

Thank you for helping celebrate the American Football Association's 32nd Annual Semi-Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Dinner



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Where Semi-Pro Football Legends Live Forever!

The AFA is proud of the fact that we are on our 32nd year of operation as the national association for Semi-Pro football teams and leagues in the United States. We are a 501(c) tax exempt, non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of the Semi-Pro (adult amateur), non-professional level of America's greatest sport . . . FOOTBALL!

Our staff is made up completely of volunteers anxious to keep the memories of those who have played, coached, officiated, administrated on the team or league level and, or otherwise contributed to the advancement and awareness of semi-pro football across the country—for more than a century.



Former AFA President and Founder Ron Real with the Arkush Memorial Cup



Over the past 32 years, the American Football Association has inducted 671 individuals that spent most of their football careers on the semi-pro level of the sport all for the love of the game. Their unselfish contributions to our level of the game will be remembered forever by their fans, family, former teammates, and those who follow their football leadership in the future.

Thank you for attending and helping us honor the "Class of 2012"

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Welcome to the 32nd Annual



Induction Dinner

Friday, June 29th, 2012
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Canton, OH

Presenting the AFA Hall of Fame – Class of 2012

Leon Burch - *Chicago, IL*

Joe “Duke” Collins - *Canton, MA*

Al Countryman - *Theresa, NY*

Clayton “CC” Cowling - *Indianapolis, IN*

Chad Fauson - *Chambersburg, PA*

Dave Fleck - *Schenectady, NY*

Thomas Charles Hawkins - *Burlington, WI*

Simeon Hendrickson - *Lombard, IL*

Howard Hoy - *Frederick, MD*

Gary “Biggie” Hughes - *Glen Allen, VA*

Tyronne Jones - *Marietta, GA*

Don Kempf - *Olmsted Twp., OH*

Patrick O’Toole - *Weymouth, MA*

Ralph Pina - *Raynham, MA*

Lawrence Pollic - *Ballston Spa, NY*

Derek Stingley - *Baton Rouge, LA*

Erik Taylor - *Irving, TX*

John P. Zafiris, Jr. - *Billerica, MA*



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Letter from the President

Greetings & Welcome to Our 32nd Annual Hall of Fame Inductions

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to our 32nd Annual Hall of Fame Inductions. We are extremely honored to acknowledge this year's inductees and allow them to share with you their journey and contributions to this level of the sport. We are even more excited about the opportunity to have as our venue this year, the Pro Football Hall of Fame. We encourage you to take in all of the museum's history and enjoy the experiences that it offers.

While the annual task of reviewing thousands of Semi-Pro candidates for recognition is rather daunting, it is also extremely gratifying to review shared experiences, bios and hear reactions when they get the "*congratulatory selection*" phone call. When I step back and realize how connected we all are, it's truly awesome. The vision and pioneering of our founder, Ron Real becomes more evident each time I reach out to folks around the nation; he touched so many lives and never realized it. This is all very humbling, but is also the most satisfying part of my job as the organization's president, to see Ron's dreams realized.

I would like to acknowledge our Board of Directors for their guidance, teamwork and perseverance during our planning process over the past few months. Much like preparation for that big football game, intense planning is requisite to ensure the best performance or ultimately a win. I feel we can claim this event a success (win) only if you have the most positive of experiences. Feel free to reach out to us during this event with any +/- concerns.

At last year's inductions I mentioned the books **Outsiders II: Minor League and Independent Football 1951-1985** – by *Bob Gill, Steve Brainerd and Tod Maher* and **The Best Little Quarterback You Never Heard Of** and the fact that several of our hall of famers are prominently mentioned in them.

To that end, I am honored to have Don Jonas (Class of 1983) on hand this year to share his story and experiences with us. Also this year, we have decided to acknowledge event attendees who are inductees from the 80's and 90's for their decades of service and support to our organization.

We remain steadfast in our mission and objective to keep alive the memories of those who have played, coached, officiated and administrated on the team or league level and otherwise contributed to the advancement and awareness of Semi-Pro football across the country. Our objective is to ensure that their unselfish contributions to our level of the game are remembered forever by their fans, family, former teammates and those who follow their football leadership in the future.

Sincerely,
Dave Burch
AFA President

AFA CREED:

*If you can't move a mountain . . . then move a grain of sand
If you can't reach a million people . . . then touch a single hand
If you can't impress them all . . . then impress only those who answer your call
Semi-Pro and Proud® is what we are . . . that's what makes the AFA the best by far
—Ron Real, Founder*



AFA Hall of Fame Class of 2012

Leon Burch – Player Category



Leon Burch was one the original members of the Chicago Falcons, a team that has served the Westside community from 1990 to the present. He played 15 years and was instrumental in the Falcons winning six league championships.

Leon is presently working for the Chicago Public Schools and is coaching youngsters in several sports.

