



ADRIAN WILSON
ARIZONA CARDINALS
SAFETY

DAY JOB Pro Football Focus rated the five-time Pro Bowler as the best cover safety in the NFL last season. And according to Football Outsiders, Wilson, 33, had only six broken tackles.
SECOND JOB Owner, High Point Shoes, Scottsdale, Ariz. He opened the clothing and shoe boutique in 2007.

Your teammates: Into it or not into it?

My teammates like the store, but I don't push it on them. But my old teammate Steve Breaston (now with the Chiefs) wants in. We've talked a few times about it. If I do anything with another player, it will be with him. He's into fashion. He's a big sneaker-head. He kind of has the same vision I do. There are other teammates who want to get involved, but I'm picky about who I let in.

One teammate most in need of a style intervention is ...

Sam Acho, linebacker. He's a guy who is notorious for dressing horribly. I look at him sometimes and say, "You can't wear that." I finally said to him, "Sam, go to my store, pick out some shoes, pick out an outfit, whatever you want it's on me. He came in here last week and got himself a nice outfit. And I paid for it. Now he's all swag.

The toughest part of the job?

It's hard selling fall and winter wear in Arizona.

MY SECOND JOB

SIZE 'EM UP

SIX DAYS A WEEK **ADRIAN WILSON** IS ALL ABOUT KNOCKING PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR SHOES. ON THE SEVENTH DAY, HE FLIPS THE SCRIPT. *By Stacey Pressman*

A hard-hitting NFL safety opens a trendy boutique in Arizona because ...

It was something I wanted to do. But I'm not sure everyone else wanted me to do it—my business manager, wife and everyone else who is close to me. We opened the shop at the beginning of the recession four years ago, so the first year or two was tough. We had to figure out who we were, find our identity.

And you have the time to do this how, exactly?

I only pop in every Tuesday during the season, just to see how everything is going. How last week was, how the weekend went. I want to make sure that everything in the store is fresh and up-to-date. So I really just look for the latest trends. I also want to make sure my employees grow outside of the store, not have the store be their life.



The obvious call: Naming the store after yourself. Your call: High Point. Explain, please.

The shop isn't about me. It stands on its own. So it's not the Adrian Wilson store; it's High Point because my hometown is High Point, N.C. I'm proud of where I'm from.

Tuesday in season? You'll find Wilson at High Point.