

Iowans in the National Football League



1931 - 1953



Waldo Don Carlos

Greenfield HS

Center

1931 Green Bay

12 Games



Milt Gantenbein

Born New Albin

End

1931-40 Green Bay

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
104	77	129	8



Leo Jensvold

Emmetsburg HS

Halfback / Quarterback

1931 Chicago

1931 Cleveland

7 games



Ernie Jessen

University of Iowa

Tackle

1931 Cleveland

6 Games



Gus Mastrogany

Central HS, Davenport

End

1931 Chicago Bears

1 Game



Keith Molesworth

Washington HS

Halfback / Quarterback

1931-37 Chicago Bears

Pass	Comp	Yds	TD
226	86	1486	18

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
80	348	1105	8	35	464	2



Denny Myers

Algona HS

Guard

1931 Chicago Bears

2 Games



Carl Pignatelli

University of Iowa

Halfback

1931 Cleveland

7 Games



George Rogge

Ida Grove HS

End

1931-33 Chicago Bears
1934 Cincinnati-St. Louis

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
23	7	100	1



Paul Collins

Sioux City HS

End

1932-35 Boston

G	Rec	YD	TD
43	7	86	0



Harold Ely

Roosevelt HS
Des Moines

Tackle

1932 Chicago Bears
1932-34 Brooklyn

30 Games



Tiny Engebretsen

Chariton HS

Guard / Kicker

1932 Chicago Bears
1933 Chicago Cards
1934 Brooklyn
1934-41 Green Bay

Games	FG Att	FG	XP Att	XP	Pts
93	28	15	62	55	100



Joe Lillard

Mason City HS

Halfback

1932-33 Chicago Cards



Ollie Sansen

Alta HS

End / Fullback

1932-35 Brooklyn

G	Rsh	YD	TD
41	76	259	2

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
18	171	494	1	2	29	0



Ben Douglas

Grant HS, Cedar Rapids

Halfback

1933 Brooklyn



Cliff Hansen

Luther College

Fullback

1933 Chicago Cardinals

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
5	4	6	0	5	86	1

G	Rsh	YD	TD
4	9	55	0



Kink Richards

Garden Grove HS

Back

1933-39 New York Giants

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
73	508	1877	12	41	535	7



Joe Laws

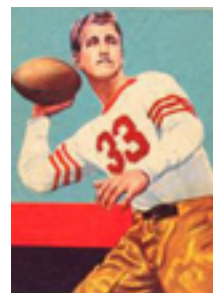
Colfax HS

Halfback

1934-45 Green Bay

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Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
122	470	1932	9	79	1041	9



