



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VIKING CLUB TRIBUTE**  
To  
**JOHN RANDLE**  
**#93**

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Club Members:

Today I get the pleasure of talking about another great Minnesota Viking and another great defensive tackle. John Randle was inducted into the Minnesota Vikings Ring of Honor on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is with utmost joy that I congratulate John on this accomplishment. Next to being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame – this is the greatest honor a Minnesota Viking can achieve. Congratulations John.

John is probably best remembered by his fans for his antics on the field. By this I mean the way he used to whip himself into frenzy before he played a down, his face painting, his whooping and hollering after a great play or sack and his continuous heckling of opposing teams when he was on the field. My personal favorites were the way he treated the Green Bay Packers and in particular Brett Favre. You new John was going to bring his “A” game when he played, but, he found a way to make the Packers games special – my type of player. And most of all his play – John is truly one of the best defensive tackles to ever play this game. (Although it’s nice when you compare him to the best – they were (and are) wearing purple.) You always new, in every game, John was going to get his “hard hits” in. He was truly unstoppable for an entire game.

As is the case now a day – there's a little confusion regarding John's career statistics, but here's my best effort:

- Undrafted Free Agent
- Played from 1990 to 2000 with the Vikings
- Played from 2001 to 2003 with the Seahawks
- 137.5 Sacks
- Somewhere between 471 to 539 tackles
- 29 Forced Fumbles – 25 as a Viking
- 1 Interception
- 7 Pro Bowls
- NFL 1990 All-Decade Team
- 5<sup>th</sup> in Career NFL Sacks
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Career NFL Sacks for a Defensive Tackle
- 5 Time NFC Player of the Week
- 5 Time NFC Player of the Month
- NFL Alumni Player of the Year in 1998
- 219 Games and Started 185

John was recognized by the club and inducted into the Southern California Viking Club Hall of Fame in 2006 and he attended one of our dinners. As great of a player as John was, he was only exceeded by his greatness as a person. It is always nice to reflect on the fact that John used his notoriety to help the Vikings charities and better the community. We are truly honored that John was willing to support our club amongst his busy schedule.

John – thanks for the memories.

**Bill Martin**

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