITTLE-KNOWN NFL TRIVIA TIDBITS

Ten trivi a notes about NFL players, one having nothing to do with the other...

• Vikings QB BRAD JOHNSON threw both Cris Carter's and Tim Brown's 100th career touchdown passes.
• Giants RB TIKI BARBER , who lived near Carrie Fisher in Roanoke, Va., used to ride his bike by her house in hopes of spotting the actress and writer most famous for her role as “Princess Leia” in <i>Star Wars</i> .
• Kickers PHIL DAWSON of the Browns and MATT STOVER of the Ravens, who share the Browns’ franchise-record for 24 field goals, both attended the same high school in Dallas, Texas (Lake Highlands).
• Long snappers MIKE BARTRUM of Philadelphia and CHRIS MASSEY of St. Louis both graduated from Marshall University.
• Colts QB PEYTON MANNING ’s favorite QB was Brett Favre. Favre’s favorite QB was Peyton’s father Archie.
• Redskins QB JASON CAMPBELL and RB CLINTON PORTIS both called Laurel, Miss. home until middle school.
• Ravens LB TOMMY POLLEY is the first Baltimore high school player to be a full-time starter for the Ravens.
• Bears quarterback KYLE ORTON named his dog Elaine after the <i>Seinfeld</i> character.
• Patriots S RODNEY HARRISON wants his jersey number to be 4255: 42 for Ronnie Lott and 55 for Junior Seau.
• Giants WR PLAXICO BURRESS , whose name means “priceless one, beyond praise in Egyptian,” was named for an uncle who did three tours of duty in Vietnam.