Bernie Masterson

Born in Shenendoah

Halfback

1934-40 Chicago Bears

Games	Pass	Comp	Yds
70	409	156	3366



Bill McWilliams

Born in Dubuque

Halfback

1934 Detroit

G	Rsh	YD	TD
5	6	16	0



Sandy Sandberg

Eddyville HS

Tackle

1934 St. Louis

1935-36 Pittsburgh

1936 Brooklyn

36 Games



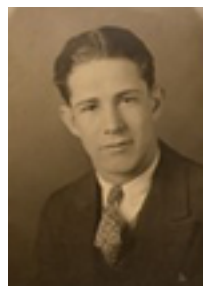
Paul Shenefelt

Born in Ames

Center

1934 Chicago Cardinals

2 Games



Versil Deskin

East HS, Des Moines

End

1935-39 Chicago Cards

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
44	16	249	2



Herm Schneidman

University of Iowa

Halfback

1935-39 Green Bay

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
46	13	37	0	7	119	2



Dick Crayne

Fairfield HS

End

1936-37 Brooklyn

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
22	111	338	1	2	36	0



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Davenport HS

Guard / Tackle

1937-38 Cleveland

12 Games



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Don Nelson

University of Iowa

Guard

1937 Brooklyn

11 Games



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Hudson HS

Guard

1937 Green Bay

8 Games



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John Oelerich

Davenport HS

Halfback

1938 Chicago Bears

1938 Pittsburgh

G	Rsh	YD	TD
5	14	23	0



Frank Balasz

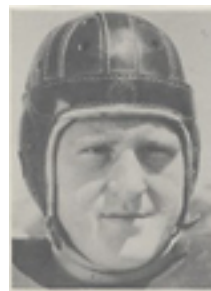
University of Iowa

Fullback

1939-41 Green Bay

1944 Chicago Cards

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
24	60	228	1	5	50	0



Dick Farman

Born in Belmond

Guard / Tackle

1939-43 Washington

1 Interception

49 Games

**Charles Heileman**

Fort Dodge HS

End

1939 Chicago Bears

2 Games

**Elvin Hutchison**

Red Oak HS

Halfback

1939 Detroit

2 Games

**Pug Manders**

Drake University

Halfback

1939-43 Brooklyn Dodgers

1944 Brooklyn Tigers

1945 Boston Yanks

1946 NY Yankees

1947 Buffalo Bills

**Clyde Shugart**

Ames High School

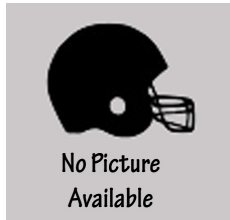
Guard / Tackle

1939-44 Washington

1 Interception

54 Games

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
90	742	2712	36	28	375	2

**Anton Stolf**

Luther College

Quarterback

1939 Chicago Bears

1 Game

**Dick Evans**

University of Iowa

End

1940, 43 Green Bay

1941-42 Chicago Cards

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
27	13	145	0

**Glenn Olson**

Colo HS

Back

1940 Cleveland

1 Game



George Franck
Central HS, Davenport

Halfback
1941, 45-47 NY Giants

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
33	144	506	3	27	536	5



Fred Gloden
Dubuque HS

Halfback
1941 Philadelphia
1946 Miami Seahawks

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
13	39	75	1	2	13	0



Bill Halverson
Born in Davenport

Tackle
1941 Philadelphia

8 Games



Bill Johnson
Born in Larrabee

End
1941 Green Bay

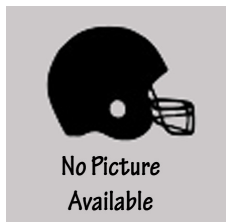
1 Game



Herm Rohrig
Born in Mason City

Halfback / Quarterback
1941, 46-47 Breen Bay

Att	Pass	Yds	TD
9	3	100	1



Don Vosberg
Dubuque HS

End
1941 New York Giants

7 Games



Emmett Barrett
Trinity HS, Sioux City

Center
1942 NY Giants

11 Games



Frank Hrabetin
Washington HS, Cedar Rapids

Tackle
1942 Philadelphia
1946 Brooklyn
1946 Miami Seahawks

18 Games



Nick Kerasiotis

St. Ambrose University

Guard

1942, 45 Chicago Bears

10 Games



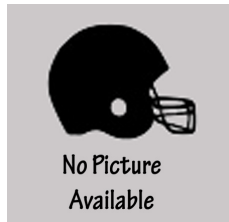
Ted Lapka

St. Ambrose University

End

1942-44, 46 Washington

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
22	9	128	1



Monte Merkel

Born in Keystone

Guard

1943 Chicago Bears

1 Game



Gordon Paschka

Born in Clinton

Fullback

1943 Philadelphia

1947 New York Giants

Games	Rush	Yds	TD
16	48	143	2



Dave Bernard

Central HS, Sioux City

Linebacker

1944-45 LA Rams

15 Games



Herb Kane

Born in Carroll

Tackle

1944-45 NY Giants

8 Games



Paul Podmajersky

University of Iowa

Guard

1944 Chicago Bears

1 Game

Games	Rush	Yds	TD
16	48	143	2



Chuck Tollefson

University of Iowa

Center

1944-46 Green Bay

16 Games



Ted Grefe

Roosevelt HS
Des Moines

End

1945 Detroit

2 Games



Forrest Masterson

University of Iowa

Center

1945 Chicago Bears

6 Games



Bus Mertes

University of Iowa

Halfback

1945 Chicago Cards

1946 Los Angeles Dons

1947-49 Baltimore Colts

1949 NY Giants



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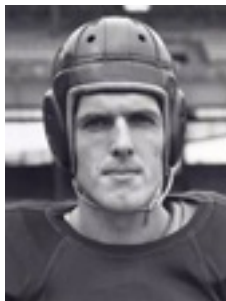
Thomas Jefferson HS
Council Bluffs

Fullback / Guard

1946 Washington

Games	Rush	Yds	TD
6	3	22	0

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
54	341	1273	6	19	182	2



Hal Crisler

Iowa State University

End

1946-47 Boston Yanks

1948-49 Washington

1950 Baltimore Colts



Tom Farmer

Wilson HS, Cedar Rapids

Halfback

1946 Los Angeles Rams

1947-48 Washington

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
53	135	2042	22

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
27	95	307	3	26	302	2



Jim Keane

University of Iowa

End

1946-51 Chicago Bears

1952 Green Bay

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
80	224	3222	24



Buck Shaw

Stuart HS

Coach

1946-54 San Francisco

1958-60 Philadelphia

1960 NFL Champions



Jim Youel
Fort Madison HS

Halfback / Quarterback
1946-48 Washington
1948 Boston Yanks

Att	Pass	Yds	TD
146	50	849	7

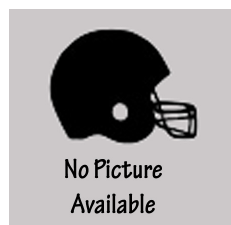
Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
23	42	183	3	1	20	0



