

# 6/16/10: One-on-One with Tim Dwight

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Thirteen years have passed since he donned the Black and Gold, but former Hawkeye receiver Tim Dwight is still considered one of the most iconic figures in Iowa football history.

From 1994-97, the Iowa City native made plays on the gridiron that put Hawkeye fans around the country into euphoria. Whether it was a bone-rattling hit on special teams against Arizona, or punt returns for touchdowns against the likes of Penn State, Ohio State, and Michigan (just to name a few), No. 6 found a way to bring fans to their feet. He finished his Iowa career as the school's all-time leading receiver with 2,271 career receiving yards and 21 career touchdown receptions.

After a decorated career as a Hawkeye, Dwight played 10 seasons in the NFL for five different teams – the Atlanta Falcons, San Diego Chargers, New England Patriots, New York Jets, and Oakland Raiders. In his rookie season with Atlanta, he found himself playing in Super Bowl XXXIII against the Denver Broncos. Although Denver went on to win that game, Dwight made one of the few Falcon highlights from that game, returning a kickoff back 94 yards for the team's first ever touchdown in the Super Bowl.

Off the field, Dwight has made even more contributions, finding ways to constantly give back to the community where he was born and raised. In 2002, he started an annual football camp at his high school, Iowa City High, as well as the Tim Dwight Foundation. From providing scholarships to having

proceeds donated to the UI Children's Hospital, Dwight is to Iowa City what someone like Kurt Warner is to Cedar Rapids.

Wednesday was the first day of the ninth annual Tim Dwight Football Camp, which this year is being held at South East Junior High in Iowa City. Dwight took time out of his afternoon to talk to *HawkeyeDrive.com* about a variety of topics including his camp, post-NFL retirement, participating in the Millrose Games in New York City, Iowa's run to an Orange Bowl crown last year, and the first annual Dwight Dash, a race started by him & his foundation that will take place at the Ashton Cross Country course on the morning of June 19.