

Starting from the Bottom

More Players Who Broke in with Those 'Other' Leagues

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This is the final 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.

As before, 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. And we're still adding names to the list.

Player	Pos	College	Teams
Tom Thompson	QB	Tulsa	39 St. Louis Gunners 40 Pittsburgh
Morgan Tiller	E	Denver	42 Wilmington Clippers 44 Boston Yanks
George Titus	C	Holy Cross	46 Jersey City Giants 46 New York Giants
Carl Tomasello	E	Scranton	40 Jersey City Giants 40 New York Giants
Clar. Tommerson	HB	Wisconsin	38 Boston Shamrocks 39 Pittsburgh
Ed Toner	DT	Massachusetts	68 Lowell Giants 69 Boston Patriots
Wade Traynham	K	Frederick	65 Savannah Indians 66 Atlanta
John Treadway	T	Hard.-Sim.	47 Long Island Indians 48 New York Giants
John Tripson	T	Mississippi St.	41 Kenosha Cardinals 41 Detroit
Don Trull	QB	Baylor	68 Oklahoma City 69 Houston
Bob Tucker	TE	Bloomsburg St.	69 Pottstown Firebirds 70 New York Giants
Wendall Tucker	WR	S.C. St.	65 Philadelphia Bulldogs 67 Los Angeles Rams
Phil Tuckett	WR	Weber State	68 Las Vegas Cowboys 69 San Diego
Doug Turley	E	Scranton	42 Wilmington Clippers 44 Washington
Clem Turner	RB	Cincinnati	67 Toronto Rifles 69 Cincinnati
Jim Turner	C	Oklahoma St.	36 Pittsburgh AFL 37 Cleveland Rams
John Unitas	QB	Louisville	56 Bloomfield Rams 57 Baltimore
Forest (Wayne) Underwood	G-T	Davis-Elkins	37 Cincinnati Bengals 37 Cleveland Rams
Tuiifui Uperesa	T	Montana	70 Pottstown Firebirds 71 Philadelphia
Walt Uzdavinis	T-G	Fordham	36 Boston Shamrocks 37 Cleveland Rams
Ted Vactor	DB	Nebraska	68 Virginia Sailors 69 Washington
Doug Van Horn	G	Ohio State	67 Mt. Vernon Bulls 68 New York Giants
Jeff Van Note	C	Kentucky	69 Huntsville Hawks

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John Vardian	HB	none	69 Atlanta 48 Erie Vets
Tom Wade	QB	Texas	48 Baltimore AAFC 64 Pittsburgh Ironmen
Bill Waller	E	Illinois	65 Pittsburgh Steelers 37 L.A. Bulldogs
John Walton	QB	Eliz. City St.	38 Brooklyn Dodgers 73 Columbus Barons
Bill Ward	C	Washington St.	76 Philadelphia 49 Paterson Panthers
Dave Washington	TE	USC	49 Detroit 67 Akron Vulcans
Harry Washington	WR	Colo. State	68 Denver 77 Sumner Bengals
Kenny Washington	HB	UCLA	78 Minnesota 45 Hollywood Bears
Jim Weatherly	C	S. Antonio J.C.	46 Los Angeles Rams 75 Santa Ana Rhinos
Allen Webb	DB	Arnold	76 Atlanta 60 Mt. Vernon Eagles
Sam Weir	WR	Arizona State	61 New York Giants 64 Charleston Rockets
Ernie Wheeler	HB	N. Dakota St.	65 Houston 41 Kenosha Cardinals
Johnny Wiatrak	T	Washington	42 Chicago Cardinals 38 L.A. Bulldogs
John Wiethé	T-G	Xavier (OH)	39 Detroit 38 Cincinnati Bengals
Rex (Pinky) Williams	C	Texas Tech	39 Detroit 40 New York Yankees
Gordon Wilson	T	Texas-El Paso	45 Detroit 41 Columbus Bullies
Dean Wink	DE	Yankton	42 Chicago Cardinals 66 Wilmington Clippers
Kelton Winston	DB	Wiley	67 Philadelphia 64 Springfield Acorns
Bill Winters	C	Princeton	67 Los Angeles Rams 81 Orlando Americans
Cal Withrow	C	Kentucky	83 Tampa Bay 68 Dayton Colts
Greg Wojcik	DT	USC	70 San Diego 70 Richmond Saints
John Woudenberg	T	Denver	71 Los Angeles Rams 46 San Francisco Clippers
Gordon Wright	DE	Del. State	47 San Francisco 49ers 66 Wilmington Clippers
Sam Wyche	QB	Furman	67 Philadelphia 66 Wheeling Ironmen
Pete Wysocki	LB	W. Michigan	68 Cincinnati 70 Norfolk Neptunes
Joe Yackanich	T	Fordham	75 Washington 48 Jersey City Giants
Howie Yeager	HB	Santa Barbara	49 Chicago Cardinals 38 Jersey City Giants
Garo Yepremian	K	none	41 New York Giants 68 Detroit Arrows
Jim Young	DE	Texas Southern	70 Miami 75 Oklahoma City
			76 Houston

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