

PEYTON MANNING 2005 BIOGRAPHY

Full name: Peyton Williams Manning

College: Tennessee

Birthdate: March 24, 1976

Hometown/High School: New Orleans, Louisiana./Isidore Newman

NFL career: Completed seventh season

Professional (Indianapolis Colts 1998-present)

Since joining the Indianapolis Colts as the number one overall pick in the 1998 draft, quarterback Peyton Manning has scorched the record books, earned two NFL Most Valuable Player Awards, made five Pro Bowl appearances and thrown for more yards and touchdowns than any other quarterback in that span. In 2004, Peyton was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player by the Associated Press, becoming only the third player to win the award in consecutive seasons. Peyton set NFL records for single-season touchdown passes (49) and passer rating in 2004. Also, Peyton was a unanimous selection as the Associated Press NFL's Offensive Player of the Year. In addition, he was *The Sporting News* Player of the Year, Pro Football Weekly NFL MVP and NFL Alumni Quarterback of the Year. He completed 336 of 497 passes for a career-high 4,557 yards and 49 touchdowns for a passer rating of 121.1 in 2004. The Colts finished with a 12-4 regular season mark and a playoff berth.

Peyton is the only player in NFL history to pass for 4,000 yards in six consecutive seasons. He is also the only player in NFL history with 3,000 passing yards in each of his first seven seasons. Peyton has started 112 consecutive games, the most by any NFL quarterback to open a career. He is the only quarterback in NFL history with 25 or more touchdown passes in seven consecutive seasons. He has led the Colts to 10 or more wins in five seasons, the best in club history. He has led the Colts to AFC Divisional Titles in 1999, 2003 and 2004.

Peyton led the NFL with 4,267 yards in 2003, his record fifth consecutive season topping 4,000+ yards. He also led the NFL in completions and completion percentage. Peyton set a club record in 2003 with six touchdowns against New Orleans in 2003 and became the first NFL quarterback since 1991 to throw for six TD passes. Peyton led the Colts to the AFC Championship Game in 2003.

Peyton is the only quarterback in NFL history to throw for 12,000+ yards in his first three seasons. He has recorded four career perfect games, the most in NFL history. In 2001, Peyton surpassed 15,000 passing yards in his 59th career game and 100 touchdowns in his 56th game, the second and third-fastest streaks in NFL history. In the Colts record book, Peyton holds the top seven totals for most passing yards in a single season and the seven best marks for attempts, completions and most games with a touchdown pass. He is the only player in club history to throw for 400+ yards in multiple games.

PEYBACK FOUNDATION

"Laying the foundation for life long success."

Founded in 1999

With his move to the NFL, Peyton established the PeyBack Foundation to help disadvantaged youth build a successful future for themselves. PeyBack accomplishes its mission through helping established community-based programs provide fundamental leadership and growth opportunities for kids. The PeyBack Foundation focuses its efforts in a three state region and has donated more than \$900,000 to youth organizations in Indiana, Tennessee and Louisiana since 1999. In 2004, the PeyBack Foundation distributed more than \$150,000 in grants to 25 different community agencies in those states.

Peyton not only supports the PeyBack Foundation financially, but is integral to ensuring its success. As President of the foundation, Peyton is active in all major decisions concerning its initiatives and constantly seeks new opportunities and organizations to further the success of the foundation.

The most visible Foundation event is the PeyBack Classic. The event was established in 2002 and enabled all seven inner-city Indianapolis high school football teams to play in the RCA Dome. The school's struggling athletic programs received all the proceeds. The PeyBack Foundation distributed more than \$160,000 to the schools. The schools received \$42,000 in 2002, \$70,000 in 2001, and \$50,000 in 2000. In 2004, the Foundation selected four new schools for the 2004 event and will continue to provide opportunities for schools across Indiana. The PeyBack Foundation is responsible for all costs associated with the rental of the RCA Dome.

Focus on Education:

Peyton and the PeyBack Foundation joined forces with Vectren Corporation to institute the Bright Ideas grant program in 2003. In partnership with Vectren and the Indiana Department of Education, Bright Ideas offers up to \$500 to individual teachers to assist with local educational needs. The program, which has awarded more than \$50,000 the last two years, allows teachers the opportunity to apply for grants for special classroom projects.

Along with his father, Archie, Peyton is actively involved with the **Play it Smart** organization, a school-based program primarily funded by the National Football Foundation. The program seeks to use the power of the football experience as a vehicle to enhance the academic, athletic, career and personal development of high school student-athletes. The PeyBack Foundation expanded the program in Indianapolis in 2002 by sponsoring two IPS schools. All five football-playing Indianapolis public high schools now have the benefit of an academic coach. Because of the PeyBack Foundation, Indianapolis became the first city in the nation to have all its public schools involved in Play It Smart initiatives. Play it Smart is currently in 88 schools in 55 cities and 30 states for the 2002-03 school year.

