



WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

"It is funny. You do have people who come up, if Jerry and I are together – they will just wedge themselves between us to get closer to him or to take a picture. I was very fortunate to have a husband who never let people disrespect me in that way. He would say, 'You know, this is my wife Jackie.' He would always introduce me, or he would say, 'Excuse me, you just pushed my wife over,' or something like that. He would always make some reference so the person would acknowledge me." - Jackie Rice, Wife of Jerry Rice

"When your husband is in his heyday, it is like people treat you like, Who is she? Unless you are The Prettiest of the Barbies, unless you are that top girl, it is always like you are less than somebody. I have had to learn that my value is not tied up in how people treat me, or look at me--or even talk about me, or what they think I should be like. I really had to go to school on myself for that one." - Kim Singletary, Wife of Mike Singletary

"Football was almost an aversion to me because I had gone to school at the University of Kansas, and I didn't really care for a lot of the football players that I had met there. I thought they were all arrogant. It was a generalization, but to me it didn't matter. It was almost like, 'Oh, you're one of those.' That's why we were just friends for so long." - Lori Warhop, coach's wife, Dallas Cowboys

"It's interesting, sitting in the stands. If he makes a kick, it's like, 'Way to go!' and they're patting me on the back. If he misses, I don't get anyone saying anything or touching me. Every time he comes up, and it's a big kick, I feel a lot of pressure." - Gina Nedney, Wife of Joe Nedney

"Even though Dwight played for nine years, and I knew after three or four it was gravy, I just didn't even think about retirement. When he didn't get picked up by Miami, I was in shock." - Chandra Hollier, Miami Dolphins (retired)

"It was my job to put a reality spin on it, so my kids knew what was real. Sometimes I would ask them if anything was said to them, so I could help them with a response. There were also times when I would tell them not to respond at all. I always told them, 'You do not have to defend your father.' I wouldn't let them be put in that place because it's just not fair to them." - Gay Nell Shaw, coach's wife

"It can actually hurt you. People know that you play in the NFL and they know you make money. Merchants think, 'I'll just charge them 10 percent more because of who they are,' rather than, 'I'll just take 10 percent off.' I think merchants want to up the price more often than take it away. I don't think anybody just hands things over to you." - Kim Ruddy, Miami Dolphins