

Cornell Football Legends

Glenn Scobey (Pop) Warner • Gridiron's Greatest Strategist

Glenn Scobey (Pop) Warner was a colorful individual during his playing days at Cornell and then during an illustrious, uninterrupted 45-year coaching career.

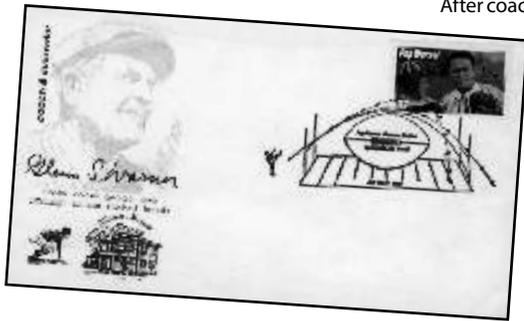
Warner was born in Springville, N.Y., on April 5, 1871, only two days after the first college football game between Princeton and Rutgers. Not only was he one of Cornell's outstanding football players, but he also excelled in track and field, and was its heavyweight boxing champion in 1893.

Upon graduation from Cornell Law School in 1895, Warner began his coaching career at Georgia. He returned to his alma mater for the 1897-98 seasons, then went to Carlisle from 1899-1903. "Pop" came back to Ithaca for a second stint coaching the Big Red from 1904-06, before heading back to Carlisle, where he coached legendary Jim Thorpe.

After leaving Carlisle in 1914, Warner later coached at Pittsburgh (1915-23), Stanford (1924-32) and Temple (1933-38). At the age of 67, he returned to his permanent residence of Palo Alto, Calif., and served as an advisory coach at San Jose State from 1939-40.

After coaching 44 All-Americans and introducing so many of the football practices that we still use today, Warner returned to his oil and water paints, and to his work bench. His imaginative mind produced the screen pass, the rolling block, the naked reverse, series plays and the unbalanced line. He also introduced the numbering of players, huddle, wearing of headgear, spiral punt and the blocking dummy. Warner was the only coach ever to actually invent a system of offense. "Pop" died on Sept. 7, 1954, at age 83, 25 years after founding the Pop Warner Youth Football League, which is still a mainstay for nearly all young football players.

Thirty-nine years after his death, Warner passed the late Amos Alonzo Stagg and became the second winningest coach in major college football. In 1993, Warner was credited by the NCAA with six more victories, increasing his total to 319, with Stagg having 314. His overall 44-year coaching record was 319-106-29. On July 25, 1997, the U.S. Postal Service issued four stamps commemorating Warner, Vince Lombardi of the Green Bay Packers, George Halas of the Chicago Bears and Paul "Bear" Bryant of the University of Alabama.



Pete Gogolak • Just For Kicks

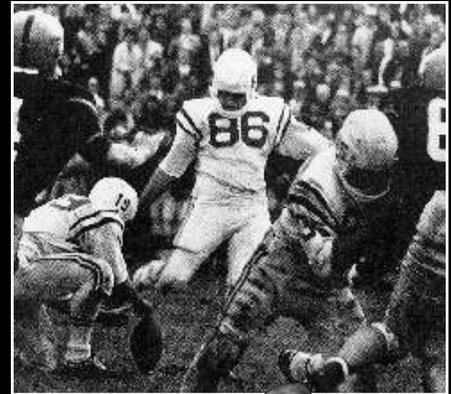
A football innovator, Pete Gogolak introduced soccer-style kicking to American football. He was the first player to kick soccer-style in the college and professional ranks.

While at Cornell, Gogolak set a major college record by connecting on 44 consecutive kick conversions from 1961 to 1963 and still holds the Cornell record for consecutive conversions and career conversion percentage (.982, 54-of-55). His 50-yard field goal vs. Lehigh in 1963 was the nation's longest in a major college game. He booted nine career field goals, including eight of 40 yards or more.

After Cornell, Gogolak signed with the Buffalo Bills after being drafted in the 12th round of the AFL Draft. He played two seasons with the Bills, including kicking for the 1965 AFL champion team. He was named kicker of the AFL all-pro team and in 1984, was named to the Silver Anniversary all-time team. After playing out his option with Buffalo, Gogolak signed with the New York Giants and played 10 seasons, becoming the franchise's all-time leading scorer and kicking the longest field goal in team history (54 yards). As of 2006, he is still the leading scorer in Giants history.

Gogolak's family came to the United States from Hungary in 1956. His brother, Charlie, is the all-time top place-kicker in the history of Princeton football. The family's story was featured in *Life Magazine* in 1963.

