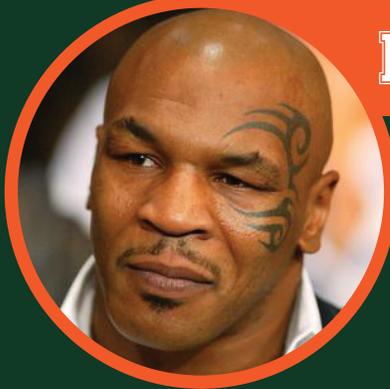


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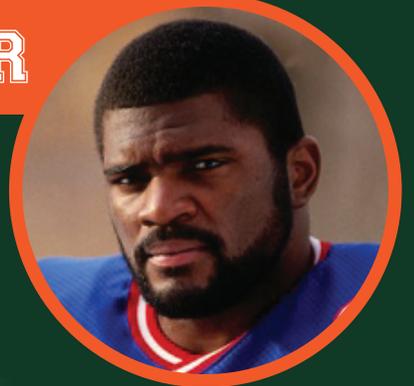


MIKE TYSON

Though he made more than \$300 million throughout his legendary and storied career, the complicated boxer-turned-Broadway-star squandered his money on expensive mansions, gaudy jewelry, Bentleys, and even a Bengal tiger. He filed for bankruptcy in 2003, turning to exhibition matches to help pay off his debts. After battling drug addiction and felony charges through the years, Tyson recently declared himself completely out of bankruptcy and financially stable.

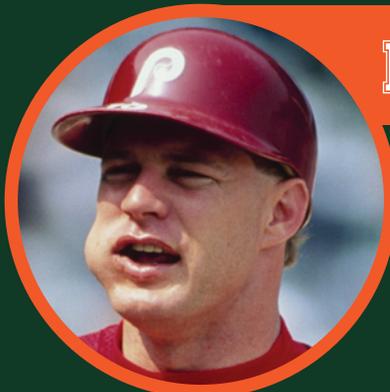
LAWRENCE TAYLOR

The former New York Giant and Dancing With The Stars contestant filed for bankruptcy in 1998 despite earning an estimated \$50 million in his 12-year career. Battling drug addiction and legal problems after football, he made a comeback in 2009, only to plead guilty to sexual misconduct with a minor in 2011.



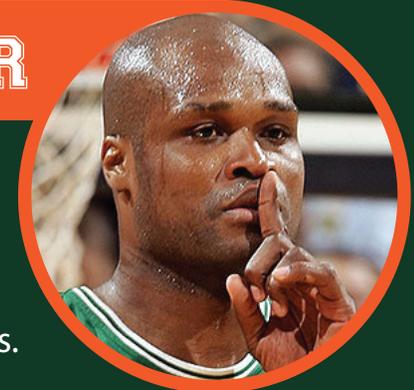
LENNY DYKSTRA

Nicknamed "Nails" for his tough personality and fearless playing style, Dykstra made baseball history for the Mets and Phillies. After injuries took him out of baseball, he tried his hand at a number of failed business ventures. His empire crumbled under fraud charges and failing to pay bills, leading Dykstra to file for bankruptcy in 2008. Dykstra's reputation was further marred by allegations of sexual harassment from his employees and bouncing a check to escort/porn star Monica Foster.



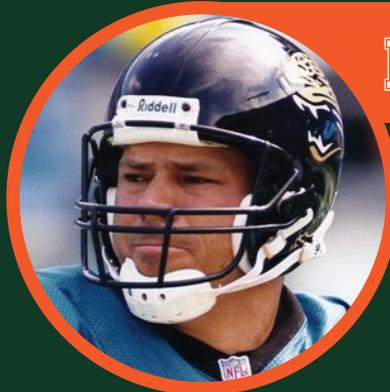
ANTOINE WALKER

The former NBA champion and All-star earned \$110 million in salary over a 12-year career, but filed for bankruptcy in 2010. He lived lavishly, supported a large entourage, and racked up huge gambling debts. Walker is currently associated with a firm that aims to help professional athletes make better financial decisions.



MARK BRUNELL

The ex-NFL quarterback earned \$50 million, but lost it all on bad investments. He was a partner in Champion LLC, which lost big when the real estate bubble burst. He also missed on a failed Whattaburger franchise. He filed for bankruptcy in 2011 with \$24.8 million in debts and only \$5.5 million in assets. Brunell is currently earning income from a children's football camp and a medical sales position.



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