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## Yancey Thigpen



Yancey Thigpen was a wide receiver in the NFL for 10 seasons from 1991 to 2000. One of his greatest seasons was in 1995 when he made 85 catches for 1,307 yards, was named to the Pro Bowl and was a 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pro. After an injury plagued 1996, he came back strong in 1997 catching 79 passes for 1,398 yards; again making the Pro Bowl and being named a 1<sup>st</sup> team All Pro. His 17.7 yard average per catch that season ranked him second in the NFL.

Thigpen actually started his NFL career with the San Diego Chargers playing one season in southern California. He was picked up by the Pittsburgh Steelers where he played from 1992 to 1997. Yancey earned a reputation as a fearless receiver who was willing to go across the middle of the field to catch passes. This reckless and tough style of play earned him the nickname “meatball” which was later shortened to “meats”. In the Steel City, Yancey earned the right to play in Super Bowl XXX where he caught 3 passes for 19 yards- one for a touchdown, in a loss to the Cowboys.

On the strength of his outstanding 1997 season, Yancey signed with the Houston Oilers, who then became the Tennessee Titans, for 1998; his contract was, at the time, the largest contract ever awarded to a wide receiver. Yancey played in Super Bowl XXXIV in 1999 for the Titans. He played in Tennessee from 1998 through his retirement in 2000.

Yancey ended his career with 5,081 receiving yards on 313 catches and 30 touchdowns.

Today, Yancey is building his own foundation to provide scholarships to students in need. He is an eloquent motivational speaker to corporations, non-profits and at schools alike.



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