

# SPORTS

## NFL Legend Jerry Rice Retires After 20 Years

Popular receiver leaves football career with 38 league records

(AP) - Jerry Rice spent 20 years making every sacrifice he could to play the game he loved. He knew his football career was over when all those sacrifices weren't enough to make him a key player in Denver for one, final season.

Relegated to reserve duty or nothing with the Broncos, Rice chose the latter, calling it a career Monday after two record-setting decades in the NFL.

"I think that's it for me," Rice said during his farewell news conference at Broncos headquarters. "I'm done and I'm looking forward to the next phase of my life now."

With that, the NFL reached the end of an era, saying goodbye to a once-in-a-lifetime player.

The 42-year-old receiver, a first-round draft pick out of tiny Mississippi Valley State in 1985, leaves the field with 38 league records, including the most career receptions (1,549), yards receiving (22,895) and touchdowns receiving (197).

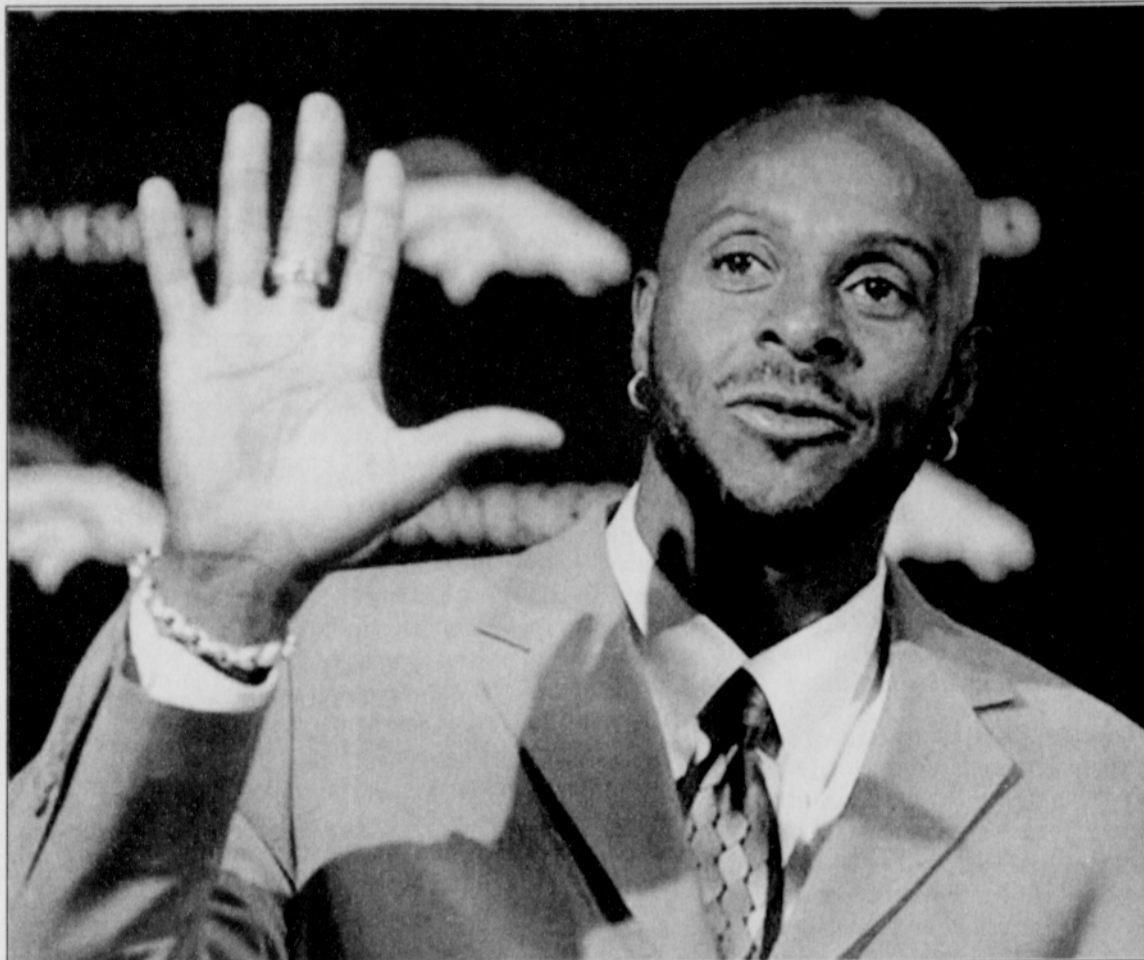
But as much as the numbers, it was the way he did things that made the biggest impression - the right way. He was a master of details, a maestro of route-running precision, a good guy off the field and a workout junkie both in season and out.