Joe “Duke” Collins – Coach Category



Billy’s Hyde Park Cowboys Football Club Head Coach 1981–1988; record 80 wins – 10 losses
Coach of Year 1982, 1984, 1988

Hyde Park Cowboys Football Club Hall of Fame 2005

Hyde Park High School Coach 1966–1982

Record 96 wins 46 losses, 10 ties

City Champions 1974, 77, 78, 80, 81

Awards:

- Massachusetts High Hall of Fame 1987
 - Boston Globe Coach of Year 1977
 - New England Officials Coach of Year 1976
 - Hyde Park High School Coach of Year 1971
 - Hyde Park High School Athletic Coordinator 1985–1993
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Al Countryman – Player Category



Al was a true football ironman. After starting his career in the Empire Football League in 1993, he proved his skills by earning EFL honors as Ironman, Defensive Player of the Year, and First Team All Star. Al has played free safety, running back, kick returner, punter, and holder.

In 1998 when the team needed an extra boost on offense, Al offered to run the ball. In just four short seasons he rushed for over 4,400 yards and became the number one rusher in the history of the Red & Black. Al has consistently received All American, Ironman, League MVP and All Star Awards over the years.

In 2006, he became the second player in Red & Black history to have his jersey retired.

Clayton “CC” Cowling – Player Category



Clayton “CC” Cowling was a mainstay on the offensive and defensive line for several teams during the late 80’s and 90’s. He began playing with the Indianapolis Raiders helping them to a league championship in 1989. In 1990, CC played for the Indiana Pony Express which later became known as the Kokomo Mustangs. CC played for the Mustangs from 1991–1997 at both DE and offensive line and was extremely quick for his size 6’3”/280 lbs. As an explosive defensive end, he was often compared by opposing coaches to Buffalo Bills Bruce Smith both in size, quickness and even in appearance.

CC was named to several MCFL All Conference teams during his career, recognized as an AFA All American and also played in a few all star games with Team USA sponsored by the AFA and hosted by Ron Real.

Chad Fauson – Executive Category



Chad’s Semi-Pro career started in 1999, but actually took root much earlier. His love and passion for this sport began as a 7-year old kid in 1985, playing midget football and sharing a practice field with the Chambersburg Cardinals.

After being surrounded by the Cardinal’s team in those early years and being groomed by his cousin, Marvin Overcash (AFA HOF Class 1990), Chad will never forget the time Marv presented him with a signed football from the AFA Hall of Fame Class of 1990. Chad is quick to recall when Marv would stop by the house and encourage him to do push-ups and sit-ups. This was almost a rite of passage, or as Marv would say, a way for Chad to earn his way to be a part of the team. Chad would help by either being the water boy or towel boy at the games. The team ceased operations upon the passing of Marv in 1994.

After starting a career in the transportation industry, Chad would sometimes think about playing football. While viewing a news segment about a Semi-Pro team in Romney West Virginia, he was inspired to bring back the Cardinals. He contacted the West Virginia Stars, and ended up driving two hours each direction for the remainder of the 1999 season and into the 2000 season. He competed as a kicker and as a defensive lineman. Chad’s overall objective was to gain knowledge of how the Semi-Pro game and the league at the time (MDFL) operated. He was intent on joining the league and in 2001 he did just this by forming the Cumberland Valley Cardinals. The team played home games in Shippensburg, PA until the new stadium was built in Chambersburg, PA in 2007. At this time, the team name returned to the former name of the Chambersburg Cardinals.

From their inception, under Chad’s guidance, the Cardinals have not had a losing season and since their return to Chambersburg, PA, they have not lost more than 4 games in one season. As Head Coach over the past two years, Chad has amassed a 26-2 record with two league Championships, one Co-National Championship and a 26 game winning streak, putting the Chambersburg Cardinals back on top of the Semi-Pro world, where in Chad’s eyes they have always been.

Dave Fleck – Player Category



Originally from Pittsburgh, Pa, Dave attended Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. He started his career with the Hudson Falls Greenjackets of the Empire Football League as team captain receiving all league honors, team MVP, EFL Defensive Player of Year, led league in tackles.

He co-founded the Albany Metro Mallers in 1972 and served as team captain. During his career from 1972 through 1974 he received all league honors, team defensive MVP, EFL Defensive Player of the Year, led EFL in tackles. Served 12 years as head coach of the Albany Mallers, Troy Uncle Sammies and TriCity Giants.

Dave was selected by Ron Real to serve as the East’s Defensive Coach for the AFA’s East vs. West All Star Game, January 1981 held in New Orleans, Louisiana just prior to the Super Bowl XV.

Thomas Charles Hawkins – Executive Category



Thomas Charles Hawkins of Burlington, WI was a standout defense player throughout his high school career at defensive line and linebacker receiving many accolades. He was recruited to go to Oregon to become a Duck in 1983, but an off field injury ended his career before the season started ending his chances to play at the collegiate level.

Hawkins joined his old high school team – the Waukegan East Bulldogs – for the 1984 season as an assistant coach.

He was asked to be the Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator for the Milwaukee Cyclones of the Ironman Football League and after one season of Semi-Pro found a new life and home with the sport he loved.

Hawkins started his own team in 2005, the Burlington Blue Devils and assumed the spot as head coach and defense coordinator for the first two seasons.

During this time he coached his team to the conference championship 3 times in the next three years, winning it in his third season.

Now co-owner of the Ironman Football League since November 2010.

