



Cornelius Bennett

Cornelius Bennett is one of the great defensive football players of our time. His accolades include being named AFC Defensive Player of the Year twice, in 1988 and 1991. He was a 5-time Pro Bowler and All Pro 3 times. Cornelius was named to the NFL 1990's All-Decade team and to the Buffalo Bills 50th Anniversary Team. He also played in 5 Super Bowls.

Bennett played collegiate ball for the University of Alabama as one of college football's all-time great linebackers. Bennett was a first team selection on the College Football All-America Team 3 times. During his senior year he won the Lombardi Award, SEC Player of the Year and named Unanimous All-American. At the completion of his college career he was named to the Alabama "Team of the Century" and was also designated the school's "Player of the Decade" for the 1980's.



After his college career, Cornelius was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in 1987 as the second overall draft pick. He was part of the biggest trade in NFL history that landed him with the Buffalo Bills. During his NFL career Cornelius played for the Buffalo Bills (9 years), Atlanta Falcons (3 years), and the Indianapolis Colts (2 years). In his 14-year NFL career he recorded 71 sacks, 7 interceptions, 27 fumble recoveries, 78 fumble return yards and 2 touchdowns. His defensive fumble recoveries are the third most in NFL history. He retired in 2000 and is enjoying his life with his wife Kimberly. They have 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren.

While enjoying his retirement Cornelius has become very dedicated in his Christian walk and charity. He serves as a Deacon at church and participates in several charity events throughout the year. Cornelius hosts an annual golf tournament in Birmingham, AL for "Childrens Village", a home that benefits disadvantaged children. He also co-hosts a golf tournament which benefits his local Police Athletic League. Cornelius is truly enjoying life after football serving God and others.