



Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Xavier Worthy (1) had a long run and was tackled by Baltimore Ravens safety Kyle Hamilton (14) in the second half at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, in Kansas City.

# Chiefs’ Xavier Worthy has intriguing way of putting team goals before his own

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The Chiefs’ lopsided win last month over the Ravens showed what an impact wide receiver Xavier Worthy can have on the team’s offense. Worthy led the Chiefs in rushing yards (38) and receiving yards (83) in the game, his first since being injured early in the season opener. While on “The Rich Eisen Show,” Worthy was asked if he had spoken with Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce about their

collision in the first game that resulted in the injury. “Yeah, me and Trav definitely talked about, I mean, Trav is my guy, and Trav knows that like, regardless, it’s football,” Worthy said. “It happens, so never want to put that on Trav. So it’s just always good to have somebody like that in your corner.” Worthy essentially missed three games to start the season, which could have put a dent in any preseason goals he’d set for himself. But Worthy explained that he no longer thinks

about his personal statistics, and he offered an intriguing reason for that. “I feel like writing down personal goals was something that kind of made me focus on just not my teammates and not being a team player,” Worthy said. “I feel like my main goal this year is just being the best teammate that I could be and being the best person I could be.” One other great tidbit from the interview was Worthy talking about how coach Andy Reid encourages the players to let their personalities show.

Eisen asked if Reid frowned upon the dances the Chiefs receivers like to do at practice. Far from it. Reid actually busted out a Tyquan Thornton move during a team meeting a week ago. “Nah, he’s kind of getting into it now,” Worthy said. “He was doing a little dancing in the meeting this morning.” Man, that’s video fans need to see. Video of the full conversation between Worthy and Eisen can be found on YouTube.

## Stanford scores \$50M donation to football program

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A former Stanford football player has donated a record \$50 million to the program, the school announced Wednesday. The donation from Bradford M. Freeman is the largest individual gift in Cardinal football history, outside of facilities. It is a massive windfall for Stanford general manager Andrew Luck and new athletic director John Donahoe as they attempt to resurrect the moribund program. The Cardinal have finished 3-9 in each of the past four seasons. “With Brad’s incredible gift, we are positioned to win on the field and build a bridge to a sustainable future for Stanford football,” Luck said in a statement. “The ability to support our players through new scholarships and institutional NIL will reinforce Stanford as the pre-eminent place in the country to be a football scholar-athlete.” Freeman graduated from Stanford in 1964 and has been a major donor to the school for decades. The school plans to name a tunnel and gate at Stanford Stadium after Free-

man, who previously funded the nation’s first endowed head coach position at the school in 1988. Luck, the former Indianapolis Colts quarterback, became the GM in November 2024 and Donahoe was hired in July. “I believe that Stanford has the opportunity to be a leading program in college football, and we are entirely motivated to field championship-caliber teams,” Luck said. Stanford is currently seeking a full-time head coach, with former Colts and Carolina Panthers head coach Frank Reich handling the duties this season on an interim basis. The Cardinal (2-3, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) are trying to avoid a seventh consecutive losing season, not counting the pandemic-impacted 2020 season. Stanford has not been to a bowl game since the 2018 season. “This is a game-changing gift for Stanford,” campus president Jonathan Levin said. “Brad’s generosity and commitment to football will benefit our entire athletics department, as excellence in football will support success across all 36 varsity sports.”

## Tip line set up for reporting of NIL violations

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The College Sports Commission launched a tip line for reporting potential NIL violations on Wednesday. The commission called it an important information-gathering tool as it oversees thousands of name, image and likeness deals that have transformed the college sports landscape. “One of the foundational aspects of any compliance program is reporting methods,” CSC CEO Bryan Seeley told The Associated Press. “And it’s important to have reporting methods that people feel comfortable using, which often involves providing anonymous reporting.” Student-athletes, coaches, administrators and others can call (571) 576-2272 or submit anonymous reports via text message, email or web form at [www.collegesportscommission.org/report](http://www.collegesportscommission.org/report). All phone numbers and identifying information are masked to protect the reporter’s identity, according to the CSC. The CSC has contracted with the technology firm RealResponse, which offers similar reporting tools for issues relevant to the

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, NFL Players Association, Major League Baseball and others. “Since NIL has become a reality, it has heightened the opportunity for bad behavior and cheating to occur in college athletics,” RealResponse founder and CEO David Chadwick said, per the AP. “Everyone agrees the rules need to be followed, there needs to be accountability and enforcement. The reality is that for that to happen, there have to be reporting mechanisms in place and there has to be good technology that allows people who want to report anonymously to do so.” The watchdog CSC was created out of this summer’s \$2.8 billion antitrust settlement between former Arizona State swimmer Grant House and the NCAA and the nation’s five biggest athletic conferences. The CSC examines third-party NIL deals worth \$600 or more that are submitted through its “NIL Go” app. As of last month, it said it had approved more than 6,000 deals valued at more than \$35 million.

# NFL fines Jones \$250K for obscene gesture

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The NFL fined Dallas Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones \$250,000 for making an obscene gesture – which he later called inadvertent – toward fans during the team’s road win Sunday against the New York Jets, according to multiple media reports on Tuesday. Jones was shown in viral video on social media in his box at MetLife Stadium, N.J., pointing toward

fans and then giving the middle finger. He explained on Tuesday on his radio show that the finger was an accidental response to Cowboys fans celebrating quarterback Dak Prescott’s fourth touchdown pass in the 37-22 victory in East Rutherford, N.J. “That was unfortunate. That was kind of an exchange with our fans out in front of us,” Jones said on 105.3 The Fan. “There was a swarm of Cowboys fans out in front -- not Jets

fans, Cowboys fans. The entire stadium was brimming with enthusiasm of Cowboys and certainly late in the game. “(The gesture) was inadvertent on my part because that was right after we made our last touchdown, and we were all excited about it,” Jones said. “There wasn’t any antagonistic issue or anything like that. I just put up the wrong show on the hand. That was inadvertently done. I’m not kidding. If you want to call

it accidental, you can call it accidental. But it got straightened around pretty quick. I had a chance to look at it. It got straightened out pretty quick, but the intention was ‘thumbs up,’ and basically pointing at our fans because everybody was jumping up and down excited.” The Cowboys (2-2-1) on Sunday visit the Carolina Panthers (2-3), whose owner, David Tepper, was fined \$300,000 for throwing a drink toward Jacksonville Jaguars fans during a 2023 game. The league also fined Bud Adams, then the owner of the Tennessee Titans, \$250,000 in 2009 for waving middle fingers at Buffalo Bills fans.

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