



Shaun O'Hara

Shaun O'Hara is a 1995 graduate of Hillsborough High School. He was a three-sport athlete during his high school career. In each of these sports, Shaun was outstanding and played a major role as a leader. Shaun was a varsity letter winner in football, basketball, and track.

Shaun earned two varsity letters in basketball. In his senior year he was captain of the team. As a track athlete, Shaun earned two varsity letters as a shot putter and discuss thrower.

However, it was his accomplishments in football that has earned him a place into the Hillsborough High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

In football Shaun earned three varsity letters. In his senior year he was selected to the first team All Somerset County, All Mid State Conference, and All Area Teams.

Although receiving scholarship offers, Shaun decided to attend Rutgers University as a non-scholarship walk-on football player. Through hard work, perseverance, and a strong belief in himself, Shaun developed into an outstanding offensive lineman. His hard work earned him a full football scholarship and a starter as an offensive tackle. Once earning his first team status, Shaun consistently graded out as the top offensive lineman for the

Scarlet Knights. He started the last 31 games of his collegiate career illustrating his durability. In addition to his duties as an offensive tackle, Shaun served as the long snapper for all field goal, PAT, and punt attempts. In his junior year, Shaun was named to the All Big East Second team. In his senior year, he was named to the all big East First Team.

Shaun graduated from Rutgers University in 2000 with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Once again history repeated itself. Although Shaun was not drafted by the NFL, his talents did not go unnoticed. He was signed by the Cleveland Browns as an undrafted rookie free agent in April 2000. Given the opportunity to participate in the Cleveland Brown's Training Camp, Shaun's outstanding work ethic and talent earned him a roster spot. During his rookie season, Shaun played in 8 regular season games, 4 as a starter.

During the 2001 season, Shaun played in all 16 games including 4 starts at left guard. On September 23, 2001, vs the Detroit Lions, Shaun achieved a lineman's dream. He scored his first career touchdown on a two-yard touchdown pass from Tim Couch.

During the 2002 season, Shaun started all 16 games he played for the Cleveland Browns. Those starts included 13 at right guard and 3 at center. Also, started at right guard in the AFC Wild Card Game vs the Steelers.

During the 2003 season, Shaun started all of the 14 games that he played. On March 8, 2003, Shaun was signed as a free agent by the New York Giants. This past season, Shaun was the First Team Center for the New York Giants. He started all games that he was on the active roster. He has played 54 regular season games in the NFL with 38 starts. Shaun has started the 34 games in which he has played.

Shaun has always been active in the community of the team he has played for. He has donated his time to various community activities. These programs include building a playground for the United Way Hometown Huddle Program, supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Taste of the NFL benefiting the local food bank, and serving dinner and providing turkeys to needy families for the holiday season.

Shaun is truly a role model for young people. He exemplifies what can be accomplished with dedication, hard work, perseverance, and belief in oneself.

