



## **Keith Byars**

Keith Byars came into the NFL as a highly touted prospect out of Ohio State University. The Philadelphia Eagles made him their first round draft choice in the 1986 draft. Keith didn't disappoint, but perhaps his performance excelled in non-conventional ways.

At Ohio State, Byars was an exceptional running back, setting several school records. In 1984, he was runner-up in Heisman Trophy voting but in 1985, he broke his foot, reinjured it twice and underwent several surgeries on the foot.

With the Eagles, Keith was a versatile player as a running back, fullback, tight end and slot wide receiver. He even threw 6 touchdown passes! Plus he could block like a freight-train!

After 7 seasons with the Eagles, Keith went on to play 3+ seasons with the Miami Dolphins. It was here that his contributions were finally recognized when he received his sole Pro Bowl team birth. He then spent 2+ seasons with the New England Patriots and it was with the Pats that he appeared in Super Bowl XXXI. He then finished his NFL career with one season, 1998, with the New York Jets.



Keith finished his NFL career with 8,770 yards from scrimmage (3,109 rushing and 5,661 receiving) and 54 touchdowns – 23 rushing and 31 receiving.

Following his playing career, Byars has been a football analyst on television and coached a high school football team.

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