Revered by fans and his peers, Rice told his short-time teammates in Denver that he was retiring during a short meeting held after his public announcement. The Broncos gave him a standing ovation.

Rice led the 49ers to three Super Bowl titles. He mastered the West Coast offense and made a career of turning short catches into long gains, strutting into the end zone, his arms raised aloft.

His work ethic and attention to the little things gave an entire generation of receivers someone to look up to.

After 16 years with the Niners, Rice went to Oakland, where he had three fairly productive sea-



Jerry Rice, one of the most dominate wide receivers in the NFL, waves goodbye after a news conference announcing his retirement in Denver on Monday, Sept. 5. (AP Photo)

sons. But it became clear the end might be near last season when the Raiders phased him out, prompting a midseason trade to Seattle.

He still averaged 14.3 yards a catch last season and scored three touchdowns, showing traces of the big-play capability he flashed so often earlier in his career.

Last spring, his agent put out a league-wide memo stating that the GOAT - the Greatest Of All Time - was available.

Rice signed with the Denver Broncos, knowing there was no guarantee of a roster spot.

About halfway through training camp in his 21<sup>st</sup> season, he moved ahead of Darius Watts, to Denver's No. 3 receiver spot.

That move caused a stir, but a closer look showed a receiver who had trouble separating from third- and fourth-string cornerbacks in practice, a receiver who finished with four catches for 24 yards in four preseason games.

With the end upon him, he was sad and overwhelmed as he stood behind the microphone to announce his retirement.

## Displaced Hornets Offered NHL Arena

(AP) - The Nashville Predators are offering the displaced New Orleans Hornets a chance to play 12 games this season in the NHL team's arena.

Hugh Lombardi, general manager of the Gaylord Entertainment Center, said he has contacted the NBA about the offer. The New Orleans Arena is next to the Superdome, and the NBA has informed teams the Hornets may relocate.

But Nashville's arena, which seats a little more than 19,000 for basketball, has limited dates available with the Predators, Arena Football League, college basketball and concerts already scheduled. The Hornets could not play there the entire season.

"Right now, we're trying to get a sense as to what the NBA is planning," said Lombardi, who expects to talk with NBA officials next week. "I don't even know if they'd consider playing anywhere just partially. I assume they'd want to play in one place for the whole season and I know we couldn't accommodate that."

The Hornets open training camp in Colorado on October and are scheduled to play their first home game on Nov. 4. Oklahoma City already has offered Ford Center as a home site for the Hornets, while Baton Rouge, La., also is a possibility.

## Oregon State Prevails Over Portland State

The Oregon State Beavers overcame the Portland State Vikings last Saturday at the Reser Stadium in Corvallis with a 41-14 win in the first game among the teams in 22 years.

Although Oregon State took the first 10 points of the game, PSU ran 76 yards within 13 plays at the end of the first period.

Later, though, the Beavers went into halftime with a 20-7 lead.

