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Preface and Acknowledgments

This two-volume work comprises a collection of essays related to *Mormons* and *popular culture*, terms with multiple, competing definitions. For the sake of this publication, Mormons are defined as individuals who, at some point in their lives, have been baptized and confirmed members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Popular culture herein relates to American entertainment or diversions with an emphasis on mass media entertainment and ideas within the mainstream of American culture.

Within this context, *Mormons* and *mainstream* may initially appear to be contradictory terms, as Mormons are widely perceived to be unconventional. Yet, talented and innovative Mormons have influenced mainstream perceptions in America and beyond with significant contributions to such technologies as stereophonic sound, television, video games, and computer-generated imagery. Mormon artists, filmmakers, directors, musicians, actors, fashion designers, journalists, and writers have influenced national and international perceptions through mass media. Mormons, like *Twilight* author Stephenie Meyer and radio host Glenn Beck, have introduced unique ideas into American mainstream culture, some of which have made a global impact. This work explores both the influence of individual Mormons on popular culture and the influence Mormonism has had on these individuals and their contributions. Mormons have, at times, presented uniquely Mormon cultural elements and perspectives to the public through the media of popular culture, and this thread of inquiry is followed in numerous essays in this publication. Likewise, American popular culture has influenced perceptions within the Mormon subculture. Mormons have emulated styles and techniques from the American mainstream in creating cultural works within the Mormon subculture—works by Mormons for Mormons.

Also, the interesting nature of Mormon “outside-ness” has brought it inside the homes of mainstream America as Mormons provide interesting subject matter for the media of popular culture—cartoons, illustrations, novels, theater, motion pictures, radio, television, music, and the internet. Since the 19th century, the portrayal of Mormons in American popular culture has ranged from pejorative to laudatory with everything in between. Mormons have been portrayed in competing and contradicting ways, and the shifting whims of a fickle entertainment culture have often influenced the Mormon image in the popular mind. This work explores that image and how it has changed over time.

This publication consists of 26 chapters with numerous sidebars and includes profiles of Mormon actors, writers, and athletes. Contributors to this set include scholars from universities across the country, as well as filmmakers, artists, journalists, and novelists. With limited space and a limitless field, the topics covered are necessarily selective, and selection depended on finding expert contributors with time to contribute. In some cases, interesting topics were unavoidably left for another time and another publication. Nonetheless, this publication provides students, scholars, and interested readers with an introduction and wide-ranging overview of Mormons and popular culture.

Support and assistance from many persons resulted in the production of this publication. A special thanks is extended to Daniel Harmon, a former editor at Praeger, who initiated the project and approached me about editing the publication. I also wish to thank James Sherman, Editorial Manager for American History and Pop Culture at ABC-CLIO, who managed the project. Appreciation is gratefully extended to Randy Astle and Gideon Burton, who provided suggestions for topics and contributors, and to Ardis Parshall, who offered much wise advice. I also wish to thank numerous individuals who assisted in the editorial process, including Amy Hoffman, Briana Beers, Caitlin Metzger, Caroline Elvey, and Christie Kapenda. Assisting me with photographs was Russ Taylor from the L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, and Bill Slaughter from the Church History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. Pauline Musig also helped locate photographs. Finally, I would like to express appreciation to my family, who supported me during the countless hours I spent working on this project.

J. Michael Hunter

Profiles of Selected Mormon* Athletes in Professional Sports

J. Michael Hunter

BASEBALL

Adams, Spencer (1898–1970). Infielder; Pittsburgh Pirates (1923); Washington Senators (1925); New York Yankees (1926); St. Louis Browns (1927); 180 games played; .256 batting average; 38 runs batted in.

Ainge, Danny (1959–). Second baseman; Toronto Blue Jays (1979–81); 211 games played; 2 home runs; .220 batting average; 37 runs batted in. Ainge is the youngest player in Toronto Blue Jays' history to hit a home run at 20 years and 77 days. After 3 years with the Blue Jays, Ainge decided to pursue a career in basketball and was chosen in the 1981 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics, who had to buy out Ainge's contract from the Blue Jays. He went on to a highly successful basketball career.

Ashby, Alan (1951–). Catcher; Cleveland Indians (1973–76); Toronto Blue Jays (1977–78); Houston Astros (1979–89); 1,370 games played; 90 home runs; .245 batting average; 513 runs batted in; Texas Sports Hall of Fame (2000); Ashby tied an NL record by catching three no-hitters during his career; Astros' bullpen coach (1997); Director and Anchor for KHTV Channel 39, Houston (1990–92); Co-host of *Inside Houston* TV show (1994–95); Radio broadcaster for the Astros (1998–2005).

Banks, Brian (1970–). First baseman / Outfielder; Milwaukee Brewers (1996–99); Florida Marlins (2002–2003); World Series Champion (2003); 273 games played; 13 home runs; .246 batting average; 64 runs batted in.

* Individuals baptized at some point in their lives as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church)

Bonnell, Barry (1953–). Outfielder; Atlanta Braves (1977–79); Toronto Blue Jays (1980–83); Seattle Mariners (1984–86); 976 games played; 56 home runs; .272 batting average; 355 runs batted in. Bonnell hit four grand slams during his career.

Brand, Ron (1940–). Catcher; Pittsburgh Pirates (1963); Houston Astros (1965–68); Montreal Expos (1969–71); 568 games played; 3 home runs; .239 batting average; 106 runs batted in.

Buck, John (1980–). Catcher; Kansas City Royals (2004–2009); Toronto Blue Jays (2010–present); 842 games played; 106 home runs; .241 batting average; 382 runs batted in; All-Star selection (2010).

Castleton, Roy (1885–1967). Pitcher; New York Highlanders (1907); Cincinnati Reds (1909–10); 11 games played; 13 strikeouts; 3–4 win-loss records; 2.68 earned run average; 1 home run. Castleton was the first native Utahn to play in the major leagues. Castleton's potential as a player was undermined by chronic health problems that ultimately forced him to retire. He is most often remembered for pitching a perfect game while playing for a team in the Ohio-Pennsylvania League.

Christensen, McKay (1975–). Outfielder; Chicago White Sox (1999–2001); Los Angeles Dodgers (2001); New York Mets (2002); 99 games played; 2 home runs; .250 batting average; 14 runs batted in; Christensen passed up a million-dollar signing bonus when he decided to serve a mission for the LDS Church in Japan (1994–96).

Crosby, Bobby (1980–). Infielder; Oakland Athletics (2003–2009); Pittsburgh Pirates (2010); Arizona Diamondbacks (2010–present); 747 games played; 62 home runs; .236 batting average; 276 runs batted in; Rookie of the Year Award (2004).

Crosby, Bubba (1976–). Outfielder; Los Angeles Dodgers (2003); New York Yankees (2004–2006); 205 games played; 4 home runs; .216 batting average; 20 runs batted in; James Dawson Award (2004).

Downs, Kelly (1969–). Pitcher; San Francisco Giants (1986–92); Oakland Athletics (1992–93); 237 games played; 598 strikeouts; 57–53 win-loss record; 3.86 earned run average; 73 home runs. Downs won a career-high 13 games in 1988 for the Giants and appeared in the 1989 World Series versus the Oakland Athletics.

Eckersley, Dennis (1954–). Pitcher; Cleveland Indians (1975–77); Boston Red Sox (1978–84); Chicago Cubs (1984–86); Oakland Athletics (1987–95); St. Louis Cardinals (1996–97); Boston Red Sox (1998); 1,071 games played; 2,401 strikeouts; 197–171 win-loss record; 3.50 earned run average; 390 saves; 3 home runs; 6x All-Star selection (1977, 1982, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992); World Series Champion (1989); 1992 AL MVP; 1992 AL Cy Young Award; 1992 AL TSN Pitcher of the Year; 2x AL Rolaids Relief Man of the Year (1988, 1992); 1988 ALCS MVP; Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame (2004); Oakland Athletics #43 Retired (2005); ranked #98 on *The Sporting News* list of 100 Greatest Baseball Players (1999); the baseball field at his alma mater, Washington High School, in Fremont, California, has been named in his honor.

Ellsbury, Jacoby (1983–). Left fielder; Boston Red Sox (2007–present); 52 home runs; .301 batting average; 507 games played; 235 runs batted in; 1x MLB Stolen Base Leader (2009); World Series Champion (2007); All Star (2011); 30–30 Club (2011); Gold Glove Award (2011); Silver Slugger Award (2011); a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Ellsbury is the first Native American of Navajo descent to reach the Major Leagues.

Estes, Shawn (1973–). Pitcher; San Francisco Giants (1995–2001); New York Mets (2002); Cincinnati Reds (2002); Chicago Cubs (2003); Colorado Rockies (2004); Arizona Diamondbacks (2005); San Diego Padres (2006, 2008); 283 games played; 1,210 strikeouts; 101–93 win-loss record; 4.71 earned run average; 158 home runs; All-Star selection (1997).

Farnsworth, Kyle (1976–). Relief pitcher; Chicago Cubs (1999–2004); Detroit Tigers (2005); Atlanta Braves (2005); New York Yankees (2006–2008); Detroit Tigers (2008); Kansas City Royals (2009–2010); Atlanta Braves (2010–present); 776 games played; 892 strikeouts; 39–56 win-loss record; 4.25 earned run average; 124 home runs.

