

James Lofton

Wide receiver James Lofton was the No. 1 draft pick of the Green Bay Packers in 1978. An Academic All-America choice from Stanford, he was also an accomplished track performer and won the NCAA long jump title as a senior. Lofton's speed and "soft hands" made him an immediate deep-threat receiver from the moment he entered the pros. It was something he would remain throughout his long career with Green Bay, the Los Angeles Raiders, Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Rams, and the Philadelphia Eagles.

In 16 seasons, Lofton caught 764 passes for 14,004 yards - an average of 18.3 yards per catch. Nine times he recorded more than 50 catches in a season. His 14,004 career-reception yardage mark was an NFL best at the time of his retirement, while his 43 games with 100 or more yards receiving ranked third.

Extremely durable, Lofton was the first NFL player to score a touchdown in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Many of his 75 touchdown receptions came on long passes when he simply outran the opposition.

During his nine seasons in Green Bay, Lofton was selected to play in seven Pro Bowls. He led the Packers in receptions each year except one (1979). Five of those years he gained more than 1,000 receiving yards. He was only the fifth player in NFL history to do so, joining the likes of Lance Alworth, Steve Largent, Don Maynard, and Art Powell.

In 1987, Lofton was traded to the Raiders, and two years later joined the Bills. In Buffalo, he reemerged as one of the game's premiere deep-threat receivers.

In 1991, at age 35, the still-speedy receiver became the oldest player in league history to record 1,000 receiving yards in a season. That same year he recorded a career-best 220 receiving yards in a game against the Cincinnati Bengals. His often-inspirational play earned him his eighth Pro Bowl bid.

In 13 playoff game appearances, Lofton caught 41 passes for 759 yards and eight touchdowns, including a seven-reception game in Super Bowl XXVI. In three of those playoff games he recorded 100-yard plus performances.

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Wide Receiver - 6'3", 192

Stanford

James David Lofton...Selected by Green Bay in 1st round (6th player overall) of 1978 NFL Draft...A deep-threat receiver, possessed both speed and great hands...Recorded more than 50 receptions in a season nine times...First NFL player to score a touchdown in 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s... In 16 seasons, he caught 764 passes for 14,004 yards - an NFL record at the time of his retirement...Named All-Pro four times, All-NFC three times, selected to play in eight Pro Bowls...Born July 5, 1956, at Fort Ord, California.

	Year	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
	1978 GB	16	46	818	17.78	6
	1979 GB	15	54	968	17.93	4
	1980 GB	16	71	1226	17.27	4
	1981 GB	16	71	1294	18.23	8
	1982 GB	9	35	696	19.89	4
	1983 GB	16	58	1300	22.41	8
	1984 GB	16	62	1361	21.95	7
	1985 GB	16	69	1153	16.71	4
	1986 GB	15	64	840	13.13	4
	1987 LARd	12	41	880	21.46	5
	1988 LARd	16	28	549	19.61	0
	1989 Buf	12	8	166	20.75	3
	1990 Buf	16	35	712	20.34	4
	1991 Buf	15	57	1072	18.81	8
	1992 Buf	16	51	786	15.41	6
	1993 Buf-Phi	10	14	183	13.07	0
	16 Years	232	764	14004	18.33	75

All-League Teams

All-Pro: 1980 (PFWA, NEA, SN, PW), 1981 (AP, PFWA, NEA, SN, PW), 1983 (PFWA), 1984 (NEA)

All-Pro Second Team: 1980 (AP), 1982 (AP, NEA), 1983 (AP, NEA), 1985 (NEA)

All-NFC: 1980 (UPI, PW), 1981 (UPI, PW), 1982 (UPI)

All-NFC Second Team: 1983 (UPI), 1984 (UPI), 1985 (UPI)

Pro Bowls

(8) - 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1992