

# Sterling Sharpe

**College:** University of South Carolina

**Career:** 1988-1994 (Green Bay Packers)  
8,134 receiving yards and 65 touchdowns

**Honors:** 5x Pro Bowl Selection  
(1989-1990, 1992-1994)



In college, Sharpe was a star receiver for the South Carolina Gamecocks. During his time there, Sharpe set the record for most career receptions (169), receiving yards (2,497), and touchdowns (17), the last of which has since been broken. While he was there, he also set the single-season touchdown record (11), which he held until 2005. At the end of the 1987 season, the University of South Carolina retired Sharpe's #2 jersey, making him only the second active player to have his jersey retired.

Sharpe went on to make just as much of an impact in the NFL as he did in college. Sharpe was drafted seventh overall by the Green Bay Packers in the 1988 NFL draft. In his first season, he started all 16 games and caught 55 passes. The next season, he went on to lead the league with 90 receptions, becoming the first Packer to do this since Don Hutson who did it back in 1945. In this same season, he also broke Hutson's records for receptions and receiving yards in a season. A few years later, a future Packers legend by the name of Brett Favre came into town, and together, these two became one of the top passing tandems in the league. Over the course of the 1992 season, Favre threw Sharpe's 107<sup>th</sup> completion, which broke Art Monk's single-season receptions record. During this same season, Sharpe became one of only seven players in NFL history to win the NFL's "Triple Crown" at the receiver position: leading the league in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. The next year, Sharpe broke his own record for most receptions by catching 112 passes. He set the records for consecutive games with at least four catches (34), and tied Jerry Rice and Bob Shaw for most games with at least four touchdown catches (2).

Sharpe retired back in 1994, and has gone on to be a football analyst. He started his broadcasting career with ESPN as a commentator. Sharpe has since moved on to the NFL Network, working with Kurt Warner and Brian Billick on Thursday Night Kickoff from Los Angeles, as well as Joe Theismann and Billick on NFL Network's "Playbook".