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MY REAL JOB WASN'T when I was out practicing or playing football. My real job was when I went home, when I had to be dad and husband and leader of the household.

No matter if you're gifted or not, you still have to put in the work.

I wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing without the God-given ability to run fast, jump high and smack people in the mouth.

I never settled for what was. If I ran a 4.5 (in the 40-yard dash), if I ran a 4.4, if I ran a 4.3, I always felt I could run faster just because I was not settling for that being the fastest I could ever run.

If you settle for just being OK, you're never going to get any smarter or anything. You'll just be in a holding pattern.

I'm not really too much afraid of anything but to know that one day we're all going to get judged. I don't want to go to hell.

In the NFL you come in and there is no scholarship. They ain't there to watch your back. They are paying you money to get the job done, and if you can't, they'll replace you. Even if you can, they're still going to try to replace you.

I can't watch football now because I'm always analyzing it. I can pretty much tell you if it is going to be a run or a pass by what that guard is doing, or what that tackle is doing, or what that receiver is doing out there — he's got his left leg up instead of his right leg. That comes

from studying a lot of film. It comes from seeing what's going on.

Technique is pretty much everything — your position on the receiver, how do you have your hips, are you high on the backpedal, are you low on your backpedal, can you turn your hips and run?

You might not be the fastest, you might not be the biggest, but if you can out-technique the guy — I don't care how fast, and I don't care how big he is — you will beat him every time.

I wasn't one of those guys that had to try to belittle you on the field or something like that to get into your head. I just wanted to knock your head off. That's how I got into your head.

Look a man in his eyes, shake his hand, and stand on your word. That's all I do.

Man is going to be man.
Man is going to let you
down every time, and
if you grasp that and
grasp that no one is
perfect other than Jesus Christ then you can
get by with someone disappointing you and
just chalk it up to "that's life."

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More photographs of Brock Marion at unr.edu/silverandblue.

When the bullets are flying, there ain't no coaches out there.

There are always going to be problems, that is just how the world is. Now, if you can take that problem and learn to think and solve that problem, you've got the world pretty much licked.

From a conversation with Pat McDonnell and Ed Cohen Homecoming weekend. Marion, 36, who starred for Nevada from 1989-92, was inducted into the Nevada athletics Hall of Fame last fall.

Brock Marion

Jean Dixon



Safety

Cornerback

Kick returner

Wolf

Dolphin

Cowboy

Lion

All-Pro

Super Bowl champion

Interior designer

Blueberry farmer

Husband

Father of six

Philanthropist