

# Starting from the Bottom

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

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This is the latest 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 – that is, 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.

<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Teams</b>
Nelson Munsey	DB	Wyoming	71 Norfolk Neptunes 72 Baltimore
Les Murdock	K	Florida St.	66 New Bedford 67 New York Giants
Chip Myers	WR	NW Okla. St.	68 Huntsville Hawks 69 Cincinnati
Ross Nagel	T	St. Louis	50 Paterson Panthers 51 N.Y. Yanks
Harvey Nairn	WR	Southern	68 Bridgeport Jets 68 New York Jets
Bob Naponic	QB	Illinois	69 Bartlesville T-birds 70 Houston
Andy Natowich	HB	Holy Cross	42 Holyoke 44 Washington
Steve Nemeth	HB	Notre Dame	47 Paterson Panthers 47 Baltimore AAFC
Allen Nichols	HB	Temple	40 Paterson Panthers 45 Pittsburgh
Walt Nielsen	FB	Arizona	39 Jersey City Giants 40 New York Giants
Jerry Niles	QB	Mississippi St.	46 Jersey City Giants 47 New York Giants
Jack Nix	FB	New Mexico St.	40 Paterson Panthers 40 Cleveland
George Nock	RB	Morgan St.	69 Bridgeport Jets 70 New York Jets
John Nosich	T	Duquesne	38 Boston Shamrocks 38 Pittsburgh
Walt Nowak	E	Villanova	40 Wilmington Clippers 44 Philadelphia
Bill O'Connor (Bucky)	G	Notre Dame	49 Bethlehem Bulldogs 51 New York Yanks
Johnny Oehler (Cap)	C	Purdue	36 Mt. Vernon Cards 36 Brooklyn
Earl Ohlgren	E	Minnesota	41 Milwaukee Chiefs 42 Green Bay
John Olenchak	LB	Stanford	80 Antioch Hornets 81 Kansas City
Vince Oliver	HB	Indiana	40 E. Chicago Indians 45 Chicago Bears
Glenn Olson	FB	Iowa	40 Kenosha Cardinals 40 Cleveland Rams
Tom O'Malley	QB	Cincinnati	50 Erie Vets 50 Green Bay

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Bill O'Neill	HB	Detroit	36 Brooklyn Tigers 37 Cleveland Rams
Elliott Ormsbee (Buzz)	HB	Bradley	46 Bethlehem Bulldogs 46 Philadelphia
Alton Owen	HB	Mercer	41 N.Y. Americans 41 New York Giants
Joe Owens	DE	Alcorn St.	69 Richmond 70 San Diego
Pete Owens	G	Texas Tech	38 Jersey City Giants 43 Brooklyn
Vince Pacewic	HB	USF	47 Wilmington Clippers 47 Washington
Vince Papple	WR	none	73 Aston Green Knights 75 Philadelphia
Gus Parham	DT	San Jose St.	80 Marysville Cougars 81 San Francisco
Ken Parker	DB	Fordham	69 Long Island Bulls 70 New York Giants
Mickey Parks	G	Oklahoma	41 Long Island Indians 46 Chicago AAFC
Gordon Paschka	FB	Minnesota	46 Jersey City Giants 47 New York Giants
Rupert Pate	G	Wake Forest	41 N.Y. Americans 42 Philadelphia
Jerry Patton	DT	Nebraska	71 Omaha Mustangs 72 Buffalo
Stan Pavkov	G	Idaho	38 Cincinnati Bengals 39 Pittsburgh
Larry Peace	HB	Pittsburgh	40 Buffalo Indians 41 Brooklyn
Win Pederson	T	Minnesota	40 Jersey City Giants 41 New York Giants
Woody Peoples	G	Grambling	65 Richmond Rebels 68 San Francisco
Don Perkins	HB	Wis.-Platteville	41 Milwaukee Chiefs 43 Green Bay
Pete Perrault	G	Boston Coll.	62 Grand Rapids 63 New York Jets
Mike Perry	QB	St. Mary's	39 Cincinnati Bengals 39 Cleveland Rams
Bill Peterson	LB	San Jose St.	67 San Jose Apaches 68 Cincinnati
Ray Peterson	HB	USF	37 Salinas Packers 37 Green Bay
Bill Petrilas	HB	Connecticut	42 Wilmington Clippers 44 New York Giants
George Phillips	HB	UCLA	44 L.A. Mustangs 45 Cleveland Rams
Lou Piccone	WR	W. Liberty St.	73 Bridgeport Jets 74 New York Jets
Joe Pilconis	E	Wash. & Jeff.	37 Paterson Panthers 37 Pittsburgh
Roger Pillath	T	Wisconsin	64 Canton Bulldogs 65 Los Angeles
Stan Pincura	HB	Ohio State	36 Cleveland Rams 37 Cleveland Rams
Dave Pivec	LB	Notre Dame	65 Hartford 66 Los Angeles
George Platukas	E	Duquesne	38 Boston Shamrocks 39 Pittsburgh