Dick Hoerner
Dubuque HS

Fullback
1947-51 LA Rams
1952 Dallas Texans

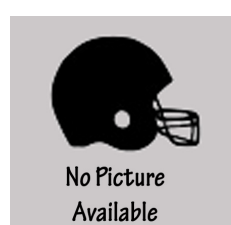
Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
63	506	2172	30	80	1180	4



Bob McClure
Drake University

End / Guard
1947-48 Boston

22 Games



Bruno Niedziela
University of Iowa

Tackle
1947 Chicago Rockets

12 Games



Jerry Niles
Clinton HS

Quarterback
1947 NY Giants

Games	Att	Pass	Yds	TD
4	57	19	269	1



Bob G. Sullivan
University of Iowa

Halfback
1947 Pittsburg
1948 Brooklyn

G	Rsh	YD	TD	Rec	YD	TD
5	23	60	1	4	72	1



Sam Vacanti
University of Iowa

Quarterback
1947-48 Chicago Rockets
1948-49 Baltimore Colts

Games	Att	Pass	Yds	TD
39	368	154	2338	18



Don Clark
Born in Churdan

Guard
1948-49 San Francisco

26 Games 1 Interception



Corwin Clatt

Born in West Des Moines

Fullback

1948-49 Chicago Cards

Games	Rush	Yds	TD
24	6	38	0



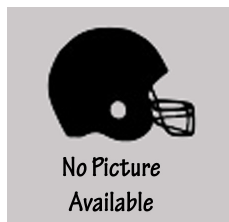
Don Corbitt

Born in Creston

Center

1948 Washington

3 Games



Bob Hanlon

Loras College

Halfback

1948 Chicago Cardinals

1949 Pittsburgh

G	Rsh	YD	TD	Rec	YD	TD
22	12	24	0	1	4	0



Bob Jensen

Iowa State University

End

1948-49 Chicago

1950 Baltimore

G	Rec	YD	TD
34	22	290	1



Herb Shoener

University of Iowa

End

1948-49 Washington

18 Games 1 Touchdown



Hal Shoener

University of Iowa

End

1948-50 San Francisco

G	Rec	YD	TD
38	22	160	3



Robert Smith

University of Iowa

Halfback

1948 Buffalo Bills

1948 Brooklyn Dodgers

1949 Chicago Hornets

1949-54 Detroit Lions

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
78	37	181	0	5	76	0



Emlen Tunnell

University of Iowa

Defensive back

1948-58 NY Giants

1959-61 Green Bay

1967 NFL Hall of Fame

Games	Ints	TD	PR	Yds	TD
165	79	4	258	2209	5



Sherman Howard

University of Iowa

Halfback

1949 NY Yankees
1950-51 NY Yanks
1952-53 Cleveland

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
3	206	842	7	44	944	11



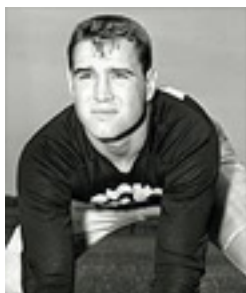
Dick Woodard

Fort Dodge HS

Center / Linebacker

1949 LA Dons
1950-51, 53 NY Giants
1952 Washington

Games	Ints	TD	FR	Yds	TD
56	4	0	1	6	1



Jerry Groom

Dowling HS

Center

1951-55 Chicago Cards

58 Games



Ace Loomis

Born in Dubuque

Defensive back

1951-53 Green Bay

Games	Ints	TD
33	12	1



Joe Arenas

Born in Cedar Rapids

Halfback

1951-57 San Francisco

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
84	203	987	10	46	675	6



Tom Bienemann

Drake University

Defensive End

1951-56 Chicago Cards

65 Games

1 Interception



Jim Doran

Beaver HS

End

1951-58 Detroit Lions
1960-61 Dallas Cowboys

Games	Rec	Yds	TD
115	212	3667	24



Howie Ruetz

Loras College

Tackle

1951-53 Green Bay

20 Games



Dick Steere

Drake University

Tackle

1951 Philadelphia

5 Games



Stan Campbell

Iowa State University

Guard

1952-58 Detroit

1959-61 Philadelphia

1962 Oakland

92 Games



Don Klosterman

Born in LeMars

Quarterback

1952 LA Rams

Games	Att	Pass	Yds	TD
3	10	3	47	0



Bill Reichardt

Iowa City HS

Fullback

1952 Green Bay

Games	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
12	39	121	1	5	18	0



Rudy Bukich

University of Iowa

Quarterback

1953-54 LA Rams

1957-58 Washington

1958-59 Chicago Bears

1960-61 Pittsburgh

1963-68 Chicago Bears

Games	Att	Pass	Yds	TD
103	1190	626	8433	61



Marvin McFadden

Columbus Junction

Guard

1953, 56 Pittsburgh

24 Games



Art Michalik

St. Ambrose University

Guard

1953-54 San Francisco

1955-56 Pittsburgh

38 Games