Fettters, Mike (1964–). Relief pitcher; California Angels (1989–91); Milwaukee Brewers (1992–97); Oakland Athletics (1998); Anaheim Angels (1998); Baltimore Orioles (1999); Los Angeles Dodgers (2000–2001); Pittsburgh Pirates (2001–2002); Arizona Diamondbacks (2002); Minnesota Twins (2003); Arizona Diamondbacks (2004); 620 games played; 518 strikeouts; 31–41 win-loss record; 3.86 earned run average; 62 home runs.

Garvin, Jerry (1955–). Pitcher; Toronto Blue Jays (1977–82); Top 10 in the American League in innings pitched (1977); 196 games played; 320 strikeouts;

20–41 win-loss records; 4.43 earned run average; 74 home runs; top ten in the American League in games played (1980).

Gómez, Luis (1951–). Shortstop; Minnesota Twins (1974–77); Toronto Blue Jays (1978–79); Atlanta Braves (1980–81); 609 games played; .210 batting average; 90 runs batted in; Gómez set an Atlanta record in 1980 with a .968 fielding percentage at shortstop and strung together 42 consecutive errorless games. He played shortstop, second base, and third base in 609 major league games. Gómez's association with Mormons Dale Murphy and Alan Ashby led to his joining the LDS Church.

Gott, Jim (1959–). Pitcher; Toronto Blue Jays (1982–84); San Francisco Giants (1985–87); Pittsburgh Pirates (1987–89, 1995); Los Angeles Dodgers (1990–94); 554 games played; 837 strikeouts; 56–74 win-loss record; 3.87 earned run average; 91 saves; 4 home runs; Gott taught Dennis Quaid to pitch for Quaid's role as Jim Morris in the film *The Rookie* (2002).

Guthrie, Jeremy (1979–). Starting pitcher; Cleveland Indians (2004–2006); Baltimore Orioles (2007–present); 177 games played; 626 strikeouts; 47–65 win-loss record; 4.19 earned run average; 138 home runs.

Halladay, Roy (1977–). Starting pitcher; Toronto Blue Jays (1998–2009); Philadelphia Phillies (2010–present); 8x All-Star selection (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011); 346 games played; 1,793 strikeouts; 188–92 win-loss record; 3.23 earned run average; 206 home runs; AL Cy Young Award (2003); AL TSN Pitcher of the Year (2003); NL CY Young Award (2003); pitched a perfect game on May 29, 2010; pitched a post-season no-hitter on October 26, 2010.

Harper, Bryce (1992–). Outfielder; selected by the Washington Nationals as the first pick of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft, Harper hit the longest home run in the history of the Tropicana Field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays, where his 502-foot blast hit the back of the dome. Harper has been featured in an episode of ESPN and was on the May 2009 cover of *Sports Illustrated*. His brother Bryan was selected in the 2010 draft by the Chicago Cubs.

Hermansen, Chad (1977–). Outfielder; Pittsburgh Pirates (1999–2002); Chicago Cubs (2002); Los Angeles Dodgers (2003); Toronto Blue Jays (2004); 189 games played; 13 home runs; .195 batting average; 34 runs batted in.

Howard, Doug (1948–). First baseman/Outfielder; California Angels (1972–74); St. Louis Cardinals (1975); Cleveland Indians (1976); 97 games played; 1 home run; .212 batting average; 22 runs batted in.

Hubbs, Ken (1941–1964). Second baseman; Chicago Cubs (1961–63); 324 games played; 14 home runs; .247 batting average; 98 runs batted in; 148 runs scored; Rookie of the Year Award (1962); first rookie to win a Gold Glove Award (1962); Hubbs was killed in a plane crash near Provo, Utah, in February 1964. In the April 28, 1964, edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, Jim Murray wrote: “Kenneth Douglas Hubbs was more than just another baseball player. He was the kind of athlete all games need. A devout Mormon, a cheerful leader, a picture book player, blond-haired, healthy, generous with his time for young boys; he was the kind of youth in short supply in these selfish times.”

Hunt, Ken (1938–2008). Pitcher; Cincinnati Reds (1961); 29 games played; 75 strikeouts; 9–10 win-loss record; 4.86 earned run average; 13 home runs; TSN Rookie Pitcher of the Year (1961); Utah Sports Hall of Fame (2004).

Hurst, Bruce (1958–). Pitcher; Boston Red Sox (1980–88); San Diego Padres (1989–93); Colorado Rockies (1993); Texas Rangers (1994); 379 games played; 1,689 strikeouts; 145–113 win-loss record; 3.92 earned run average; 258 home runs; All-Star selection (1987); Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame (2004).

Iorg, Dane (1950–). Outfielder/First baseman; Philadelphia Phillies (1977); St. Louis Cardinals (1977–84); Kansas City Royals (1984–85); San Diego Padres (1986); 743 games played; 14 home runs; .276 batting average; 216 runs batted in; 2x World Series Champion (1982, 1985); Iorg is perhaps best known for his game-winning hit in game 6 of the 1985 World Series as a member of the Kansas City Royals against his old team, St. Louis (which led the series three games to two at the time); brother to Major League Baseball player Garth Iorg.

Iorg, Garth (1954–). Third baseman; Toronto Blue Jays (1978–87); 931 games played; 20 home runs; .258 batting average; 238 runs batted in. Iorg is the brother to Dane Iorg, another former Major League Baseball player. They played against each other in the 1985 American League Championship Series. Iorg played the Blue Jays infield at times with fellow Mormon Danny Ainge.

Jensen, Ryan (1975–). Starting pitcher; San Francisco Giants (2001–2003); Kansas City Royals (2005); 57 games played; 152 strikeouts; 17–12 win-loss record; 5.06 earned run average; 36 home runs.

Johnson, Jason (1973–). Starting pitcher; Pittsburgh Pirates (1997); Tampa Bay Devil Rays (1998); Baltimore Orioles (1999–2003); Detroit Tigers (2004–2005); Cleveland Indians (2006); Boston Red Sox (2006); Cincinnati Reds (2006); Seibu Lions (2007, NPB); Los Angeles Dodgers (2008); New York Yankees (2009); 255 games played; 810 strikeouts; 56–100 win-loss record; 4.99 earned

run average. Johnson was the first diabetic Major League Baseball player to get permission to wear an insulin pump on the field. He wears the pump on his belt on the left side of his lower back to minimize the chance of being hit by a bat or ball. In 2001 Johnson received the Tony Conigliaro Award, a national award instituted in 1990 by the Boston Red Sox, which is given annually to a Major League Baseball player who best overcomes an obstacle and adversity through the attributes of spirit, determination, and courage, the trademarks of Tony Conigliaro. In 2005, Johnson became the first Tigers pitcher to hit a home run in a regular season game since 1971.

Joyner, Wally (1962–). First baseman; California Angels (1986–91); Kansas City Royals (1991–95); San Diego Padres (1996–99); Atlanta Braves (2000); Anaheim Angels (2001); 2,033 games played; 204 home runs; .289 batting average; 1,106 runs batted in; All-Star selection (1986); 1986 Home Run Derby co-winner; member of the pennant-winning San Diego Padres (1998); special assistant to Padres' General Manager (2003–2007); hitting coach for the San Diego Padres (2007); Joyner went on to play roles in numerous Mormon films such as *The Singles Ward* (2002), *The R.M.* (2003), and *The Home Teachers* (2004).

Kent, Jeff (1968–). Second baseman; Toronto Blue Jays (1992); New York Mets (1992–96); Cleveland Indians (1996); San Francisco Giants (1997–2002); Houston Astros (2003–2004); Los Angeles Dodgers (2005–2008); 2,298 games played; 377 home runs; .290 batting average; 1,518 runs batted in; 2,461 hits; 5x All-Star selection (1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005); 4x Silver Slugger Award winner (2000, 2001, 2002, 2005); 2000 NL MVP; all-time leader in home runs as a second baseman; Kent appeared as a contestant on the Summer 2009 TV series *Superstars*, where he was teamed with actress Ali Landry in a series of sports competitions. They finished in fifth place in the competition.

Killebrew, Harmon (1936–2011). First baseman/Third baseman/Left fielder; Washington Senators / Minnesota Twins (1954–74); Kansas City Royals (1975); 2,435 games played; 573 home runs; .256 batting average; 1,584 runs batted in; 13x All-Star selection (1959, 1959², 1961, 1961², 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971); 1969 AL MVP; 1971 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award; Minnesota Twins #3 retired.

Kimball, Newt (1915–2001). Pitcher; Chicago Cubs (1937–38); St. Louis Cardinals (1940); Brooklyn Dodgers (1940–43); Philadelphia Phillies (1943); 94 games played; 88 strikeouts; 11–9 win-loss record; 3.78 earned run average; 8 home runs.

Kroll, Gary (1941–). Pitcher; Philadelphia Phillies (1964); New York Mets (1964–65); Houston Astros (1966); Cleveland Indians (1969); 71 games played; 138 strikeouts; 6–7 win-loss record; .462 earned run average; 18 home runs. Kroll is one of only a few pitchers to average more than nine strikeouts per game throughout his pro career.

Law, Vance (1956–). Infielder; Pittsburgh Pirates (1980–81); Chicago White Sox (1982–84); Montreal Expos (1985–87); Chicago Cubs (1988–89); Cincinnati Dragons (1990); Oakland Athletics (1991); 1,212 games played; 71 home runs; .256 batting average; 442 runs batted in; NL All-Star (1988); Law holds an AL record for the longest errorless game by a third baseman when he played all 25 innings of the longest game in AL history on May 8 and 9, 1984. In the 1980s, a variation of the Chicago-style hot dog was sold at Wrigley Field under the name of the “Vance Law Dog,” which was a personal favorite of the late broadcasting legend Harry Caray.

