



UConn AND THE NFL

A number of former University of Connecticut football players have gone on to be drafted or signed free agent contracts with National Football League teams.

On these pages is a listing of UConn players that have either been drafted by NFL teams, made an active regular season roster, or have signed free agent contracts with teams in the NFL.



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Year	Round	Pick	Player	Team
2005	3	82	Alfred Fincher	New Orleans
2005	5	145	Dan Orlovsky	Detroit
1994	6	190	Paul Duckworth	Green Bay
1992	12	312	Cornelius Benton	Pittsburgh
1989	9	238	David Franks	Seattle
1984	4	99	John Dorsey	Green Bay
1980	8	221	Ted Walton	Pittsburgh
1974	11	272	Eric Torkelson	Green Bay
1971	4	102	Vin Clements	Minnesota
1963	4	27	John Contoulis	New York (AFL)
1962	11	153	Dave Bishop	New York
1962	16	213	John Contoulis	Minnesota
1958	18	210	Lenny King	Washington
1946	9	74	Walt Dropo	Chicago

BRIAN KOZLOWSKI BECOMES SECOND HUSKY TO PLAY IN THE SUPER BOWL

Former Husky Brian Kozlowski became the second UConn alumnus to play in the Super Bowl in January 1999. Kozlowski was the starting fullback for the NFC Champion Atlanta Falcons, who lost to the Denver Broncos. Kozlowski played at UConn from 1989-1992 and was a two-time All-Yankee Conference selection. In 1998, he was one of 44 players selected to the UConn 100th Anniversary All-Time Football Team.



UConn AND THE CFL

Former UConn standout Brian Herosian enjoyed an outstanding career in the Canadian Football League. After playing in the NFL for one season in 1973 for Baltimore, Herosian travelled north and played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for four seasons from 1975-78. He was an East Division all-star in 1975 and '76 and a CFL all-star in '76.

Herosian had five interceptions in both 1975 and '76, three in '77 and four more in '78. At UConn, he was selected to play in the North-South All-Star Shrine Game in Miami following his senior year.

UConn's CFL tradition continued in the Summer of 2004. Scarborough, Ontario's O'Neil Wilson was the second wide receiver taken in the CFL draft by Montreal and was a starter on Opening Day for the Alouettes.



PLAYERS ON ACTIVE REGULAR SEASON PROFESSIONAL ROSTERS

Name	Pos.	Team (League)	Year(s)	Name	Pos.	Team (League)	Year(s)
Glenn Antrum	WR	New England (NFL)	1989	Bob Leahy	QB	Pittsburgh (NFL)	1971
Vin Clements	RB	N.Y. Giants (NFL)	1971-73	Booth Lusteg	K	Buffalo (AFL)	1966
John Contoulis	DT	N.Y. Giants (NFL)	1964			Miami (AFL)	1967
Bill Cooke	DL-OL	Green Bay (NFL)	1975			Pittsburgh (NFL)	1968
		San Francisco (NFL)	1976-77			Green Bay (NFL)	1969
		Seattle (NFL)	1978, 1979-80	Jim Merritts	DE-NT	Indianapolis (NFL)	1987
		Detroit (NFL)	1978	Eric Naposki	LB	Indianapolis Colts (NFL)	1989
Mark Didio	WR	Pittsburgh (NFL)	1992			New England (NFL)	1988
John Dorsey	LB	Green Bay (NFL)	1984-89	Red O'Neil	C	Hartford (NFL)	1926
Nick Giaquinto	RB	Miami (NFL)	1980-81	Vic Radzievitch	BB-G-FB	Hartford (NFL)	1926
		Washington (NFL)	1981-83	Pete Rostosky	OL	Pittsburgh (NFL)	1983-87
Ching Hammill	BB	Providence (NFL)	1925	Shane Stafford	QB	Cleveland (NFL)	1998
Brian Herosian	S	Baltimore Colts (NFL)	1973	Eric Torkelson	RB	Green Bay (NFL)	1974-81
Keith Hugger	WR	N.Y. Giants (NFL)	1983	Pop Williams	WB-FB-TB-HB	Providence (NFL)	1928-31
Brian Kozlowski	TE	N.Y. Giants (NFL)	1994-97			Brooklyn (NFL)	1932
		Atlanta (NFL)	1998-03	Darrell Wilson	DB	New England (NFL)	1981
		Washington (NFL)	2004				



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Nick Giaquinto (below), who played at UConn between 1975-76, participated in two Super Bowls with the Washington Redskins. He played in Super Bowl XVII in 1982 which the Redskins won and in Super Bowl XVIII in 1983 that Washington lost.



NICK GIAQUINTO
Miami Dolphins, Washington Redskins



MARK DIDIO
Pittsburgh Steelers



ERIC TORKELSON
Green Bay Packers

UConn PLAYERS AND THEIR NFL TEAMS

(listed with their final year at UConn)

ARIZONA (ST. LOUIS) CARDINALS

Mark Michaels1985
Tyler King2004
Jordan Younger1999

ATLANTA FALCONS

Brian Kozlowski1992

BALTIMORE COLTS

Brian Herosian1972

BUFFALO BILLS

Booth Lusteg1965
Uyi Osunde2003

CHICAGO BEARS

Walt Dropo1946

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Vernon Hargreaves1983
Sean Mulchay2003
Uyi Osunde2003
Shane Stafford1998

DALLAS COWBOYS

Pat Anglim1987
David Franks1988
Eric Naposki1985
Ken Sweitzer1981

DETROIT LIONS

Bill Cooke1971
Dan Orlovsky2004

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Tommy Collins2003
Bill Cooke1971
John Dorsey1983
Paul Duckworth1993
Matt Latham1984
Booth Lusteg1965
Anthony McKinney1996
Eric Torkelson1973

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Brian Herosian1972
Jim Merritts1980
Eric Naposki1985

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Tory Taylor1998
Pat Walsh1995

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

TaVarr Closs1997
Justin Perkins2004

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Nick Giaquinto1976
Booth Lusteg1965

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Vin Clements1970
Anthony McKinney1996
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
Glenn Antrun1988
Domingos Carlos1983
Reggie Eccleston1980
Ryan Krug2004
Eric Naposki1985
Jody Webb1980
Darrell Wilson1980

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Alfred Fincher2004
Keron Henry2004
Aaron Sanders1989

NEW YORK GIANTS

Vin Clements1970
John Contoulis1962
Ed Enos1956
Nick Giaquinto1976
Keith Hugger1983
Brian Kozlowski1992
Ken Miller1981
Ted Walton1979

NEW YORK JETS

Nick Giaquinto1976
Eric Naposki1985

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Pat Anglim1987

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Steve Beal1979
Cornelius Benton1991
Mark Didio1991
Booth Lusteg1965
Pete Rostovsky1982
Ted Walton1979

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Rick Robustelli1970

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Bill Cooke1971

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Bill Cooke1971
David Franks1988
Matt Latham1984

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Shane Stafford1998

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Nick Giaquinto1976
Brian Kozlowski1992