During his career as a coach and owner, he has received several awards/honors:

- Coached 5 IFL All Star Games
- 4 Times Head Coach for All American Bowls Minnesota
- 9 Seasons Head Coach & Offensive/Defensive Coordinator in IFL
- 5 Seasons Asst Coach Racine Raiders 2005–2010
- 1 Season with Chicago Cardinals CIFL Team 2010
- 1 Season with Wisconsin Wolfpack
- 6 Years Coached In Mid States Championship; Won title in 2010
- Inducted into IFL Hall of Fame 2012
- 3 Time Winner Franchise of the Year IFL; 1 Most Improved Franchise IFL
- 2 Times IFL Coach of Year; 1 Time IFL Coaching Staff of Year
- Successful helping more than 20 players get into college and to the next level such Arena, NFL Europe, Brazil League and CFL.

Simeon Hendrickson – Player Category



- 1960–1961 Cullerton Rockets of Calumet Harbor League
- 1962 Belpark Bears Offensive & Defensive Tackle
- 1963–1970 Austin Bears of Calumet Harbor League
- 1968 Monoco Colts
- Led teams in fumble recoveries 1965–1967
- 1971–1973 Defensive Coordinator for Melrose Park Cowboys
- 1976 Offensive Coordinator for Niles Saints – TriState League
- 1997–1999 Defensive Coordinator Windy City Rams – Midwest Football League

*Congratulations to the Members of the
AFA Hall of Fame Class of 2012*

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PIONEERS:

*Arthur S. Arkush - '81
*Elmo Huggens - '86
*George Kultron - '86
*Jim Lott - '86
*Al Savill - '86
*Cosmo Iacovazzi - '87
*Pearce Johnson - '89
*Stu Ebersole - '92
Paul Bartlett - '93
*Lee Chisholm - '94
*Larnell Goodman - '97
*Carl Van Serke - '99
*Art Rooney, Sr. - '00
Sig Schuster - '01
*J. B. Wise - '02
Joseph Bellante - '03
Monty Holmes - '03
*Alex Duffy - '04
*Bob Van Ness - '04
Joseph Loughran - '08
Lawrence Haynes III - '11

EXECUTIVES:

*Joe Swetish - '81
Jim Foster - '82
*Ronald J. Real - '82
Peter Savin - '82
Ed Gruber - '83
*Joe Rosentover - '83
Marty O'Connor - '84
*George Schepps - '84
Jim Dunn - '85
Bob Adwers - '85
*Roger Gill - '86
Jim Sears - '86
*Ron Waisman - '86
*Bob Flowers - '87
Billy Kilmer - '87
*Ron Potocnik - '87
Bill Souders - '87
*Frank Bonk - '88
Sol Rosen - '88
Dick Sues - '88
Barry Walters - '88
Lou Policastro Jr. - '89
*Al Glascoe - '90
*Marvin Overcash - '90
Greg Portzline - '90
*Frank Stedman - '90
*Elmer Cook - '91
Victor Lent - '91
Robert Martin - '91
Beverly Ghislain - '92
*Ray Mansfield - '92
*Joe Bartecki - '93
Peter O'Kane - '93
Gary Shaver - '94
Mike Cline - '95
John Armbruster - '97
Guy Cicchini - '97
Bob Kays - '97
Bill Mouradian - '97
James Stamper - '97
Tim Lake - '98
Joe Mooney - '99
John Kola - '00
Mary Lockhart - '00
*Michael Loconsole - '00

EXECUTIVES:

Glenn Brothers - '01
Maggie Burrows - '01
Bob DeVoe - '01
Howard Huntington - '01
*Dave Lunger '01
Terry Thomas - '01
Rick Starosta - '02
Asbury Summers - '02
Bob Baker - '03
*Ed McCracken - '03
Terry Sullivan - '03
Jane Dole - '04
Wes Fischer - '04
Jenny Akesson-Primeau - '04
Steve Ellis - '05
Alex Flores - '05
Mike Frazier - '05
Cheryl Kardas - '05
Paul Pisellini - '05
Dave Rice - '05
Pat Sharpe - '05
Alan Boeldt - '06
Bob Gallegos - '06
*Richard Jancosko - '06
Chris Chudada - '07
Brett Frieman - '07
Troy Roberts - '07
Pete Narri - '08
Arney Silvestri - '08
Glenda Cain - '09
Stephen McAllister - '09
Rev. Gary Wilder - '10
Ceil Real - '10
Bill Christie - '11
Alan Perkins - '11
Chad Fauson - '12
John P. Zafiris, Jr. - '12

COACHES:

Ron Waller - '81
*Harry Gilbert - '82
Perry Moss - '82
Al Darby - '83
Don Heiges - '83
*Duncan Mc Cauley - '84
Dick Pesonen - '84
George Pasterchick - '85
*Fred Wallner - '85
Ken Carpenter - '86
Steve Harshman - '86
Wixie Robbinson - '86
Jim Cadile - '87
Pudgie Walsh - '87
*Bob Windish - '87
*Bob Engle - '88
Bob Herstine - '88
Stu McLean - '88
Jim Nugent - '88
Ed O'Reilly - '88
Bill Walsh - '88
*Lee Albrecht - '89
*Tom Anthony - '89
John Baker - '90
*Lawrence Haynes - '90
Bob Herman, Sr. - '90
A.J. Smith - '90
*Frank Fucci - '91
*Clarence McClure - '91
Greg Skowronski - '91
*Dave DiFilippo - '92

