



## **Anthony Munoz**

Anthony Muñoz, a 6-6, 278-pound offensive tackle, is widely considered to be one of the greatest offensive linemen in the history of the NFL. He was the first-round pick of the Cincinnati Bengals and the third player selected overall in the 1980 NFL Draft. Some considered the pick a risk because of multiple knee injuries and the fact that he played only one full game his senior year at the University of Southern California. But as the two-time All-America lineman (1978-1979) proved, the concerns were unnecessary.

An exceptional straight-on blocker, Muñoz was agile, quick, and strong. He had great foot quickness and agility necessary to block quick defensive ends. Considered by many to be the premier tackle during his 13-seasons of play, he started 164 of 168 games from 1980-1990.

An all-around athlete, he even caught seven passes and scored four touchdowns on tackle eligible plays. His stalwart play was the key to the success that propelled Cincinnati to three AFC Central Division titles and two AFC championships (1981 and 1988).

The recipient of virtually every possible honor, Anthony was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998. He played in 11 consecutive Pro Bowls and was named All-Pro 11 straight times from 1981 through 1991. He was named the NFL Offensive Lineman of the Year in 1981, 1987, and 1988 and the NFL Players Association Lineman of the Year in 1981, 1985, 1988, and 1989.

In his post-playing career, Anthony has devoted himself to a multitude of philanthropic efforts, including the Anthony Munoz Foundation, and is one of the best pro athlete speakers on the circuit.

Munoz accepted Christ as his Saviour as a sophomore at USC and has spoken about his faith frequently at many high profile events.

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