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Jerry Rice Club 009 Super Host



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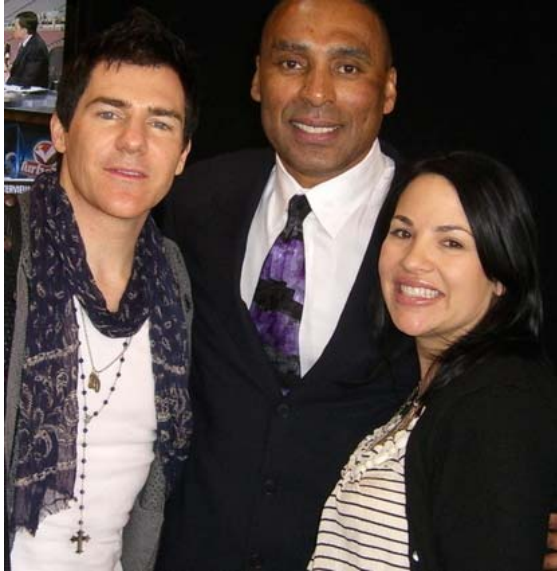
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Football legend **Jerry Rice** scored with the crowd at Club 009, a pigskin Pied Piper followed everywhere Sunday afternoon at Club 009, patiently answering every question, posing for at least 500 pictures, diplomatically dubbing the Cardinals "most deserving" to win. A spokeswoman for sponsor PrimetimeSport swore he was not paid for his generous three-hour host duty.

"I'm the black James Bond," Rice said, and you wanted to warn Daniel Craig to watch his back. During a 5 minute "Chalk Talk" with **Jesse Palmer**, he talked tactics and reality shows with **Roger Craig**, (above with **Don Miggs** and **Lisa DeBartolo Miggs**) **Vernon Davis**, **Laurence Maroney** and **Phillippi Sparks** (**Jordan's** dad and former New York Giant).

PrimeSport partnered with DeBartolo Sports and Entertainment to transform **Eddie DeBartolo's** hangar in Drew Park for the 1 p.m. party. A bar and buffet filled his Gulfstream 550's usual parking spot. (Neither the Jet nor Eddie were in Tampa on game day.) Sofas and tables rimmed the huge interior; hammocks and cabanas dotted the exterior. Deck chairs set up on piles of sand were a kick for the 'northerners.

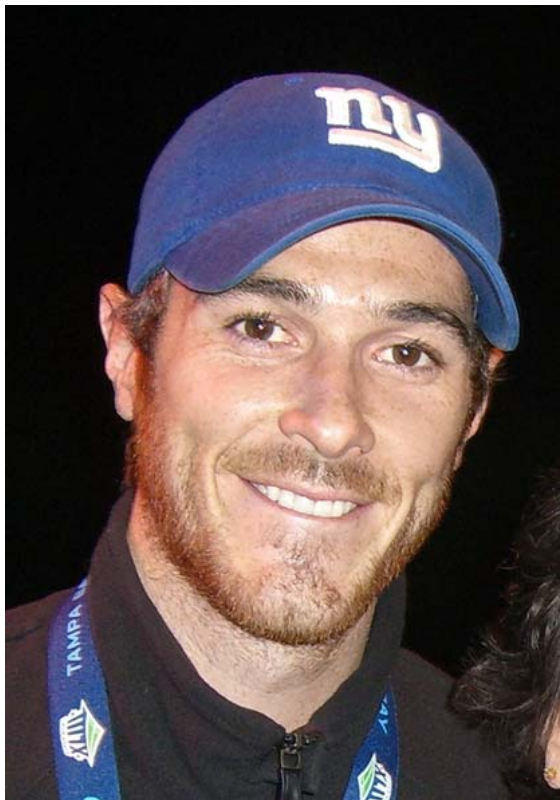
Tickets to the party were \$450, but most guests came on a package deal. (Steeler fans predominated but no fights broke out over brats, brisket or Bloody Marys).

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DJ Rekkha took a break for Miggs band, led by DeBartolo son-in-law **Don Miggs**, rocking out to *Perfect*, currently No. 1 single by an independent artist. That's when Rice and **Candy DeBartolo** showed off 'Star quality dancing.



Suddenly, a couple of linebacker types cleared a path for real-life brothers, the **Lachey boys, Nick and Drew**, plus pal **Jimmie Johnson**, and two "acting" brothers, **Dave Annable** and **Matthew**

Rhys who play Justin and Kevin Walker on ABC's hit show, *Brothers and Sisters*. All five guys were surprising amenable to smiling for the multitude of cameras.

Promptly at four, a line started the four block hike east to RayJay stadium. By 4:30 p.m. the lamb chops, paella, pork loin and grouper were gone; trucks were loading and the hangar was ...an empty airplane hangar.

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