COACHES:

Richard Fleck - '92
George Kendrick - '92
Gene Nudo - '92
*Richard Shipley - '92
Alan 'Butch' Keller - '93
Jay Carver - '94
*Jimmy Jackson - '94
*Joseph Kie - '94
Norm Killion - '94
*Don Sprinkle - '94
Al Boggia - '95
*Bo Brooks - '95
Hal Lockhart - '95
*Bob Teahan - '95
Don Warthen - '95
Bob Brennan - '96
Ned N. Novell - '96
Jim Williams - '96
Ronald Baines - '97
Jim Brannon - '97
Tom Kohr - '97
*Jesse Vail - '97
Jesse Wiggins - '97
Tom Calabrese - '98
Fr. John Frederick - '98
Lenny Rittorf - '98
Bill Duchon - '99
Arnie Garber - '99
*Joseph Golden, Jr. - '99
Robert Kauffman - '99
Louis Souza - '99
Ken Austin - '00
Edward Brosky - '00
Richard Dial - '00
*William Grasso - '00
Richard 'Bing' Keeney - '00
James Moore - '00
John Whitelavich - '00
Ray Evans - '01
Greg Moore - '01
Nolan Warren - '01
George Ashcraft - '02
Paul Costello - '02
John Green - '02
Harold Haberman - '02
Thomas Wagner - '02
*Joseph Bartlinski - '03
Jerry Grohn - '03
Jordan Kopac - '03
Norman Mann - '03
Eliseo 'Sal' Saldivar - '04
Rex Stevenson - '04
Norris Jackson - '05
Mike Lentz - '05
Doug Tibbitts - '05
Jack Boepple - '06
Alan Dole - '06
Phil Lytle - '06
Charles 'Bear' Rogers - '06
Chris Lawson - '07
George Robinson, Jr. - '07
Chris Pivovar - '07
Merle F. Derpinghaus - '08
Harold "Harry" Hopple - '09
Bill Alexander - '09
Charles "Chick" Rader - '09
Jerry Kupper - '10
Anthony Bartley - '11
Robert Harrison - '11
Joe "Duke" Collins - '12

PLAYERS:

Tom Averell - '81
*Cliff Boyd - '81
*Claude Watts - '81
Tom Bland - '82
Jim "King" Corcoran - '82
Otis Sistrunk - '82
Bob Tucker - '82
Bob Brown - '83
Tom Dempsey - '83
Don Jonas - '83
Ray Stanton - '83
Bob Brodhead - '84
Bob Bryant - '84
Joe Hightower - '84
Jeff Van Note - '84
Tony Baker - '85
Jack Dolbin - '85
Jim Toon - '85
Rhome Nixon - '85
*Coy Bacon - '86
Dan Celoni - '86
*Joe Gilliam - '86
Prince Hearn - '86
Jim Hollingsworth - '86
Bobby Jones - '86
Bob Kuechenberg - '86
Marv Pettaway - '86
Lou Piccone - '86
Fred Besana - '87
Rick Buffington - '87
Bob Milkie - '87
Tony Piekos - '87
Dan Rains - '87
*Johnny Unitas - '87
Fred Zangaro - '87
Averill Harris - '88
Mike Herr - '88
Terry Judkins - '88
*Kurt Kampendahl - '88
*Vince Lombardi - '88
Joseph Lee Mason - '88
Bob Oates Jr. - '88
John Olenchalk - '88
John Smith - '88
Sam Wyche - '88
Garo Yepremian - '88
Greg Johnson - '89
Rod 'Lung' MacKinzie - '89
*Rudy Nebel - '89
*Woody Peoples - '89
Frank Yanik - '89
Lawrence C. Barrett - '90
Bob Blechen - '90
Charlie Bliss - '90
Ed Boswell - '90
Dob Drake - '90
Greg Hare - '90
Paul Iacovazzi - '90
Nils Lindskoog - '90
Phil Tuckett - '90
Stan Allspach - '91
Larry DeVoe - '91
Tony D'Orazio - '91
Jim Jorden - '91
Jerry Kurz - '91
Wayne Stingley - '91
Willie Buie - '92
Chiefie Byrom - '92
Angelo Dabiero - '92

PLAYERS:

