



Name: James Arthur "Art" Monk

Years: December 5, 1957 to Present

Residence: White Plains, New York

Brief Biography: Born in White Plains, Art Monk had a passion for sports and particularly excelled in football while attending White Plains High School. With good grades and the support of his coach, Monk won a full scholarship to Syracuse University.

At Syracuse University, Monk was a four-year Orangemen letter winner (1976-79). He led the team in receiving in 1977, 1978 and 1979 and still ranks in the top 10 on several school career record lists, including career receptions (sixth), all-time receiving yards (seventh) and receiving yards per game (ninth).

Monk was drafted in the first round of the 1980 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins. During his rookie year, Monk was a unanimous All-Rookie selection and set a new Redskins rookie record, with 58 receptions. In 1984, Monk caught an NFL record 106 receptions for a career-best 1,372 yards. He caught eight or more passes in six games, had five games of 100 yards or more, and in a game against the San Francisco 49ers caught ten passes for 200 yards, earning him team MVP honors and his first Pro Bowl selection.

Monk went over the 1,000-yard mark in each of the following two seasons, becoming the first Redskins receiver to produce three consecutive 1,000 yard seasons. He also became the first Redskins player to catch 70 or more passes in three consecutive seasons. During Monk's 14 seasons with the Redskins, the team won three Super Bowls (XVII, XXII, and XXVI) and had only three losing seasons. He was an All-Pro and All-NFC choice in 1984 and 1985 and was named second-team All-NFC in 1986. He was also selected to play in the Pro Bowl following the 1984, 1985 and 1986 seasons. Arts most noteworthy record was in 1992, when Monk became the NFL's then-all-time leader in receptions. His record was later broken by Jerry Rice.

After playing thirteen seasons with the Redskins and a season each with the Philadelphia Eagles and New York Jets, Art's fifteen season career came to an end in 1995 season. On August 2, 2008, Monk was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Upon his induction into the Hall of Fame, Monk received the longest standing ovation in Pro Football Hall of Fame history, lasting four minutes and four seconds.

Major Accomplishments: 3x Pro Bowl selection (1984, 1985, 1986), 2x First-team All-Pro selection (1984, 1985), 2x First-team All-NFC selection (1984, 1985), 1x Second-team All-NFC selection (1986), All-Rookie team (1980), 3x Super Bowl Champion (XVII, XXII, XXVI), and NFL 1980s All-Decade Team.

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http://www.profootballhof.com/hof/member.aspx?PLAYER_ID=248