



RONDÉ BARBER ANALYST, FOX NFL

After spending his entire 16-year NFL career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and setting the record for most consecutive starts by an NFL cornerback, Super Bowl champion Rondé Barber joined FOX NFL as an analyst in 2013. In 2019, the five-time Pro Bowler offers analysis alongside play-by-play announcer Kenny Albert for the third consecutive year. He teamed with play-by-play announcer Chris Myers and sideline reporter Jennifer Hale from 2014-2016.

Selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the 66th overall pick in the 1997 NFL Draft, Barber quickly became one of the most consistent cornerbacks in the league and was selected to five Pro Bowls (2001, 2004-2006 and 2008). He earned three first-team AP All-Pro (2001, 2004 and 2005) and two second-team All-Pro selections (2002 and 2006) and earned nine Player of the Week awards. Barber was named to the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team and played in every game from 1998-2012.

He led the NFL in interceptions (10) in 2001 and remains the Buccaneers' all-time interceptions leader (47) and the NFL's only member of the "40/20 club" (40+ interceptions, 20+ quarterback sacks). His 28 career sacks are second-most in league history among defensive backs. The biggest achievement of Barber's career, however, came during the 2002 season when he helped Tampa Bay defeat the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII.

He was nominated to the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a first-ballot candidate in late 2017, progressing to the semifinalist stage in his first two years of eligibility. Barber will be inducted into the Bucs' Ring of Honor during halftime of the Bucs/Giants game on Sept. 22, 2019, becoming only the 13th member of the illustrious group.

Barber received a football scholarship to the University of Virginia. He was redshirted during the 1993 season but quickly showcased his talent in his first season, earning the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Freshman of the Year Award and leading the nation in interceptions (eight) in his 1994 redshirt freshman year. Barber garnered first-team All-ACC honors in all three seasons at Virginia and was part of the teams that won the 1994 Independence Bowl and December 1995 Peach Bowl. Barber ranks third all-time in school history with 15 career interceptions, starting all 36 games. After playing football for Virginia, Barber graduated from the McIntire School of Commerce in Charlottesville, Va., in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in commerce with an emphasis in marketing.

Following retirement from the NFL at the conclusion of the 2012 season, Barber teamed with FOX Sports play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton and reporter Kris Budden for the 2013 season. Barber also has offered analysis on FS1's studio shows.

In 2014, he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. On Oct. 1, 2017, he and his twin brother, former New York Giant running back, Tiki, became the first set of twin brothers to call an NFL game for national broadcast television when they joined Albert in the FOX booth for the Giants at Bucs matchup.

Barber was named a team captain in nine consecutive seasons (2004-'12), was honored as the Buccaneers Man of the Year in 2006 and voted the team's Ed Block Courage Award winner in 2011.

He graduated from Cave Spring High School in 1993 in Roanoke, Va., where he was a standout in football, wrestling and track. He won the national title in 1993 in track in the 55-meter hurdles, posting a career-best time of 7.18 seconds, then the fourth-best time ever.

Away from the gridiron, Barber and Tiki wrote three children's picture books titled *By My Brother's Side*, *Game Day* and *Teammates*, plus nine chapter books, while also filming a *Lifetime* network PSA for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since 2017, Barber has served on the Board of Directors for the PGA Tour's Valspar Championship, played at the world-renowned Copperhead Golf Course at Innisbrook. He currently is the tournament's vice chair and will assume the position of general chair in 2021. Barber resides in Tampa, Fla., with his wife, Claudia, and two daughters, Yammile Rose and Justyce Rosina.

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