



## **Rock Cartwright**

Rock Cartwright was a 7th round draft pick of the Washington Redskins in 2002. Players picked that low in the draft don't often have 10-year NFL careers, especially when they are 5'7" fullbacks, but Rock did.

Rock quickly established himself as a solid kick-returner for the Redskins for 8 seasons and another 2 seasons for the Oakland Raiders. For three consecutive seasons, 2006, 2007 and 2008, Cartwright surpassed 1,000 yards returning kicks. In fact, in 2006 ran kicks back for 1,541, a Redskins single-season record. That season, he also ran back a kick-off for a 100-yard touchdown.

In his career, Rock totaled 6,995 all-purpose yards comprised of 5,450 yards on kick returns, 956 rushing yards, and 589 yards receiving. Yes, he was an all-round contributor.

Rock's given name is Roderick but he was given the nickname "Rock Baby" by his grandmother due to his rather clumsy nature as an infant. That name was later shortened to Rock and it certainly fits given his stature and the difficulty with which opponents tackled him.