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Vows

Tamika Thompson & Derrick Johnson
July 4, 2009

High school sweethearts **Derrick Johnson**, of the Kansas City Chiefs, and **Tamika Thompson** were wed on the 4th of July at the University Baptist Church, near the University of Texas where Johnson held the position of linebacker and wore the #11 Longhorn jersey. Pastor Gaylon Clark from Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where Johnson attended services as an undergraduate, performed the ceremony. During the processional, the couple's 8-month-old son Derrick Johnson, Jr., or "Deuce," was ushered down the aisle in a white wagon surrounded by roses. The reception was held at The Four Seasons Hotel on Lady Bird Lake with two hundred of the couple's friends and relatives in attendance. Red Velvet Events transformed the Four Seasons ballroom into a high-end hip-hop style nightclub. Instead of a band, DJ Rapid Ric, who has recorded with Grammy-winner Chamillionaire, spun tunes in front of an LED screen. According to the bride, some of her favorite memories from the night were the "toasts from good friends and [the couple's] grand exit," during which guests tossed white feathers instead of rice tying into the night's motif, inspired by diamonds and peacocks. **C. Harrold** photography by

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1 Cake by Simon Lee Bakery. **2** "Something blue" was a pair of Manolo Blahniks. **3** Heather Banks of Eclectic Images captured every detail. **4** The party dress was a Stephen Yearick gown embellished with ostrich feathers. **5** Flowers by Floral Renaissance.