Dan DeRose - '92
Dennis Kelly - '92
Marc May - '92
Steve Moser - '92
Ray Seals - '92
Sammy Weir - '92
Chic Bist - '93
*Ed Craft - '93
Dennis McElligott - '93
Orlando Goodhope - '93
Pete Athas - '94
John Land - '94
Kevin Richman - '94
Joe Thomas, Jr. - '94
Ron Wilson - '94
Timothy Bentley - '95
James Chapas - '95
Dennis Condon - '95
'Moose' Fahey - '95
Mike Mullin - '95
Tom Munsey - '95
Fred Rihbany - '95
John Tichy - '95
Kevin Armour - '96
Dave Burch - '96
Robert Butts - '96
Dave Clapham - '96
Ollie Cromwell - '96
Ron Hart - '96
Jeff Heuer - '96
Ron Holiday - '96
Wayne Liddick - '96
Ken Long - '96
Bobby Ruckstuhl - '96
Mike Wright - '96
Bob Borkowski - '97
Frank DeMarco - '97
Buddy Dixon - '97
Donald Donatelli - '97
Ricky Johnson - '97
Walter Nichols - '97
Gordon Osborne - '97
Cole Pentz - '97
Blaine Popp - '97
Mark Rodenhauer - '97
Michael Stewart - '97
*Bob Webb - '97
Willis Whalen - '97
Joe Wolfe - '97
Neal Anderson - '98
Bill Bergman - '98
Michael Davidson - '98
Bob Dill - '98
Hugh Frost, Jr. - '98
Bruce Green - '98
Leo Henne - '98
Dan Knuese - '98
Billy LaFreniere - '98
Alvin Lollie - '98
Mark Manders - '98
Ken McGhie - '98
William Olsavsky - '98

Congratulations to the Members of



“Where Semi-Pro Football Legends Live . . . Forever!”

PLAYERS:

- Larry Orrico - '98
- John Oertel - '98
- *Bill Roulette - '98
- Charles Savas - '98
- Jim Scully - '98
- Otis Spurlock - '98
- Eric Swann - '98
- Richard Young - '98
- Eric Avery - '99
- Bruce Basile - '99
- Larry Dorey - '99
- Lou Nelson - '99
- Alan Klumpp - '99
- Chuck McElligott - '99
- Al McElroy - '99
- Armando Paolucci - '99
- Dick Rogers - '99
- Greg Peter Sabine - '99
- Mike Steinhof - '99
- Leroy Adans - '00
- Tony Bertuca - '00
- 'Bill' Boschini - '00
- Richard Carter - '00
- Michael DeRose - '00
- Leonard Duncan - '00
- Leo 'Ducky' Elter - '00
- Dale Gray - '00
- Mark Lloyd - '00
- Patrick McLaughlin - '00
- Derrick Means - '00
- Mark Reale - '00
- Donny Rowden - '00
- Charles A. Scales - '00
- John Scardina - '00
- Dave Schminke - '00
- *Kenneth Stone - '00
- John 'Duke' Sumpter - '00
- Paul Takach - '00
- *Clyde Thomas - '00
- Robert Viney - '00
- Vern Wireman - '00
- Henry Barksdale - '01
- Jack Bravyak - '01
- Douglas Brozek - '01
- *Ray Carskie - '01
- Michael Erbeck - '01
- Michael Fallon - '01
- Calvin Griggs - '01
- Paul Hudson - '01
- *Joe Jancosko - '01
- Myron Jefferson - '01
- Don Johnson - '01
- Craig Kimball - '01
- Bob Kubiak - '01
- Dick Leland - '01
- Phil Micech - '01
- Henry Schroder - '01
- Joe Taibi - '01
- *Earl Twyman - '01
- Tom Watkins - '01
- Scott Boyd - '02
- Lavert Carr - '02

PLAYERS:

- *'Cannonball' Cooper - '02
- Phil Dewall - '02
- *Wilson Gulley, Sr. - '02
- Larry Heindl - '02
- Bob Kutzer - '02
- Tony Lombardo - '02
- Steve Oldt - '02
- Carl Perkins - '02
- Carl Polisena - '02
- Dick Queeney - '02
- George 'Jocko' Rice - '02
- Tim Rucks - '02
- Roman Strzala - '02
- *Danny Suhr - '02
- Jim Willig - '02
- Doug Allen - '03
- Mark Arcure - '03
- Rick Brindisi - '03
- Mike Britton - '03
- Tom Bryan - '03
- Jim Bulger - '03
- Dave Enslow - '03
- Doug Fisher - '03
- Dennis Galipo - '03
- Bill Joyce - '03
- Bob Herman, Jr. - '03
- *Tom Kelly - '03
- Leon Mavity - '03
- Tom Robinson - '03
- John Sago - '03
- Will Thomas - '03
- Gary Vanderweele - '03
- David Bonsell - '04
- Jack Brumbaugh - '04
- 'Red' Celender - '04
- John Company - '04
- Peter Dale - '04
- Brian Erickson - '04
- *Frank Fanning - '04
- Brian Forston - '04
- Joe Hammond - '04
- Joe Hoffman - '04
- Tony Iliano - '04
- Brendon Kelly - '04
- *John Mamajek - '04
- 'Mack' McLaughlin - '04
- 'Big Mitch' Mitchell - '04
- Mike Novickas - '04
- Pat O'Brien - '04
- McCartha Pleasants - '04
- Michael Rice - '04
- David Summy - '04
- Ron Anton - '05
- Dick Attreau - '05
- Paul Carter - '05
- Tim Colton - '05
- Terry Converse - '05
- Troy Faunce - '05
- Terry Fernandez - '05
- Kenneth Glenn - '05
- Brad Haydu - '05
- Mike Jennings - '05
- Edward Jordan - '05
- Al Klaeren - '05
- Gary Kuykendall - '05
- Norm Nissen - '05
- Pat Nulty - '05
- John Otterman - '05
- Ray Powell - '05

