

= Stan Walters =

Stanley Peter Walters , Jr . (born May 27 , 1948) is a former professional American football offensive tackle . After playing college football for Syracuse , he was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the ninth round of the 1972 NFL Draft . He spent three years with the Bengals , starting at left tackle for the majority of his tenure , before he was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles in 1975 . A two @-@ time Pro Bowl selection with the Eagles , Walters started in 122 consecutive games at left tackle in his nine years with the team . Following his retirement , he was a radio color commentator for the Eagles from 1984 through 1997 .

= = Early years = =

Walters grew up a New York Giants fan in Rutherford , New Jersey . His father worked as a machinist in Jersey City , New Jersey . Walters attended St. Mary High School in Rutherford , where he lettered in football and basketball .

= = College career = =

Walters was a two @-@ year letterman in football for Syracuse University , and started at left guard in his senior season in 1971 . He participated in the Senior Bowl in 1971 . He majored in history at Syracuse . He was selected to the Syracuse All @-@ Century team in 1999 .

= = Professional career = =

Walters was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the ninth round (210th overall) of the 1972 NFL Draft . He began the 1972 season on the team 's taxi squad , and he was promoted to the starting roster midway through the season owing to an injury to starter Rufus Mayes . Walters started the remaining eight games of the season at left offensive tackle . An unknown illness in 1973 resulted in his losing 14 pounds in a ten @-@ day span and missing a game against the Cleveland Browns on October 6 . He played in only four games that season . He returned as a starter in 1974 and played in all fourteen games .

The Bengals traded Walters and quarterback Wayne Clark to the Philadelphia Eagles in exchange for quarterback John Reaves and a 1976 second @-@ round draft pick (which was used on guard Glenn Bujnoch) on July 3 , 1975 . Walters considered a meeting with head coach Dick Vermeil before the 1976 season as the critical moment in his playing career . Vermeil , who had just been hired by the Eagles , told Walters that if he did not start playing better he would be released . Walters said , " It shook me up . It definitely made a difference . " He started in every game from 1975 through 1982 at left tackle . Harvey Martin , a defensive end who played for the Dallas Cowboys and frequently played against Walters , called Walters the smartest offensive tackle in the league during his career .

Walters earned two consecutive Pro Bowl selections , in 1978 and 1979 . In 1979 , Walters blocked for running back Wilbert Montgomery , who rushed for a team @-@ record 1 @,@ 512 yards . In 1980 he did not allow any sacks as the team 's largest player at 275 pounds (125 kg) . He injured his back in the first half of the 1981 NFC Championship Game against the Dallas Cowboys , but took a painkiller shot to go back into the game to help the team rush for 263 yards and advance to the Super Bowl . Walters played in Super Bowl XV against the Oakland Raiders . The Eagles lost the game , 27 ? 10 . Walters was limited by a strained knee in the beginning of the 1981 season .

Walters re @-@ signed with the Eagles before training camp in 1983 . He played in the first preseason game against the Detroit Lions , but had to leave the game due to an injury . Three days later , on August 8 , he announced his retirement from football , saying " After 12 years of playing in the NFL , I earned the right to go to my head coach and just say I 've fought my battle . It 's over . " However , when his replacement , Dean Miraldi , suffered a sprained knee in the next preseason game , Walters ended his week @-@ long retirement to re @-@ join the Eagles on August 15 . The

contract offered to him included a clause that the organization would put up a barn next to his house . He re @-@ injured his knee against the St. Louis Cardinals on September 25 and had to leave the game . Before the November 20 game against the New York Giants , Walters was benched , along with four other starters , by head coach Marion Campbell in an attempt to rejuvenate the team with younger players after five straight losses . He finished the season with ten starts in twelve games . He ended a streak of 122 consecutive starts at left tackle for the Eagles during the 1983 season .

In 1991 , Walters was inducted in the Philadelphia Eagles Ring of Honor with fellow offensive tackle Jerry Sisemore .

= = After football = =

After retiring from football again after the 1983 season , Walters worked alongside Merrill Reese as a radio color commentator for the Eagles from 1984 to 1997 before he moved to Cobham , England when his wife , Kathy , got transferred in her job in the paper industry . The couple had previously lived in Alpharetta , Georgia . He and his wife lived in England for five years while Walters raised their two children . As of November 2010 , Walters resides in Atlanta , Georgia .