Law, Vern (1930–). Pitcher; Pittsburgh Pirates (1950–51, 1954–67); 483 games played; 1,092 strikeouts; 162–147 win-loss record; 3.77 earned run average; 11 home runs; 2x All-Star selection (1960, 1960²); World Series champion (1960); 1960 Cy Young Award; 1960 NL TSN Pitcher of the Year; 1965 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award; 1968 NL Comeback Player of the Year.

Lindstrom, Matt (1980–). Relief pitcher; Florida Marlins (2007–2009); Houston Astros (2010–present); 312 games played; 223 strikeouts; 12–15 win-loss record; 3.81 earned run average; 42 saves; 16 home runs. On May 17, 2007, while pitching in the 8th inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park, Lindstrom’s fastball was clocked at 102 mph on the stadium scoreboard. Lindstrom pitched for Team USA in the 2009 World Baseball Classic.

Lyon, Brandon (1979–). Relief pitcher; Toronto Blue Jays (2001–2002); Boston Red Sox (2003); Arizona Diamondbacks (2005–2008); Detroit Tigers (2009); Houston Astros (2010–present); 468 games played; 359 strikeouts; 33–39 win-loss record; 4.22 earned run average; 59 saves.

Morris, Jack (1955–). Pitcher; Detroit Tigers (1977–90); Minnesota Twins (1991); Toronto Blue Jays (1992–93); Cleveland Indians (1994); 549 games played; 2,478 strikeouts; 254–186 win-loss record; 3.90 earned run average; 389 home runs; 5x All-Star selection (1981, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1991); 4x World Series champion (1984, 1991, 1992, 1993); 1991 World Series MVP; 2x Babe Ruth Award Winner (1984, 1991); 1981 AL TSN Pitcher of the Year; highest-paid pitcher in the AL (1987, 1988, 1991, 1993). Morris has been an occasional guest

on Detroit Tigers broadcasts and has spent time as a color analyst. He has also worked as a part-time coach for the Detroit Tigers.

Murphy, Dale (1956–). Center fielder/Right fielder; Atlanta Braves (1976–90); Philadelphia Phillies (1990–92); Colorado Rockies (1993); 2,180 games played; 398 home runs; 2.65 batting average; 1,266 runs batted in; 398 home runs; 7x All-Star selection (1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987); 5x Gold Glove Award winner (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986); 4x Silver Slugger Award winner (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985); 2x NL MVP (1982, 1983); 1988 Robert Clemente Award; 1985 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award; Atlanta Braves #3 retired.

Nielsen, Scott (1958–). Pitcher; New York Yankees (1986, 1988–89); Chicago White Sox (1987); 38 games played; 47 strikeouts; 9–11 win-loss record; 5.49 earned run average; 26 home runs.

Nyman, Jerry (1942–). Pitcher; Chicago White Sox (1968–69); San Diego Padres (1970); 30 games played; 69 strikeouts; 6–7 win-loss record; 4.57 earned run average; 9 home runs.

Pearson, Monte (1908–1978). Pitcher; Cleveland Indians (1932–35); New York Yankees (1936–40); Cincinnati Reds (1941); 224 games played; 703 strikeouts; 100–61 win-loss record; 4.00 earned run average; 2 home runs; 2x All-Star selection (1936, 1940); 4x World Series champion (1936, 1937, 1938, 1939). On August 27, 1938, Pearson pitched a 13–0 no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians, the first no-hitter in Yankee Stadium history.

Peterson, Adam (1965–). Pitcher; Chicago White Sox (1987–90); San Diego Padres (1991); 39 games played; 75 strikeouts; 5–11 win-loss record; 5.46 earned run average; 24 home runs; MVP of the 1989 Triple-A World Series.

Ritchie, Wally (1965–). Pitcher; Philadelphia Phillies (1987–88, 1991–92); 147 games played; 98 strikeouts; 6–5 win-loss record; 3.14 earned run average.

Sanford, Fred (1919–2011). Pitcher; St. Louis Browns (1939–48); New York Yankees (1948–51); Washington Senators (1951); St. Louis Browns (1951); 164 games played; 285 strikeouts; 37–55 win-loss record; 4.45 earned run average; 67 home runs.

Singleton, Elmer (1918–1996). Pitcher; Boston Braves (1945–46); Pittsburgh Pirates (1947–48); Washington Senators (1950); Chicago Cubs (1957–59); 145

games played; 160 strikeouts; 11–17 win-loss record; 4.83 earned run average; 33 home runs.

Sisk, Tommie (1942–). Pitcher; Pittsburgh Pirates (1962–68); San Diego Padres (1969); Chicago White Sox (1970); 316 games played; 441 strikeouts; 40–49 win-loss record; 3.92 earned run average; 57 home runs.

Snyder, Cory (1962–). Outfielder; Cleveland Indians (1986–90); Chicago White Sox (1991); Toronto Blue Jays (1991); San Francisco Giants (1992); Los Angeles Dodgers (1993–94); 1,068 games played; 149 home runs; .247 batting average; 488 runs batted in; 1984 Olympic Silver Medalist.

Stephenson, Garrett (1972–). Pitcher; Baltimore Orioles (1996); Philadelphia Phillies (1997–98); St. Louis Cardinals (1999–2003); 123 games played; 408 strikeouts; 39–39 win-loss record; 4.55 earned run average; 91 home runs.

Talbot, Mitch (1983–). Pitcher; Tampa Bay Rays (2008); Cleveland Indians (2010–present); 43 games played; 129 strikeouts; 12–19 win-loss record; 5.30 earned run average.

Usher, Bob (1925–). Outfielder; Cincinnati Reds (1946–47, 1950–51); Chicago Cubs (1952); Cleveland Indians (1957); Washington Senators (1957); 428 games played; 18 home runs; .295 batting average; 102 runs batted in.

Veres, Dave (1966–). Pitcher; Houston Astros (1994–95); Montreal Expos (1996–97); Colorado Rockies (1998–99); St. Louis Cardinals (2000–2002); Chicago Cubs (2003); 605 games played; 617 strikeouts; 36–35 win-loss record; 3.44 earned run average; 95 saves; 78 home runs.

Wright, Clyde (1941–). Pitcher; California Angels (1966–73); Milwaukee Brewers (1974); Texas Rangers (1975); Yomiuri Giants (1976–78); 329 games played; 667 strikeouts; 100–111 win-loss record; 3.50 earned run average; 143 home runs; All-Star selection (1970); 1970 AL Comeback Player of the Year; pitched a no-hitter on July 3, 1970, the first no-hitter ever pitched in the Anaheim Stadium; father of professional baseball player Jaret Wright.

Wright, Jaret (1975–). Starting pitcher; Cleveland Indians (1997–2002); San Diego Padres (2003); Atlanta Braves (2003–2004); New York Yankees (2005–2006); Baltimore Orioles (2007); 226 games played; 694 strikeouts; 68–60 win-loss record; 5.09 earned run average; 99 home runs; with the Cleveland

Indians, threw a two-seam fastball that topped out at 98 mph; son of professional baseball player Clyde Wright.

BASKETBALL

Ainge, Danny (1959–). Shooting guard; Boston Celtics (1981–89); Sacramento Kings (1989–90); Portland Trail Blazers (1990–92); Phoenix Suns (1992–95); 1,042 games played; 11,964 points; 2,768 rebounds; 4,199 assists; 2x NBA Champion (1984, 1986); 1x All Star (1988); John R. Wooden Award (1981); NABC Player of the Year (1981); Consensus NCAA All-American 1st Team (1981); coach for Phoenix Suns (1996–99). Also was second baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team (1979–81). Ainge is discussed in the movie *Mumford* (1999) and is mentioned in the La Coka Nostra song “Bang Bang.” Ainge appears as himself in the live-action/animated film *Space Jam*, starring Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny.

Bailey, Thurl (1961–). Power forward/Center; Utah Jazz (1983–91); Minnesota Timberwolves (1991–94); Panionios (1994–95); Polti Cantù (1995–97); Stefanel Milano (1997–98); Utah Jazz (1998–99); 928 games played; 11,834 points; 4,718 rebounds; 1,298 assists; broadcast analyst for the Utah Jazz and the University of Utah; Community service awards include NBA’s Kennedy Community Award, Utah Association for Gifted Children’s Community Service Award, Sigma Gamma Chi Fraternity Exemplary Manhood Award, Great Salt Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America’s American Champion Award; singer/songwriter whose albums include *Faith in Your Heart* (1998), *The Gift of Christmas* (2001), and *I’m Not the Same* (2002).

Bradley, Shawn (1972–). Center; Philadelphia 76ers (1993–95); New Jersey Nets (1995–97); Dallas Mavericks (1997–2005); 832 games played; 6,752 points; 5,268 rebounds; 573 assists; 2,119 blocks; 1994 NBA All-Rookie Second Team; height 7 ft 6 in; former missionary for the LDS Church to Australia (1991–93); nicknames include “The Stormin’ Mormon,” “The Deathstick,” “Missionary Impossible,” “the Mormon Mantis,” “the Praying Mantis,” and “The Human Toothpick”; Bradley played a role in *Space Jam* (1996), appeared as himself in the TV show *Walker, Texas Ranger* (2000), and had a cameo appearance in the film *The Singles Ward* (2002).