Year	GP	X-Pts		Lg	Pts
		Made-Att	FGM-FGA		
1961	9	16-17	3-10	41	25
1962	9	20-20	0-5	—	20
1963	9	18-18	6-12	50	36
Totals	27	54-55	9-27	50	81



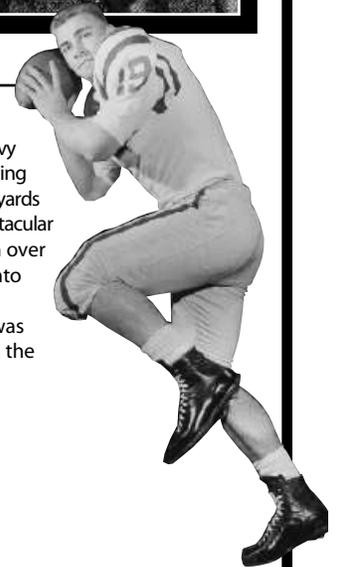
Gary Wood • The No. 1 Option

In a game where quarterbacks beat teams with both their arms and legs, Gary Wood was a pioneer. Wood remains one of the great all-around players in Ivy League history more than 40 years after he last dressed for the Big Red.

A three-time AP All-Ivy first-team and two-time Coaches All-Ivy first-team pick, Wood was named to the AP's All-East squad as a senior. He set Ivy League records for career total offense (3,457 yards) and rushing (2,156 yards) as well as single-season total offense (1,612 yards in 1962) and rushing (813 yards in '62). He also held the record for total offense in a game (387 yards vs. Penn., 1962). An explosive player, Wood scored on plays of 40 yards or more six times in his three seasons, including an 89-yard kickoff return and an 80-yard run in 1963. He was named one of four "Most Spectacular Players" of the 1962 season and was named national "Back of the Week" by the AP and *Sports Illustrated* for his 1962 performance in a win over Princeton. He remains the only player in Ivy League history to rush for 2,000 yards and pass for 1,000 more. That doesn't even take into account his 1,326 yards on 50 returns (26.5 yard average).

After graduating from Cornell, Wood joined the New York Giants. Standing just 5-11 and weighing 185 pounds, many said he was too small to play quarterback in the NFL. Wood proved his naysayers wrong, playing five years with the Giants and another with the New Orleans Saints. He later played with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League.

Year	GP	Comp	Att	Pct.	Yds	TD	Int				
								Rushes	Yds	Avg.	TD
1961	9	28	75	.373	456	6	3	94	449	4.8	3
1962	9	60	117	.513	890	8	8	173	889	5.1	9
1963	9	47	119	.395	545	4	7	166	818	4.9	6
Totals	27	135	311	.434	1,891	18	18	433	2,156	5.0	18



Ed Marinaro • An Era to Remember

In his three seasons as Cornell's tailback (1969-70-71), Ed Marinaro set rushing and scoring records wholesale and won every major honor with the exception of the Heisman Trophy, for which he placed a close second to quarterback Pat Sullivan of Auburn University.

In the 24th game of his 27-game career, against Columbia at Ithaca, he broke Steve Owens' all-time NCAA career rushing record of 3,867 yards, set in 1969, by gaining 272 yards for a total of 4,132—the first player to go over the 4,000 mark in three seasons. He finished up with 4,715.

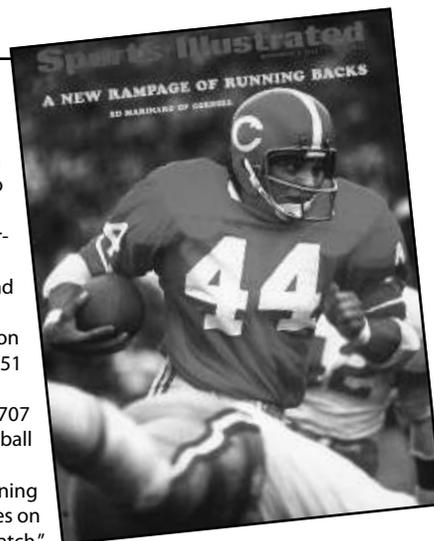
During his three years at Cornell, he set an NCAA season record of 1,881 yards and a season per-game average of 209.0. His career average of 174.6 is also an NCAA record.

Overall he established eight NCAA career records and tied another, six NCAA single-season records and three other NCAA records.

Marinaro won the national triple-crown in 1971—rushing, all-purpose running and scoring, each based on game-average. All-purpose running includes pass receiving and kick returns. He averaged 214.7 yards with 51 on pass receptions.

He still holds 11 Ivy League records, including career and season rushing yardage (3,391 and 1,375), carries (707 and 275), touchdowns (36 and 16) and points scored (224 and 100). He was inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in 1991.

