



Roger Craig

Roger Craig was the first back in the history of the NFL to excel at both running the ball and catching it. The 2nd round selection by the San Francisco 49ers out of Nebraska became well known for his distinctive high-knee running style. In 1985, Roger rushed for 1,050 yards on 214 carries and caught 92 passes for 1,016 yards. This made him the first player in NFL history to surpass 1,000 yards in both running and receiving in the same season. This was his first of 3 seasons in which he rushed for 1,000+ yards.

In 1988, Craig was named NFL Offensive Player of the Year when he set a then-franchise record with 1,502 yards rushing. Additionally, he caught 76 passes for another 534 yards pushing him past the 2,000 yards marker for total offense gained for the 2nd time in his career.

Roger will tell you that his biggest thrills came by winning Super Bowls XIX, XXIII and XXIV. In his first Super Bowl appearance, he became the first player ever to score 3 touchdowns in the history of the Super Bowl. In his second appearance in the big game he put up 172 yards of offense on 71 rushing yards and 101 receiving yards. In his third and final appearance he again topped 100 yards in offense with 69 rushing yards and 34 receiving yards plus a touchdown.

After 8 seasons with the 49ers, Craig moved on to play one season with the Los Angeles Raiders in 1991 and his final two seasons with the Minnesota Vikings before retiring. Remarkably, his team made the playoffs every season of his 1 year career.

Roger finished with 8,189 rushing yards and 4,911 receiving yards. Addition in some kickoff return yards, he totaled 13,143 total all-purpose yards to go with 73 touchdowns. He was named to the Pro Bowl four times (1985 & 1987-1989) and was an All Pro in 1988. He has been a semi-finalist as a Hall of Fame nominee 9 times and a finalist once, but awaits that elusive call.

Roger Craig is as much of a success off the field as he was on. One of his biggest successes comes with remaining married to his high school sweetheart and raising five amazing children. He is also an integral leader with a software company and hosts the San Jose Rock N' Roll Marathon.

Roger maintains his mid-west values, making him an unpretentious superstar who everyone enjoys meeting. His keynote addresses come from the heart and have years of proven success behind them. Hire Roger Craig to speak to your organization today.

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