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EMMITT SMITH

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Emmitt Smith is a professional football icon and one of the greatest to ever play the game. In his 15 seasons as a running back in the National Football League, Smith amassed many records that still stand today, including most career rushing yards and most career rushing touchdowns. Smith's impressive resume includes three Super Bowl championship rings, his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010, and, most recently in 2019, his selection to the NFL 100 All-Time Team (a prestigious list honoring the best players of the NFL's first 100 years).

As a first-round pick in the 1990 NFL Draft, Smith was the cornerstone of the Dallas Cowboys offense for 13 seasons. The eight-time Pro Bowler was the first player in NFL history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons and on October 27, 2002 he surpassed Walter Payton as the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

After his playing days, Smith served as a football analyst and then took his television career a step further when he won the third season of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*, during which he was dubbed "the king of effortless cool." He also added author to his list of accomplishments, publishing *Game On*, which outlines the principles that helped him succeed both on and off the field.

Smith then transitioned to the role of businessman and entrepreneur and runs several companies spanning real estate, construction, and technology. He is active in charitable outreach in the Dallas area and on a national level, providing educational opportunities and unique experiences for underserved youth.

In August of 2021, it was announced that Smith has become a co-owner of a NASCAR team partnering with Jesse Iwuji Motorsports for the 2022 NASCAR Xfinity Series season. A major theme of Smith and Iwuji's partnership will center on STEM education for lower income communities and diversity and inclusion initiatives within the sport of NASCAR.

Smith resides in Dallas and, among his athletic accomplishments and business endeavors, is foremost a father of five kids.



MODERATOR
SIBLEY
SCOLES

The multi-talented Sibley Scoles is the in-stadium and television host for the Las Vegas Raiders, an actress, model and former recording artist. When she's not engaging the Raider Nation during her in-game host duties at Allegiant Stadium, Sibley can be seen as co-host of *Access Hollywood Weekend* and correspondent for both *Access Hollywood* and *All Access*.

Scoles got her start in entertainment as a popular hip-hop artist, turning her lifelong passion for music into a successful career as a performer. Sibley scored a radio hit with "Donuts," a song she wrote and recorded. She went on to work with artists such as Jessie J, Taylor Swift, Rihanna and Lana Del Rey.

Scoles transitioned to an on-air host and correspondent for *E! News*, *Live from E* and a panelist for *Live From E!* digital series covering Hollywood's biggest red carpets and award shows, weighing in on trending pop culture stories and all things celebrity. In addition to on-camera hosting, Scoles has been an on-air personality at iHeart Radio's 92.3 FM and has a background in sports and fashion.