

= Remy Hamilton =

Remy Martin Hamilton ( born August 30 , 1974 ) is a former American football kicker who played in the National Football League ( NFL ) and Arena Football League ( AFL ) . In college , he was an All @-@ American for the Michigan Wolverines football team . As a professional , he played for the Detroit Lions of the NFL in addition to exhibition and training camp experience with the Seattle Seahawks , St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears . He also played for the Grand Rapids Rampage , Carolina Cobras , Milwaukee Mustangs , Los Angeles Avengers , and Dallas Desperados of the AFL . In the AFL , he holds records for all @-@ time career points and single @-@ season kick points.c

At Michigan , he set the current Big Ten Conference record for single @-@ season field goals , which is 25 . He ranks both first and second in school history in single @-@ season field goals made and co @-@ holds the school record for consecutive field goals made along with Brendan Gibbons . He is the only All @-@ American placekicker in Michigan history .

= = Early years = =

Hamilton attended Spanish River Community High School in Boca Raton , Florida , where he was a three @-@ sport star in football , soccer , and tennis . In football , he played as a kicker , punter , defensive back , and quarterback , and as a senior , the Sun @-@ Sentinel named him the Offensive Player of the Year . In his senior season , Hamilton passed for 1 @,@ 147 yards and 12 touchdowns , and rushed for 249 yards and six touchdowns .

= = College career = =

Hamilton attended the University of Michigan , where he played football from 1993 to 1996 . During this first season at Michigan , he only made one field goal . Following the 1993 season , he was suspended from the team for violating team rules . He remained on suspension while police investigated a convenience store theft . After making a 47 @-@ yard field goal in his only attempt as a freshman , he lost the kicking job to Erik Lovell in spring practice . Lovell handled the kicking duties in the 1994 NCAA Division I @-@ A football season opener and Hamilton did not get the starting assignment until immediately before the second game . Lovell missed an extra point in the opener , which gave Hamilton his second chance . Thus , before the second game of his sophomore season , he had not recorded any field goals that season and still had a career total of one . However , during the September 10 , 1994 Michigan ? Notre Dame rivalry game against third @-@ ranked Notre Dame , he made four field goals and two extra point conversions , including the game @-@ winning 42 @-@ yarder with two seconds remaining . Notre Dame called a timeout to ice Hamilton , but it inadvertently helped Michigan , which had prematurely packed away the kicking net on its sidelines . The field goal redeemed Hamilton for a missed tackle on a kickoff return , which he felt would have cost his team the game . For his performance , the Big Ten named him the Special Teams Player of the Week . Michigan fans still remember Hamilton for this game , and regularly congratulate him for the kick . Two games later , he had a three @-@ field goal game in the Big Ten Conference opener against Iowa . Hamilton had another four @-@ field goal outing later in the season against Illinois . This earned him another Player of the Week recognition .

He was named to the 1994 College Football All @-@ America and 1994 All @-@ Big Ten teams . Hamilton was a first team All @-@ American selection by the Walter Camp Football Foundation and second team selection by the Associated Press and the Football News . Despite NFL alumni that include Jay Feely , Hayden Epstein and Ali Haji @-@ Sheikh , Hamilton remains the school 's only All @-@ American placekicker . During the 1994 football season , Hamilton established the current Big Ten single @-@ season record for successful field goals at 25 , which has since been tied three times , . The Big Ten was talented at the placekicker position that season , with four of the twenty semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award being from the conference ( Hamilton , Illinois ' Chris Richardson , Minnesota 's Mike Chalberg and Northwestern 's Sam Valenzisi ) . Hamilton won the NCAA statistical championship for field goal kickers that season . He also set Michigan 's single

season kick point record with 101 in 1994 .

During the 1995 season , one of his more important field goals for the Wolverines came in the 5 ? 0 victory over Purdue . However , when Northwestern beat Michigan at Michigan Stadium , 19 ? 13 , for its first victory there since 1959 , Hamilton missed a key 37 @-@ yard field goal . His 1995 total of 19 field goals ranked second in Michigan history , behind only his own 1994 total . Garrett Rivas tied that single @-@ season total twice , but no one has unseated Hamilton from first and second place .

He also helped the 1996 team take a 9 ? 0 halftime lead and converted an extra point to give them a 16 ? 0 lead in what would eventually be a loss to Northwestern , 17 ? 16 . His most notable scoring in 1996 gave Michigan essential fourth @-@ quarter points in a 27 ? 20 victory over Indiana . He earned his third Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honors following a 13 ? 9 victory over Ohio State in the Michigan ? Ohio State football rivalry game on November 23 , 1996 . He put the team ahead , 10 ? 9 , on the last play of the third quarter and added a key field goal with 1 : 19 remaining . A two @-@ time finalist for the Lou Groza Award , Hamilton finished his career as the all @-@ time Wolverine leader in field goals made ( 63 ) and field goals attempted ( 82 ) . Before his career ended , he became the ninth Wolverine to accumulate over 200 points .

