

= Jon Vaughn =

Jonathan Stewart Vaughn ( born March 12 , 1970 ) is a former professional American football player who played running back and served as a kick returner in the National Football League ( NFL ) for 4 seasons from 1991 to 1994 for the Seattle Seahawks , New England Patriots , and Kansas City Chiefs . In his most productive season , he led the 1992 Patriots in rushing and led the NFL in kickoff returns with a 28 @. @ 2 yards per return average on twenty returns . Vaughn was the tenth NFL player to accumulate four kickoff return touchdowns during his career and the second to accumulate kickoff return touchdowns for three different teams . Vaughn measured 5 feet 9 inches ( 1 @. @ 75 m ) and 203 pounds ( 92 kg ) during his NFL playing days .

Prior to declaring himself eligible for the NFL Draft despite remaining eligibility , Vaughn had starred in the Big Ten Conference for the University of Michigan Wolverines earning Co @- @ Big Ten Offensive Football Player of the year honors for the 1990 Big Ten Champions during the 1990 NCAA Division I @- @ A football season . Vaughn had established new University of Michigan standards in 200 @- @ yard games and yards per carry . He had also previously been a record setting Missouri high school sprinter who for nearly two decades held both the Missouri State High School Activities Association ( MSHSAA ) 100 metre and 200 metre records .

= = Early life = =

Vaughn was both born and raised in Florissant , Missouri , and attended McCluer North High School in Florissant . Vaughn 's 1988 Missouri State High School 200 meter dash record time of 21 @. @ 28 seconds stood until 2002 . His state meet time of 10 @. @ 44 seconds in the 100 metre event stood until 2007 as the Missouri High School record .

= = College = =

Vaughn had a short collegiate career for the University of Michigan Wolverines , but he played for back @- @ to @- @ back Big Ten Conference Champions . He accumulated rushing statistics in only sixteen NCAA games for the Wolverines over the course of two seasons . However , in his redshirt sophomore 1990 season he was selected Co @- @ Big Ten Offensive Football Player of the year ( along with University of Iowa Hawkeyes players Nick Bell and Matt Rodgers ) by the conference 's coaches when he started 11 of 12 games . Vaughn , who wore # 25 for the Michigan Wolverines football program in 1989 and 1990 , played running back after redshirting as a defensive back who wore # 46 in 1988 .

Vaughn has claims to several important distinctions in University of Michigan Football history . First , he continues to hold the University of Michigan career yards per attempt record ( minimum 200 attempts ) . Second , he opened the 1990 season by posting 201 rushing yards on September 15 , 1990 against University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish and following it up with 288 rushing yards against the University of California , Los Angeles Bruins on September 22 , 1990 at the Big House . This feat made him the first Michigan back to rush for 200 yards in consecutive games , a feat not duplicated until Mike Hart did so in 2004 . His third claim is that the 288 @- @ yard effort ranks third on the All @- @ time Michigan single game rushing yards list ( behind Ron Johnson 's 347 yards in 1968 against the Wisconsin Badgers and Tshimanga Biakabutuka 's 313 yards against the Ohio State Buckeyes in 1995 ) . In addition to these claims , his 1 @, @ 364 yards rushing that season still ranks 13th on the Michigan all @- @ time single season rushing list . During that redshirt sophomore season he paired with freshman Ricky Powers who set the Michigan freshman rushing record later broken by Hart and who tied with Vaughn for a team @- @ high five 100 @- @ yard rushing games although accumulating far fewer total yards than Vaughn .

During the 1990 season Vaughn was closely watched in the press . NCAA football rushing averages are calculated on a per game basis . Since Vaughn started the season with two 200 @- @ yard efforts , he was atop the rushing charts well into the season . He entered Michigan 's seventh game the weekend of October 28 , 1990 as the nation 's leading rusher . Entering the eighth week

he was averaging over 144 yards per game and was still second in the nation and first in the Big Ten . He only gained a total of 94 yards in his ninth , tenth and eleventh games combined and entered Michigan 's bowl game as # 11 in the nation . He ran for 128 yards in his final game and ended the season as the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year . He also ended the season eleventh in the nation in rushing and second in the Big Ten with 112 @. @ 4 yards per game .