PLAYERS:

- Dick Promer - '05
- Larry Rydbon - '05
- Ed Schemski, Jr. - '05
- Jerry Tadych - '05
- Dan Von Holt - '05
- Mike Willkomm - '05
- Gary Williams - '05
- Bob Yurachek - '05
- Charles Allen - '06
- Mike Bonner - '06
- Hobie Bryant, Jr. - '06
- Mike Chico' Cain - '06
- Jamie Caleb - '06
- Bob Cunningham - '06
- Dan Dragan - '06
- Dave Haven - '06
- John Hyder - '06
- Clarence Jones, Jr. - '06
- Bob Kleffman - '06
- Pete Quackenbush - '06
- Alfonso Smith - '06
- Craig Smith - '06
- *Steve Studer - '06
- Frank Biachini - '07
- William Coleman - '07
- Fritz Fiorelli - '07
- John Kennedy - '07
- John 'Butch' Mohoney - '07
- Jeff Mann - '07
- *Bill Meyer - '07
- Anthony Pecorella - '07
- Ed Penn - '07
- Steve Rannocho - '07
- Michael Sampson - '07
- Richard Sargent - '07
- Bill Simon - '07
- Scott Smith - '07
- Gary Thomas - '07
- Calvin Williams - '07
- Richard Landis - '08
- Jerry Schropp - '08
- Pat Albanese - '08
- Larry Schmidt - '08
- Donald Busch, Sr - '08
- Elwyn Rider - '08
- Steven Fisher - '08
- Dick Rosati - '08
- Tom Kirlis - '08
- David Brown - '08
- Erle Garrett - '08
- Thomas Manny - '08
- John Duncan - '09
- *Frank "Buzz" Grady - '09
- *David "Skip" Hernandez Sr. - '09
- Torre Ossmo - '09
- Mal Yärke - '09
- Andre Holland - '09
- Fred Robinson - '09
- Mike Blazit - '09
- Joe Milek - '09
- Jeffrey Hudson - '09
- Jay McGee - '09
- Mike Brennan - '09
- Justin "Tug" Binstead - '09
- David Moulton - '09
- Jim Bejna - '09
- Eugene "Chick" Cichowski - '09
- Chris Roe - '10
- Jack Perry - '10

PLAYERS:

- Ben Ward - '10
- *Bob Beshk - '10
- Ron Hansen - '10
- Jesse Johnson - '10
- Christian Fridrich - '10
- Greg Fictum - '10
- Charles Brown - '10
- Stan Johnson - '10
- Jim Paulus - '10
- Bill Kammert - '10
- Roosevelt Robinson - '10
- Brent Bordenkircher - '10
- Keith Ballard - '10
- Dennis Morris - '10
- Lynn Patrick - '11
- Carl Neal - '11
- Dale Berman - '11
- Brett Wilson - '11
- John Rogan - '11
- Terry Gorton - '11
- Mike Lewis - '11
- Daris Steen - '11
- Andy Tranchita - '11
- Beau Jarrell - '11
- Mickey Morris - '11
- Dave Friese - '11
- Christopher VanStone - '11
- Leon Burch - '12
- Al Countryman - '12
- Clayton "CC" Cowling - '12
- Dave Fleck - '12
- Thomas Charles Hawkins - '12
- Simeon Hendrickson - '12
- Howard Hoy - '12
- Gary "Biggie" Hughes - '12
- Tyronne Jones - '12
- Don Kempf - '12
- Patrick O'Toole - '12
- Ralph Pina - '12
- Lawrence Pollic - '12
- Derek Stingly - '12
- Erik Taylor - '12

EQUIP. MANAGERS

- TRAINERS:**
- Frank Alfano - '90
- Jerry Dodson - '91
- *Dick 'Pop' Sabol - '92
- Bob Harrigan - '93
- Kevin McCarthy - '96
- Jim Bucciarelli - '00
- Randall Dreessen - '02
- David Van Eenenaam - '04
- Sue Berg - '06
- Richard DiSanti - '07
- Glen Cooper - '08
- James Kulton - '10

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL:

- Rae Hodge - '02
- Linda Jefferson - '02
- Carole Duffy - '03
- Catherine Masters - '06

OFFICIALS:

- Dick Dolack - '87
- *Cal Lepore - '88
- John Carrigan - '90
- L.T. Bonner - '92

OFFICIALS:

- George Murphy - '93
- Robert Blatchford - '94
- John Grech - '96
- Lou Hammond - '98
- William Higgins - '99
- Charles Smith - '00
- Paul Whiteside - '00
- Jim Bard - '02
- Jack Pittges - '02
- Mike Cronin - '03
- Jerry Grunski - '03
- Craig Ochoa - '03
- Ron Wotherspoon - '04
- Bob Floyd - '05
- Jim Rigueimer - '05
- Fritz Brownell - '06
- Mike Aquino - '07
- Jerry McGonigle - '08
- James Kruschwitz - '09
- Don Manchester - '09
- Vic Perry - '10
- Joe Porter - '10
- Tom Rudzinski - '11

