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More About Ryan Nece -

Originally signed to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent on April 22, 2002, Nece clinched a roster spot that season and quickly made a name for himself as a special teams standout. After playing in the first eight games of his NFL career as a reserve linebacker and special teams power, Nece suffered a season-ending ACL tear against the Carolina Panthers on October 27, 2002. He spent the rest of that season supporting his teammates from the sidelines as the Buccaneers went on to win a World Championship in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Hard work and dedicated rehabilitation helped Nece make his way back on the field in time for the 2003 season. By 2005, Nece had cemented his place as the Buccaneers starting strongside linebacker as he finished that season with a career-high 104 tackles, as well as 15 special teams tackles and two sacks.

In six years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nece appeared in 85 games (35 starts), registering 276 career tackles, two interceptions, six passes defensed, and 3.5 sacks. His tremendous work ethic and solid play is not only limited to his time on defense, as he was a significant contributor on special teams having recorded 73 special teams tackles and one special teams fumble recovery. In four of his six NFL seasons, he has garnered over 10 special teams tackles. He was released by the Buccaneers August 30, 2008.

Nece spent the 2008 season starting at linebacker with the Detroit Lions. He finished the season with 45 total tackles, 1.5 sacks, five passes defensed, and one interception.

Since entering the NFL, Nece has consistently stepped up as a leader. He established himself as a team captain in Tampa where he set an example for his teammates to follow with his work ethic both on the field and in the community.

Nece founded the Ryan Nece Foundation in an effort to increase his extensive community service efforts in the Tampa Bay area. He has designed a Good Samaritan Program to help enhance the quality of life of those truly in need. As a good samaritan himself, Nece has created a program that strives to provide physical, financial and spiritual assistance for those less fortunate around the Bay area.

The Ryan Nece Foundation operates programs throughout the year, including the Good Samaritan Awards Program, the Good Samaritan Holiday Celebration, and the Mind & Body Clinic. Through the Good Samaritan Awards Program, the foundation recognizes Bay area high school students monthly for academic achievements as well as contributions to community

service and awards two college scholarships annually. The holiday celebration provides Thanksgiving meals and holiday gifts to children and families in need, while the Mind & Body Clinic helps teen athletes reach their full potential, regardless of sport, through fundamental physical training and discussions on nutrition and mental focus.

Nece launched the Power of Giving campaign on June 9, 2009 to encourage individuals to make a powerful impact on their community. Nece provided approximately 55 Tampa Bay leaders and philanthropists with \$55 each and challenged them to use that money to have a positive effect on someone in need.

The Power of Giving was created out of Nece's belief that we can't rely on charities and non-profit organizations to make a difference in the community...it takes individuals as well. If we all want to see a more positive society, then we must each take advantage of the opportunities we have to do good. The smallest act of giving can have the largest impact in someone's life. If not you, then who?

For the past seven years, Nece's primary focus has been on football which has provided him with a platform to impact others and has opened doors to new and exciting opportunities. In addition to his work on the football field and in the community, Nece has spent the last several years honing his business acumen. As co-founder of DERY Realty, his primary focus has been buying, renovating, and selling single family homes. After seven years in the NFL, Nece has decided to start a new career venture to channel his focus and energy toward areas off the playing field. In order to capitalize on the current market conditions and his extensive network of high net-worth individuals, Nece co-founded the Solidarity Fund with his NFL colleagues.

Nece's business background includes experience in residential real estate investment in the Tampa Bay and Los Angeles areas. He also sits on the board of the Tampa Bay Sports Commission and The Life Center. Nece received his Bachelor's Degree in business economics from UCLA, where he starred on the football field as a linebacker for one of the top rated teams in the country. To enhance his business IQ, Nece also participated in NFL Business Management and Entrepreneurial Programs at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and Harvard Business School.

Son of NFL Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott, Nece splits his time between his homes in Tampa and Los Angeles.