## Daryl Johnston The USFL's New Owner

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The 2023 USFL season kicks off April 15 and Sports Broadcaster Daryl Johnston is the new owner of the USFL. Johnston is now the President of USFL football operations. Sports Illustrated and Forbes broke the news Thursday.

Johnston is a three-time Super Bowl champion who played for the Dallas Cowboys. Johnston fills former Presidents Brian Wood's shoes. Woods stepped down because of entrepreneurship opportunities.

Johnston previously worked as Vice President and helped Woods oversee the USFL. Johnston will now be involved in scouting, video, equipment and field conditions. The USFL will play games in Detroit, Canton and Memphis this season.

Johnston has experience managing football teams. In 2018, Johnston served as general manager for the Antonio Commanders. Johnston was also the director of player personnel for the Dallas Renegades.

Johnston likes how the USFL gives players opportunities to make a name for themselves. Cowboy's punt/kick returner KaVontae Turpin played in the USFL last spring. Turpin was named the MVP of the USFL. Turpin signed a three-year contract with the Cowboys. Turpin scored two touchdowns in 2022.

Johnston loves the game of football. Johnston has stuck around the gridiron since he retired in 1999. Johnston said, "I love the game of football. It's given me more than I could've ever imagined, and I always feel like I need to be an ambassador for the game."

Johnston has called multiple NFL games and is a respected broadcaster. Sports Broadcaster Kenny Albert said, "He is a really smart guy, always been well-organized."

Johnston was a talented player during his career. Johnston recorded 2,227 receiving yards and scored 14 receiving touchdowns. Johnston also carried the ball 232 times, recorded 753 rushing yards and scored 8 rushing touchdowns.

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