

## **Darryl Talley**

Darryl was an outstanding linebacker for the Buffalo Bills' teams that dominated the N.F.L. in the early 1990s. Drafted by the Bills in the second round, Darryl had an N.F.L. career that spanned 14 years. He played 12 seasons at outside linebacker for the Bills (1983-1994), and is proud to have contributed to their four consecutive Super Bowl appearances (XXV, XXVI, XVII, XXVIII). He also played with the Atlanta Falcons (1995), and the Minnesota Vikings (1996).

Over his career, Talley had 38.5 sacks, 14 recovered fumbles, and 12 pass interceptions. He remains to this day the Bills' all-time leading tackler (1,137), an average of 120 tackles per season, and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1990 and 1991. Darryl is also a two-time 1st Team All-Pro (1990,1993). He is very proud to have received the Ed Block Courage Award in 1990, given annually and voted by his teammates as the best role model of "inspiration, sportsmanship, and courage". He was also presented with the "Iron Man" award in 1992 from the Bills for 156 consecutive games played - a team record. In 2003, Darryl became the 20th member of the Bills' Wall of Fame.

Darryl established The Darryl Talley Foundation to aid underprivileged Rochester, N. Y. area youth in their pursuit of education.

Recently, Darryl and his family have noticed the effects of the many on-field collisions that his body endured during his football career. With aches and pains mounting, he has had 15 surgeries as a result. Darryl's story of physical and psychological challenges was told in a feature article in The Buffalo News on Thanksgiving Day 2014. As a result, his legion of devoted fans donated over \$100,000 to his cause, allowing him to regain financial health. Talley's gratitude to those fans resonates whenever he has the opportunity to meet them.

Darryl now enjoys sharing his empowering story with organizations who wish to motivate their members.