

# **Return of the Dynasty: Commanders, 2028**

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to TechMUN XXXII's Washington Commanders committee! We are beyond excited to hear your debate on these two issues that are crucial to the future of our capital's football team. This committee takes place in the future in 2028, yet focuses on issues relevant to the present. Each delegate in this committee represents a different individual playing an important role in the operation of the Commanders, whether real current players or made-up future ones. Each is expected to reflect on their views and the vision of football. Be sure to bring those views and ideologies into TechMUN XXXII weekend.

As your chairs, we are looking for delegates with good background knowledge, calls to action in speeches, and integration of ideas into working papers within blocs. Each delegation has a specialty — we want to see collaboration while keeping your delegation's role in the Commanders in mind. Even if you don't give many moderated caucuses, we want you to be active during unmoderated caucuses and voice unique ideas then. Remember — relevancy in committee is key!

With that being said, both of us hope that we can make your experience in committee as close to real life as possible with some fun involved. Through this experience, we want you to grow as delegates and explore your role within the Commanders while taking risks by raising your placards. We want you to leave this conference as delegates who can be confident in their ideas and communicate them to the world. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email us at [commanderstechmun2025@gmail.com](mailto:commanderstechmun2025@gmail.com), and we look forward to seeing you at TechMUN XXXII!

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## **Committee Background and Introduction**

*Note: If you are unfamiliar with any of the terms or processes detailed in this background guide, please view the resources listed on the NFL Football Operations website ([operations.nfl.com](https://operations.nfl.com)), which provides explanations of terms, processes, and strategies related to team management, player evaluation, and game rules. Please email [commanderstechmun2025@gmail.com](mailto:commanderstechmun2025@gmail.com) for any clarifications.*

The Washington Commanders are a professional football team part of the National Football League (NFL) since 1932, when they were introduced as the Boston Braves. By 1937, the organization had relocated to Washington, D.C. and changed its name to the Redskins. Over the next 60 years, the Redskins would go on to assemble one of the league's largest fanbases, while climbing into the top five most valuable franchises in the NFL. Along with this came three Super Bowl victories and five Super Bowl appearances. However, during the 2010s and early 2020s, the team had reached record low fan approval ratings, with a series of controversies and poor performance on the field. Under the then-owner Dan Snyder, the franchise faced significant scandals, including allegations of workplace misconduct and a toxic culture, which tarnished its reputation.

In 2020, mounting pressure from sponsors and advocacy groups prompted the team to retire its controversial "Redskins" name, transitioning first to the "Washington Football Team" before rebranding as the "Washington Commanders" in 2022. While the rebranding was the first step towards a fresh start, fans were still upset about the on-field performance, since the team had not won a playoff game since the 2005-2006 NFL season.

A turning point came in 2023 when Josh Harris purchased the team, marking the end of Snyder's rough tenure as owner. Harris immediately implemented changes, including hiring

General Manager Adam Peters and Head Coach Dan Quinn. The team also drafted quarterback Jayden Daniels with the second overall pick in 2024, while also signing, trading for, and drafting several key players. By 2025, these changes began to pay off as the Commanders secured their first playoff win in nearly two decades and reached the NFC Championship, signaling a new era for the franchise. With a franchise quarterback and experienced staff, the fans finally felt hopeful for a Super Bowl win in the near future.

Over the next few years past 2025, however, the team had difficulty living up to the fans' expectations. While on paper the Commanders had a strong, contending team consisting of superstars, they failed to make it past the Wild Card round in the 2026-2027 season. In the 2027-2028 season, the Commanders won a league-low two regular-season games, ending the season with a record of 2-15 (2 wins and 15 losses).

Currently, it is early March, 2028. The Philadelphia Eagles have won the NFC East Division (consisting of the Commanders, Cowboys, Eagles, and Giants) for the past three years and are coming off a Super Bowl victory in the 2027-2028 season. The NFL landscape continues to evolve with new stadium developments, innovative fan engagement strategies, and shifting team dynamics, all of which impact the Commanders' position within the league.

