

bEast Texas Legend Adrian Peterson Returns for 12th Season

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Palestine HS alum Adrian Peterson signs with Washington Redskins, the RB's fourth NFL team. (Photo: Nick Walters)

The man who put Palestine on the map is now off to our nation's capital.

Adrian Peterson is headed to the Washington Redskins on a 1-year/\$1 million deal, announced after the running back's workout at team facilities on Monday.

Everything happens for a reason. Wait on God and trust in him. He wants the best for us! He wants to take us from glory to glory, and from victory to victory. [#faith](#) [#believe](#) [#redskins](#) [#allday](#)
pic.twitter.com/cZmzWoorLj

— Adrian Peterson (@AdrianPeterson) [August 21, 2018](#)

After injuries to projected starter **Derrius Guice** in a preseason contest versus the Patriots, talent in the Washington's running back room became scarce. So when **Samaje Perine** and **Byron Marshall** went down versus the Jets, the lack of depth in the 'Skins backfield had become too scary to ignore.

While the Redskins hosted former Chiefs star **Jamaal Charles** and ex-Giant **Orleans Darkwa** for interviews, 7-time Pro Bowler and 2012 NFL MVP **Adrian Peterson** looked too impressive in workouts to not bring on board.

The signing wasn't just music to the ears of the 33-year-old rusher, but to the Texas High School Football community.

Adrian Peterson as a HS senior.
2,960 yds, 32 TDs, 11.7 yds/carry.
Signed autographs for other team.
A MAN AMONG BOYS. pic.twitter.com/1tOVDzoJGe
— Nick Walters (@NickWaltersTV) [August 20, 2018](#)

A Palestine, Texas native, Peterson raised the eyebrows of every recruiter in college football recruiter in the country when he exploded onto the scene in high school. The 5-star recruit dominated competition to such a ridiculous level that his name is still mentioned to this day in conversations regarding the rare breed of teenagers physically able to forego college and go pro.

Forget position, sport, or age.
Play with this level of WANT-TO.
It will be impossible to fail. <https://t.co/dzhZUdntf7>
— Nick Walters (@NickWaltersTV) [August 9, 2018](#)

After breaking records at the University of Oklahoma and defying all odds for the Minnesota Vikings, Peterson faced criticism on the free agent market since leaving the Vikes in 2016. An older rusher most believe to be far past his prime, "All Day" faces criticism and doubt as most rushers his age do. Peterson's doubters ignore the 2007 7th overall draft pick's still-intimidating 6'1" 217-pound frame, pointing at the power runner's declining yards-per-carry, averaging a lackluster 3.5 yards/carry as an Arizona Cardinal in 2017.

AP hears every word of the hate. But he's not phased.

[.@AdrianPeterson](#) on his doubters
"I just brush it off.
I continue to work.
I control my output." pic.twitter.com/kMSdMjaPWb
— Nick Walters (@NickWaltersTV) [August 21, 2018](#)

Will the "bEast Texas" native take another step towards retirement in a backfield committee alongside **Rob Kelley** and company?

Or will the future hall-of-famer deliver as the Redskins' premier rusher under head coach **Jay Gruden** and return to All-Pro form?

If you ask Peterson — "Without a doubt."

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