



Name: Raymell "Ray" Rice

Years: January 22, 1987 to Present

Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Brief Biography: Born in New Rochelle, Ray Rice was forced to deal with tragedy and hardship at a young age. Rice was only a year old when his father was killed in a drive-by shooting. Years later, in 1998, Rice's cousin was also killed in a car accident. His mother, a special education teacher, raised him and his three siblings.

Ray attended New Rochelle High School, where he was a stand out player on the football team. He became the star running back on the varsity team his sophomore year and ultimately led his team to a New York State Championship his junior year. After receiving many offers from other schools, Rice committed to Syracuse University but ended up rescinding and joining Rutgers University.

His freshman year, Rutgers had its first winning season in 14 years and participated in only the second bowl in the football program's 136 year history. Rice finished the season as the starting tailback for Rutgers. Rice rushed for 1120 yards and 5 TDs

during his freshman campaign, including a 217-yard performance against the University of Connecticut. Rice gained 1,794 rushing yards in 2006 with 20 touchdowns. His total in 2006 set Rutgers' single-season rushing yardage record, shattering J. J. Jennings' mark of 1,353 set in 1973. In 2006, the Rutgers Scarlet Knights won a school record-tying 11 games and registered the school's highest ever season-ending national poll ranking, finishing #12 in both the Associated Press and Coach's Polls. Rice was also a finalist for the Maxwell Award and finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting. Rice was named Big East offensive player of the week a school-record three times in 2006. On October 6, 2007, Rice scored his 35th career rushing touchdown, setting the all time program record. On January 5, 2008, at the second annual International Bowl in Toronto, Rice ran for a new school record of 280 yards, along with 4 touchdowns as Rutgers beat Ball State University 52-30. One of the TD runs was the longest of his career - a 90-yard scamper. Rice won the MVP award for his performance. On January 8, 2008, Rice declared his intention to enter the 2008 NFL draft.

Rice was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the second round (55th overall) of the 2008 NFL Draft. Rice has signed a 4-year deal with the Ravens worth \$2.805 million plus a \$1.1 million signing bonus. In 2008 Rice made his NFL debut against the Cincinnati Bengals, and even though he was second string tailback, he had 454 rushing yards on 107 carries and had 273 receiving yards on 33 receptions to finish out the season. In 2009, he won the starting running back job from Willis McGahee. In the season opener against the Kansas City Chiefs, Rice rushed for 108-yards off of 19 carries, which was his second career 100-yard rushing game. In week 3 Ray Rice rushed for his first pro touchdown against the Cleveland Browns.

Major Accomplishments: Sports News Freshman All-American (2005), 2x First-team All-Big East (2006-2007), 2x Second-team AP All-American (2006-2007), 2x Maxwell Award finalist (2006-2007), Doak Walker Award finalist (2007).

References: <http://www.rayrice.org/ray-rice-biography.php> ,
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