The Commanders' journey demonstrates broader trends in sports, where franchise success is increasingly tied to strategic management, fan loyalty, and adaptability. The team must balance short-term goals with long-term sustainability to preserve its legacy as a beloved franchise for generations to come.

## **Topic 1: Wait what... Another team in DC?**

### ***Relevant Issues***

Washington, D.C. is currently facing a challenging decision regarding the redevelopment of RFK Stadium. The city had initially agreed to a proposal for a new stadium for the Commanders, but a competing offer from another sports team has now undercut the deal. This new proposal has been kept confidential, with the identity of the team only known to the city officials at this stage. The competing offer, which promises to bring a more stable financial return, has put the city in a difficult position. With tight budget constraints and a pressing need to consider long-term economic impact, the city must now decide whether to honor the initial agreement with the Commanders or accept the more financially promising proposal from the unnamed team.

One of the major issues is the city's financial constraints. Both the team seeking the new stadium and the Commanders require significant public funding to make their proposals a reality, but the DC's current budget limitations make it challenging to commit large sums to either project. With a tight budget and other financial commitments, the city must weigh which stadium proposal will offer the best return on investment. One team's proposal is seen as a more sustainable investment because of their stronger fan engagement and consistent revenue streams, whereas the Commanders' underperformance has raised questions about whether their stadium would generate enough financial return to justify the high cost.

Another key issue is the economic impact and potential for urban development. The other team's stadium proposal promises to revive the surrounding area, create jobs, and attract major events like concerts, sports games, and entertainment. This would likely bring significant economic benefits to the city. The Commanders' proposal, however, does not offer the same

level of promise in terms of boosting the local economy, as their declining fan engagement and on-field struggles could mean fewer events and lower attendance at the new stadium.

Logistical challenges also have a significant impact on the decision. The Commanders have faced difficulties in securing the land plot for a new stadium at the RFK site, with federal provisions blocking their stadium plans. These challenges make the Commanders' efforts to move forward a little more difficult, while the other team's proposal is more feasible given the clear path forward with their location and development plans.

### ***Possible Solutions***

To address the challenges presented by the competing stadium proposal and secure the future of the Commanders in DC, we can explore several strategies. The Commanders can revise the stadium proposal so it aligns better with the city's economic priorities. This could include plans for urban development around the stadium, such as mixed-use facilities, retail areas, and community centers that would create jobs and generate additional revenue.

