



## **John Hannah**

When people think of John Hannah, they naturally think of a winner on the football field. He has been inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame, as well as being called The Best Offensive Lineman of All Time by Sports Illustrated.

John, a 6'2", 265-pound guard from Alabama, was the first round pick of the New England Patriots and the fourth player selected in the 1973 NFL Draft. He was an eight-letterman star in football, track and wrestling and a two-time grid All-America at Alabama.

In his NFL career, John became widely recognized as the premier guard of pro football. He was named All-Pro 10 straight years from 1976 through 1985. He won the NFL Players Association's Offensive Lineman of the Year award four straight years from 1978 to 1981. Hannah was named to nine Pro Bowls but missed the 1983 game because of injury.



In spite of the constant contact his body had to absorb, John missed only five games out of a possible 191 because of injuries in his 13-season career. Hannah was clearly the mainstay of an excellent offensive line that helped to power the Patriots to some of their finest seasons.

During his career, New England enjoyed seven winning seasons and a 100-91 cumulative record. John was given a large share of the credit when the Patriots rushed for a then-record 3,165 yards in 1978. He finished his career after the 1985 season on a high note. His final campaign had produced an AFC championship and Super Bowl XX appearance for the Patriots, and All-Pro honors and a Pro Bowl invitation for himself.

Hannah has long been a Christian, having first made a decision for Christ at the age of 9. It wasn't until he was in the NFL that he gave full control of his life to the Lord. He lives every day now for his Savior.

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