

# THE BOOKS THAT JUST WON'T DIE

## Updated rosters for 'Southern Exposure,' 'Minor Masterpiece'

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About a year ago I printed a collection of new and improved roster listings for one of my PFRA books. As I explained then, all the books I've done are never really "finished," in the sense that I'm always finding new bits of information here and there. In most cases, though, it's only minor stuff of little importance, even to me. But last year I found so many new listings in programs at the Hall of Fame library that I thought it wouldn't be fair to people who bought *A Minor Masterpiece, Vol. I* if I didn't print the new information in these pages.

And now history repeats itself.

This time the books involved are *A Minor Masterpiece, Vol. II* and *Southern Exposure*. The credit for these additions goes to Tod Maher, who's compiling a list of every player who was ever in an NFL camp. While combing through preseason rosters, he invariably comes across players who got cut and joined minor league teams.

Recently he attacked a collection of NFL rosters from the postwar era, and the result was a whole bunch of new information for the American Football League of 1946-50 and the Dixie League of 1946-47. I've listed all the players involved, organized by team and year. (Richmond, which played in both leagues in 1947, is listed in the Dixie League.)

As usual, the columns show a player's name, position, height, weight, age and college. I've reprinted the whole line for each guy, even if only one item is new.

### 1946 AFL

#### Akron Bears

|               |   |     |     |    |          |
|---------------|---|-----|-----|----|----------|
| Bill Johnson  | G | 6-0 | 207 | 25 | SMU      |
| Jack Karwales | E | 6-0 | 208 | 24 | Michigan |

#### Bethlehem Bulldogs

|            |    |     |     |    |           |
|------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----------|
| Leon Price | FB | 6-2 | 225 | 27 | Texas A&M |
| Bob Sostar | E  | 6-3 | 192 | 21 | none      |

#### Scranton Miners

|                |    |     |     |    |                 |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----------------|
| Ed Derringe    | C  | 6-2 | 205 | 25 | Georgetown      |
| Joe Stankevich | T  | 6-2 | 275 | 27 | St. Bonaventure |
| Frank Zabowski | FB | 5-9 | 205 | 26 | St. Bonaventure |

#### Paterson Panthers

|               |    |      |     |    |                       |
|---------------|----|------|-----|----|-----------------------|
| Joe Romo      | QB | 5-11 | 185 | 23 | Fresno State          |
| Frank Santora | HB | 5-10 | 170 | 20 | none                  |
| Stan Stasica  | B  | 5-10 | 175 | 25 | S. Carolina; Illinois |

#### Wilmington Clippers

|              |    |      |     |    |            |
|--------------|----|------|-----|----|------------|
| Frank Moock  | QB | 5-11 | 208 | 28 | LaSalle    |
| Chris Pavich | E  | 6-0  | 180 | 25 | Georgetown |

### 1947 AFL

#### Bethlehem Bulldogs

|                       |   |      |     |    |                |
|-----------------------|---|------|-----|----|----------------|
| Ulysses Cornogg (Jim) | T | 6-0  | 240 | 23 | Wake Forest    |
| Mike Kalosh           | E | 6-3  | 205 | 23 | Whitewater St. |
| Tom McGeoy            | G | 5-11 | 208 | 24 | Temple         |
| Vern Stiner           | T | 6-1  | 235 | 23 | Nebraska       |
| George Zember         | G | 5-11 | 208 | 25 | Colorado A&M   |

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### Jersey City Giants

|                   |    |      |     |    |                   |
|-------------------|----|------|-----|----|-------------------|
| Ed Benson         | FB | 6-3  | 214 | 22 | Fordham           |
| Bernie Fitzgerald | G  | 6-2  | 220 | 25 | Baylor            |
| Sam Gamble        | E  | 6-4  | 207 | 25 | West Virginia St. |
| Frank Santora     | B  | 5-10 | 170 | 21 | none              |

### Long Island Indians

|                  |    |     |     |    |            |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|----|------------|
| Roy Ericson      | E  | 6-0 | 205 | 26 | Villanova  |
| Eddie Ruzemberka | QB | 6-1 | 205 | 25 | Miami (FL) |

### Paterson Panthers

|                  |      |      |     |    |              |
|------------------|------|------|-----|----|--------------|
| Bill Baumgartner |      | 6-3  | 202 | 26 | Minnesota    |
| Dan Dalsandro    | G    | 5-10 | 192 | 25 | Detroit Tech |
| Jack Karwales    | E    | 6-0  | 210 | 25 | Michigan     |
| Don Kingery      | HB-E | 6-1  | 195 | 21 | Texas A&M    |
| Stan McRae       | E    | 6-3  | 235 | 28 | Michigan St. |
| Reed Nilson      | C    | 6-0  | 230 | 26 | BYU          |
| Herb Welchert    | T    | 6-0  | 240 | 29 | Creighton    |