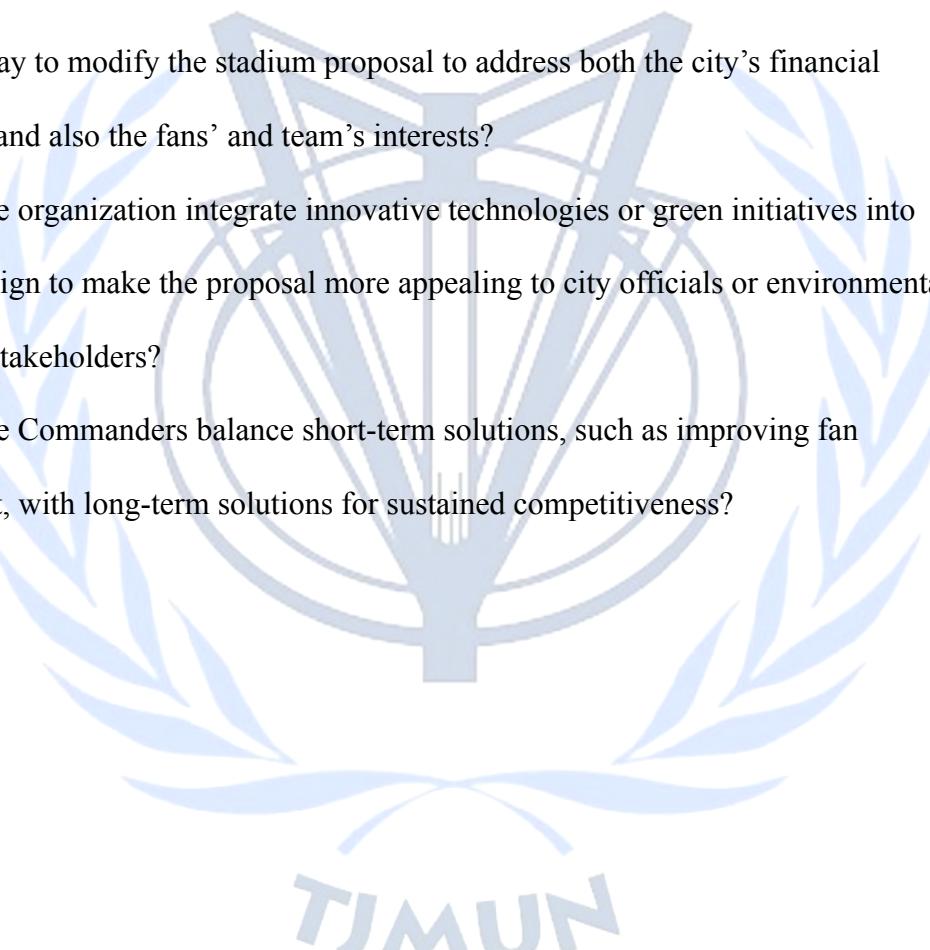
Improving fan engagement is also crucial. The Commanders must address declining fan enthusiasm to show their ability to fill a new stadium and generate consistent revenue. The strategies could also include more affordable ticket pricing. Collaborating with city officials is also important to address the logistical challenges surrounding the RFK site, including federal provisions blocking development. By negotiating things like land-use agreements or alternative funding mechanisms, the Commanders can be a cooperative partner in the city's redevelopment efforts.

Enhancing the stadium design to include state-of-the-art features that attract football fans as well as visitors for concerts, tournaments, or other community gatherings can help provide year-long revenue. It would also be helpful to launch a public relations campaign to highlight the

team's historical ties to DC and commitment to rebuilding fan trust. This could convince the city officials to prioritize their proposal over the competing offer.

### ***Questions to Consider***

- 1) How can the Commanders address concerns about community impact, such as traffic congestion, parking limitations, and the potential loss of tailgating traditions, while still pursuing a modern and innovative stadium?
- 2) Is there a way to modify the stadium proposal to address both the city's financial constraints and also the fans' and team's interests?
- 3) How can the organization integrate innovative technologies or green initiatives into stadium design to make the proposal more appealing to city officials or environmentally concerned stakeholders?
- 4) How can the Commanders balance short-term solutions, such as improving fan engagement, with long-term solutions for sustained competitiveness?



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## **Topic 2: "Comeback Szn" — The Commanders Rebound After Going 2-15**

### ***Relevant Issues***

Coming off a 2-15 season, the Commanders are in a difficult position. The optimism of previous years, caused by the arrival of franchise quarterback Jayden Daniels and veteran acquisitions, has faded as injuries and underperformance have derailed progress. Daniels, who is recovering from a hamstring injury, and cornerback Mike Sainristil, battling knee issues, are among several key players whose health remains uncertain heading into the offseason. Additionally, the team faces contract expirations for aging veterans like Terry McLaurin and Bobby Wagner. This raises concerns about roster stability and the ability to retain leadership on and off the field. With a roster that once promised contention now struggling to stay competitive, the Commanders have to address both their immediate on-field concerns and long-term organizational strategies.

Quarterback Jayden Daniels, a dual-threat and mobile quarterback who won Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2024, is still battling his hamstring injury and must temporarily deal with limited mobility. The offensive line has also been inconsistent despite offensive acquisitions like Laremy Tunsil, and these protection breakdowns have hindered Daniels's ability to make plays. This past season, the running game has failed to establish itself as a reliable option, as the team ranked last in total rushing yards. While this could be due to the offensive line's performance, the offensive run-game strategy must also be reevaluated. On defense, rankings in metrics such as turnover differential, defensive expected points added (EPA), and quarterback pressure rate have remained low, with the unit struggling to generate stops on defense.

