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Deaf Profile of Derrick Coleman Jr

 Derrick Jr is different from many athletes. He made his position in the National football leagues, despite many hurdles in his way. There is a different story of him, compared to other athletes. Derrick Jr. is legally deaf. Not only he puts his best in each game, but he also made his position into the NFL and share huge influence out of the field (London). Born like another natural child, Derrick Jr. found that he was deaf at the age of three. This is from where his life took a twist and demanded the utmost resilience from him. Like many other people, who quit their jobs and start living a life with a disability, Derrick Jr. broke all ills. His only passion from his early years of life was to learn how to play football, which was his dream.

His success stories start from his school life, where he won a tailback position. When he was about to finish the college, he started playing with Settle Seahawks and finally was able to win a super bowl title. His best contribution to the society was establishing No Excuse Foundation. This foundation helped him in making the disabled kids achieve their dreams. His life is a practical example of how hard work makes one able to achieve the goals. His hard work makes him a real hero. He displayed his work ethic while training for Pop Warner. He once remarked that “I started going to the gym three times a week… (Etheridge and Vise)”.

In this process of bringing his self in shape, he was observed doing exercises and different works out in the home as well. This motivation to work for himself is the best thing one can learn from his life. He proved that despite being impaired, he can be as useful as anyone else. His passion for his game droves him to work harder compared to other athletes. He overcomes his disability by being a hard-working player of the team. Throughout his career, he never changed his working habits. Stauder writes that the continued success of Coleman Jr. is credited to his endless endeavors for his own self (Stauder)”. Ross who had been a keen observer of Coleman Jr’s life writes that “Coleman scored his first NFL against New Orleans Saints… and captured the title (Ross)”. He proves that Coleman gets to these heights of success after putting his best to his dreams. If he would not have been so determined, he never would have achieved this success. He just not ends up in making into the league, but even into the NFL as well. At every stage of his life, he proved that everything is possible with hard work and passion.

Being a hero and an influencer, it is not different to help in bringing change in others life. Coleman Jr. Despite his inability, he remained famous for bringing change in the life of kids with disability. He raises to prominence, with a popular Duracell Commercial, in which he was filmed like a real star. People all over America knew him for the kind actions he shared with others, especially with people of special needs. His story of inspiration even touched a nine-year-old kid. Riley Kovalcik, the nine-year-old child encouraged him in his letter when he wrote: “to keep doing his best in the life (Agyemang)”. A female football player who herself was hearing impaired wrote to Coleman Jr. “I am able to connect with you when I see in myself the passion like yours (Glantz)”. These letters show how Coleman’s life inspired many people to mould the way of their lives. These letters from the hearing-impaired children show that unlike all normal children, these children find it hard to come up in pace in normal life like other children.

His life has taught many children that if Coleman can sustain and become a star, so do another child like him can achieve. He also made his success just not in the field of football, but he showed how to successfully manage his personal life and the projects like No excuse foundation. While talking about his accomplishments he says, “I need to make sure that no one like me is alone (Etheridge and Vise)”. His life suggests that nothing is impossible if there are will and determination. His life teaches everybody a lesson that how to make even a critic to praise your efforts. Glantz writes that “I have observed many times his opponents praising his efforts for his game (Glantz)”. Coleman Jr. in an interview stated that no one can achieve the heights of success alone, he or she needs support, which I am to the kids with a disability”. With his foundation, he proved he is there for each disables kid who wants to earn a handsome living for his self.

Coleman Jr. is a personality who demonstrates hard work, passion, and dedication. Just not for some kids of the community, rather for each disables kid of the country, he worked hard for making his way toward his passion. Coleman’s rise from a school star to a national level star is astonishing. He had been amazing in the field and out of the field as well. Coleman’s life inspires every person who thinks that life is impossible to get over with if you have any disability. He makes every person, whether disabled or not, that life is worth living and every obstacle can be passed with true will and determination. He is undoubtedly a hero and he inspire people in achieving the best in their life. “People say, you are inspiration by the things you do, and I tell them you can be an inspiration too… Just be who you are (Etheridge and Vise).”

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