



Henry Ellard

Henry Ellard ranks as one of the greatest receivers in the history of the NFL. At the time of his retirement from the game after the 1998 season, he ranked 3rd all-time in receiving yards with 13,777 yards and 4th all-time in receptions with 814 catches. All of this happened despite the fact that Henry played much of his career on teams that featured the run heavily instead of having a balanced passing game; that will happen when the team has Eric Dickerson in the backfield!

Ellard was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the 2nd round of the 1983 NFL draft out of Fresno State University. In his first six seasons, he was a key player as a punt returner, using his world-class speed to break off long returns. In fact, in 1984, Henry was named an All Pro and chosen for the Pro Bowl. After Dickerson moved on to the Colts in 1987, the Rams opened up their offense and began to air out the ball with more frequency. Beginning in 1988, Henry began a dominance at the wide receiver position that led him to 7 seasons of 1,000+ receiving yards in the following 9 years. It was in 1988 that he also led the league in receiving yards with 1,414 and in average receiving yards per game with 88.4 yards. In 1989, he led the league again with 98.7 yards per game.

After 11 seasons with the Rams, Henry chose to sign with the Washington Redskins beginning in the 1994 season. In the nation's capital, he picked up where he left off and posted 3 consecutive seasons of 1,000+ receiving yards. In the 1996 season at age 35, when most football players have either retired or have slowed down significantly, Henry led the NFL with an average of 19.5 yards per catch. Ellard played one final season in 1998 with the New England Patriots before hanging up his cleats.

In his career, Henry was named All Pro twice and voted a Pro Bowl'er 3 times. Adding in his return yards on punts and kick-offs to his receiving yards, he totaled 15,718 all-purpose career yards which ranked him 6th all-time at the date of his retirement.

After his playing career ended, Ellard turned to coaching. He took a job as a receivers coach with the Rams in 2001, with the Jets in 2009 and with the Saints in 2012. After 3 seasons with the Saints, he took a job as the head football coach at San Antonio Christian High School.

Henry is an insightful speaker and his outgoing personality makes him a down-to-earth superstar that everyone wants to meet. Contact us to book him for your next corporate event.

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