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John Poto	HB	none	46 Long Island Indians 47 Boston Yanks
Dale Prather	E	G. Washington	37 Boston Shamrocks 38 Cleveland Rams
Hal Prescott	HB	Hard.-Simmons	46 Paterson Panthers 47 Philadelphia
Bob Priestley	E	Brown	41 Churchill Pros 42 Philadelphia
Bosh Pritchard	HB	VMI	45 San Diego Bombers 46 Philadelphia
Bill Rademacher	DB	Northern Mich.	65 Jersey City Jets 66 New York Jets
Bill Radovich	T	USC	43 L.A. Bulldogs 45 Detroit
Dan Rains	LB	Cincinnati	82 Charlestown Rockets 83 Chicago
Keith Ranspot	E	SMU	41 San Diego Bombers 42 Detroit
Ray Reckmack	FB	Syracuse	37 Danbury Trojans 37 Detroit
Rocky Reed	HB	LSU	39 St. Louis Gunners 39 Chicago Cards
Lloyd Reese (Bronko)	FB	Tennessee	46 Akron Bears 46 Chicago Bears
Bill Reissig	HB	Ft. Hays (KS)	39 Paterson Panthers 39 Brooklyn
Mike Rengel	T	Hawaii	68 Orange County 69 New Orleans
Floyd Rhea	G	Oregon	46 Hawaiian Warriors 47 Detroit
Andy Rice	DT	Tex. Southern	65 Wheeling Ironmen 66 Kansas City
Butch Riley	LB	Texas A&I	69 Harrisburg 69 Baltimore
Craig Robinson	T	Houston	71 Roanoke Buckskins 72 Houston
Hank Rockwell	C	Okla. Baptist	39 L.A. Bulldogs 40 Cleveland Rams
John Rogalla	HB	Scranton	40 Jersey City Giants 45 Philadelphia
Glynn Rogers	G	TCU	39 St. Louis Gunners 39 Chicago Cards
Mel Rogers	LB	Florida A&M	70 Bridgeport Jets 71 San Diego
Gene Ronzani	HB	Marquette	39 Newark Bears 44 Chicago Bears
Al Rose	E	Texas	36 New York Yankees 36 Green Bay
Ken Roskie	FB	North Carolina	46 Tacoma Indians 48 Green Bay
Bob Rowley	LB	Virginia	63 Wheeling Ironmen 64 New York Jets
Roy Ruskusky	E	St. Mary's	46 Hawaiian Warriors 47 New York AAFC
Ralph Ruthstrom	HB	Sam Houston	49 Erie Vets 49 Baltimore AAFC
Joe Sabasteanski	C	Fordham	46 Long Island Indians 47 Boston Yanks
Paul Salata	E	Loyola (L.A.)	48 L.A. Bulldogs 50 San Francisco

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Chuck Sample	FB	Toledo	41 Long Island Indians 42 Green Bay
John Sanchez	T	USF	46 S.F. Clippers 47 Chicago AAFC
Dick Sandefur (Wayne)	FB	Purdue	37 Rochester Tigers 37 Pittsburgh
Paul Sarringhaus	HB	Ohio State	47 Wilmington Clippers 48 Detroit
Tony Sarausky	FB	Fordham	38 Union City Rams 38 Brooklyn
Don Sartin	LB	Mississippi	68 Little Rock 69 San Diego
Ollie Savatsky	E	Miami (OH)	37 Rochester Tigers 37 Cleveland Rams
Nate Schenker	T	Stamford	39 Columbus Bullies 39 Cleveland Rams
Alex Schibanoff	T	Fr. & Marshall	41 Jersey City Giants 42 Detroit
Johnny Schiecl	C	Santa Clara	44 S.F. Clippers 45 Chicago Bears
Herm Schmarr	T	Catholic	41 Churchill Pros 43 Brooklyn