Oddly , despite his eventual professional success as a kickoff returner , he never returned kickoffs in college . In 1990 , Desmond Howard and Derrick Alexander shared the kick return duties . In 1989 , Desmond Howard and Tony Boles shared the role .

= = Professional football = =

He entered the 1991 National Football League Draft after his redshirt sophomore season , which began with him as the nation 's leading rusher through the end of October . The season trailed off as Powers got much of the late season workload with four consecutive 100 @-@ yard efforts in Michigan wins . Vaughn was one of a relatively small class of underclassmen , headlined by Ragib " Rocket " Ismail to be approved in the NFL 's second class of players allowed to declare themselves eligible for the draft despite remaining amateur eligibility . In addition to Vaughn , other headliners among the underclassmen were Herman Moore , Todd Marinovich and Rob Carpenter ( who also played for the 1991 Patriots ) . John Vaughn was drafted with the first pick of the fifth round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots . Coach Dick MacPherson used him sparingly from scrimmage in his rookie year as Leonard Russell was the featured back for the 1991 Patriots . However , he had 34 kickoff returns , including one touchdown for an average of 21 @. @ 1 yards in 1991 . He also completed a 13 @-@ yard touchdown pass to Marv Cook against the Houston Oilers on September 22 , 1991 in what would be the Patriots only non @-@ quarterback touchdown pass until Dave Meggett repeated the feat during the 1997 NFL season .

Although his totals were modest in New England , he led the team in rushing yards in 1992 with 451 yards on 113 carries . In addition , he had 20 kickoff returns for an average of 28 @. @ 2 yards , including another return touchdown . This second kickoff return touchdown was the last by a Patriot until Derrick Cullors repeated the feat in 1997 against the Buffalo Bills . Vaughn had his first 100 @-@ yard rushing game in 1992 with 110 yards on 20 carries on November 22 in a 24 ? 3 win against the New York Jets at home . In 1992 , Vaughn had six fumbles on only 113 carries and 13 receptions , and five of the fumbles were lost to the other team .

After two seasons in New England , he was traded to the Seattle Seahawks for an undisclosed draft pick . During the 1993 NFL season , his workload was modest in the backfield with Chris Warren and John L. Williams , but when he got the chance to play for the 1993 Seahawks he rose to the occasion with a career best 131 yards on 26 carries . This was Vaughn 's second and last 100 @-@ yard rushing game .

Vaughn spent most of the 1994 NFL season with the Seahawks , but he was released after having three fumbles on only twenty @-@ seven carries . However , in December he was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs . In 1994 he did not accumulate statistics from the line of scrimmage either for the Seahawks or for the Chiefs , however he returned kickoffs for both teams and recorded a kick return touchdown for each , including a 91 @-@ yard runback against the Miami Dolphins for the Chiefs in 1994 .

Over the course of his NFL career he ran back a total of 4 kickoffs for touchdowns . This ranked him tenth ( 2 short of the record six ) in NFL history through the 2006 NFL season . He had been in a three @-@ way tie for eight upon his retirement before the 1995 NFL season . His kickoff return touchdowns for three different teams tied Ron Smith for the NFL record , which was broken during the 2007 NFL season by Allen Rossum who posted a touchdown return for his fourth different team . In 1991 , Vaughn averaged 21 @. @ 1 yards per return on 34 returns , which ranked 10th among those with 1 @. @ 2 returns per game . In 1992 , Vaughn posted a 28 @. @ 2 averaged on 20 returns to lead the National Football League ( Deion Sanders was second at 26 @. @ 7 ) . Despite his success as a kick returner , he was released during training camp in 1995 .

= = Career statistics = =

100 @-@ Yard Games

N.B. : Home team is in bold .