Statistical analysis from 2027 also highlights some areas for improvement: Washington lost 6 games by under 10 points last season, with a -74 point differential in the 4th quarter. This

indicates that the team struggles in the last portion of games, giving up large leads. Combined with declining health metrics, after being one of the league's healthiest teams in 2026, the Commanders must address depth issues and improve consistency across all 3 sides of the ball—offense, defense, and special teams—to avoid any further regression.

Washington must prioritize strategic roster management despite their financial constraints. Jayden Daniels's rookie contract is close to expiring, and the Commanders must dedicate a large portion of their cap space to extend him, as he has been a key part of the organization since being drafted. They have experienced tight salary cap conditions due to high-profile acquisitions in recent years like Laremy Tunsil and Deebo Samuel Sr. After extending wide receiver Quay Johnson to a 5 year, \$97 million deal following an explosive rookie and sophomore season, the team has limited flexibility in free agency and make it difficult to address gaps without careful financial management.

At the same time, the Commanders are grappling with broader issues of fan engagement and brand identity. After years of controversy, fan enthusiasm has waned and attendance at the home stadium has been among the lowest in the league. The organization has attempted to rebuild trust through community outreach programs, interactive social media campaigns, and behind-the-scenes content showing player personalities. While these efforts have shown promise, they haven't yet fully reignited the passion of a once-loyal fanbase.

### ***Possible Solutions***

Because of their poor 2027 season, the Commanders have been rewarded with the first overall pick in the 2028 NFL draft. The team's greatest needs are in running back (RB), Center (C), Kicker (K), Tight End (TE), and Defensive End (DE).

The 2028 draft class is considered one of the most talented in over 20 years, which makes the Commanders' choice extremely difficult. The players that the Commanders' scouts have identified as potential No. 1 picks are in the scouting report below. While they all are talented enough to be picked first overall, there can only be one.

***Commanders Draft Board:***

- Harlem Berry (RB, Virginia)
  - Height/Weight: 5'11", 175 lbs
  - Class: Junior
  - Strengths: Berry is an explosive playmaker with elite speed and agility, making him a threat to score on any play. He led the NCAA in rushing yards and touchdowns in 2027 and is widely regarded as the top running back prospect in years. His ability to catch passes out of the backfield adds versatility to his game.
  - Downsides: Berry's smaller frame raises concerns about his durability in the NFL, especially against larger and more physical defenders. Additionally, he has struggled with pass protection, which could limit his role in certain offensive schemes.
- Noah Dunham (C, Washington State)
  - Height/Weight: 6'5", 282 lbs
  - Class: Senior
  - Strengths: Dunham is a dominant force on the offensive line, known for his exceptional football IQ and ability to anchor against powerful defensive tackles. His leadership and consistency have made him a standout at Washington State, earning All-American honors in 2027.

- Downsides: While Dunham excels in pass protection, his run-blocking has been inconsistent, especially against faster defensive linemen. He has also had legal troubles, including allegations of physical misconduct during his college tenure.
- Elyiss Williams (TE, Georgia)
  - Height/Weight: 6'7", 235 lbs
  - Class: Junior
  - Strengths: Williams is a matchup nightmare for defenses, combining size, athleticism, and strong hands. He excelled as both a pass-catcher and blocker at Georgia, recording over 1,200 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns last season. His red-zone presence is unparalleled.
  - Downsides: Williams has been criticized for inconsistent effort in blocking assignments, particularly against stronger edge rushers. Additionally, he has dealt with nagging injuries throughout his college career, raising concerns about long-term durability.
- David Sanders Jr. (DE, Tennessee)
  - Height/Weight: 6'6", 290 lbs
  - Class: Junior
  - Strengths: Sanders is a disruptive edge rusher with excellent technique and motor. He led the SEC in sacks and tackles for loss in 2027 and has drawn comparisons to Myles Garrett for his ability to dominate against both the run and pass.
  - Downsides: Sanders occasionally struggles with over-pursuing plays, leaving gaps for mobile quarterbacks or misdirection runs to exploit. His pass-rushing

arsenal also lacks diversity; NFL offensive tackles may adjust quickly to his predictable moves.

