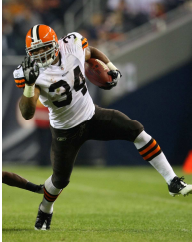



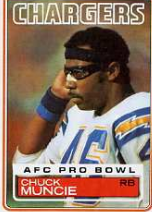





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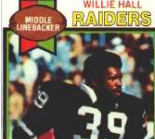


It was one of AWC's inaugural sports, and the championship history of the AWC Football Program has sent countless numbers of student-athletes to NCAA Division I programs... and beyond. Below are shining examples of dedicated Matador Football stars that used their athletic and academic opportunities while at Arizona Western College to help propel them all the way to the NFL.

	<p>Chris Jennings AWC Matadors: 2004-2005 Arizona: 2006-2007 NFL Career: 2009-present</p>	<p>Jennings played the role of true underdog to perfection at every level he's played at. Buried on the depth chart when he first stepped foot on the AWC Football Field as a freshman, Jennings exploded past his competition to grab the starting job and be the Matadors' starting tailback the final 12 games of his career, leading the team in rushing as a sophomore. At the University of Arizona, he again went from 3rd-string to #1 back by the end of his first year there. After getting a brief opportunity in the Canadian Football League, Jennings waited for his chance at the NFL, which came when the Browns signed him near the end of 2009 training camp. After gaining over 100 total yards in his final preseason game, Jennings worked his way up from practice squad to active player, then was thrown into the starting lineup in Week 14 against Pittsburgh. Jennings responded with a 73-yard rushing day and the game-winning 10-yard TD! Jennings has seen action so far this season with the New York Jets.</p>
	<p>MAIN NFL TEAMS:</p> 	

	<p>Chuck Muncie AWC Matadors: 1971-72 California: 1972-75 NFL Career: 1976-1984</p>	<p>Muncie played one incredible year for Ray Butcher's Matador Football team... even though he was at AWC on a basketball scholarship. After one year, the University of California snapped Muncie up, where he starred on the gridiron for 3 years, finishing 2nd in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1975. The Saints made him a 1st-round draft pick in the 1976, and he was their top rusher for 4 years until he was traded to San Diego. He led the Chargers to a pair of AFC West Division titles in 4 years. He was a 3-time Pro Bowler during his 8-year career, winning the Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player Award in 1980.</p>
	<p>MAIN NFL TEAMS:</p> 	

	<p>Karl Lorch AWC Matadors: 1968-70 Southern Cal: 1970-72 NFL Career: 1976-1981</p>	<p>Lorch's first taste of the mainland was AWC after starring on the high school gridiron in his native Hawaii. He starred on the Matadors' defensive line before USC snapped him up, and he lettered for the Trojans as a member of their '72 National Championship team. The Miami Dolphins drafted Lorch in 1973, but he actually started his pro career with the Hawaiians in the World Football League. After 2 seasons there, he finally made the NFL and started for the Washington Redskins for 6 years. He then joined the USFL, playing his last 3 years of pro ball with Chicago and Arizona. He was an All-WFL selection in 1975, and an All-USFL selection in 1984.</p>
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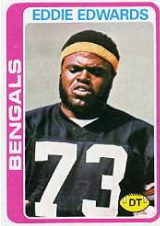
	<p>Willie Hall AWC Matadors: 1969-71 Southern Cal: 1971-72 NFL Career: 1972-1978</p>	<p>Native Georgian Willie Hall came to the up-and-coming Matador Football program in 1969, and led the defense for two storied seasons. He then became an All-American linebacker at USC before the New Orleans Saints drafted him in the 2nd round of the 1972 draft. He spent a pair of seasons in the bayou before gaining</p>
	<p>MAIN NFL TEAMS:</p>	



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fame as part of the great Oakland Raider teams of the mid-1970's. Hall was considered the leader of the vaunted Raiders' defense as they dominated the Minnesota Vikings to win Super Bowl XI in 1977. Hall spent a total of 6 seasons in the NFL.



Eddie Edwards
AWC Matadors: 1973-75
Miami: 1975-77
NFL Career: 1977-1988

MAIN NFL TEAM:




After leading his Florida high school to a state championship, Edwards travelled across the country to play on the Matadors' defensive line in 1973 & 1974. That caught the attention of the Miami Hurricanes, who lured back to the east coast long enough for Eddie to be an All-American defensive end for the 'Canes and the 3rd overall pick of Cincinnati in the 1977 draft. The Bengals knew what they had in Edwards, and he was a 12-year mainstay on Cincy's defensive line. Edwards started Super Bowl XVI against the 49ers in 1982, and was an All-Pro for Cincinnati in 1981.



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And the list goes on...

	Dwight Anderson
	Larry Bates
	Reggie Berry
	Ken Bungarda
	Steve Conley
	Ron Davis
	Ken Dombroski
	Stan Eisenhooth
	Charlie Hinton
	Mike Johnson
	Jeromy Jones
	Jerry Keeble
	Crawford Ker
	Mike McCurry
	Reggie Pierson
	Fred Ross
	Bernard Russ
	Ricky Siglar
	Skip Thomas
	Bobby Thompson
	Leonard Thompson
	Faddie Tillman
	Luis Vasquez



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	<i>Charlie Weaver</i>
	<i>Emanuel Weaver</i>
	<i>Lee White</i>
	<i>K.D. Williams</i>