

DEMARCUS WARE

DeMarcus Ware is widely regarded as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL History, and is projected to be a first-ballot NFL Hall of Fame candidate upon his eligibility in 2021.

Born and raised in Auburn, AL, DeMarcus attended Auburn High School and played baseball, basketball and track, but was not a member of the football team until his junior year. The following season, he earned team MVP honors. DeMarcus went on to Troy University, the only school from which he received a scholarship offer. As a senior, he was the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year. His 27.5 sacks are 2nd in Troy history and his 57 tackles for a loss is a school record.

DeMarcus was selected in the 1st round (11th overall) by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2005 NFL Draft and spent nine seasons with the franchise (2005 -2013). He is the Cowboys' all-time leader in sacks (117) and forced fumbles (32). DeMarcus was signed by the Denver Broncos in 2014 where he helped lead the team to victory in Super Bowl 50. He retired in March 2017 after 12 illustrious seasons in the NFL. Only hall of famers Reggie White and Lawrence Taylor averaged more sacks per game.

DeMarcus has an adopted daughter, Marley, and a biological son, DeMarcus, Jr. He twice received the "Butkus Award" – given to the best linebackers in America who also uphold the responsibility of serving others by giving back. He was also the Dallas Cowboys nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award that is presented annually, honoring a player's volunteer and charity work, as well as his excellence on the field. DeMarcus is actively involved with a multitude of charitable organizations – particularly those dealing with kids, hunger, and homelessness. DeMarcus is not just a football superstar; he is above all, a man of faith and family – on a mission to leave this world a little better than he found it.



Career Stats

- 138.5 sacks
- 505 tackles
- 35 fumbles forced
- 8 fumbles recovered
- 2 TD's
- 3 INT's
- 9 Pro Bowl Selections
- Super Bowl Champion

Awards / Accolades

- Super Bowl Champion (SB 50)
- 2008 NFL Defensive Player of the Year
- 9x Pro Bowl Selection, including 7 in a row (2006-2012, 2014, 2015)
- 7x All Pro ; 7 straight seasons
- Led the league in sacks twice (2008, 2010)
 - One of only 5 players in NFL history to lead the league in sacks on multiple occasions.
- 7 straight seasons with 10+ sacks
 - One of only 3 players to do so (with NFL Hall of famers Reggie White and John Randle)
 - 29th player in history to do so
- Member of the 100 Sacks Club
 - 2nd fastest player to achieve that (behind Reggie White)
 - 29th player in NFL History to do so
- Member of the 2000's NFL All Decade Team
- 8th time all sack leader
- Troy University Athletics Hall of Fame
- In 2016, April 19th was proclaimed as "DeMarcus Ware Day" in the State of Alabama by the governor.
- In 2017, delivered Troy University's keynote address to graduates and received an honorary Doctorate Degree from the University.