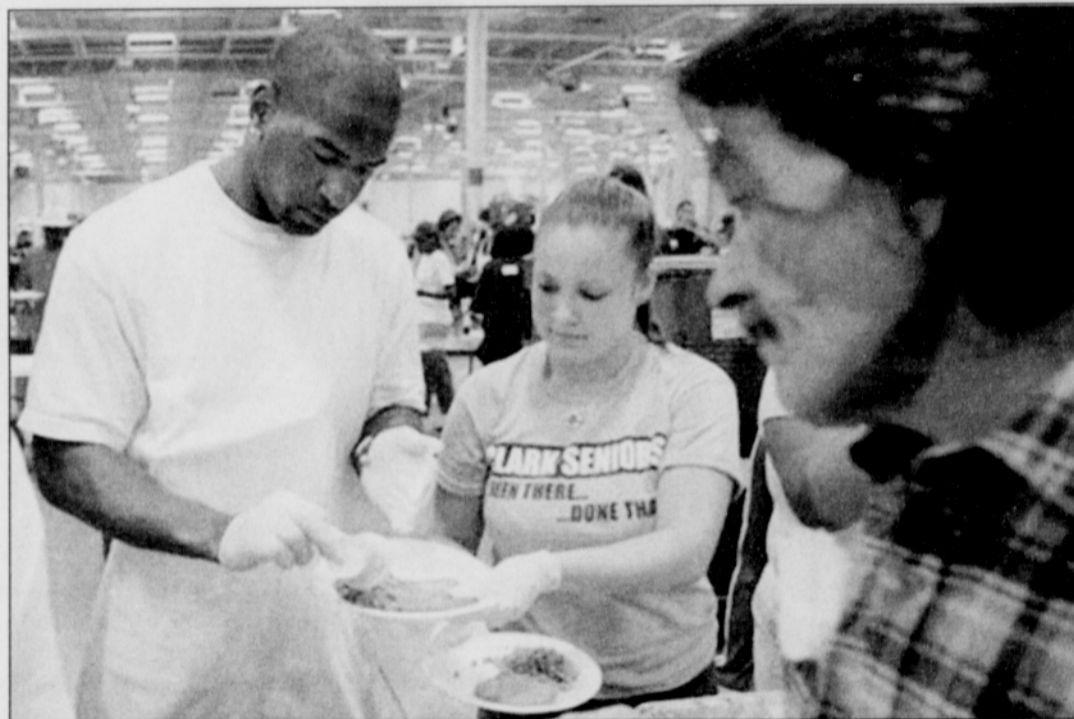
In the third period, the Vikings reversed eight yards to bring up the score 34-14.

The final score set after a late touchdown pass by the Beavers in the fourth period.

The 1-A Beavers start the season 1-0, while the 1-AA Vikings go to 0-1.

PSU will open at home on Sept. 17 in a Big Sky Conference game against Sacramento State.

## Saints Pick Up the Pieces



New Orleans Saints linebacker T.J. Slaughter, left, and Tiffany Cardenas, 18, of San Antonio, serve lunch to Hurricane Katrina evacuees, Sunday, Sept. 4, at a shelter at KellyUSA, a former Air Force base, in San Antonio. (AP Photo)

## New Orleans' NFL team may practice in Texas

(AP) - Meetings in a convention center. A 10-minute bus ride. Then, practice at a high school facility and a bus ride back "home" to their hotel.

That's the new routine for the New Orleans Saints, forced out of their normal surroundings by Hurricane Katrina.

The Saints returned to work Monday, trying to focus on their opener Sunday in Carolina instead of the awful pictures of what's happening in New Orleans.

"We all talked about what was going on before practice," said special teams standout Michael Lewis, who was born in New Orleans and has more than 30 relatives in the area. "Everybody in my family is OK. But now that we're here, we know what we have to do."

Coach Jim Haslett was glad to be doing some-

thing besides watching news reports on television.

Though the Saints still are awaiting word where they will play the balance of their home games, the team expects to practice in San Antonio for the rest of the season.

The NFL announced Monday that their second game - which was supposed to be their home opener against the New York Giants - will be on Monday, Sept. 19, at Giants Stadium.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. on ABC, then be switched to ESPN at 9 p.m., when ABC goes to the regularly scheduled game between Washington and Dallas in Irving, Texas.

The team left New Orleans a few days before the storm, then played their final preseason game in Oakland on Thursday night. Players had been off between then and Monday.



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