Chambers, Tom (1959–). Forward/Center; San Diego Clippers (1981–83); Seattle SuperSonics (1983–88); Phoenix Suns (1988–93); Utah Jazz (1993–95); Maccabi Tel Aviv (1995–96); Charlotte Hornets (1997); Philadelphia 76ers

(1997); 1,107 games played; 20,049 points; 6,703 rebounds; 2,283 assists; 4x NBA All-Star (1987, 1989, 1990, 1991); 1x NBA All-Star Game MVP (1987); 2x All-NBA 2nd Team (1989, 1990).

Durrant, Devin (1960–). Forward; Indiana Pacers (1984–85); Phoenix Suns (1985–86); 63 games played; 317 points; 132 rebounds; 85 assists.

Eakins, Jim (1946–). Center; Oakland Oaks (1968–69); Washington Capitals (1969–70); Virginia Squires (1970–74); Utah Stars (1974–75); New York Nets (1976–77); 767 games played; 8,255 points; 5,578 rebounds; 1,345 assists; won American Basketball Association (ABA) championships with the Oakland Oaks (1969) and the New York Nets (1976); represented Virginia in the 1974 ABA All-Star Game. After the ABA-NBA merger in 1976, Eakins played in the NBA until 1978 as a member of the Kansas City Kings, San Antonio Spurs, and Milwaukee Bucks.

Fernsten, Eric (1953–). Center/Forward; Cleveland Cavaliers (1975); Chicago Bulls (1975–79); Boston Celtics (1979–82); New York Knickerbockers (1983–84); 218 games; 517 points; 193 field goals; 82 assists; 372 rebounds.

Hansen, Travis (1978–). Shooting guard/Small forward; Atlanta Hawks (2003–2004); Tau Ceràmica (2004–2006); Dynamo Moscow (2006–2009); Real Madrid (2009–2010); 41 games played; 123 points; 19 assists; 46 field goals; 70 rebounds; former missionary for the LDS Church in Santiago, Chile (1997–99).

Hatton, Vern (1936–). Guard; Cincinnati Royals (1958); Philadelphia Warriors (1958–61); Chicago Packers (1961); St. Louis Hawks (1961–62); 225 games played; 1,244 points; 531 rebounds; 318 assists.

Hutchins, Mel (1928–). Power forward/Center; Milwaukee Hawks (1951–53); Fort Wayne Pistons (1953–57); New York Knickerbockers (1957–58); 437 games played; 5,851 points; 4,186 rebounds; 1,298 assists; NBA number-one draft choice (1951); NBA Rookie of the Year (1952); 4x NBA All-Star selection (1953, 1954, 1956, 1957). Hutchins is the brother of Colleen Hutchins, the 1952 Miss America winner, and the uncle of former NBA player Kiki Vandeweghe.

Jacobsen, Casey (1981–). Shooting guard/Small forward; Phoenix Suns (2002–2005); New Orleans Hornets (2005); Tau Vitoria (2005–2006); Brose Baskets (2006–2007); Memphis Grizzlies (2007–2008); ALBA Berlin (2008–2009); 287 games played; 1,488 points; 476 field goals; 516 rebounds; 204 assists; 2007 German League Finals MVP.

Johnsen, Britton (1979–). Small forward / Power forward; Fayetteville Patriots (2003–2004); NBA's Orlando Magic (2004); Idaho Stampede (2004–2005); NBA's Indiana Pacers (2004); Etoa Alicante (2005–2006); Panellinos Athens (2006); Pau-Orthez (2006–2007); Bakersfield Jam (2007–2008); Utah Flash (2008); Galatasaray Café Crown (2008); PAOK Thessaloniki (2009); for the NBA, Johnsen played 26 games; 54 points; 55 rebounds; 16 assists; served a mission for the LDS Church in Texas.

Judkins, Jeff (1956–). Guard-Forward; Boston Celtics (1978–80); Utah Jazz (1980–81); Detroit Pistons (1981–82); Portland Trail Blazers (1982–83); 272 games played; 1,482 points; 427 rebounds; 282 assists.

Kite, Greg (1961–). Center; Boston Celtics (1983–88); Los Angeles Clippers (1988–89); Charlotte Hornets (1989); Sacramento Kings (1989–90); Orlando Magic (1990–94); New York Knicks (1994–95); Indiana Pacers (1995); 680 games played; 1,717 points; 2,607 rebounds; 345 assists; McDonald's All American (1979); 2x NBA Champion (1984, 1986).

Knight, Travis (1974–). Center; Los Angeles Lakers (1996–97, 1998–2000); Boston Celtics (1997–98); New York Knicks (2000–2003); 371 games played; 1,276 points; 1,160 rebounds; 224 assists; NBA Champion (2000).

Madsen, Mark (1976–). Power forward; Los Angeles Lakers (2000–2003); Minnesota Timber Wolves (2003–2009); 975 points; 453 games played; 1,157 rebounds; 181 assists; 2x NBA champion (2001, 2002); former missionary for the LDS Church to Spain (1994–96); started the Mark Madsen Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball Camp.

Pollard, Scot (1975–). Center/Power forward; Detroit Pistons (1997–98); Sacramento Kings (1999–2003); Indiana Pacers (2003–2006); Cleveland Cavaliers (2006–2007); Boston Celtics (2007–2008); NBA champion (2008); 506 games played; 2,222 points; 2351 rebounds; 220 assists; received nickname "Samurai Scot;" hosted "Planet Pollard" as a segment of *Celtics Now* on Comcast SportsNet; color analyst with Sacramento Kings and WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs; joined NBA TV in 2009; known in NBA for peculiar hairstyles, including a Mohawk, a single ponytail, and a bald head; grew up as one of six children in a devout Mormon home.

Pope, Mark (1972–). Power forward; Indiana Pacers (1997–99); Milwaukee Bucks (2000–2002); Denver Nuggets (2003–2005); 153 games played; 285 points; 161 rebounds; 63 assists.

Rasmussen, Kristen (1978–). Center; Utah Starzz (2000); Miami Sol (2000–2002); Indiana Fever (2003–2004); Houston Comets (2005); Charlotte Sting (2005); Phoenix Mercury (2006); Connecticut Sun (2007); 276 games played; 1,215 points; 461 field goals; 996 rebounds; 348 assists; moved to Athens, Greece, to play for the Greek club Panathinaikos (2008–2009).

Roberts, Fred (1960–). Power forward; San Antonio Spurs (1983–84); Utah Jazz (1984–86); Boston Celtics (1986–88); Milwaukee Bucks (1988–93); FC Barcelona (1993–94); Cleveland Cavaliers (1995); Los Angeles Lakers (1995–96); Dallas Mavericks (1996–97); 818 games played; 5,962 points; 2,308 rebounds; 977 assists.

Smith, Mike (1965–). Small forward; Boston Celtics (1989–91); Los Angeles Clippers (1994–95); 141 games played; 698 points, 212 rebounds; 142 assists; 212 rebounds; color analyst for the Clippers on Prime Ticket/Fox Sports West with Ralph Lawler.

Thorn, Erin (1981–). Guard; New York Liberty (2003–2008); Chicago Sky (2009–present); 183 games played; 893 points; 231 rebounds; 232 assists.

Vandeweghe, Ernie (1928–). Forward-guard; New York Knicks (1949–56); NCAA AP All-American 3rd (1948–49); 224 games played; 2,135 points; 834 rebounds; 548 assists; father of former NBA All-Star Kiki Vandeweghe, U.S. National Swimming champion, Olympian Tauna Vandeweghe, and Beach Volleyball medal winner Bruk Vandeweghe; Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports under President Gerald Ford.

Vandeweghe, Kiki (1958–). Small forward; Denver Nuggets (1980–84); Portland Trail Blazers (1984–89); New York Knicks (1989–92); Los Angeles Clippers (1992–93); 2x NBA All-Star (1983, 1984); 810 games played; 15,980 points; 2,785 rebounds; 1,668 assists; head coach and general manager of the NBA's New Jersey Nets (2009–present). Vandeweghe is the son of former NBA player Ernie Vandeweghe and Colleen Hutchins, 1952 Miss America pageant winner. He is nephew of NBA four-time All-Star Mel Hutchins and uncle to Coco Vandeweghe, a tennis player in the junior circuit.

Vranes, Danny (1958–). Forward; Seattle Supersonics (1981–86); Philadelphia 76ers (1986–88); 510 games played; 2,613 points; 1998 rebounds; 594 assists; McDonald's All American (1977); NCAA AP All-American Second Team (1981); NBA All-Defensive Second Team (1985).

Williams, Natalie (1970–). Forward; Portland Power (1996–99); Utah Starzz (1999–2002); Indiana Fever (2003–2005); 221 games played; 219 games started; 1,066 field goals; 1,832 rebounds; 308 assists; 2,894 points; she is remembered by fans as one of the best rebounding power forwards in the early history of the WNBA; she won an Olympic Gold Medal during the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia; she carried the Olympic Torch in the Salt Lake City area prior to the 2002 Winter Olympics.