Hamilton holds the Michigan record for consecutive field goals made ( 14 ) as well as outright or shared school records for single @-@ game ( 5 ) , single @-@ season ( 30 ) and career ( 82 ) field goal attempts . His career field goals made record ( 63 ) was eclipsed by Garrett Rivas in 2006 by one . Hamilton was a three @-@ time Big Ten All @-@ Academic selection ( 1993 , 1995 , 1996 ) . He was also a three @-@ time Big Ten Conference Special Teams Player of the Week ( 9 / 12 / 94 , 10 / 10 / 94 , 11 / 25 / 96 ) . His 14 consecutive field goals mark was one short of Vlade Janakievski 's Big Ten record , which has since been broken . Hamilton 's 63 career field goals were two short of Todd Gregoire 's Big Ten record , which has since been broken .

= = Professional career = =

Hamilton joined the AFL 's Grand Rapids Rampage in 1998 , for which he played two seasons . During these , he had modest success as a field goal kicker connecting on 31 of 88 attempts ( 35 @.@ 2 % ) . In his first season , he also caught a touchdown pass . He then played in 2000 with the Carolina Cobras and in 2001 with the Milwaukee Mustangs , where he posted 11 of 42 ( 26 @.@ 2 % ) and 18 of 47 ( 38 @.@ 3 % ) field goal performances . While with the Cobras , Hamilton played against the Los Angeles Avengers in the first AFL game played at the Staples Center on April 20 , 2000 .

In 2002 , he joined the Avengers for which he had his best years as a professional , making at least half of his field goal attempts each season . Hamilton was second among kickers in the AFL in scoring in 2003 . Following his strong performance , he signed with the NFL 's Seattle Seahawks , where he competed against Josh Brown . After Brown was perfect in both four field goal and seven extra point attempts in the first three preseason games , Hamilton was released about three weeks later , and he returned to play for Los Angeles again . Hamilton was the top @-@ scoring kicker in the AFL in 2004 . In August 2004 , he signed with the Chicago Bears , where he battled Paul Edinger for the kicking duties . Bears head coach Lovie Smith noted Hamilton 's skill at onside kicks . In terms of distance , Hamilton had a slight edge with his average kick three yards deep in the end zone compared with Edinger 's goal line average . However , Edinger was perfect on six field goals and two extra points in the first three preseason games , and Hamilton missed his only exhibition game field goal attempt , a 36 @-@ yarder on August 27 . The team waived him a few days later . He was again the top @-@ scoring kicker in the AFL in 2005 . That year , he eclipsed Jay Taylor 's AFL record for single @-@ season field goal percentage , which had been 72 % , with a 74 @.@ 4 % 29 for 39 performance . Hamilton started the season with eleven consecutive field goals , giving him a total of twelve in a row for a league record . He earned a couple of NFL tryouts . Hamilton first signed with the St. Louis Rams in July 2005 prior to training camp . He played for them during the 2005 exhibition season . He made the team 's final points with a field goal in an August 12 , 1995 17 ? 13 preseason victory over the Chicago Bears . For the preseason , he made his only field goal and

all six extra points . Nonetheless , the Rams decided to retain Jeff Wilkins who had been their kicker since 1997 . Hamilton then signed with the Detroit Lions for their practice squad in September of the 2005 NFL season . He appeared in one NFL game for Detroit , but missed his only point after touchdown attempt , which was blocked by Alfonso Boone . He also executed a couple of kickoffs , and he made the tackle on Jerry Azumah 's 33 @-@ yard return to the 37 @-@ yard line on one in the third quarter . He was activated to replace Jason Hanson who suffered a hamstring injury , which ended Hanson 's consecutive games streak at 209 . However , Hamilton was released later that month . Hamilton returned to the AFL for Los Angeles , and he led the AFL 's kickers in scoring again in 2006 . This earned Hamilton his second consecutive AFL 's " Kicker of the Year " title and second consecutive First Team All @-@ Arena League selection . His 2006 point total is 2nd in AFL history to his own 2005 total . He signed with the Rams again before training camp , and he played for them in exhibition games during 2006 . He made four of six field goals ( including a 48 @-@ yarder ) and four of five extra points during the preseason . Again the Rams kept Wilkins . Hamilton returned to the AFL for his final season in Los Angeles . He ranked third in kicker scoring in the AFL for Los Angeles in 2007 . He joined the Dallas Desperados for 2008 . He spent the 2011 season with the Dallas Vigilantes . In 2012 , Hamilton was assigned to the Philadelphia Soul . By the time of his assignment he was the AFL ? s all @-@ time leader in field goals made ( 188 ) , extra points made ( 1 @,@ 082 ) and scoring by a kicker ( 1 @,@ 646 points ) .

= = Personal life = =

In a May 2004 article , the Los Angeles Times reported that , less than 15 hours after a 53 ? 52 overtime loss to the Georgia Force at Staples Center , Hamilton 's wife , Heather , delivered the couple 's first child , a boy named Tate . Hamilton has served as a personal trainer for other kickers .