

WATCH: Ex-NFL Player Makes Personal Sacrifice to Save Brother's Life

Family is thicker than football, and Ma'ake Kemoeatu just proved it when gave his younger brother a kidney after retiring from the NFL last year.

"I knew in my mind that he's fighting a kidney, and now he has to have heart surgery," Kemoeatu told CBS Sports. "I said to him, 'It's going to be OK.' I talked to him in football aspects. I said, 'All right, we're not going to get this in the first down, but we're fourth and long right now, and we have to go deep. We'll make it through the first down—the heart surgery, to the end zone—the kidney transplant.' "