



Name: Ryan Grant

Years: December 9, 1982 to Present

Residence: Suffern, New York

Brief Biography: Born on December 9, 1982 in Suffern, Ryan Grant attended Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, New Jersey before transferring to Clarkstown South High School in West Nyack. He ended up moving back to New Jersey and attending Don Bosco Prep again where USA Today named him the New Jersey Player of the Year in 2000. Grant rushed for almost 2000 yards and scored 26 touchdowns, leading Don Bosco Prep to a 11-1 record before losing the state championship game.

After graduation, Grant attended the University of Notre Dame where he majored in sociology and computer applications while joining the football team as a running back. Playing in just five games in 2001, the Fighting Irish finished with a 5-6 record. After starting for the team all throughout his sophomore year, Grant led the team to a 10-3 record while recording 1000 yards with 9 touchdowns. Grant was demoted during his junior year, where he only started in five games and recorded 510 yards for the year. During his senior year, he was named team captain before he injured his hamstring. He finished his senior year with only 515 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Grant went undrafted during the 2005 NFL Draft, but ended up signing a contract with the New York Giants. His career almost ended before it began after Grant severed an artery, a tendon, and a nerve in his left arm after accidentally breaking several champagne glasses at a nightclub. Grant nearly bled to death, but he recovered even though doctors thought he might never regain the use of his left hand again. While inactive, Grant coached at the Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington, New Jersey.

In September 2007, Grant was traded to the Green Bay Packers for a future sixth-round draft pick. Grant was the third-string running back during the first six games of the season, but ran for 104 yards in an overtime win against the Broncos after injuries created playing time for him. He went on to start the remaining ten games of the season and recorded 929 yards and 8 rushing touchdowns. By the end of the season, Grant was awarded the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week title twice.

In the 2007 playoffs, Grant fumbled the ball twice. Both cases led to touchdowns for the opposing team, the Seahawks. Grant redeemed himself, however, by going on to rush over 200 yards and scoring three touchdowns. These tallies were franchise records for a Packer during the playoffs. The following week, the Packers were eliminated from the playoffs by the eventual-champions New York Giants.

In the summer of 2008, Ryan Grant re-signed with the Packers for four years, \$30 million. The following season, Grant went on to rush for over 1200 yards while recording four touchdowns. So far this season, he has rushed for over 900 yards and recorded five touchdowns.

Major Accomplishments: Packers franchise record for most rushing touchdowns (3) in a playoff game, Packers franchise record for most rushing yards (201) in a playoff game, Seventh player in NFL history to rush for 200 yards or more in a post-season game, Voted the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week for games played on November 11–12 2007

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