- Richard Young (RB, Alabama)

- Height/Weight: 5'11", 216 lbs
- Class: Senior
- Strengths: Young is a physical runner with great vision and balance. He thrives in short-yardage situations and has shown durability throughout his college career. While not as explosive as Harlem Berry, his reliability makes him a safer option at running back.
- Downsides: Young lacks elite speed and explosiveness, which limits his ability to break long runs or make defenders miss in open space. He also has some disciplinary issues, with a history of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

- Linkon Cure (TE, Kansas State)

- Height/Weight: 6'6", 220 lbs
- Class: Junior
- Strengths: Cure is a versatile tight end who excels in both receiving and blocking roles. He has been praised for his route-running precision and ability to create separation against linebackers. Cure was instrumental in Kansas State's offense last season.
- Downsides: Cure's lack of elite speed may limit his ability to stretch the field vertically like other top-tier tight ends. Additionally, he has struggled with drops during contested catches, raising questions about his reliability under pressure.

While all of these players are talented enough to be considered for the No. 1 overall pick, each comes with risks that Washington must weigh carefully given their current roster needs and financial constraints. Since it is currently early March, the NFL Combine, where teams can evaluate the players' athletic and cognitive abilities, has yet to happen. In addition, the option of trading back in the draft to gather more players/draft picks is always available.

To address their on-field struggles and maximize the value of the first overall pick, Washington could implement several adjustments to their game plans and roster management. For example, the team could implement a more balanced offensive attack that emphasizes the running game, taking pressure off of Jayden Daniels as he recovers from his injury. This would require improving the offensive line and possibly drafting or signing a dynamic running back. On defense, Washington could focus on generating pressure through creative blitz packages or improving coverage schemes.

To address fan engagement and brand identity, options include finding ways to offer more affordable ticket options, upgrading stadium amenities like seating, concessions, and parking, and also introducing more interactive fan zones or pre-game events.

The Commanders' coaching staff and ownership are committed to taking input from all levels of the organization, including fans, players, scouts, analysts, general staff members, and positional coaches to ensure the best strategy is made going forward. In committee, it is important to first identify an idea of what types of on- and off-field goals to prioritize before going into details on outreach, roster management, and/or game plans. It is crucial that these goals are realistic in both the short term and long term, which will help provide clarity for both players and staff about the team's objectives.

### ***Questions to Consider***

- 1) Should the Commanders prioritize drafting a single generational talent with the first overall pick or trade back in the draft to acquire additional picks and address multiple roster needs?
- 2) How can the organization balance financial constraints with the need to extend key players like Jayden Daniels while also filling gaps in free agency and maintaining roster depth?
- 3) What steps should the Commanders take to improve player health and durability, especially given recent injuries to key players?
- 4) What strategies can be implemented to ensure that veterans like Terry McLaurin and Bobby Wagner remain effective contributors while grooming younger players for leadership roles?
- 5) What investments or upgrades should be made to training facilities, stadium amenities, or coaching staff to create a more competitive and attractive environment for players and fans alike?
- 6) How can the Commanders leverage technological advancements, primarily in data-driven decision-making and analytics, to improve player performance, optimize game strategies, and make better roster management decisions?

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*Note: Some characters listed are fictional or speculative, as they have emerged in the future (2028). However, each character will play a significant role in the return of the Commanders' dynasty.*

### **Josh Harris**

As the principal owner and chairman of the Washington Commanders, Josh Harris holds a high amount of decision-making authority over all aspects of the franchise. He controls financial strategy, approves major personnel and coaching hires, and oversees stadium development initiatives. Harris has the power to implement long-term business strategies, negotiate major sponsorships, and influence league-wide policies through his standing within the NFL's ownership group. His leadership ensures financial stability and competitive growth for the franchise.