### Wilkes-Barre Barons

|                    |    |      |     |    |                 |
|--------------------|----|------|-----|----|-----------------|
| Mike Kalosh        | E  | 6-3  | 205 | 23 | Whitewater St.  |
| Joe Kroll (Whitey) | HB | 5-10 | 187 | 25 | none            |
| Leon Price         | HB | 6-1  | 195 | 28 | Texas A&M       |
| Joe Stankevich     | T  | 6-3  | 301 | 28 | St. Bonaventure |
| Frank Zabowski     | QB | 5-10 | 215 | 27 | St. Bonaventure |

### Wilmington Clippers

|              |    |      |     |    |         |
|--------------|----|------|-----|----|---------|
| Frank Moock  | QB | 5-11 | 210 | 29 | LaSalle |
| Bobby Musick | QB | 6-0  | 196 | 23 | USC     |

### 1948 AFL

#### Bethlehem Bulldogs

|                     |   |      |     |    |             |
|---------------------|---|------|-----|----|-------------|
| Clyde Biggers (Red) | T | 6-5  | 255 | 23 | Catawba     |
| Bill Hoyt           | E | 6-2  | 208 | 26 | Wash.; UCLA |
| Tom McGeoy          | G | 5-11 | 218 | 25 | Temple      |

#### Paterson Panthers

|           |   |     |     |    |             |
|-----------|---|-----|-----|----|-------------|
| Bill Hoyt | E | 6-2 | 208 | 26 | Wash.; UCLA |
|-----------|---|-----|-----|----|-------------|

#### Richmond Rebels

|                     |     |     |     |    |               |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---------------|
| Paul Adams          | C   | 6-0 | 205 | 27 | Moorehead St. |
| Clyde Biggers (Red) | T   | 6-5 | 255 | 23 | Catawba       |
| Al Pietkiewicz      | E   | 6-1 | 195 | 24 | USF           |
| Paul Redfield       | T-G | 6-1 | 210 | 22 | Colgate       |

#### Wilmington Clippers

|               |    |     |     |    |                |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|----|----------------|
| Joe Dickerson | G  | 5-8 | 215 | 29 | Pennsylvania   |
| Roger Dughi   | QB | 6-0 | 195 | 27 | Rand.-Macon    |
| Joe Jurich    | T  | 6-2 | 240 | 23 | W. Chester St. |
| Ed Lovuolo    | T  | 6-3 | 240 | 23 | none           |
| Pete Mensick  | C  | 6-1 | 225 | 26 | Temple         |
| Frank Moock   | QB | 6-0 | 215 | 30 | Miami (FL)     |

#### Charlotte Clippers

|                   |    |     |     |    |                |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----------------|
| Carroll Blackwell | FB | 6-1 | 220 | 29 | South Carolina |
| Jim Hough         | FB | 6-1 | 200 | 24 | Clemson        |
| Nick Ognovich     | FB | 5-9 | 175 | 22 | Wake Forest    |

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### 1949 AFL

#### Bethlehem Bulldogs

|                |    |     |     |    |         |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---------|
| Bill Wehr      | G  | 6-1 | 205 | 24 | Denison |
| Harlan Dedrick | FB | 6-2 | 214 | 23 | Arizona |

#### Erie Vets

|                          |     |      |     |    |                          |
|--------------------------|-----|------|-----|----|--------------------------|
| Dom Berarducci (Blackie) | B   | 5-10 | 215 | 30 | none                     |
| Jim Breon                | G   | 6-2  | 220 | 25 | none                     |
| Steve Fortunato          | G   | 5-10 | 205 | 21 | Alabama                  |
| Hank Galla               | C-G | 5-11 | 208 | 31 | none                     |
| Owen Kelly               | E   | 5-9  | 195 | 22 | none                     |
| Paul Mortellaro          | T   | 6-0  | 230 | 26 | Florida                  |
| Reid Moseley             | E   | 6-0  | 180 | 25 | Georgia                  |
| Emil Papa                | T   | 6-3  | 245 | 25 | Georgia                  |
| Leo Rafferty             | C   | 6-0  | 210 | 26 | Lock Haven               |
| Deco Schwindt            | QB  | 5-8  | 175 | 23 | none                     |
| Chris Stefan             | QB  | 5-11 | 185 | 25 | Ohio U.                  |
| Don Zangara              | T   | 6-1  | 230 | 23 | Ohio St.; Youngstown St. |

