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April 17, 2015



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NFL players and fans have had reactions towards the NFL hiring female referee Sarah Thomas.



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Meet Sarah Thomas, NFL's first female official zipzp.eu/?a=9RF8NP #ESPN

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Sarah Thomas started officiating high school football in 1999 before moving up to officiating Conference USA football games.



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Congratulations to Sarah Thomas on being the first female NFL Official.

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There's no need to review this call. Sarah Thomas (1st female [#NFL](#) official) is FEARLESS [#fearlessfemalefriday](#)

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Some critics believe Thomas's hire will break down the gender barrier in male-dominated sports.



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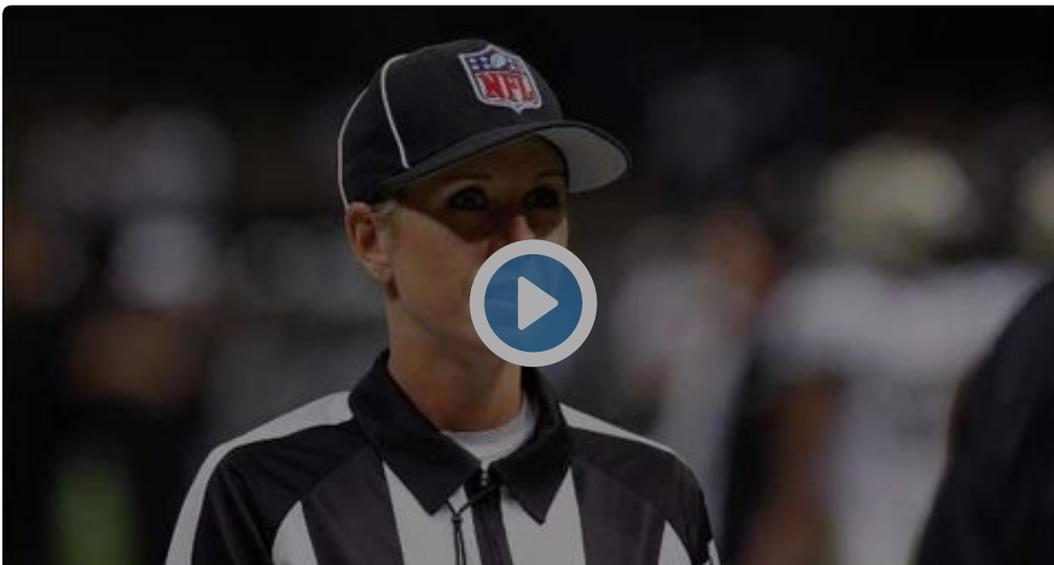
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It is not unusual for Sarah to make a breakthrough doing something she loves. She also was the first woman to officiate a major college and bowl game. So being around and working in an overwhelmin...

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Congrats to Sarah Thomas, as she has become the 1st female ref in NFL history. You are def a [#womancrushingwednesday](https://twitter.com/hashtag/womancrushingwednesday).

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I am rooting for Sarah Thomas to make it as an NFL referee, women deserve these opportunities for careers in sports [the-broad-side.com/mother-of-thre...](#)

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Sen'Derrick Marks vocally questioned the NFL's motives for Thomas's hire.



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The NFL has been criticized for Thomas's hire by players and social media, claiming that it a publicity stunt to gain back its female audience.



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news.yahoo.com/nfl-hires-sara... via @YahooNews

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From yesterday: Don't call Sarah Thomas's hiring as the NFL's first female official a publicity stunt. dlvr.it/9Jc0f2

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Female NFL official's hiring is no stunt

Sarah Thomas, who will break the NFL's officiating gender barrier this season, plans to try to blend in and be judged on her performance.

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She will start officiating in upcoming 2015 NFL season.

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