### **Earvin 'Magic' Johnson**

Magic Johnson serves as an executive advisor, bringing his vast business acumen and sports experience to help shape the franchise's strategy. As a global ambassador for the team, his charisma and network help elevate the Commanders' brand, attracting sponsorships, fans, and international attention. His ability to connect with both players and executives ensures the team stays focused on growth while maintaining strong community ties.

### **Mark Ein**

Mark Ein plays a crucial role in the team's financial and strategic planning. As a major investor, Ein brings innovative business strategies to the table, helping the Commanders become a more profitable and sustainable organization. He focuses on integrating modern technology into the franchise and expanding its market presence, ensuring the team remains a top contender in both football and business.

### **Adam Peters**

Peters serves as the team's general manager, overseeing player acquisitions, draft decisions, and roster management. His sharp eye for talent has led to the construction of a well-balanced roster, focusing on both current needs and future potential. His ability to assess talent, develop young players, and build depth has helped the Commanders stay competitive.

### **Lance Newmark**

Newmark oversees the day-to-day operations of the franchise, ensuring that everything runs smoothly off the field. His focus on improving training facilities, enhancing the fan experience, and supporting team logistics makes him an essential part of the team's success. He also handles the integration of new technologies to streamline operations and improve player wellness.

### **Brandon Sosna**

Brandon Sosna leads the Commanders' data-driven approach to player evaluation, game strategy, and long-term planning. He integrates analytics into all facets of decision-making, from in-game coaching adjustments to contract structuring. Sosna has the authority to implement advanced scouting systems, advise the coaching staff on statistical trends, and influence salary cap strategy. His work ensures the franchise remains innovative and competitive in an increasingly analytical league.

### **Mark Clouse**

As the President of the Commanders, Clouse leads the charge in maximizing profitability and expanding the team's business endeavors. His background in corporate leadership allows him to navigate complex partnerships, manage internal teams, and push forward the team's marketing and brand initiatives. He helps maintain the team's financial health while fostering a winning culture.

### **Amina Bulman**

As Chief Brand and Strategy Officer, Amina Bulman handles the day-to-day business operations of the franchise, overseeing HR, facilities management, and corporate strategy. She has the power to implement organizational policies, improve workplace culture, and lead major operational projects such as stadium renovations. Bulman's role ensures smooth business execution, working closely with ownership to align financial and operational objectives for long-term success.

### **Al Bellamy**

Al Bellamy is responsible for player health, injury prevention, and rehabilitation programs. He has the power to implement cutting-edge medical treatments, manage return-to-play protocols, and coordinate with team doctors and strength coaches. Bellamy oversees a team of trainers dedicated to keeping players in peak condition, making critical decisions on player availability and health management. His expertise ensures the Commanders maintain a competitive and physically prepared roster.

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### **Doug Williams**

Williams is a key figure in mentoring both players and coaching staff, using his experience as a former Super Bowl MVP to offer guidance on leadership, resilience, and the mental aspect of football. As a team executive, he also works with the community, ensuring that the Commanders' legacy is celebrated and that the team remains involved in local initiatives.

### **Dan Quinn**

Quinn is the Commanders' head coach, known for his ability to craft innovative defensive schemes that keep offenses off balance. His focus on creating aggressive, yet disciplined, defensive units has made him a key asset to the team. Quinn's experience in adjusting mid-game and his ability to develop young defensive talent has elevated the Commanders' defense to elite status.

### **Kliff Kingsbury**

Kingsbury, the offensive coordinator, brings his offensive expertise to the Commanders as a consultant, helping to develop cutting-edge offensive schemes. Known for his creative play-calling and his ability to adapt to different quarterbacks, Kingsbury helps the offense stay dynamic and unpredictable. His focus on using pace and spacing to create mismatches ensures that the Commanders' offense stays one step ahead of the competition.

### **Joe Whitt Jr.**

Whitt is the team's defensive coordinator, tasked with developing the Commanders' secondary into one of the best in the league. His deep knowledge of defensive back techniques, combined with his ability to coach both cornerbacks and safeties, has made the secondary a strong point of the team. Whitt's emphasis on discipline and mental preparation helps the Commanders make key interceptions and minimize big plays from opponents.

