

TIGER-CAT Q&A

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School/Jr. Football: St. Francis High School, Athol Springs NY, University of Maryland 1990–1994, Miami Dolphins 1995, Buffalo Bills 1996 and 1997

Position(s): Offensive Tackle

Years with Tiger-Cats: '96, '98–2005

CAREER

1. Tell us about how you got started in football and your amateur career.

My father enjoyed football. We would watch college and pro football together. I played football in high school and college. My dad came to every game.

2. How did you get started in the CFL (draft, free agent, trade etc.)?

I signed as a free agent with the Miami Dolphins. I spent the summer working and training camp with the team. I was released and signed as a free agent with the Birmingham Barracudas in 1995. Matt Dunigan was the quarterback and John Jenkins was the offensive coordinator.

I signed with the Bills in April of 1996. I spent the summer and training camp with the Bills. In a preseason game I injured my right foot and was released. I was working out and my agent called me and said if I could be in Hamilton by 1:30 for practice I would have an opportunity to start against Saskatchewan. I hopped in my car and drove to Hamilton. Had a physical, practiced and started three games. After three games the injured players were healthy and I went to the practice roster for two weeks.

After the 1996 CFL season I got a call from AJ Smith, Assistant GM with the Bills. They had injuries and signed me to the practice roster. I spent 6 weeks on the practice squad and the 1997 preseason with the Bills.

In 1998, Mike McCarthy called. The Cats had a training camp spot for me. I signed and went to camp at Brock University.

3. Do or did you hold any records?

In 1999, our offensive line gave up a CFL record low quarterback sacks (7).

2004 Charlotte Simmons Award. It was an honor to be recognized for working with the community in Hamilton.

4. Do or did you have a nickname?

Jimmy---my alter ego! In a 1998 offensive line meeting Pat Perles referred to me as Jimmy and we as a group ran with it.

5. Tell us about some of your fondest memories with the Tiger-Cats or in the CFL.

The Ti-Cat fans are the best in the CFL. They were passionate about our team. The Cats Claws were supportive of us as players and people. They always had a great picnic on Labor Day Weekend.

Training camps at Brock University, playing cribbage, day after game run downs, train trips to Ottawa and Montreal, 1999 Grey Cup and Grey Cup Parade.

6. Who were some of the team-mates and opponents you admired the most and why?

Carl Coulter- great leader who brought great energy and collaboration in the locker room

Calvin Tiggler- Quiet but well respected leader.

7. Which coach did you respect or enjoy playing for the most and why?

Ron Lancaster-Allowed to players to find their niche and roles on a team.

8. Tell us about some of your favourite Grey Cup memories.

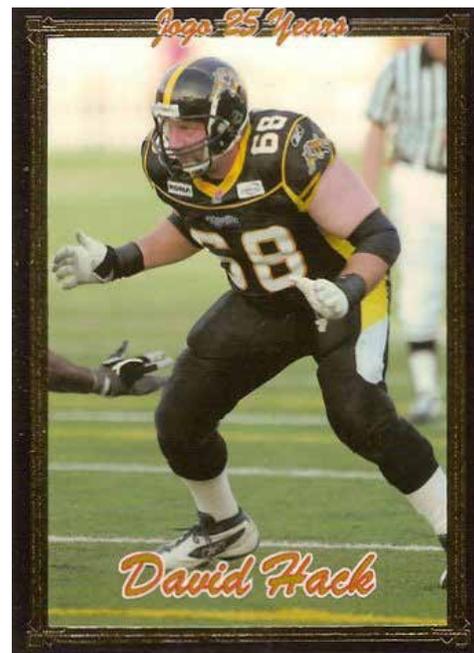
Vancouver 1999. The energy of the crowd was amazing. Bringing the Grey Cup back to my hometown, Holland, New York was an honor.

POST CFL CAREER

9. Tell us about your life and career after playing/working with the Tiger-Cats or CFL?

While playing football in the CFL, I enrolled at D'Youville College earning a Master's in Education. During the off season I worked as a teacher and coached football and track. I also hold additional teacher certifications in Health and personal training. I've continued my education and completed my certifications in school administration. In 2011, I became the Director of Physical Education/Health and Athletics at the Orchard Park Central School District. Orchard Park is located south of Buffalo, NY. Our school offers 27 varsity sports, 61 teams and has over 1200 student-athletes participating in athletics.

In 2006, I started BTB Lineman Camp for high school football lineman. I enjoy coaching,



teaching and helping the youth in the Western New York Area.

10. Tell us about your interests, hobbies, your passion or anything else you would like to. Share about yourself.

I enjoy spending time with my wife, family and long walks with our Bernese mountain dog, Olive. I also enjoy reading, cross country skiing, snowshoeing. In the summer months I enjoy work a few days on my Uncle John's dairy farm. Being outdoors is a passion.

11. Share with us some of the places you've been or things you have experienced.

Halifax, NS-Great light houses and the Alexander Keith's Brewery

Vancouver 2005- I asked the love of my life, Deborah to marry me. I asked her on the Capilano Bridge in Vancouver. She is my biggest fan and my greatest support.

THE GAME

12. What aspects of the Canadian game do you like the most?

I enjoyed the speed and strategy of the game.

13. Is there any aspect of the game you would change if you could?

Change the way the Ticats traveled. Although we traveled as a team, all of our road trips started with early morning bus trip to Toronto to fly or take a train. It would have been nice if we could have traveled at decent hours from Hamilton.