MEDIA/HISTORIAN

- Steve Brainerd - '87
- *Joe Cronin - '89
- Bob Gill - '90
- *Brendon Woods - '91
- Joseph A. Horrigan - '92
- *Anthony Sirrico - '93
- Roy Kawagoe - '94
- John Guy - '95
- Scott Parker - '97
- Don Ladas - '98
- *Bill Van Horne - '98
- Fred Mitchell - '99
- *Tim Weigel - '99
- *Ed Peck - '00
- Bill Callahan, Jr. - '02
- Joe Hulsebus - '03
- Mark Azzara - '04
- Gary Suhr - '06
- Mel Busler - '07
- Frank Cooney - '07

INTERNATIONAL:

- *Randal Trudgen - '90 (Austral)
- Lance Cone - '93 (England)
- Terry Smith - '94 (England)
- *Sam Ketchman - '96 (USA)
- *Kurt Smeby - '97 (Ireland)

YOUTH FOOTBALL:

- Jim Taft - '01
- Joe Galat - '02
- John Patella - '02
- Walter Gilbert - '03
- *Gregg Fohrman - '05
- Joe Natoli - '06

SUPER FAN:

- William Buehler - '02

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Howard Hoy – Player Category



Howard started his career with the Frederick Falcons of Frederick, MD as a defensive back in 1969. He received honors as an IFL All League Defensive Back for five years, Player of Year and MVP in 1970, Co MVP in 1971. He was nominated to the Alvin G. Quinn Hall of Fame in 2000. Howard is also listed in Semi-Pro Record book for Combined Touchdown Returns (1970).

Chuck Foreman, Minnesota Vikings running back from 1973–1979, once stated that “ I have yet to find a better athlete than the one I looked up to in high school, his name was Howard Hoy and he was the greatest athlete I’ve been around”.

Howard is an active member of the American Legion Baseball Committee and Past Commander of Francis Scott Key Post 11, American Legion Frederick, MD.

Gary “Biggie” Hughes – Player Category



Gary’s career with the Virginia Ravens of the Mason Dixon Football League extended from 1995 through 2007. Awards & Honors include: 2009 Raven Ring of Honor Inductee, 2010 MDFL Hall of Fame Inductee, 2012 AFA Hall of Fame Inductee, MDFL All-Conference 1995–2000, All-American 2000 LT.

Gary states, “I remember taking this photo that all new players had to take when trying out for the Ravens at that time. I was young and excited because I had not played ball since high school. I thought I had lost my love for the game during my college years. But from the first day with the Ravens it felt like family. From coach getting on me (because I wanted to play tight end) or the guys giving me a nickname (I won’t share). It was an experience that I will never forget and I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to not only play for the Ravens organization, but for Semi-Pro football in general. There were no ring of honors or titles such as this when I started. Just the true love of the game and that’s what I and every teammate I had shared during this time.”

Tyronne Jones – Player Category



Tyronne Jones was a wide receiver for the New Orleans VooDoo in the Arena Football League and previously played for the Nashville Kats, the Philadelphia Soul, and the Georgia Force. He attended Grambling State University and in football, as a senior, he was named the Southwestern Conference Player of the Year.

Career highlights include: NFL (Indianapolis Colts 1997–1998), New Orleans Hustlers (1997–1998), *American Football Association* – 3X Gulf States League All Star. In 1998, with the Nashville Kats, Tyronne had an impressive rookie season, as he hauled in 94 receptions for 1054 yards and 21 touchdowns, and made 71 kickoff returns for 1,467 and five touchdowns.

After the season, he was named the Nashville Kats 1998 Team MVP and was named to the AFL All-Rookie team. In 2001, with the Nashville Kats, he finished the season with 55 receptions for 794 yards and 21 touchdowns. In 2004, Jones played for the Philadelphia Soul in their inaugural season and finished the season with 76 receptions for 1000 yards and 18 touchdowns, and made 46 kickoff returns for 1032 yards and four touchdowns. In 2005, he appeared in 11 games and grabbed 28 receptions for 416 yards and seven touchdowns with the Philadelphia Soul.

Don Kempf – Player Category



Don played his entire career of 14 years (1972 through 1985) with the Cleveland Falcons of the Northern Ohio Football League. Honors and awards include:

- Most Improved Player 1974
- Offensive Player of the Year 1975,1982,1985
- First Team All League 1982-1985
- Ohio State Champions 1974,1977,1978,1980,1983,1984
- Cleveland Falcons Hall of Fame 1992
- During 14 year career we won 12 division championships and 6 league championships.

Patrick O'Toole – Player Category



Patrick's career spanned an overall 15 full football seasons with the South Boston Chippewas and Hyde Park Cowboys during which time he achieved 83 interceptions in 15 seasons. His career started with the Boston Park League (Mohawks, Millionaires, Town Team, Chessmen, Chippewas, 1966–1984) and in 1987 played for the New England Raiders Traveling All Star Team playing in Ireland.

Awards and Honors: Hyde Park Cowboys Hall of Fame, Maxie Award, South Boston MVP, Unsung Hero, Most Improved Player, Eastern Football League Captain 1986–1988.

