

SYDNEY "SID" JUSTIN



THE MIRACLES

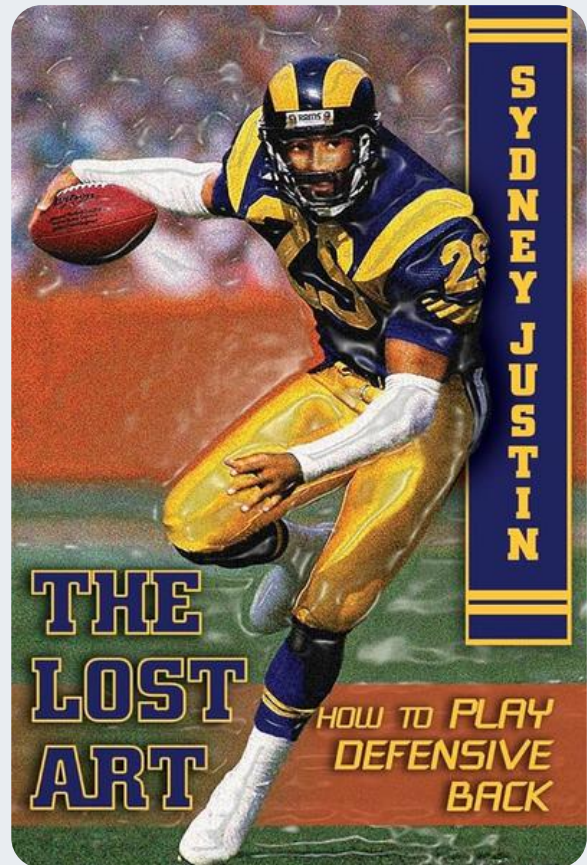
HS AND COLLEGE

- Justin attended Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles, California, being a gymnast rather than a football player.
- Following a HS concert, where Sid performed, the management of The Miracles, hearing his voice range, approached him about replacing Smokey as the front man of The Miracles. Sid declined, stating he was pursuing his Football career.
- Crenshaw did not have a Football team, undaunted, Sid organized sandlot games between The Bloods and The Crips. These mortal enemies peacefully united on the vacant lots of West LA.
- During his HS Senior year, the HS athletic director received and hid a small stack of scholarship offers for Sid. As a result, Sid ended up to a small college, Los Angeles Southwest College.
- He started attending Los Angeles Southwest College in 1973 after his graduation from Crenshaw and was convinced by his friends to begin playing football.
- He was a starter as both a freshman and sophomore, before transferring to Long Beach State in 1975.
- He saw extensive playing time in his first year at Long Beach State and became a starter for his senior season.
- Justin was named All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association in his last year at cornerback.



NFL CAREER

Graduating from a small collage resulted in Sydney failing to get any opportunities to try out with NFL teams. One fateful week, presented Sid with a serious dilemma, facing a new offer from The Miracles and the prospect of him giving up on his NFL dreams. Undaunted, Sid, resolved to bet it all on football. He declined the offer again from The Miracles and in desperation, snuck on the practice field of the LA Rams. On his second day, the players confronted him with questions about who he was and his authorization to be on the field. Sydney confessed he had trespassed out of a sincere desire to show his stuff.



The players pivoted and became his proponent. They called The Rams player development head and urged him to watch this new kid in action. Figuring he was being punked, he reluctantly came to practice and had Sid run some drills. When Sid turned around to ask him his impression, the player development guy had disappeared. Sid spent the week holding his breath, having declined The Miracles and not knowing his NFL fate. At the end of the week, the call came from the Rams and Sid was signed. That year, The Rams went to the Super Bowl, and so did Sid.

NFL CAREER

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL AND COACHING CAREER

- Justin went undrafted in 1977 NFL Draft and spent the season as a free agent.
- In 1978, he trained with Los Angeles Rams players and earned an invite to the minicamp.
- Advised to play for the minor league Southern California Rhinos, he impressed, leading to the Rams signing him for 1979.
- Despite being considered a long shot, he impressed during preseason.
- Played 13 games for the Rams in 1979, scoring his only career touchdown.
- Waived by the Rams in 1980, briefly joined Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.
- Signed with Buffalo Bills in 1981 but was released due to injury.
- Played for Baltimore Colts in 1982 before suffering a season-ending injury.
- Briefly with Kansas City Chiefs before joining Los Angeles Express in 1984.
- Transitioned to coaching after his playing career.



MUSIC CAREER

- Justin participated in talent shows during high school and worked briefly with singer Candi Staton.
- He auditioned for The Miracles in 1978 but declined the offer to focus on football.
- Justin contributed to movie soundtracks, including "Shout" and "Shama Lama Ding Dong" in Animal House.
- During his football career, he sang and wrote songs in the offseason.
- He joined Shalamar as lead singer in 1987, replacing Howard Hewett.
- Justin worked with Babyface and L.A. on producing the album Circumstantial Evidence.
- He later produced for the Lambada soundtrack and performed with Bobby Brown.
- Justin performed in concerts with various groups including The Gap Band and Earth, Wind & Fire.
- In 1990, he wrote, produced, and performed on Shalamar's album Wake Up.
- Justin joined The Miracles in 1993 and became their lead singer, performing at various venues and TV shows.
- He has sung The Star-Spangled Banner for the NFL on multiple occasions.



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MIRACLES FOR HEROES

In 2016, Sid and Mari launched a not for profit and produced over 40 concerts at Veterans facilities across the country.



CELEBRITY LIFE



FAMILY TIMES

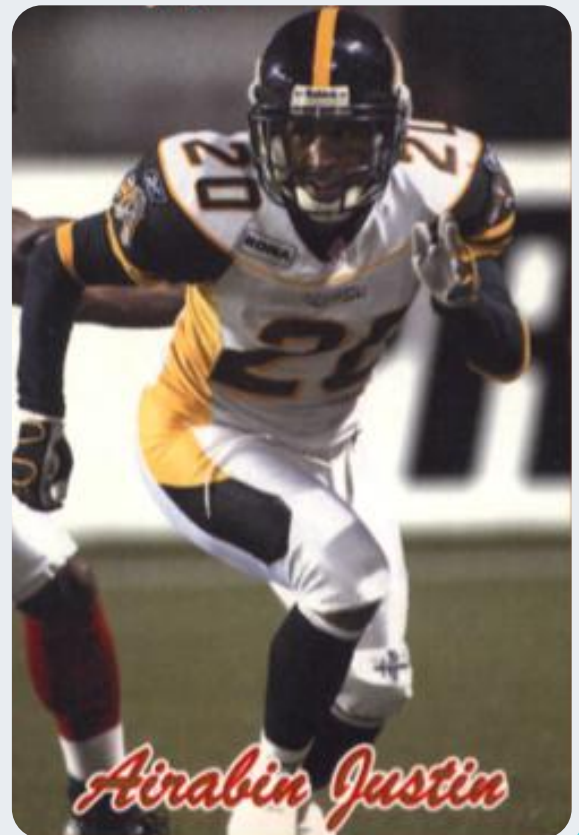


Sid's entire family has both musical and football in their life experience. His 2 brothers, Tyrone and Kerry both played professional football and sang with The Miracles.

Kerry Justin

LEGACY

Airabin Justin shared his father's passion for football. He played professionally. Now, as a HS coach, his leadership has helped over 90 students received scholarships to college.



Airabin Justin - Son