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## NEW DISPLAY HONORS N.C. NATIVE DWIGHT CLARK

Star of “The Catch” commemorated in NC Sports Hall of Fame



**RALEIGH, N.C.** — Dwight Clark, the NFL receiver who made one of the most memorable plays in NFL history ([“The Catch” with Joe Montana on January 10, 1982](#)) and jump-started the [San Francisco 49ers’](#) dynasty, may be associated with the West Coast. But to us, this native son and winner of two Super Bowl titles will always be a North Carolinian.

To honor this spectacular Kinston native—who tragically lost a battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in June 2018 at the age of 61—the [North Carolina Sports Hall Of Fame](#) will dedicate a case to Clark on Thursday, September 6. Scheduled for display on the first day of 2018’s NFL regular season, the case includes a commemorative helmet, signed by Dwight Clark and Joe Montana, as well as the *Sports Illustrated* cover image of the “The Catch” from 1982.

The [North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame](#) (NCSHOF), with 351 members, was established in 1963 and is located at the [North Carolina Museum of History](#).

Clark was born in Kinston in 1957, graduated from Garinger High School in Charlotte, and went on to play football at Clemson University. He was drafted by the 49ers in 1979 and spent his

entire nine-year career there, winning two Super Bowl titles and going to two Pro Bowl all-star games. Clark was inducted into the NCSHOF in 1997.

During the 2018–2019 NFL season, the 49ers will pay tribute to Clark by wearing his jersey number, the number 87, on their helmets. An 87 will also mark the end zone, where he made The Catch, and a statue of the play will be unveiled during the October 21 game against the Los Angeles Rams.

**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

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**Image- Helmet**

Commemorative helmet, signed by Dwight Clark and Joe Montana. Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History.

**About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate**

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

**About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office, and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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