Ralph Pina – Player Category



Ralph Pina started playing football at age 9. He remembers playing with other kids until he couldn't make the weight limit. He was moved to the freshman team before actually attending high school. He stated that "I loved the sport so much that I took my sports medicine and had a fun high school career".

Pina graduated from high school, joined the Army and played football for 3 years. He joined his first Semi-Pro team called the Plymouth Rocks as Middle Linebacker...won the Eastern Football League title his first season and then played for 17 years until he turned 40 years of age before deciding to retire.

Career awards include League MVVP, Defense All League numerous times, Team MVP 5 for different teams. Ralph stated that his career highlight was the Randolph Oilers undefeated season of 12–0 and also being able to play alongside his 2 youngest brothers. Ralph further stated that "It has never been about the accolades, I just loved playing the sport."

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Lawrence Pollic – Player Category



Larry's Glens Falls Greenjackets career in the EFL began when he was recruited by Sean Brand in 1993 and continued through the 2003 season. He had the honor to play for Coach Mike Lentz (AFA HOF Class 05) who affectionately called him "The Animal".

He stated that he's always prided himself in knowing his assignments on each play and everyone else's too, which gave him an advantage when it came to blocking his opponents because he knew where the ball was going and what his teammates should be doing.

Pollic always put his family, friends and teammate's needs above his own and played the game with the intensity it demanded and the respect it deserved. He hated the opponents when he played the game and would do everything in his power to destroy them from whistle to whistle, but would pick them up after each play and leave that anger on the field afterwards and go buy the first round and share good times and good drinks.

Larry stated that if his coach told him to run through a wall, he did it without question. If his teammates needed him to protect them, he was there. He played special teams for his entire career, because no one was too big to play any position asked of them.

Derek Stingley – Player Category



Derek Stingley is the head coach for the Pittsburgh Power of Arena Football League. Prior to his coaching career, he also had an eight year playing career as a defensive specialist for the Albany Firebirds. Derek also played college baseball at Triton College and was selected in the 1993 Major League Baseball Draft as a center fielder by the Philadelphia Phillies, where he spent three seasons (1993–1995) before deciding to play professional football.

After beginning his football career playing for the Louisiana Bayou Thunder (Semi-Pro football team), he was then signed to play in the Arena Football League by Mike Hohensee, then head coach of the Albany Firebirds.

Derek is listed in the Semi Pro Record Book for Combined Touchdowns and Career Touchdowns, 1995 Hammond Thunder/ Louisiana Bayou Thunder.

In 1999, Derek was signed to the New York Jets' practice squad. On January 15, 2002, Stingley was waived by the Chicago Rush. In February 2003, Stingley signed with the Carolina Cobras.

By the way, Derek's high school football coach was AFA Hall of Famer, Thomas Robinson (Class of 2003).

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Erik Taylor – Player Category



- Corliss High School 1982 Blue South Conference Camps / Running Back - Coach Eza Smith - Chicago Public Schools
- 1982–85 Central State University / Running Back- Coach Billy Joe (College Football Association - HOF Inductee)
- NCAA Div-II Runner Up 1983 / 10-1 Championship Season
- Toronto Argonauts – Windsor Canada Free Agent Camp – 1985
- Chicago Chargers – Semi-Pro / Midwest Football League 1986
- Tinley Park Pride - Semi-Pro / Midwest Football League 1987 & 88 All Star - Defensive Back
- 1989 Team USA (AFA) – Semi-Pro West Team All Star – Defensive Back
- Dupage Eagles - Semi Pro National Championship 1992; MVP - Defensive Back Chicagoland Football League

John P. Zafiris, Jr. – Executive Category



- Charlestown Townies of Eastern Football League 2001-2005 (Team Captain, Defensive End, Fullback, Linebacker).
- Lowell Nor'easter Semi-Pro Football AAA New England Football League 2006-Present. Linebacker, Defensive End/ General Manager.
- Since taking over as General Manager with The Nor'easter his team has been to the NEFL Championship 6 years in a row. The Nor'easter won the NEFL AAA Championship in 2009 and were also ranked #1 nationally. As GM of The Nor'easter he strives to make his team one of the best in the country through recruitment of top players and participation on the national scene.
- In addition to Semi-Pro Football, his experience in football spans 43 years from the first game he played in 1969 as a child, as a Coach and to the present as General Manager of one of the top teams in The United States.

Zafiris's fondest memories of football are from 1971 when The Boston Patriots moved to Foxboro, Mass. His father took a part time job as an usher at Schaeffer Stadium, which was the home field for the New England Patriots. His dad used to put him under the turn style before each game and take him up to the edge of the field to watch each game from the section that he was working in. During those games, his dad would buy him the team pennant of the opposing team that the Patriots were playing that day. After the game, his father would take him down to the locker room where he met all-time greats and NFL Hall of Famers such as Joe Namath, John Unitas, Earl Morrow, Fran Tarkenton, Weeb Ubank and John Madden. All of these great players and coaches gave John their autographs that he still has on those pennants today. Seeing these great players and great games back then motivated him to play football and strive to be the best that he could.



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