

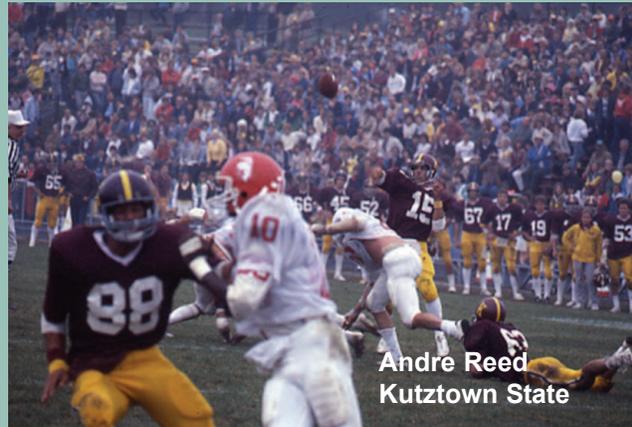
Football Legends of PA



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Overview

For many people, a Friday night in the fall means high school football. Teams around Pennsylvania compete under the lights in front of cheering families and fans. High school football is where it began for our numerous local and national football legends.



The drama and glory of high school football is a story that has been told different ways time and time again. Even if you've seen the movies, reading about the game can give you a different sense of it. A recent movie was based on the book *Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream*, by H.G. Bissinger.

This video series spotlights the most beloved names in Pennsylvania high school and professional football. It explores the players and the coaches and families who molded them. Add to what you already know about the tradition of Pennsylvania football by hearing the stories of these legends.

Discussion/Questions

1. What qualities make a successful coach on the field? Can these same qualities make a successful mentor?
2. Is it a good idea for young people to base their future on playing professional sports? If not, what positives do playing sports bring into a player's life?

Activities

1. Pennsylvania is home to six Heisman trophy winners: Larry Kelly, Johnny Lujack, Leon Hart, John Cappelletti, Tony Dorsett, and Eddie George. Choose one and find out five things you didn't already know about his life and accomplishments.
2. If it is football season, ask your parents or friends to take you to a game. Afterwards, write your thoughts on the particular game. If you can't make it to a game, watch one on TV.

Spotlight: Andre Reed

"Andre Reed was one of the greatest and most durable football players that I have ever coached. He excelled in every aspect of the game." -Buffalo Coach Mark Levy

Andre Reed played quarterback for Dieruff High School in Allentown before going to Kutztown University. While there, he was an outstanding wide receiver. In 1985, he was drafted by the Buffalo Bills. He played for the Bills for 15 years. He spent his final year in the NFL with the Washington Redskins. He took the Bills to four Superbowls. During these, he amassed 27 receptions, placing him second in Superbowl receptions behind superstar Jerry Rice.



He is well-known for a famous game known as "The Comeback." The game was a 1993 playoff victory for the Buffalo Bills over the Houston Oilers. Reed caught three touchdowns in the second half of the game, leading to the largest comeback in NFL history. Today, Reed can be seen on ESPN2's Cold Pizza and makes appearances on The NFL on FOX.

More information

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Academic Standards

Football Legends of PA is specifically designed to address the Academic Standards for History as set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This program supports the successful achievement of standards 8.2 Pennsylvania History, as defined under grade 12 measurement criteria:

8.2.12.

A. Evaluate the political and cultural contributions of individuals and groups to Pennsylvania history from 1890 to Present.

