



## **John Jackson**

John Jackson is a former left tackle, primarily known for his time spent with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was born in Japan, the son of a US serviceman and a Japanese mother.

John played for the Steelers on the O-Line from 1988 to 1997, appearing in 153 games while missing only 7 games and starting 130 of those games.

Jackson played in Super Bowl XXX against the Dallas Cowboys and in 1996 was a key member of the offensive line in front of Jerome Bettis, The Bus, as he rushed for 1,431 yards. That season, John was picked as a Pro Bowl alternate. The following season, the O-Line cleared the way for future Hall of Famer, The Bus, to rush for 1,665 yards.

Following the 1997 season, John was offered and accepted what was then the largest contract ever offered to an offensive lineman, although Jackson accepted the contract due to family reasons and did not want to leave Pittsburgh.

John played two seasons in San Diego with the Chargers, playing and starting all 32 games, and then ended his career with two seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Jackson was named by Sports Illustrated as one of the Top Tackles of the Nineties.

John Jackson is a gentle giant who delights in sharing of himself with football fans, be it at a signing, speaking to a group of children, or telling tales at a golf tournament.

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