

Emmitt Smith
Hall of Fame Running Back and NFL MVP

Emmitt Smith is a football icon and one of the greatest players to ever play for the Dallas Cowboys. The National Football League's all-time leading rusher with 18,355 career rushing yards, Smith is also the all-time rushing touchdown record holder with 164 career rushing TD's. His impressive resume includes being a three-time Super Bowl champion and 2010 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee.

As a first-round pick in the 1990 NFL Draft, Smith was the cornerstone of the Dallas Cowboys offense for 12 seasons. The eight-time Pro Bowler was the first player in NFL history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons and on October 27, 2002, he surpassed Walter Payton as the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Smith finished his 14-year career with 18,355 rushing yards and led the NFL in rushing four times. He was the league MVP in 1993, MVP of Super Bowl XXVIII, and helped guide the Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles. His 175 career touchdowns rank second in NFL history.

Smith played his final two NFL seasons with the Arizona Cardinals (2003 and 2004) before signing a one-day contract in February 2005, so he could officially retire as a member of the Dallas Cowboys. In September 2005, Smith was added to the Cowboys Ring of Honor with former teammates Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin. He was also enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006 for his All-American career at the University of Florida.

Previously serving as a football analyst for ESPN and the NFL Network, Smith also appeared as a guest college football analyst during FOX's BCS National Championship pre-game coverage in January 2007. Smith's post-career television success includes winning the third season of ABC's popular primetime reality show *Dancing with the Stars*, with his style being deemed "the King effortless of cool."

Currently, Smith is the majority partner and co-chairman of ESmith Legacy, Inc., a Dallas-based commercial real estate development and investment company that invests globally in asset classes such as industrial, multi-family residential, retail services and hospitality. His latest venture is EJ Smith Industries, which includes concrete and other construction services.

Active in charitable outreach both in the Dallas area and on a national level, Smith founded Emmitt Smith Charities to provide educational scholarships to under-served youth. Additionally he has been involved with initiatives and organizations such as All-Stars Helping Kids, Open Doors Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House Charities and United Way.

Smith can also add author to his long list of accomplishments. His new book, *Game On*, outlines the principles that helped him succeed both on and off the field. Emmitt currently resides with his wife, Pat, and their four children in Dallas.