

Starting from the Bottom

More 'Other' Leaguers Who Worked Their Way to the Top

Compiled by Steve Brainerd

This is the third installment in the list of players who graduated from pro football's minor leagues or independent teams (or in some cases, outlaw major leagues) to the majors – the NFL, the AFL of the 1960s, or the AAFC of 1946-49.

The teams listed for a given player are the last minor league or independent team he played with before moving to the majors, and then his first major league team after that. The great majority of these guys also played quite a few more years in one classification or the other, if not both.

Player	Pos	College	Teams
Mike Klotovich	HB	St. Mary's	44 S.F. Clippers 45 New York Giants
John Klumb	E	Washington St.	39 Cincinnati Bengals 40 Chicago Cardinals
Curt Knight	K	Coast Guard	68 Alexandria Sailors 69 Washington
Elmer Kolberg	E	Oregon State	39 Wilmington Clippers 40 Philadelphia
John Koniszewski	T	G. Washington	47 Wilmington Clippers 48 Washington
Stan Kosel	HB	Albright	39 Paterson Panthers 39 Brooklyn
Mike Kostiuk	G	Detroit Tech	41 Jersey City Giants 45 Detroit
Rich Kotite	TE	Xavier	67 Westchester Bulls 68 Pittsburgh
Emmett Kriel	C	Baylor	39 Wilmington Clippers 39 Philadelphia
Alvin Krueger	E	USC	45 Hollywood Bears 46 Los Angeles AAFC
John Ksionzyk	QB	St. Bonaventure	46 Scranton Miners 47 Los Angeles Rams
Bob Kuechenberg	G	Notre Dame	69 Chicago Owls 70 Miami
R. Kuechenberg	LB	Indiana	65 Phil. Bulldogs 67 Chicago
Ray Lamb	RB	South Carolina	67 Montreal Beavers 68 Denver
Les Lane	G	South Dakota	39 Union City Rams 39 Brooklyn
Jim Lankas	FB	St. Mary's	41 Newark Bears 42 Philadelphia
Grenny Lansdell	HB	USC	40 Jersey City Giants 40 New York Giants
Bill Larson	TE	Colorado State	76 Newton Nite Hawks 77 Detroit
Paul Larson	QB	California	56 Santa Cruz 57 Chicago Cardinals
Pete Larson	RB	Cornell	67 Alexandria Sailors 69 Washington
Lindy Lauro	FB	Pittsburgh	50 Jersey City Giants 51 Chicago Cardinals
Bill Lazetich	HB	Montana	39 Columbus Bullies 39 Cleveland Rams
Bill Leckonby	HB	St. Lawrence	39 Danbury Trojans 40 Brooklyn

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Jim LeClair	QB	C. W. Post	66 Montreal Beavers 67 Denver
Toy Ledbetter	HB	Oklahoma State	49 Paterson Panthers 50 Philadelphia
Monte Lee	LB	Texas	65 Mobile Tarpons 65 Baltimore
Charlie Leigh	RB	none	67 Norfolk Neptunes 68 Cleveland
George Lenc	C	Augustana	39 Union City Rams 39 Brooklyn
Reid Lennan	G	Maryland	46 Wilmington Clippers 47 Los Angeles AAFC
Lon Levanti	C	Illinois	50 Jersey City Giants 51 Pittsburgh
John Leyboldt	K	none	66 Alexandria Sailors 71 Buffalo
Don Lieberum	HB	Manchester	40 Jersey City Giants 42 New York Giants
Luther Lindon (Luke)	T	Kentucky	40 Boston Bears 44 Detroit
Allen Lindow	HB	Wash. (StL)	45 San Diego Bombers 45 Chicago Cardinals
Billie Line	DT	SMU	71 Roanoke Buckskins 72 Chicago
Bob Logel	E	none	49 Bethlehem Bulldogs 49 Chicago AAFC
Vince Lombardi	G	Fordham	38 Brooklyn Eagles 59 Green Bay (coach)
John Long	QB	Colgate	41 Newark Bears 44 Chicago Bears
Tom Longo	DB	Notre Dame	67 Mt. Vernon Bulls 69 New York Giants
John Lookabaugh	E	Maryland	46 Wilmington Clippers 47 Washington
Tom Louderback	LB	San Jose State	56 Santa Cruz 58 Philadelphia
Sid Luckman	QB	Columbia	39 Newark Bears 40 Chicago
Bob Lurtsema	DT	W. Michigan	66 Harrisburg Capitols 67 New York Giants
Del Lyman	T	UCLA	42 Hollywood Bears 44 Cleveland Rams
Dick Lyons	DB	Kentucky	69 Rich. Roadrunners 70 New Orleans
Ron Mabra	DB	Howard	73 Albany 75 Atlanta
Art Macioszczyk	FB	W. Michigan	48 Paterson Panthers 48 Washington
Charley Malone	E	Texas A&M	33 St. Louis Gunners 34 Boston Redskins
Dave Manders	C	Michigan State	63 Toledo Tornados 64 Dallas
Joe Maras	C	Duquesne	38 Boston Shamrocks 39 Pittsburgh
Andy Marefos	FB	St. Mary's	43 L.A. Bulldogs 46 Los Angeles AAFC
Joe Margucci	HB	USC	46 L.A. Bulldogs 47 Detroit
Vic Marino	G	Ohio State	46 Akron Bears 47 Baltimore AAFC
Louis Marotti	G	Toledo	41 Long Island Indians 43 Chicago Cardinals