### **Anthony Lynn**

Anthony Lynn leads the development of the team's running backs, overseeing their technique, play recognition, and conditioning. He has the power to influence run-game strategy, recommend roster changes for his position group, and mentor younger players. Lynn ensures the running backs are prepared for various offensive schemes.

### **Tavita Pritchard**

Tavita Pritchard is responsible for the development of the Commanders' quarterbacks, focusing on mechanics, decision-making, and game preparation. He has the authority to implement individualized training regimens, work closely with the OC on passing concepts, and guide young QBs through their development. His role is vital to the team's offensive success.

### **Bobby Johnson**

Bobby Johnson oversees the offensive line, ensuring proper technique, protection schemes, and run-blocking efficiency. He is responsible for setting starting lineups for his unit, influence offensive strategy, and work closely with Kliff Kingsbury on play-calling adjustments. His role is critical in ensuring quarterback protection and a strong rushing attack.

### **JP Finlay**

Finlay serves as the team's primary reporter, providing fans with inside access to the Commanders through exclusive interviews, coverage, and analysis. His role is critical in keeping fans informed and engaged, while also acting as a liaison between the team and the media. His ability to tell compelling stories about the players and the franchise ensures the Commanders maintain strong fan connections.

### **Nicki Jhabvala**

Jhabvala is a prominent sports journalist covering the Commanders, offering in-depth analysis and breaking news to the fanbase. Her connections with players, coaches, and executives allow her to provide insider knowledge, giving fans a unique perspective on the inner workings of the team. Jhabvala's expertise makes her an essential voice for Commanders' coverage in the media.

### **John Keim**

Keim is the authoritative voice on all things related to the Commanders, providing expert analysis and deep dives into the team's performance. His role as a senior writer for the franchise involves detailed coverage, from game breakdowns to player profiles, ensuring fans stay up to date with every aspect of the team. Keim's knowledge of the organization makes him a go-to source for all team-related insights.

### **Scott Abraham**

Scott Abraham covers Commanders-related news, offering both critical and supportive takes on the team's direction. His power lies in local media influence, shaping how the D.C. community perceives the franchise through interviews and game-day coverage.

### **London Fletcher**

In 2028, Fletcher is a respected in-game analyst, breaking down plays with precision on national broadcasts. His deep knowledge of the game helps fans and analysts understand defensive schemes in real time. Behind the scenes, he also serves as a defensive consultant for the Commanders, providing insights to coaches on strategy adjustments and player development. His presence ensures the team remains disciplined and prepared for every matchup.

### **Santana Moss**

Moss is a key figure in the Commanders' organization, serving as a team ambassador and working closely with young receivers. His role includes mentoring players on route-running, film study, and handling pressure in big moments. Off the field, he keeps fans engaged through media appearances, bringing excitement and passion to the franchise.

### **Logan Paulsen**

Paulsen is a trusted voice in the Commanders' radio booth, analyzing the game with a deep focus on offensive line play and tight end performance. He also works part-time as a consultant, helping the team refine blocking schemes and improve protection for the quarterback. His expertise helps the offense operate more efficiently.

### **Fred Smoot**

Smoot's larger-than-life personality makes him a popular TV and radio analyst, known for his bold takes and sharp football insights. He remains close to the team, occasionally working with defensive backs on technique and mentality. His ability to read offenses and trash-talk effectively still influences the next generation of Commanders cornerbacks.

### **Robert Griffin III**

In 2028, RGIII is a dual threat in the football world—serving as both a media analyst and a quarterback development coach for the Commanders. His experience as a mobile QB helps young players develop both pocket presence and improvisational skills. His insights into defensive adjustments help prepare the team's quarterbacks for success.

### **Jayden Daniels**

Now the face of the Commanders, Daniels has fully stepped into his role as the team's franchise quarterback. His dual-threat ability makes him a nightmare for defenses, and his leadership keeps the locker room united. He has developed into a reliable playmaker, giving Washington its best shot at playoff success in years.