BODYBUILDING

Scott, Larry (1938–). Scott was an IFBB professional bodybuilder who won the 1965 and 1966 Mr. Olympia competition. Previously he held the Mr. America title (1962) and the Mr. Universe title (1964). He played a minor role in the movie *Muscle Beach Party* (1964). Scott was bodybuilding's top superstar in the 1960s, posing for photographers Bruce of LA, Don Whitman, and Milo. His photographs appeared in *Mr. America*, *Muscle Builder*, *Demi Gods*, *Muscleboy*, and *The Young Physique*.

BOXING

Dempsey, Jack (1895–1983). Born in the Mormon settlement of Manassa, Colorado, Dempsey, who held the world heavyweight title from 1919 to 1926, is one of the most popular boxers in history. His aggressive style and exceptional punching power helped set financial and attendance records, including the first million dollar gate. He is listed #10 on *The Ring's* list of all-time heavyweights and #7 among its Top 100 Greatest Punchers. He is a member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame. Dempsey's exact boxing record is not known because he occasionally boxed under the pseudonym, "Kid Blackie." On the record, he had 66 wins (51 by knockout), 6 losses (1 by knockout), and 11 draws. Dempsey once knocked out millionaire Howard Hughes. Dempsey had roles in numerous silent movie shorts in the 1920s and in a number of feature films in the 1930s through the 1950s. Dempsey is pictured on a 32 cent commemorative postage stamp in the "Celebrate the Century" series issued in February 1998. Dempsey went on to run his famous restaurant on Broadway in New York for almost 50 years.

Flores, B.J. (1979–). Flores is a Mexican American professional boxer and mixed martial artist. As a heavyweight champion, Flores has had 26 total

fighters and 24 total wins, with 15 wins by knockout as of 2011. Flores was the 1997 National Golden Gloves Light Heavyweight champion, as well as the 2001 and 2002 U.S. Amateur Heavyweight Champion. He attended Brigham Young University and served a mission for the LDS Church in Mexico (1997–99).

Fullmer, Don (1939–). WBA American Middleweight Champion (1965); 79 fights with 54 wins; 14 wins by knockout. Fullmer appeared as a Montana bartender in the film *The Devil's Brigade* (1968).

Fullmer, Gene (1931–). World Middleweight Champion (1957); NBA World Middleweight Champion (1959–62); 64 fights with 55 wins and 3 draws; 24 wins by knockout.

Lopez, Danny (1952–). WBC Featherweight Champion (1976–80); 48 fights with 42 wins; 39 wins by knockout; 26 on *Ring Magazine's* list of 100 greatest punchers of all time; California Boxing Hall of Fame (2005); International Boxing Hall of Fame (2010).

FOOTBALL

Ah You, C.J. (1982–). Defensive end; Buffalo Bills (2007); St. Louis Rams (2007–present); 30 games played; 5.0 sacks; 30 tackles; 7 assists.

Bailey, Monk (1938–). Defensive back; St. Louis Cardinals (1964–65); 23 games played.

Baird, Bill (1939–). Cornerback/Safety; ALF New York Jets (1963–69); 98 games played; 3 touchdowns; 34 interceptions; 1967 American Football League Champion; 1967 World Champion.

Beck, John (1981–). Quarterback; Miami Dolphins (2007–2008); Baltimore Ravens (2009); Washington Redskins (2010–present); 5 games played; 1 touchdown; 3 interceptions; 559 passing yards; 62.0 quarterback rating; served a mission for the LDS Church in Portugal (2000–2002).

Berry, Rex (1924–2005). Defensive cornerback; San Francisco 49ers (1951–56); All-Pro Defensive Team (1953); 66 games; 3 touchdowns; 22 interceptions; All-Pro defensive cornerback (1955).

Bingham, Ryon (1981–). Defensive end/Defensive tackle; San Diego Chargers (2004–2010); First-team All-Big 12 (2003); 49 games played; 46 tackles; 34 assists on tackles.

Bradley, Stewart (1983–). Linebacker; Philadelphia Eagles (2007–present); 55 games played; 161 tackles; 3.0 sacks; 3 interceptions; 2008 *Sports Illustrated* All-Pro team, All-Pro selection (2008).

Brumfield, Scott (1970–). Offensive guard; Cincinnati Bengals (1993–97); 55 games played.

Buck, Jason (1963–). Defensive lineman; Cincinnati Bengals (1986–90); Washington Redskins (1991–93); 1986 Outland Trophy; 1986 All-American; 97 games played; 19.0 sacks.

Chambers, Kirk (1979–). Offensive tackle; Cleveland Browns (2004–2005); Buffalo Bills (2007–2009); 70 games played; served a two-year mission for the LDS Church in Berlin, Germany (1998–99).

Christensen, Todd (1956–). Tight end; Dallas Cowboys (1978); New York Giants (1979); Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders (1979–88); 137 games played; 461 receptions; 5,872 receiving yards; 41 receiving touchdowns; 5x Pro Bowl selection (1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987); 2x Super Bowl champion (XV, XVIII); co-host of the second half of the first season of *American Gladiators* in 1990 with Mike Adamle; broadcaster for NFL on NBC; color analyst for ESPN's college football coverage; broadcaster on the Mountain West Sports Network; inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame (2000).

Clark, Greg (1972–). Tight end; San Francisco 49ers (1997–2001); 55 games played; 92 receptions; 909 receiving yards; 4 receiving touchdowns; served a mission for the LDS Church in Illinois (1991–93).

Collie, Austin (1985–). Wide receiver; Indianapolis Colts (2009–present); 36 games played; 149 receptions; 1,599 receiving yards; 10.7 receiving average; 15 receiving touchdowns; 2008–2009 NCAA leader in receiving yards; named Sacramento Area's Player of the Decade (2000–2009) by *The Sacramento Bee* newspaper; served a mission for the LDS Church in Argentina (2005–2006).

Cooley, Chris (1982–). Tight end; Washington Redskins (2004–present); 108 games played; 101 games started; 428 receptions; 4,703 receiving yards; 33

touchdowns; First-team All-Sun Belt (2003); Mackey Award finalist (2003); All-Pro selection (2005); Pro Bowl alternate (2006); 1x Pro Bowl alternate (2005); 2x Pro Bowl selection (2007, 2008); did a commercial for Reebok in which he caught a football one-handed through a thick sheet of drywall; makes a cameo appearance in the film *Ghosts Don't Exist* (2010), which he produced.

Curtis, Kevin (1978–). Wide receiver; St. Louis Rams (2003–2006); Philadelphia Eagles (2007–2009); 81 games played; 253 receptions; 3,297 receiving yards; 13.0 receiving average; 20 receiving touchdowns; served a mission for the LDS Church in London, England (1998–2000).

Denney, John (1978–). Long snapper; Miami Dolphins (2005–present); 107 games played; 31 tackles; 1 fumble recovery; 2x Academic All-Mountain West (2002, 2003); younger brother of Ryan Denney.

Denney, Ryan (1977–). Defensive end; Buffalo Bills (2002–2009); Houston Texans (2010–present); 113 games; 298 tackles; 23.5 sacks; Consensus First-team All-Mountain West (2001); served a mission for the LDS Church in Argentina (1996–97); older brother to John Denney.

Detmer, Ty (1967–). Quarterback; Green Bay Packers (1992–95); Philadelphia Eagles (1996–97); San Francisco 49ers (1998); Cleveland Browns (1999–2000); Detroit Lions (2001–2003); Atlanta Falcons (2004–2005); 54 games played; 34 passing touchdowns; 35 interceptions; 6,351 passing yards; 74.7 quarterback rating; Heisman Trophy (1990); Maxwell Award (1990); 2x Davey O'Brien Award (1990, 1991); UPI Player of the Year (1990); Sammy Baugh Award (1991); UPI Back of the Year (1991); 2x All American (1990, 1991). Detmer is brother of NFL quarterback Koy Detmer.

Doman, Brandon (1976–). Quarterback; San Francisco 49ers (2002); Buffalo Bills (2002); Washington Redskins (2002–2003); San Francisco 49ers (2004); Heisman Trophy candidate (2001); coaches quarterbacks at Brigham Young University.

Ena, Justin (1977–). Linebacker; Philadelphia Eagles (200–2003); Tennessee Titans (2004); Philadelphia Eagles (2005); 47 games played; 26 tackles; 5 assists on tackles.

Fanene, Jonathan (1982–). Defensive end; Cincinnati Bengals (2005–present); 63 games played; 63 tackles; 10 sacks; 1 intercept; from American Samoa.

Fatafehi, Mario (1979–). Defensive tackle; Arizona Cardinals (2001–2002); Carolina Panthers (2002); Denver Broncos (2003–2004); 45 games played in NFL; 5.0 sacks; 40 tackles; 20 assists on tackles.

Fellows, Ron (1957–). Cornerback; Dallas Cowboys (1981–86); Los Angeles Raiders (1987–88); 112 games played; 19 interceptions; joined the LDS Church after his professional career.

Fonoti, Toniu (1981–). Guard; San Diego Chargers (2002–2005); Minnesota Vikings (2005); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2006); Miami Dolphins (2006); Atlanta Falcons (2007); Carolina Panthers (2008); Detroit Lions (2009); 40 games played; 33 games started; born in American Samoa.

Francisco, Aaron (1983–). Safety; Arizona Cardinals (2005–2008); Indianapolis Colts (2009); Carolina Panthers (2010–present); 75 games played; 4 interceptions; 162 tackles; 36 assists.