Marinaro played professionally for the Minnesota Vikings, New York Jets and Seattle Seahawks before beginning an acting career that saw him, most notably, play Officer Joe Coffey on "Hill Street Blues" and Sonny St. Jacques on "Laverne & Shirley." He has also been seen on "Dynasty," "The Twilight Zone," "Touched By An Angel," "Third Watch," "Eight Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter," and "Monk" among others.



Year	GP	Rushes	Yds	Avg	TD	PATs	Rec.	Rec. Yds	TD	Pts
1969	9	277	1,409	5.1	14	0	6	52	0	84
1970	9	285	1,425	5.0	12	1	11	129	2	86
1971	9	356	1,881	5.3	24	2	6	51	0	148
Totals	27	918	4,715	5.1	50	3	23	232	2	318

Seth Payne • Development Leads to NFL Success

From scrawny freshman to three-time All-Ivy selection, defensive end Seth Payne '96 remains the school's career leader in sacks with 19 and has gone on to make a name for himself with the NFL's Houston Texans.



As a member of the Big Red, Payne was named first-team All-Ivy as a senior after leading the team with a career-best nine sacks and ranking among the top five on the team in tackles with 84. During his career he earned the defense's Big Play Award, Most Improved Player, the Sid Roth Award twice (designated for the team's most valuable down lineman), and the Red Helmet Award for the outstanding varsity player on defense. The four-year letter

winner capped off his career by being selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the fourth round of the 1997 NFL Draft.

After five productive seasons with the Jaguars, including 51 starts, Payne was selected by the Texans in the league's expansion draft and made an immediate impact. He started all 16 games in 2002, leading the Texans defensive line with 147 tackles to rank third on the team. His only sack of the season was a safety late in the fourth quarter that led Houston to its first win in franchise history, a triumph over the storied Dallas Cowboys.

Payne was voted by teammates as the recipient of NFL Player's Association 2002 Unsung Hero Award, and was selected to *USA Today's* 11th annual "All-Joe Team" as one of the most underrated players in the NFL who makes a difference with their work ethic and demeanor. He opened earned the team's Ed Block Courage Award in 2004 and is coming off a career-high four sack, 98-tackle season in 2005.

The 6-4, 303-pounder has made a home for himself in Houston, where he is well known for his work with many charitable organizations, including Teach For America and both the Children's and Shriner's hospitals. He retired after the 2006-07 season.

Year	GP	Tackles	Assists	For Loss	Sacks
1993	4	2	6	1-2	0-0
1994	10	25	22	5-9	6-32
1995	10	25	18	6-12	4-9
1996	10	55	29	26-107	9-49
Totals	34	107	75	38-130	19-90

Derrick Harmon

From the Ivies to the Super Bowl

Tailback Derrick Harmon excelled on both the playing field and in the classroom. He was a two-time Academic All-American and made the Associated Press Division I-AA All-America second team as a senior.

In his final season, Derrick won the Asa Bushnell Award as the Ivy League's Player of the Year, after being named the league's Sophomore of the Year in 1981. He became only the fourth person in the history of the league to go over 1,000 yards

in one season when he ran for 1,056 markers in seven Ivy games in 1983.

A two-time All-Ivy first-team selection, Harmon rushed for 3,074 yards on 546 carries in three years and ranks third on Cornell's all-time rushing list and in career rushes. He set the school's single season record for yards per carry (5.9 in 1983) and the career record for yards per carry (5.6, 1981-83).

During his three years, he had 14 games of over 100 yards

rushing. He also ranks third in career all-purpose running with 3,800 yards.

An engineering physics major from New York City, Harmon was the recipient of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. He was drafted in the ninth round by the San Francisco 49ers and earned a Super Bowl ring in 1985 against the Miami Dolphins.



Year	GP	Rushes	Yds	Avg	TD
1981	9	173	893	5.2	5
1982	8	157	905	5.8	9
1983	10	216	1,276	5.9	12
Totals	27	546	3,074	5.6	26

Chad Levitt *Running With The Best*

During his four-year career in a Big Red uniform, tailback Chad Levitt rushed for 4,657 yards, coming just 59 yards shy of breaking the all-time Cornell and Ivy League rushing records. A freak elbow injury in the ninth game of the '96 season kept him from shattering the mark. Levitt led the Ivy League in rushing, scoring and all-purpose running per game for three straight years.

During the 1996 season, he rushed for 1,435 yards on 267 carries for the second-best season ever at Cornell. The three-time All-Ivy first-team back was named ECAC Division I-AA Player of the Year, the Asa S. Bushnell Cup Player of the Year in the Ivy League, and The Football News named him Ivy League Player of the Year for the third consecutive time. He set a school and league career record for most rushing attempts (922), established a school-best mark for 100-yard rushing games in a career (24) and broke the school's all-purpose running standard with 5,036 yards. He ranks second on the all-time scoring list with 292 points.