#### Jersey City Giants

|                |   |      |     |    |              |
|----------------|---|------|-----|----|--------------|
| Frank Bausmith | B | 5-11 | 185 | 24 | none         |
| Mitch Holmgren | T | 6-2  | 230 | 23 | Trinity (CT) |
| Phil Prince    | T | 6-3  | 210 | 22 | Clemson      |

#### Paterson Panthers

|               |   |      |     |    |               |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|---------------|
| Gene Stempler | B | 5-11 | 204 | 24 | Montclair St. |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|---------------|

#### Richmond Rebels

|               |     |     |     |    |                           |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---------------------------|
| Paul Adams    | G-T | 6-0 | 220 | 28 | Moorehead St.             |
| Lynn Chewning | HB  | 6-0 | 205 | 23 | VMI; Navy; Hampden-Sydney |

#### Wilkes-Barre Bullets

|                 |     |     |     |    |         |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---------|
| Billy Constable | QB  | 5-9 | 185 | 25 | Ohio U. |
| Del Russell     | HB  | 6-1 | 190 | 22 | Indiana |
| Bill Wehr       | E-G | 6-1 | 195 | 24 | Denison |

#### Wilmington Clippers

|                       |     |      |     |    |                  |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|----|------------------|
| Brian Bell            | FB  | 6-1  | 205 | 23 | Washington & Lee |
| Stan Flowers          | E   | 6-3  | 210 | 25 | Redlands         |
| Joe Jurich            | T   | 6-3  | 246 | 24 | W. Chester St.   |
| Andy Lazor            | G-C | 6-0  | 190 | 23 | Washington St.   |
| Bill Pearson          | E   | 6-2  | 201 | 24 | Occidental       |
| Bob Polidor           | HB  | 5-10 | 180 | 25 | Villanova        |
| John Potskian (Potsy) | E   | 5-11 | 190 | 26 | Penn State       |
| Jim Reilly            | G   | 5-9  | 195 | 22 | Holy Cross       |
| Johnny Rogers         | E   | 5-11 | 212 | 24 | Temple           |
| Ed Toscani            | QB  | 5-11 | 183 | 24 | Dayton           |

#### Charlotte Clippers

|                   |    |      |     |    |                |
|-------------------|----|------|-----|----|----------------|
| Carroll Blackwell | B  | 6-1  | 220 | 30 | South Carolina |
| Jim Hunnicutt     | HB | 5-10 | 180 | 26 | South Carolina |
| Nick Ognovich     | FB | 5-9  | 175 | 23 | Wake Forest    |

### 1950 AFL

#### Brooklyn Football Brooks

|                     |    |      |     |    |              |
|---------------------|----|------|-----|----|--------------|
| George Bayer        | T  | 6-5  | 245 | 25 | Washington   |
| Dave Beeman         | E  | 6-5  | 215 | 23 | Dartmouth    |
| John DeLaurentis    | G  | 5-11 | 190 | 21 | Waynesburg   |
| Bill Pearson        | E  | 6-2  | 200 | 25 | Occidental   |
| Ralph Shoaf (Buddy) | HB | 5-10 | 190 | 25 | Virginia     |
| Nick Vodick         | HB | 6-2  | 195 | 28 | Northwestern |

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### Erie Vets

|                      |      |      |     |    |               |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|----|---------------|
| Jimmy Clark          | HB   | 6-1  | 185 | 25 | Ohio St.      |
| Franklin Ellis (Red) | E    | 6-2  | 195 | 22 | Denver        |
| Stan Flowers         | E    | 6-3  | 215 | 26 | Redlands      |
| Steve Fortunato      | G    | 5-10 | 210 | 22 | Alabama       |
| Paul Mortellaro      | T    | 6-0  | 225 | 27 | Florida       |
| Bob Orlando          | G    | 5-7  | 185 | 28 | Colgate       |
| Jim Thomas           | G    | 5-7  | 235 | 26 | Ohio St.      |
| Leroy Vogts          | G-T  | 6-0  | 230 | 24 | Wash. (StL)   |
| Jack Woodland        | FB-G | 5-10 | 205 | 24 | Bowling Green |

### Jersey City Giants

|                      |     |     |     |    |                |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----------------|
| Joe Diminick         | QB  | 5-8 | 165 | 22 | Boston College |
| Bob Griffin (Spider) | HB  | 6-0 | 180 | 22 | Baylor         |
| Gene Huebner         | C   | 6-4 | 240 | 26 | Baylor         |
| Roger McAuley        | G   | 6-4 | 225 | 22 | TCU            |
| Del Russell          | HB  | 6-1 | 190 | 23 | Indiana        |
| Joe Sabol            | T-G | 6-3 | 235 | 23 | Tennessee      |