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Phil Martinovich	T	Pacific	39 Cincinnati Bengals 39 Detroit
Joel Mason	E	W. Michigan	41 Milwaukee Chiefs 42 Green Bay
George Masters (Bob)	HB	Baylor	38 Wilmington Clippers 39 Pittsburgh
Walt Masters	QB	Pennsylvania	40 Wilmington Clippers 43 Chicago Cardinals
Riley Matheson	G	Texas-El Paso	39 Columbus Bullies 40 Cleveland Rams
Ned Mathews	HB	UCLA	45 L.A. Bulldogs 46 Chicago AAFC
John Matlock III	C	Miami	66 Jersey City 67 New York Jets
Harry Mattos	HB	St. Mary's	36 Cleve. Rams (AFL) 37 Cleve. Rams (NFL)
Carl Mauck	C	Illinois	69 Harrisburg Capitols 70 Miami
Charlie McBride	QB	Washington St.	36 Syracuse Braves 36 Chicago Cardinals
Don McCafferty	E	Ohio State	47 Jersey City Giants 70 Baltimore (coach)
Tom McCann	DT	Princeton	69 Long Island Bulls 69 New York Giants
Len McCormick	C	Baylor	47 Wilmington Clippers 48 Baltimore AAFC
Jim McDonald	HB	Duquesne	36 Paterson Panthers 36 Pittsburgh
Ed McGee	T	Temple	40 New York Yankees 44 Boston Yanks
F. McPherson (Aimee)	C	Nebraska	34 St. Louis Blues 35 Chicago Bears
Pete Mehringer	G	Kansas	36 L.A. Bulldogs 36 Chicago Cardinals
Ed Meixler	LB	Boston U.	65 Holyoke Bombers 65 Boston Patriots
Hartwell Menefee	DB	New Mexico St.	66 Scranton Miners 66 New York Giants
Ed Merkle	G	Oklahoma St.	42 S.F. Packers 43 Chicago Bears
Ed Merlin	G	Vanderbilt	39 Newark Bears 39 Brooklyn
Dick Mesak	T	St. Mary's	41 S.F. Packers 45 Detroit
Ed Michaels (Whitey)	G	Villanova	42 Wilmington Clippers 44 Philadelphia
Ralph Miller (Primo)	T	Rice	36 L.A. Bulldogs 37 Cleveland Rams
Randy Minniear	RB	Purdue	67 Mt. Vernon Bulls 68 New York Giants
Kelly Moan	HB	West Virginia	38 Jersey City Giants 39 Cleveland Rams
Dick Moje	E	Loyola (L.A.)	50 Richmond Rebels 51 Green Bay
Keith Molesworth	HB	Monmouth	30 Ironton Tanks 31 Chicago Bears
Ray Monaco	G	Holy Cross	41 Churchill Pros 44 Washington
Regis Monahan	G	Ohio State	39 Columbus Bullies 39 Chicago Bears
Tommy Mont	QB	Maryland	47 Wilmington Clippers 48 Washington

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Bill Montgomery	HB	LSU	46 Bethlehem Bulldogs 46 Chicago Bears
Bill Moore	E	North Carolina	38 L.A. Bulldogs 39 Detroit
Ken Moore	G	W.Va. Wesleyan	39 Jersey City Giants 40 New York Giants
Wayne Moore	T	Lamar Tech	69 Sacramento Capitols 70 Miami
Glenn Morris (Tarzan)	E	Colorado St.	40 Columbus Bullies 40 Detroit
Ray Morse (Butch)	E	Oregon	39 L.A. Bulldogs 40 Detroit
Bill Muellner	E	DePaul	37 New York Yankees 37 Chicago Cardinals
Herb Mul-key	RB	none	71 Atlanta Packers 72 Washington
Carl Mulleneaux (Moose)	E	N. Arizona	44 L.A. Mustangs 45 Green Bay
Lee Mulleneaux (Brute)	C	N. Arizona	37 Cincinnati Bengals 38 Chicago Cardinals