The PeyBack Foundation instituted the **Peyton's Pals** program in 2003. The PeyBack Foundation worked with Child Advocates in Indianapolis to select 20 middle school kids to participate in the program. The Foundation sponsors a series of special events for 20 kids, with at least one event a month. The purpose of the program is to provide monthly outings and activities to benefit at-risk children chosen from the client population of Child Advocates. The events expose them to a variety of educational, cultural and community service activities throughout the year. Past events have included an overnight trip to Kings Island in Cincinnati, dinner at St. Elmo Steakhouse, a viewing of the Lion King at the Murat Theatre and a community project with Joy's House (Indianapolis Adult Daycare center) just to name a few.

Focus on Special Events:

For the fourth consecutive year, the PeyBack Foundation hosted more than 1,000 disadvantaged Indianapolis children for the **PeyBack Holiday Celebration** at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. The special event included dinner, a visit from Santa, special Christmas presents from Peyton, and the opportunity to visit the nationally renowned museum. Also, the Foundation held holiday events in Knoxville and New Orleans for underprivileged children. The Foundation distributed numerous gifts, including a pair of Reebok shoes, to more than 150 children at the Greater Tennessee Boys & Girls Club. The Foundation hosted more than 200 students from Desire Street Academy in New Orleans in December. The students were transported to a local bookstore where they were able to choose a book and then returned to the school for a party that included distribution of Reebok shoes and other apparel. In 2003, the Foundation hosted holiday parties in December of 2003 for more than 500 kids in New Orleans at the Louisiana Children's Museum and in Knoxville, Tennessee at Celebration Station.

The PeyBack Foundation hosted the, "Taking Care of Those in Need," event in 2004 with 600 needy families receiving a full meal courtesy of the Foundation. The meal included ham, potatoes, dinner rolls, soft drinks, pie and other items. In 2003, the PeyBack Foundation provided a Thanksgiving lunch to students and parents of IPS School 14-Washington Irving. More than 800 people, including 500 students, enjoyed a meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, cookies and much more on behalf of the PeyBack Foundation. Parents joined the children for lunch.

Peyton played host to 100 Indianapolis foster children in 2002 at Jillian's restaurant in downtown Indianapolis to celebrate Thanksgiving. The event included bowling, dinner and a visit to the video arcade room.

In 2001, the PeyBack Foundation played host to a Christmas celebration for 225 Indianapolis inner-city children at Chuck E. Cheese's restaurant. The Foundation also distributed more than 300 footballs and basketballs to various organizations for Christmas in 2001. In 2000, the Foundation played Santa to about 1,500 boys and girls who were in foster care or in residential treatment facilities during the holidays. As a special Christmas present, children at the Marion County's Children's Guardian Home, Pleasant Run Children's Home and residential facilities operated by Children's Bureau received a football or basketball from the PeyBack Foundation.

The PeyBack Foundation has also provided support for several Boys & Girls Clubs in Indiana and Tennessee and the Dryades Street YMCA in New Orleans was the recipient of a \$25,000 grant to restore its facilities in 2001.

Focus on Well Being and Fun:

The PeyBack Foundation **Peyton's Pals Ticket Incentive Program** makes it possible for disadvantaged children to attend Indianapolis Colts home games. The foundation carefully selects local community organizations to participate in the program. Each organization receives 50 tickets, a PeyBack Foundation T-shirt, and a voucher for a free meal at the RCA Dome concession stand.

Peyton has hosted the inaugural PeyBack Bowl the last two years in Indianapolis. The event has raised more than \$270,000 for the PeyBack Foundation. Manning and other celebrities hit the bowling lanes to raise money for underprivileged children in Indianapolis. Celebrities have included national recording artist Kenny Chesney, Indiana Pacers' Reggie Miller, legendary musician John Mellencamp, Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy, Colts' players Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison, ESPN analyst Tom Jackson along with NBA players, IRL drivers, college basketball coaches and many more.

For the last four years, Peyton has participated in the **Marsh Holiday Handoff for Hunger** community based food drive that benefited local food pantries. The program has generated more than 600,000 pounds of food for those in need. Each Indiana school that participated entered a drawing to win a visit from Peyton and tickets to a Colts game. Peyton, in conjunction with Marsh, held an event from 2001-2003 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to raise money for the PeyBack Foundation. The Marsh Kids' Club Walk, "**Peyton's Rally at Gasoline Alley**" gave kids an opportunity to walk around the track with Peyton. The event raised more than \$40,000 for the Foundation.

