**THE RETIREMENT DATE IS TURNED UP**

The 37-year-old has appeared in all three playoff games and led the Rams in tackles in the NFC Championship Game. Los Angeles Rams safety Eric Weddle**isn't interested in sticking around past Super Bowl LVI after coming out of retirement at the beginning of the playoffs**. "After this Super Bowl, I move on and go back to my old life, and there will be no comeback, there will not be playing, another team, another game," he told AM 570 LA Sports. He has been part of a defense that has come in clutch in multiple situations in the playoffs.

He was a team captain and was the defensive signal-caller. A six-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time All-Pro, Weddle has 29 interceptions, including four returned for touchdowns, 8 forced fumbles, 7 fumble recoveries, 9.5 sacks, and 98 pass deflections in 13 seasons. He spent his first nine seasons with the Chargers, who selected him in the second round of the 2007 draft, and three seasons with the [Baltimore Ravens](https://www.espn.in/nfl/team/_/name/bal/baltimore-ravens) before joining the Rams in 2019.

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"This is a chance of a lifetime to be able to be here with these guys and come back. It was never thought like I said last week," Weddle said. "So it's amazing to be able to understand that and know that I don't have to save me for next season, I don't have to save myself for the offseason, I didn't have to save myself for the Super Bowl last week knowing it wasn't guaranteed. So, I was throwing it in there, giving it everything I got because, listen, I don't have anything left after this other than going back and doing what I was doing before."

The words “crazy” and “surreal” and “mind-boggling” came up in Weddle’s first video call after [**signings**](https://www.latimes.com/sports/rams/story/2022-01-14/eric-weddle-unretires-join-rams-chance-win-super-bowl-ring), and he didn’t necessarily disagree with a reporter who asked if it was “nuts” to think a 37-year-old who was a full two years removed from his last NFL action could contribute to a playoff team.

“I love challenges, and I knew the outside perception was going to be like, ‘This guy can’t do it, what are they thinking?’ ” Weddle said. “And that just fuels me to the core. I’ll bet on me any day of the week.”