Freitas, Makoa (1979–). Offensive tackle; Indianapolis Colts (2003–2005); 28 games played; son of NFL football player Rocky Freitas.

Hale, David (1983–). Guard/Center; Baltimore Ravens (2008–present); 18 games played; 2x Honorable mention All-Big Sky (2004, 2005); 2x First-team All-Big Sky (2006, 2007); Second-team AP All-American (2007); First-team AFCA All-American (2007); served a mission for the LDS Church in the Dominican Republic (2002–2004).

Hall, Max (1985–). Quarterback; Arizona Cardinals (2010–present); 6 games played; 0 touchdowns; 6 interceptions; 370 passing yards; 35.7 quarterback rating; served a mission for the LDS Church in Iowa (2005–2006).

Hall, Travis (1972–). Defensive tackle; Atlanta Falcons (1995–2004); San Francisco 49ers (2005); 150 games played; 42 sacks; 348 tackles; 102 assists on tackles; Hall formed ProSpot Fitness, Inc. in 1998 for developing, manufacturing, and marketing home gyms featuring the company's patented Grab & Stroke technology.

Hanshaw, Tim (1970–). Guard; San Francisco 49ers (1996–98); 30 games played.

Heap, Todd (1980–). Tight end; Baltimore Ravens (2001–present); 138 games played; 480 receptions; 5,642 receiving yards; 41 touchdowns; 2x Pro Bowl

selection (2002, 2003); Second-team All-Pro selection (2003); cousin to quarterback Danny White.

Heitmann, Eric (1980–). Center; San Francisco 49ers (2002–present); 119 games played; voted first team All-American at Stanford University following 2001 season; 3x All-Pac-10 selection; released from his contract on July 29, 2011; plays concert piano and composes music.

Hipple, Eric (1957–). Quarterback; Detroit Lions (1980–86, 1988–89); 102 games played; 55 touchdowns; 70 interceptions; 10,711 yards; 68.7 quarterback rating.

Hoge, Merrill (1965–2010). Running back; Pittsburgh Steelers (1987–93); Chicago Bears (1994); 114 games played; 3,139 rushing yards gained; 2,133 receiving yards; 13 receiving touchdowns; 825 rushing attempts; ESPN commentator (1996–2010), including *NFL Live*, *NFL Matchup*, *ESPNEWS's Football Friday*, *NFL Draft*, and *Sunday NFL Countdown*.

Hoke, Chris (1976–). Defensive tackle; Pittsburgh Steelers (2001–present); 114 games played; 52 tackles; 29 assists on tackles; 2x Super Bowl Champion (XL, XLIII).

Inman, Jerry (1940–). Defensive lineman/Lineman; Denver Broncos (1966–73); 82 games played.

Ioane, Junior (1977–). Defensive tackle; Oakland Raiders (2000–2002); Houston Texans (2003–2005); 36 games played; 33 tackles; 21 assists on tackles.

Johnson, Lee (1961–). Punter; Houston Oilers (1985–87); Cleveland Browns (1987–88); Cincinnati Bengals (1988–98); New England Patriots (1999–2001); Minnesota Vikings (2001); Philadelphia Eagles (2002); 259 games played; 1,226 punts; 51,979 punt yards; 42.4 punt average; played in Super Bowl XXIII with Cincinnati in 1989; Johnson is a highly trained, elite mountain cyclist.

Jolley, Doug (1979–). Tight end; Oakland Raiders (2002–2004); New York Jets (2005); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2006); 74 games played; 120 receptions; 1,303 receiving yards; 6 touchdowns; starter on the Oakland Raiders' Super Bowl team in 2002; caught a touchdown pass in the AFC Championship Game and hauled five more catches in the Super Bowl; son of Gordon Jolley, who played for the Detroit Lions and the Seattle Seahawks.

Jolley, Gordon (1949–). Guard/Offensive tackle; Detroit Lions (1971–75); Seattle Seahawks (1976–77); 59 games played; father of NFL football player Doug Jolley.

Jones, Rulon (1958–). Defensive end; Denver Broncos (1980–88); 129 games played; 99 games started; 52.5 sacks; UP AFL-AFC Player of the Year (1986).

Kaufusi, Steve (1963–). Defensive lineman; Philadelphia Eagles (1989–90); 32 games played; native of Tonga.

Kehl, Bryan (1984–). Linebacker; New York Giants (2008–2010); St. Louis Rams (2010–present); 54 games played; 55 tackles; 25 assists on tackles; served a mission for the LDS Church in Toronto, Canada (2003–2004).

Keisel, Brett (1978–). Defensive end; Pittsburgh Steelers (2002–present); 107 games played; 189 tackles; 112 assists on tackles; 20.5 sacks, 1 interception; 2x Super Bowl Champion (XL, XLIII).

Kemoatu, Ma'ake (1979–). Defensive tackle; Baltimore Ravens (2002–2005); Carolina Panthers (2006–2009); Washington Redskins (2010–present); 121 games played; 184 tackles; 54 assists on tackles; 4.0 sacks; 2x Honorable Mention All-MWC (2000, 2001); born in Tonga.

Kozlowski, Glen (1962–). Wide receiver; Chicago Bears (1987–92); 66 games played; 471 receiving yards; 3 touchdowns; 31 receptions.

Kruger, Paul (1986–). Defensive end; Baltimore Ravens (2009–present); 31 games played; 1 intercept; 14 tackles; 8 assists on tackles; Second-team Freshman All-American (2007); First-team All-Mountain West (2008); Honorable mention All-American (2008); served a mission for the LDS Church in Kansas and Missouri (2005–2006).

Larsen, Spencer (1984–). Fullback/Linebacker; Denver Broncos (2008–present); 45 games played; Second-team All-PAC 10 (2006); First-team All-Pac 10 (2007); Diet Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (Week 11, 2008); served an LDS Church mission in Chile (2003–2004).

Lewis, Chad (1971–). Tight end; Philadelphia Eagles (1997–99); St. Louis Rams (1999–2000); Philadelphia Eagles (2000–2005); 116 games played; 229 receptions; 2,361 receiving yards; 23 receiving touchdowns; 3x Pro Bowl selection

(2000, 2001, 2002); Eagles Ed Block Courage Award Recipient (2005); served a mission for the LDS Church in Taichung, Taiwan, where he learned to speak Mandarin (1990–92). In 2002, the NFL sent Lewis to Taiwan, Singapore, and Thailand to promote the NFL. He has visited China five times since to help with football clinics.

Lutui, Deuce (1983–). Guard; Arizona Cardinals (2006–present); 88 games played; 72 games started; born in Tonga.

Mahe, Reno (1980–). Running back; Philadelphia Eagles (2003–2008); 55 games played; 2,026 all-purpose yards. Born in Tonga, Mahe is related to Mormon NFL football player Vai Sikahema and professional wrestler Sione Vailahi.

Mailei, Marcus (1986–). Fullback; Philadelphia Eagles (2009); New Orleans Saints (2009–present); 2 games played.

Manumaleuna, Brandon (1980–). Tight end; St. Louis Rams (2001–2005); San Diego Chargers (2006–2009); Chicago Bears (2010–present); 158 games played; 115 receptions; 1,008 receiving yards; 13 receiving touchdowns; 1x Second-team All-Pac-10 (1999).

Matich, Trevor (1961–). Center; New England Patriots (1985–88); Detroit Lions (1989); New York Jets (1990–91); Indianapolis Colts (1992–93); Washington Redskins (1994–96); 148 games played; ESPN college football TV analyst; studio analyst for Washington Redskins games on Fox TV in Washington, D.C.

Mili, Itula (1973–). Tight end; Seattle Seahawks (1998–2007); 114 games played; 1,743 receiving yards; 164 receptions; 13 touchdowns.

Miller, Chris (1965–). Quarterback; Atlanta Falcons (1987–93); St. Louis Rams (1994–95); Denver Broncos (1999); quarterback coach for the Arizona Cardinals (2009–present); 98 games played; 2,892 pass attempts; 1,580 pass completions; 123 passing touchdowns; 102 interceptions; 19,320 passing yards; 74.9 quarterback rating; 1x Pro Bowl selection (1991); Miller was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame (2005).

Mills, Garrett (1983–). Tight end; New England Patriots (2006); Minnesota Vikings (2007–2009); Philadelphia Eagles (2010); Cincinnati Bengals (2010); New England Patriots (2010–present); 10 games played; 8 receptions; 105 receiving yards.

Mitchell, Scott (1968–). Quarterback; Miami Dolphins (1990–93); Orlando Thunder (1992); Detroit Lions (1994–98); Baltimore Ravens (1999); Cincinnati Bengals (2000–2001); 99 games played; 1,301 passes completed; 2,346 passes attempted; 15,692 passing yards; 95 passing touchdowns; 81 interceptions; 75.3 quarterback rating; threw 32 touchdowns in 1995.

Moala, Fili (1985–). Defensive tackle; Indianapolis Colts (2009–present); 35 games played; 30 tackles; 13 assists.

Moeaki, Tony (1987–). Tight end; Kansas City Chiefs (2010–present); 15 games played; 3 touchdowns; 47 receptions; 556 receiving yards; scored first NFL touchdown in his first NFL game; Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (2010).

Moore, Larry (1975–). Guard; Indianapolis Colts (1998–2001); Washington Redskins (2002–2003); Cincinnati Bengals (2004–2005); 96 games played; 73 games started.