### **Terry McLaurin**

Still a key part of the Commanders' offense in 2028, McLaurin continues to be a dependable target and locker room leader. His experience is invaluable in mentoring younger receivers, teaching them how to handle the demands of the NFL. On the field, he remains a clutch performer, consistently making big plays when the team needs them most.

### **Mike Sainristil**

Now one of the key leaders of the defense, Sainristil's ability to play multiple positions in the secondary makes him an essential piece of the Commanders' defense. His quick instincts and leadership ensure that younger defensive backs are always in the right position. He's also known for making game-changing plays when it matters most.

### **Marshon Lattimore**

Lattimore, now in his early 30s, remains one of the league's top cornerbacks, using his experience and technique to shut down opposing receivers. His leadership in the secondary provides stability, and his mentorship helps younger corners develop into future stars. His ability to neutralize an opponent's best weapon is a cornerstone of the Commanders' defense.

### **Jer'Zhan 'Johnny' Newton**

Newton has become one of the most dominant defensive linemen in the NFL, wreaking havoc in the trenches. His ability to pressure quarterbacks and stop the run makes him a focal point of the Commanders' defensive game plan. As a leader on the defense, he sets the tone with his relentless motor and work ethic.

### **Frankie Luvu**

Luvu has established himself as one of the most relentless and impactful linebackers in the league. His ability to disrupt plays all over the field makes him a key playmaker. Whether stuffing the run, pressuring the quarterback, or dropping into coverage, he brings versatility and energy that keep the defense aggressive.

### **Tress Way**

Even in 2028, Way remains a crucial piece of the Commanders' special teams, consistently flipping the field with his precision punting. His ability to pin opponents deep in their own territory gives the defense an edge. As a veteran leader, he also plays a key role in mentoring younger special teams players. He is a fan favorite, as the longest-tenured player and the most consistent performer, year after year.

### **Sam Hartman**

Hartman has settled into a valuable role as a veteran backup, providing stability and experience in case of injury. His knowledge of the game helps the coaching staff and younger players in film sessions. While he isn't a starter, his presence ensures the team always has a capable quarterback ready to step in.

### **Ja'Quarius 'Quay' Johnson**

Johnson, entering his third year with the team, has carved out a role as a deep-threat receiver and a dangerous return man. His ability to stretch the field makes defenses respect his speed, opening up opportunities for others in the offense. On special teams, his ability to break big returns provides game-changing moments for the Commanders.

### **Marcus Landers**

Landers, a now second-year player, has become a key piece of the Commanders' special teams unit, excelling in kick and punt coverage. His speed and tackling ability make him a valuable asset in field position battles. He also provides depth at receiver, ready to step in when needed.

### **Amir Diggs**

Diggs, a second-round rookie, is a young, promising defensive player who has shown flashes of potential. While he's not yet a full-time starter, he's steadily developing into a key contributor. With the right coaching, he could become a defensive star in the coming years.

### **Muriel Bowser**

As the mayor of D.C., Bowser plays a major role in connecting the Commanders with the local government and community. She helps ensure the team remains involved in city projects, youth programs, and charitable initiatives. Her political background makes her a valuable advocate for the franchise.

### **Roger Goodell**

Goodell remains the commissioner of the NFL in 2028, overseeing league operations and maintaining competitive balance. He ensures the Commanders follow league policies while also negotiating TV deals, rule changes, and player safety initiatives. His decisions directly impact the team's future.

### **Chris 'Hogfarmer' Bryant**

Bryant continues to be a leader among the Commanders' fanbase, organizing events, tailgates, and charity drives. His efforts ensure that Washington remains one of the most passionate fan bases in the league. His presence at games keeps the stadium atmosphere electric.

### **Veronica Delgado**

In 2028, Delgado has built a massive following as one of the most influential Commanders superfans. Her social media platforms generate hype for the team, breaking down games, organizing fan events, and keeping the energy high throughout the season. She plays a crucial role in strengthening the team's connection with its supporters.