### Paterson Panthers

|                  |     |      |     |    |                      |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|----|----------------------|
| Paul Campbell    | QB  | 6-1  | 185 | 24 | Texas                |
| Marvin Cross     | HB  | 5-11 | 195 | 24 | Washington St.       |
| John DeLaurentis | G-T | 5-11 | 190 | 21 | Waynesburg           |
| J.D. Ison        | E   | 6-1  | 190 | 22 | Georgia Tech; Baylor |
| Bob Sanders      | FB  | 6-1  | 200 | 22 | Oregon               |

### Richmond Rebels

|                     |    |      |     |    |                           |
|---------------------|----|------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| George Bayer        | T  | 6-5  | 245 | 25 | Washington                |
| Lynn Chewning       | HB | 6-0  | 195 | 24 | VMI; Navy; Hampden-Sydney |
| Jack Schulze        | G  | 6-0  | 220 | 25 | Trinity (TX)              |
| Ralph Shoaf (Buddy) | HB | 5-10 | 190 | 25 | Virginia                  |

### 1946 DFL

|                |   |      |     |    |                         |
|----------------|---|------|-----|----|-------------------------|
| Garry Feniello | G | 5-10 | 205 | 24 | Wake Forest; Pittsburgh |
|----------------|---|------|-----|----|-------------------------|

### Charlotte Clippers

|             |   |     |     |    |             |
|-------------|---|-----|-----|----|-------------|
| Dave Harris | E | 6-2 | 200 | 25 | Wake Forest |
|-------------|---|-----|-----|----|-------------|

### Greensboro Patriots

|                         |      |      |     |    |              |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----|----|--------------|
| Leonard Darnell (Dinky) | E    | 5-11 | 190 | 28 | Duke         |
| Roy Ericson             | E    | 6-0  | 205 | 26 | Villanova    |
| Jack Faubion            | E-FB | 6-0  | 205 | 26 | Oklahoma A&M |
| Truman Johnson (Chief)  | FB   | 5-9  | 210 | 27 | Centenary    |
| Lonnie Jones            | HB   | 5-9  | 190 | 26 | Oklahoma A&M |
| Pride Ratteree          | G    | 6-1  | 215 | 23 | Wake Forest  |

### Norfolk Shamrocks

|               |   |     |     |    |              |
|---------------|---|-----|-----|----|--------------|
| Stan McRae    | E | 6-3 | 235 | 27 | Michigan St. |
| Herb Welchert | C | 6-0 | 242 | 28 | Creighton    |

### Portsmouth Pirates

|               |   |      |     |    |          |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|----------|
| Joe Pawlowski | G | 5-11 | 210 | 27 | Illinois |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|----------|

### Richmond Rebels

|               |   |      |     |    |             |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|-------------|
| Frank Kapriva | G | 5-11 | 214 | 26 | Wake Forest |
|---------------|---|------|-----|----|-------------|

### 1947 DFL

#### Charlotte Clippers

|                   |    |     |     |    |                |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----------------|
| Carroll Blackwell | QB | 6-1 | 220 | 28 | South Carolina |
| Dave Harris       | E  | 6-2 | 200 | 26 | Wake Forest    |

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### Norfolk Shamrocks

|                       |   |     |     |    |       |
|-----------------------|---|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Wilder Collins (Toby) | T | 6-3 | 250 | 26 | Tulsa |
| Raymond Piotrowski    |   | 6-2 | 210 | 27 | none  |

### Portsmouth Pirates

|                      |   |      |     |    |          |
|----------------------|---|------|-----|----|----------|
| Irvis Holmes (Tubby) | G |      |     |    | Duke     |
| Joe Pawlowski        | G | 5-11 | 210 | 28 | Illinois |

### Richmond Rebels (also in AFL)

|                   |   |     |     |    |               |
|-------------------|---|-----|-----|----|---------------|
| Paul Adams        | C | 6-0 | 195 | 26 | Moorehead St. |
| John Kalita       | B | 6-0 | 205 | 25 | Kent State    |
| Bronco Kosanovich | C | 6-2 | 205 | 21 | Penn State    |
| Marty Rosepink    | T | 6-1 | 195 | 27 | Pennsylvania  |
| Tony Ruffa        | G | 5-9 | 220 | 30 | Duke          |

As you probably know, I'm always telling people how good these minor leagues of yesteryear were. In a way, this new information helps to back that up.

We know that virtually everybody listed here played in an exhibition game with an NFL team. Add them to all the guys who played in official NFL games, and it's pretty impressive, don't you think?