



second highest on the team. He missed the last few games of his fourth season due to an injury, but headed quickly and responded in the final 17 games, finishing with 11 tackles.

Meanwhile, KC and Antram welcomed a baby boy, a little brother to the son they had from previous relationships, and also Antram's three sons and one daughter.

In this time the couple was engaged and planning a wedding for the summer of 2008, but once again, his schedule and job kept him from being able to attend.

Then, in 2008, he was signed again, this time more seriously. He was his partner's (former) number one. He needed to rest for two months but he even began rehabilitating. The wedding was postponed once more.

Fast forward to June 26, 2009, at Ash Park Pavilion, where Antram finally walked down the aisle in front of stretched, twenty-year friends and family ones to meet his bride—without so much as a hiccup.

The planning of the ceremony and reception, once finally scheduled, had taken place at warp speed. "Alexandros Christomatos of 28, we just decided we needed to do this," KC laughs. "But we had barely six months to make the arrangements." In wedding speak, a mere blink of an eye. So KC called wedding planner Dora Marnold of Viva Bella Events.

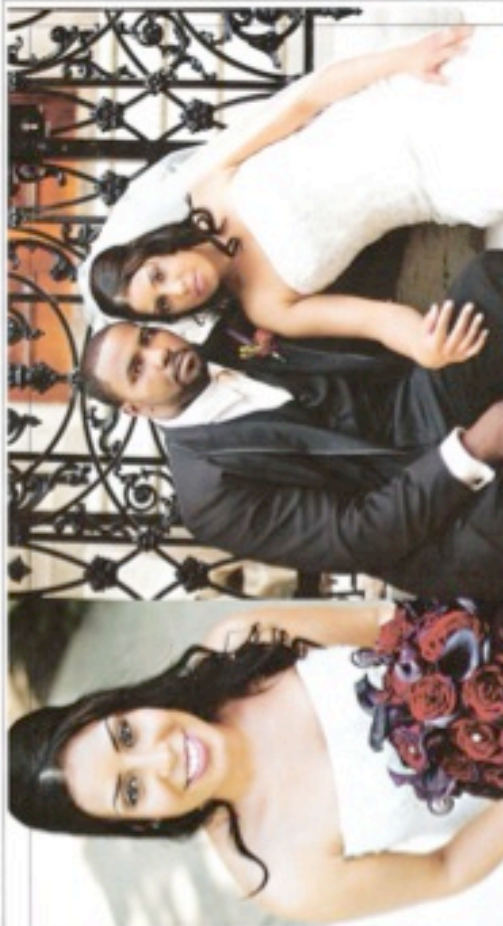
"I was stressed out about making even the smallest decisions," she recalls. "But Dora did a wonderful job of handling everything. I never had to worry about a thing."

She'll keep since found her gown—a normal-style strapless with intricate beading—at Bridal and Formal in Reading. "I knew it was the one from the moment I put it on," she admits. "But I kept trying other dresses. It took a lot of walking down on TV, and I thought that's what I was supposed to do!"

KC also knew that she wanted a multi-ritual-style ceremony with a lot, modern, upbeat reception. "I wanted everyone to be formal and reserved at Ash Park, and then walk into The Blossoms and see, 'Wow!' So I was very specific about flowers and table decorations not being all matching. The centers were arranged casually just as, with guests who scattered around like daisies, Congrats!"

She and Antram didn't need to look far to find their smallest wedding attendees. One flower girl (his). Five ring bearers (his, beyond their). Choreography was equally simple. The youngest boy (his) walked in front, with two pairs lined up behind him. The only song took place before the altar when due to a sudden growth spurt, one boy's pants were too short, leaving him just below the knees. Dora Marnold didn't let this Washburn and related event to grab a larger size.

Now, months later, the couple resides in Strongsville, near Cleveland. Antram is still a free agent, working on getting



back into his best shape. KC works as a personal trainer and a personal trainer fitness has become an important part of their married life.

Two men live with their full-time (then and then), with the other four kids (that) raising during summers, weekends and holidays.

And friends and family members still remember about that beautiful, long-awaited wedding and reception, how it was filled with so much joy and laughter, with no one ever quite, not even for a moment. "Everyone had such a great time," KC recalls. "They'll come up to me even today and ask, 'Do you remember this or that?'"

No, she doesn't, not really. Everything was such a blur, such a whirlwind. Meeting Antram, dating, falling in love, having a son, becoming engaged, dealing with injuries, planning a wedding and becoming a stepmother.

One day recently, KC realized that even though her bride gown's label to find the name of its designer. Curious, she searched for the receipt, only to find that it simply read, "Lana's Vintage." In other words, no specifics.

It seemed more than coincidental. When you find what you really, really want, you don't need to go looking around for external validation. You just need, smile and let life unfold. Sometimes it performs a miracle, or even a hiccup. That's when you discover that happiness has arrived in some unexpected wrapping. **CW**

staging the day

The following vendors created a dramatic wedding for KC and Antram.

WEDDING PLANNER

Dora Marnold, Viva Bella Events

PHOTOGRAPHER

Korinne Kane

BRIDAL GOWN

Lana's Vintage (Bridal, Bridal and Formal)

FLOWERS

Katie Eilers, Inspired Floral Design

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CEREMONY LOCATION

Ash Park Pavilion

RECEPTION LOCATION

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