Morris, Rob (1975–). Linebacker; Indianapolis Colts (2000–2007); 99 games played; 7.0 sacks; 358 tackles; 125 assists on tackles; Super Bowl champion (XLI).

Mulitalo, Edwin (1974–). Guard; Baltimore Ravens (1999–2006); Detroit Lions (2007–2008); 132 games played; 127 games started; Super Bowl champion (XXXV); Mulitalo served a mission for the LDS Church in Idaho, primarily among Native Americans (1993–94).

Murphy, Shawn (1982–). Guard; Miami Dolphins (2008–2009); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2009); Carolina Panthers (2010–present); Second-team All-WAC (2007).

Ngata, Haloti (1984–). Defensive end/Nose tackle; Baltimore Ravens (2006–present); 89 games played; 87 games started; 17 sacks; 3 interceptions; 200 tackles; 94 assists on tackles; 1x Pro Bowl selection (2009); 2x Second-team All-Pro selection (2008, 2009); 2005 College Football All-American; cousin of NFL defensive lineman Fili Moala.

Nielsen, Gifford (1954–). Quarterback; Houston Oilers (1978–83); 55 games played; 20 passing touchdowns; 22 interceptions; 3,255 passing yards; 70.0 quarterback rating; sportscaster and director at KHOU-TV Houston (1984–2009).

Nixon, David (1985–). Line backer; Oakland Raiders (2009); Houston Texans (2010); St. Louis Rams (2010–present); 10 games played; 11 tackles; 2 assists on tackles.

Oates, Bart (1958–). Center; Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars (1983–85); New York Giants (1985–93); San Francisco 49ers (1994–95); 172 games played; 165 games started; 5x Pro Bowl selection (1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995); 3x Super Bowl champion (XXI, XXV, XXIX); brother to the NFL's Brad Oates. Oates voiced himself in the Cartoon Network's animated series *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* episode titled "Bart Oates."

Oates, Brad (1953–). Guard/Tackle; St. Louis Cardinals (1976–77, 1979–80); Detroit Lions (1978); Kansas City Chiefs (1980); Cincinnati Bengals (1981); Green Bay Packers (1981); 67 games played; 20 games started; brother to the NFL's Bart Oates.

Olsen, Merlin (1940–2010). Defensive tackle; Los Angeles Rams (1962–76); 208 games played; 14x Pro Bowl (1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975); 6x First-team All-Pro selection (1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970); 3x Second-team All-Pro selection (1965, 1973, 1974); NFL 75th Anniversary All-Time Team; NFL 1970s All-Decade Team; NFL 1960s All-Decade Team; 1974 Bert Bell Award (NFL MVP); 1968 Pro Bowl MVP; 1962 Rookie of the Year; St. Louis Rams #74 retired; color analyst on NBS's AFC coverage and Rose Bowl Game commentator (1980–88). Olsen's brother Phil also played in the NFL.

Olsen, Phil (1948–). Defensive tackle/Center; Boston Patriots (1970); Los Angeles Rams (1971–74); Denver Broncos (1975–76, 1977); Buffalo Bills (1978); 79 games played; 68 tackles; 5 sacks; he is the younger brother of NFL football player Merlin Olsen.

Owens, Burgess (1951–). Safety; New York Jets (1973–79); Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders (1980–82); 137 games played; 79 games started; 438 yard interceptions; 6 touchdowns; Super Bowl Champion (XV); New York Jets Rookie of the Year (1973); NFL All-Rookie Team (1973).

Palepoi, Anton (1978–). Defensive end; Seattle Seahawks (2002–2004); Denver Broncos (2004); Arizona Cardinals (2005); New Orleans Saints (2007); 35 games played; 4.0 sacks; 26 tackles; 13 assists on tackles; made an appearance in the movie *Wish Upon a Star* (1996), starring Mormon actress Katherine Heigl, which was filmed at Palepoi's high school, Hunter High, in West Valley City, Utah.

Philip, Marvin (1982–). Guard; Pittsburgh Steelers (2006–2007); Cleveland Browns (2007–2008); Baltimore Ravens (2008); Buffalo Bills (2009); Omaha Nighthawks (2010–present); 2x First-Team All-Pac-10 (2004, 2005);

2x All-American (2004, 2005); 2x Rimington Trophy finalist (2004, 2005); served a mission for the LDS Church in the Dakotas (2001–2003).

Pitta, Dennis (1985–). Tight end; Baltimore Ravens (2010–present).

Poppinga, Brady (1979–). Outside linebacker; Green Bay Packers (2005–present); 91 games played; 196 tackles; 69 assists on tackles; 5.0 sacks; served a mission for the LDS Church in Uruguay (1998–2000).

Pouha, Sione (1979–). Nose tackle; New York Jets (2005–present); 89 games played; 161 tackles; 56 assists on tackles; 2.5 sacks; 2004 All-MWC First Team; served a mission for the LDS Church in Pittsburgh (1998–2000).

Procter, Cory (1982–). Guard/Center; Detroit Lions (2005); Dallas Cowboys (2005–2009); Miami Dolphins (2010–present); 2x Honorable mention All-Big Sky (2002–2003); First-team All-Big Sky (2004); Division I-AA All-American (2004); 48 games played; 13 games started; 1 tackle. He is also the drummer for metal band Free Reign, a project also involving Cowboys' linemen Marc Colombo and Leonard Davis.

Salisbury, Sean (1963–). Quarterback; Seattle Seahawks (1986); Indianapolis Colts (1987); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1988–89); Minnesota Vikings (1990–94); Houston Oilers (1994); San Diego Chargers (1996); 40 games played; 3,824 passing yards; 19 passing touchdowns; 19 interceptions; 72.9 quarterback rating; 43 sacks. After getting his start on the Comedy Central show *BattleBots*, Salisbury went on to become an NFL analyst on ESPN, appearing on *SportsCenter* and *NFL Live*. Salisbury was hired as a consultant for the 2005 remake of *The Longest Yard*. On the set, Salisbury taught Adam Sandler proper quarterback mechanics, cadences, and footwork. Sandler later offered Salisbury a role in the 2006 film, *The Benchwarmers*. In May 2006, Salisbury began broadcasting on ESPN Radio 1000, Chicago, with Steve Rosenbloom. He also did guest spots on the ESPN Classic comedy program *Cheap Seats*, where he provided his signature breakdowns of the action in a more comedic manner. He has covered for Mike Golic on *Mike and Mike in the Morning*.

Satele, Samson (1984–). Center; Miami Dolphins (2007–2008); Oakland Raiders (2009–present); 73 games played; 69 games started; 5 tackles; 2x Second-Team All-WAC (2003–2004); 2x First-Team All-WAC (2005–2006); Pro Football Weekly All-Rookie Team (2007); nephew of San Diego Chargers linebacker Alvis Satele; cousin to the Arizona Cardinals's Hercules Satele; cousin to Reagan Mauia of the Miami Dolphins.

Schouman, Derek (1985–). Tight end; Buffalo Bills (2007–2009); St. Louis Rams (2010–present); 24 games played; 15 games started; 27 receptions; 275 receiving yards; 2x First-team All-WAC (2005, 2006).

Shell, Todd (1962–). Linebacker; San Francisco 49ers (1984–87); 38 games played; 15 games started; 7.0 sacks; 5 interceptions; 115 yard interceptions; Super Bowl Champion (XIX); coached for the Arizona Rattlers Football, the San Jose Saber Cats, and the New York Dragons.

Sikahema, Vai (1962–). Running back/Kickoff returner; St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals (1986–90); Green Bay Packers (1991); Philadelphia Eagles (1992–93); 118 games played; 292 punts returned; 3,169 punt return yards; 4 punts returned for touchdown; 235 kickoff returns; 4,933 yards for kickoffs returned; Pro Bowls (1986, 1987); born in Tonga; weekend sports commentator and sports director at WCAU in Philadelphia; cousin to Reno Mahe of the Philadelphia Eagles; uncle by marriage to actor Jon Heder; co-host of *Early MIDDAY Show* at WPEN-FM 97.5 radio in Philadelphia.

Smith, Derek (1975–). Linebacker; Washington Redskins (1997–2000); San Francisco 49ers (2001–2007); San Diego Chargers (2008); Miami Dolphins (2008); 174 games played; 167 games started; 13.5 sacks; 4 interceptions; 802 tackles; 293 assists on tackles; Honorable Mention All-Pac 10 (1996); Club 1000 Tackles; Matt Hazeltine Award (2003); Bill Walsh Award (2005).

Tahi, Naufahu (1981–). Fullback; Cincinnati Bengals (2006); Minnesota Vikings (2006–present); 56 games played; 33 receptions; 150 yards; 2 receiving touchdowns.

Tait, John (1975–). Offensive tackle; Kansas City Chiefs (1999–2003); Chicago Bears (2004–2008); 2x Pro Bowl selection (2001, 2006); 148 games played; 139 games started.

Titensor, Glen (1958–). Guard; Dallas Cowboys (1981–88); 92 games played.

Turley, Kyle (1975–). Offensive tackle; New Orleans Saints (1998–2002); St. Louis Rams (2003–2004); Kansas City Chiefs (2006–2007); 109 games played; 107 games started; 9 fumble recoveries; First-team All-Pro selection (2000); Second-team All-Pro selection (2003). After football, Turley moved to Nashville, where his album titled *Anger Management*, released by Gridiron Records in 2010, has received critical praise since debuting in the top 200 country albums on iTunes.