The PeyBack Foundation donates tickets to local foster care and residential treatment facilities to various sporting events and concerts in Indianapolis throughout the year. The PeyBack Foundation participated in the **Coats for Kids** campaign in 2000 and donated \$5,000 to the program, which is designed to collect coats for children in need.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Peyton considers his most important accomplishments those he has achieved off the field. In 2004, Peyton earned the NFL's **Byron "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award**. Named for Supreme Court Justice and former NFL star Byron White, the award goes to the player who best personifies the spirit of Justice White's service to team, community and country. Peyton was given the **John Wooden Trophy** in 2004 from Athletes for a Better World for his commitment to an Athletic Code for Living. In 2002, Peyton earned the USA Weekend's **Most Caring Athlete Award** for his ongoing community service activities and was honored as the 2002 male recipient of the **Henry P. Iba Citizen Athlete Award**. The award is given to America's premier male and female athletes who have excelled in their sport and have shown by their actions a strong desire to help others. In 2001 and 2004, Peyton was selected as the **Walter Payton/Indianapolis Colts NFL Man of the Year** for his participation in community affairs. He was also honored by his Colts' teammates as the 2001 recipient of the **Ed Block Courage Award** for courageous play by an individual on the team. His teammates have nominated him for the **Byron "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award** the three of the last four years (2001-2002, 2004). *The Sporting News* selected Peyton as one of the **Good Guys** in professional sports in 2002 and 2003. The Good Guys are athletes with the biggest hearts, who give back the most to the community, and who are most willing to serve the needy and unfortunate. *The Indianapolis Star* ranked Peyton eighth on a list of **Central Indiana's Most Influential People on Sports** for his work in the community. Peyton was honored with the NFL's Extra Effort Award for his work in December of 2004.

In 2001, Peyton was awarded the **American Dream Award** by the Hudson Institute for his work with the PeyBack Foundation. The same year, *The Indianapolis Business Journal* named Peyton one of the area's **Top 40 Leaders Under 40** years of age and Indianapolis based *Nuvo Magazine* named him "**Best Professional Athlete in Indianapolis,**" in 2001 and 2003. Peyton was named one of the **Ten Most Outstanding Young Americans for 1999** by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and was recognized for being among the best, brightest, and most inspirational young leaders America has to offer.

Peyton was named to the **NCAA Foundation Board of Directors** in 2000, now the **NCAA Leadership Advisory Board**, and was its youngest-ever member and first active professional athlete. In addition to his board responsibilities, Peyton is the spokesperson for the **NCAA's Stay in Bounds** program. Stay in Bounds is a character development initiative committed to teaching citizenship through sports and the acceptance of a set of guiding principles of sportsmanship. Peyton also serves on the **American Red Cross National Celebrity Cabinet**, **National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Advisory Board**, **Center for Leadership Development Advisory Board**, **Board of Visitors of the College of Art and Sciences at the University of Tennessee** and the **Board of Advocates for the Indiana Golf Foundation**.

Peyton has also continued his association with **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)** for abused and neglected children. For the sixth consecutive year, Peyton coached a team of foster children in a game of flag football at the Union Federal Football Center to benefit CASA. Manning along with the PeyBack Foundation official sponsors have donated more than \$20,000 to CASA in 2003.

In 2004, the PeyBack Foundation instituted the “**True Heroes**” program for the children at St. Vincent Hospital. Peyton considers these children the “true heroes.” The Foundation sponsors a special event once a month for children in the hospital or participating in rehabilitation. Events have included a pizza party at the hospital and a private event at Jillian’s restaurant where the children were treated to bowling and games. In 2003, Peyton joined forces with Caps for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides caps for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer or other life threatening illnesses. St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis is one of 70 hospitals and treatment centers throughout the United States that participate in the program. Kids are given the choice to receive an autographed hat by anyone they consider their hero.

Part of Peyton’s off-season is spent traveling to various parts of the country for speaking engagements. He makes several visits during the season to various elementary schools. In addition to his own work in the community, Peyton helps other athletes and entertainers raise funds for various charities. Peyton has joined his father and brothers’ Cooper and Eli for the past seven years for the Manning Passing Academy at Southeastern Louisiana University. In 2004, more than 850 kids from 29 different states attended the three-day camp.

Recognizing Others:

Peyton established the **PeyBack Award** in 2002 to recognize an individual currently or formerly associated with the game of football. The recipient will have achieved a high level of success in the sport and distinguished themselves through philanthropic deeds on a local, regional or national level. Character, integrity, and honor define a PeyBack recipient. Legendary NFL quarterback Roger Staubach (2002), future Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino (2003) and Connie Payton (2004) are past recipients of the award. The honorees are recognized during the Pathfinder Awards ceremonies at Conseco Fieldhouse as part of the Youthlinks Indiana Charity Golf Tournament.

COLLEGE 1994-1997

During his tenure at the University of Tennessee, Peyton epitomized the term “student-athlete”. He claimed 43 records at the school, conference, and national levels, while graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Peyton passed up the NFL after his junior season and the near-certain opportunity to be chosen first in the NFL Draft to remain in school for a fourth year and forever set him apart. He was a three-time Academic All-America honoree. Following his senior season, Peyton was honored with the **Sullivan Award** for the nation’s top amateur athlete based on character, leadership, athletic ability and the ideals of amateurism.

The University of Tennessee established the Manning Scholarship following Peyton’s graduation. The scholarship is funded from gifts to the University garnered from Manning’s academic awards, the UT Athletic Department’s corporate matching grants program and other private gifts. Manning’s four-year career at UT produced a number of awards that generated \$165,000 in scholarship funds. The Manning Scholarship covers the costs of tuition, room and board. The award is granted to a first-year student on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and community service.