



Dalton Risner

Far more than just a professional football player, Dalton has always had a passion for helping others and making them smile. Raised in the small town of Wiggins, Colorado, his work on the family ranch and involvement in the lives of friends, his church, and community, molded Dalton into who he is today.

From a young age, despite dreaming big, Dalton has always been able to understand that faith in Jesus and how we treat others is far more important than football. After graduating with a 4.0 GPA and valedictorian of his class at Wiggins High school in 2014, Dalton went on to Kansas State University to play football and study communications.

Dalton quite literally wears his faith in his sleeves with numerous bible verses appearing on his arms. He was baptized at an early age, went to church every Sunday, and was raised in a house that loved Jesus. Risner began to love speaking to others about Jesus and motivating them in various ways as he took public speaking classes at Kansas State and then spoke at high schools, nursing homes, and community events while in college.

After finishing school and football at Kansas State Dalton went on to be drafted to the Denver Broncos in the 2nd round pick 41 overall in the 2019 NFL Draft. He continued his work in the community while playing out his four-year contract with the Denver Broncos. Dalton became a board member for a nonprofit organization called KyMel that helps support kids & families battling cancer. Risner also became a board member for Kansas, Colorado, and Global Special Olympics, an organization that stands for inclusion and people with intellectual disabilities. Dalton was also an ambassador for Athletes for Hope and United Health Care.

Dalton was very involved in the community every week impacting organizations like Denver Rescue Mission, Boys & Girls Clubs, Broncos Off the field events, and a Precious Child. Additionally, he held youth football camps twice each summer supporting his own high school and local small towns. He spoke at Passionate Life Church giving two back to back sermons to the Church and also spoke at FCA events, community functions for the Denver Broncos, his own RisnerUP events, countless high schools and Elementary schools, hospitals, and for many more events and organizations.

Dalton was the 2022 Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee for the Denver Broncos, one of the most prestigious awards in the NFL rewarding those for their character and commitment to giving back and setting an example. He believes life is measured by the joy that you bring to others, not your own individual accomplishments.

After finishing his contract with the Broncos Dalton signed with the Minnesota Vikings for the next two seasons and has now started 85 games in the NFL as a right and left guard, continued impacting the communities around him, and the communities he was once in, and has gotten married to his best friend and now wife, Whitney Risner. Spreading the love of Jesus and using the gifts he has received to serve others has always been most important to him.

As Dalton approaches the end of his NFL career he has continued to speak on the name of Jesus, his testimony, his story, and has strived to impact the lives around them.