



## **Dermontti Dawson**

Dermontti Dawson is a member of the 2012 NFL Hall of Fame. This Center for the Pittsburgh Steelers absolutely dominated the position for his 13 seasons in the NFL from 1988-2000. He followed in the footsteps of two other great Steelers, Ray Mansfield and Mike Webster to keep the legacy alive; some even say he surpassed the pay of his predecessors. Dermontti played in seven consecutive Pro Bowl games from 1992-1998 and was a six-time First Team All-Pro from 1993-1998.

Dawson was drafted from Kentucky as an offensive guard and began his NFL career playing that position. It wasn't long before Coach Chuck Noll recognized Dawson's unique talents and moved him to the center position, which Dermontti revolutionized! He had the athletic ability and speed to lead sweeps and block down the line, in addition to the brute strength to run over and through nose tackles, defensive tackles and linebackers. Dawson was named the first-team center on the NFL's Team of the Decade for the 1990's and two different organizations named him Offensive Lineman of the Year in both 1993 and 1996.

Hamstring injuries finally forced Dermontti into retirement after the 2000 season. He remains an unusually humble and unassuming man who loves to interact with his fans. As an avid golfer and sportsman, he truly loves the outdoors.

If your organization is seeking an athlete with class and integrity to represent your product or service, Dermontti Dawson is your man!

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