



## Matthew Hatchette

Matthew Hatchette was drafted in 1997 by the Minnesota Vikings where he played wide receiver for the first four years of his career. After becoming a free agent, he signed with the New York Jets, enjoyed a short stint with the Oakland Raiders and finally went on to start for the Jacksonville Jaguars where retired after 8 years in the NFL. In 2003, Matt had the opportunity to play one season with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe where he was selected to the All-NFL Europe Team. Hatchette left his mark as he broke the League's receiving records in number of passes caught, yardage, and touchdowns. The Amsterdam Admirals voted him into the team's Ring of Fame, NFL Europe's equivalent to the U.S. NFL Hall of Fame.



Hatchette's success as an athlete began early as he played quarterback and defensive back for Jefferson High School. Hatchette went on to star as a wide receiver at Langston University in Oklahoma, where his #19 jersey was retired. Hatchette has since then offered the annual Matthew Hatchette athletic scholarship at his alma mater. In 2004, Matt was honored as his high school alma mater retired his #5 jersey.

Hatchette has made the transition from the sports field to starting a couple of his own businesses. Currently, Matthew lives in Los Angeles where he is pursuing an acting and producing career. He has been in three small films, most notably his recent venture, "The Take", starring John Leguizamo, Rosie Perez, & Tyrese Gibson, (for which he was also the Executive Producer) with the film being produced by his film production company, Hatchet Films. Rosie Perez was nominated for best supporting actress for her role in this project by the Independent Spirit Awards



Hatchette is part owner of Title Sports Drink, the first all natural sports drink to hit the market and the only viable and healthy alternative to Gatorade and Powerade. Title Sports Drink is currently expanding distribution rapidly throughout the southeast region.

Although Hatchette does not have a lot of spare time, he still makes times to train and mentor high school athletes at his "I Am Not Average" camp that he coaches weekly.

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