Weddle, Eric (1985–). Safety; San Diego Chargers (2007–present); 71 games played; 56 games started; 4.0 sacks; 11 intercepts; 174 yards returned; 1 touchdown; 341 tackles; 76 assists on tackles; 2x MWC Defensive Player of the Year (2005, 2006); Emerald Bowl Defensive MVP (2006).

White, Danny (1952–). Quarterback/Punter; Memphis Southmen, WFL (1974–75); Dallas Cowboys (1976–88); 166 games played; 155 touchdowns; 132 intercepts; 21,959 passing yards; 81.7 quarterback rating; Pro Bowl selection (1982); Super Bowl champion (XII); 2x ArenaBowl champion (VII, XI); 1x Second-team All-Pro selection (1982); 3x UPI Second-team All-NFC selection (1979, 1981, 1982); 1x All-WFL selection (1975). Later head coach for Arizona Rattlers (1992–2004) and Utah Blaze (2006–2008).

Wilson, Marc (1957–). Quarterback; Oakland/L.A. Raiders (1980–87); New England Patriots (1989–90); Los Angeles Raiders (1991); 126 games played; 86 touchdowns; 102 intercepts; 14,391 passing yards; 67.7 quarterback rating; All American (1979); 2x Super Bowl champion (XV, XVII).

Young, Scott (1981–). Guard; Philadelphia Eagles (2005–2007); Cleveland Browns (2008); Denver Broncos (2009); 14 games played.

Young, Steve (1961–). Quarterback; Los Angeles Express (1984–85); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1985–86); San Francisco 49ers (1987–99); 169 games played; 232 passing touchdowns; 107 intercepts; 33,124 passing yards; 722 rushing attempts; 4,239 rushing yards; 43 rushing touchdowns; 96.8 quarterback rating; 7x Pro Bowl selection (1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998); 3x First-Team All-Pro selection (1992, 1993, 1994); 3x Second-Team All-Pro selection (1995, 1997, 1998); 3x Super Bowl champion (XXIII, XXIV, XXIX); Super Bowl XXIX MVP; 2x AP NFL MVP (1992, 1994); 2x PFWA NFL MVP (1992, 1994); 2x NEA NFL MVP (1992, 1994); AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year (1992); 2x UPI NFC Player of the Year (1992, 1994); 2x NFC Offensive Player of the Year (1992, 1994); 2x Bert Bell Award (1992, 1994); Davey O'Brien Award (1983); San Francisco 49ers #8 retired; Pro Football Hall of Fame (2005); NCAA Silver Anniversary Award (2009). Young holds the NFL record for highest career passer rating and has won six NFL passing titles. Young appeared in All Sport, Visa, and Gatorade commercials with Jerry Rice while they played for the 49ers. His 1988 scramble against the Minnesota Vikings was featured in a 2006 Burger King commercial with “King” digitally superimposed over Young; appeared in the football video game *All-Pro Football 2K8* with Joe Montana and Jerry Rice; had a cameo in LDS film *The Singles Ward* (2002).

GOLF

Blake, Jay Don (1958–). Blake has played the PGA Tour, the Champions Tour, and the Nationwide Tour. He won a tournament on the PGA Tour (1991) and has won the Utah Open (1988) and the Argentine Open (1991).

Casper, Billy (1931–). 51 wins on PGA Tour (1956–75); Masters Tournament Champion (1970); 2x PGA Player of the Year (1966, 1970); 2x PGA Tour Leading Money Winner (1966, 1968); 5x Vardon Trophy (1960, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968); Member of the U.S. team in the Ryder Cup 9x (1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1979); World Gold Hall of Fame (1978). Casper had a cameo appearance in the Disney film *Now You See Him, Now You Don't* (1972). In 2000, Casper was ranked as the 15th greatest golfer of all time by *Golf Digest*.

Clearwater, Keith (1959–). 2 PGA Tour tournament wins (both in 1987); Alaska State Open champion (1985).

Forsman, Dan (1958–). 5 PGA Tour tournament wins (1985, 1986, 1990, 1992, 2002); 2 Champion Tour tournament wins (2009, 2010); JCPenny Classic tournament win (1992).

Fought, John (1954–). 2 wins on 1979 PGA Tour; PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Award (1979). Beginning in the late 1980s, Fought established himself as a golf course architect, founding John Fought Design in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Miller, Johnny (1947–). 25 wins on PGA Tour (1971–1994); ranked one of the top players in the world during the 1970s; PGA Player of the Year (1974); PGA Tour Leading Money Winner (1974); World Gold Hall of Fame (1996); Lead golf analyst for NBC Sports since 1990; successful golf course architect.

Reid, Mike (1954–). 2 wins on PGA Tour (1987, 1988); 2 wins on Champions Tour (2005, 2009); Reid is the first professional golfer to earn \$1 million on the PGA Tour prior to winning a single tournament.

Skinner, Val (1960–). 6 wins on LPGA Tour (1985, 1986, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995); established the Val Skinner Foundation to promote awareness of breast cancer risks and early breast cancer detection.

Summerhays, Bruce (1944–). 3 Champions Tour tournament wins (1997, 1998, 2004); Northern California Open champion (1974); Utah Open champion (2008). His daughter Carrie was an All-American golfer at Brigham

Young University and played on the LPGA tour, while his nephews Daniel and Boyd played in the Nationwide Tour. Summerhays designs golf courses.

Summerhays-Roberts, Carrie (1980–). Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour (2002–2004); qualified for 2 U.S. Women's Open Championships and held first-round lead at the Kellogg-Keebler Classic (2003); MVP of the U.S./Japan Cup competition; 3x Utah Match play champion; daughter of Senior PGA Tour veteran Bruce Summerhays; cousin of Nationwide Tour golfers Daniel and Boyd Summerhays.

HOCKEY

Gavey, Aaron (1974–). Center/Winger; Tampa Bay Lightning (1995–97); Calgary Flames (1996–98); Dallas Stars (1998–99); Minnesota Wild (2000–2002); Toronto Maple Leafs (2000–2003); Mighty Ducks of Anaheim (2005–2006).

RACING

Jenkins, Ab (1883–1956). Drove the Duesenberg "Mormon Meteor" to a 24-hour average land speed record of 135 mph in 1935. Set the 24-hour record of a 161.180 mph average that lasted until 1990.

RUNNING

Cummings, Paul (1953–2001). Cummings was a world-class middle and long distance runner who held both American records (1979 1,500m; 1983 15km; 1987 20 km) and world records (1983 half marathon). He is considered one of the most versatile American track and road racers in history.

Padilla, Doug (1956–). Won the overall Grand Prix (1985) and the World Cup 5000m (1985). Finished 5th in the 5000m final at the 1983 World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki. Ranked No. 1 in the world in 1983 over 3000m.

SKIING

Engen, Alf (1909–1997). 8x National Jumping Champion (1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1940, 1946); 2x National Classic Champion (1939, 1941); 2x

National Downhill and Slalom Combined Champion (1942, 1947); 1x National Downhill Champion (1947); 1x National Slalom Champion (1947); 2x National Four-way Champion (1940, 1941); only skier to ever win the Big Four—National Jumping, National Classic, National Four-way, and National Downhill and Slalom Combined; North American Jumping Crown (1937); All-American Ski Trophy (1940); Coach, U.S. Ski Team (1948); Master Ski Instructor (1949); Skier of the Century Award (1950); Helm's Hall of Fame (1954); National Ski Hall of Fame Award (1959). Assisted in the creation of 30 ski resorts in the western United States. The Alf Engen Ski Museum is located in the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center at the Utah Olympic Park near Park City, Utah.

Saubert, Jean (1942–2007). 2x National Junior Slalom and Combined Champion (1957, 1959); 2x Senior National Giant Slalom Champion (1963, 1964); 1x Senior National Slalom Champion (1964); 2x Senior National Downhill Champion (1963, 1964); Swiss International Women's Giant Slalom (1964); declared 2nd best woman skier in the world by International Ski Federation (1964); Ski Hall of Fame (1976).

VOLLEYBALL

Fonoimoana, Eric (1969–). A professional volleyball player for more than 18 years, Fonoimoana has played in over 200 tournaments, winning more than \$1 million for beach volleyball; AVP Most Valuable Player (2002); Olympic Gold Medalist, Sydney, Australia (2000).

Gibb, Jake (1976–). AVP Most Valuable Player (2005); AVP Team of the Year (with Stein Metzger, 2005); FIVB Top Rookie (2005); AVP Most Improved Player (2004); represented the United States in the 2008 Summer Olympics.

WRESTLING

Vailahi, Sione (1958–). Vailahi is a professional wrestler known as *The Barbarian*. Born and raised in Tonga, Vailahi was one of five teenagers sent by the King of Tonga to Japan to study Sumo wrestling in the mid-1970s. Tonga Fifita was one of the other teenagers. Vailahi was known in sumo circles as *Sachinoshima*. After migrating to the United States, he trained in professional wrestling under the tutelage of Rolland "Red" Bastien. In 1980 he made his debut, wrestling Killer Karl Krupp in Modesto, California. He went from the National Wrestling Alliance in the 1980s to the World Wrestling Federation

in the 1990s. He signed with World Championship Wrestling in 1992. He has won numerous championships. He is related to former NFL running back and Philadelphia sportscaster Vai Sikaheima, NFL running back Reno Mahe, and Rock Star INXS finalist Jordis Unga.

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