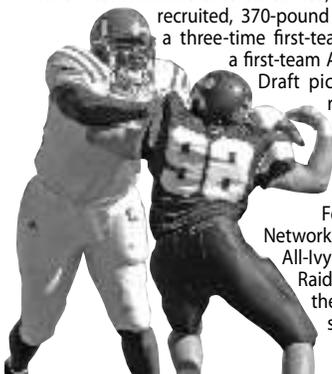
The 6-2, 240-pounder was a two-time ECAC first-team selection and was named to the Associated Press Division I-AA All-America second team following his senior year. He was invited to play in the East-West Shrine and the Blue-Gray all-star games.

A graduate of Cheltenham High School and a Melrose Park, Pa., native, Levitt was a fourth-round draft pick by the Oakland Raiders in the 1997 NFL Draft and started two games as a rookie. He also appeared on rosters for the St. Louis Rams and the Chicago Bears.

Year	GP	Rushes	Yds	Avg	TD
1993	9	88	475	5.4	6
1994	10	275	1,319	4.8	12
1995	10	292	1,428	4.9	13
1996	9	267	1,435	5.4	13
Totals	38	922	4,657	5.1	44

Kevin Boothe *Walking The O-Line*

When Kevin Boothe entered Cornell, he came as a lightly recruited, 370-pound lineman. He left as a three-time first-team All-Ivy selection, a first-team All-American, an NFL Draft pick, and is generally regarded as one of the top offensive linemen ever to suit up for an Ancient Eight school.



Boothe was named to the All-America first team by the American Football Coaches Association and to the second team by the The Sports Network and the Associated Press as a senior. Boothe was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy pick in each of his final two years. He was then picked by the Oakland Raiders in the sixth round of the 2006 NFL Draft and ended up starting 14 of the team's 16 games as a rookie. Boothe has played for the New York Giants since 2007. He earned a Super Bowl ring as a reserve offensive lineman and special teams player who helped the squad defeat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

Tom McHale • Sack Artist

Tom McHale parlayed his love of football into a longtime NFL career. After excelling as one of the finest defensive linemen in Big Red history, he was called upon to play several positions in the pros, even settling in as a starting offensive guard during his seven-year NFL career.

The 6-4, 260-pound defensive end was named to the Kodak Division I-AA All-America team by the American Football Coaches Association in 1986 to join his awards as an Associated Press Division I-AA first-team and All-Ivy first-team selection. He was the runner-up for Ivy League Player of the Year after setting Cornell records for season (12) and career quarterback sacks (14). He was chosen to play for the East team in the East-West Shrine Game.

McHale transferred to Cornell from Maryland, where he was a starting defensive tackle and played on two bowl teams. In 1987 he signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and moved to the offensive line, eventually playing seven seasons in the NFL at guard for the Bucs, the Philadelphia Eagles

and the Miami Dolphins. After retirement, McHale served as president of the Tampa chapter of the NFL Players Association's Retired Players division. He also put his degree in hotel administration to good use, opening several restaurants in the Tampa area. McHale passed away on May 25, 2008.



Year	GP	Tackles	Assists	Sacks
1985	3	10	3	2
1986	10	46	28	12
Totals	13	56	31	14

Ricky Rahne • Passing Fancy

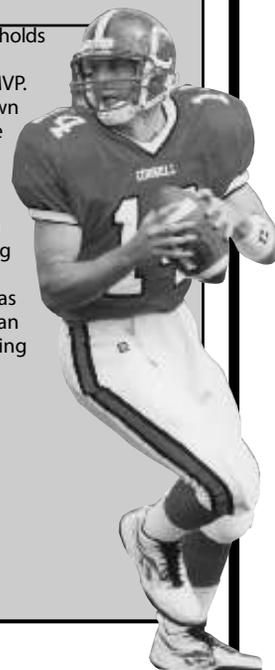
One of the great quarterbacks in the history of the Ivy League, Ricky Rahne holds nearly every career passing record for the Big Red.

Rahne finished his career as a three-year starter and three-time team MVP. He remains the all-time leader in completions (678), yards (7,710), touchdown passes (54) and 200-yard games (25). He took over the top spot in total offense with 7,994 yards (7,710 passing, 284 rushing) and finished his career ranked as the Ivy League's third all-time career passing leader.

Rahne also garnered awards, being named honorable mention All-America by Don Hansen's Football Gazette in 2000 as well as honorable mention All-Ivy as a sophomore and junior. He also had a penchant for unbelievable comebacks, helping the 2000 team to the nickname "The Comeback Kids."

After working as an intern in the National Football League and at Cintas Corporation, Rahne joined the coaching ranks, spending the 2004 season as an assistant at Holy Cross and 2005 at his alma mater. He is currently the running backs coach at Kansas State

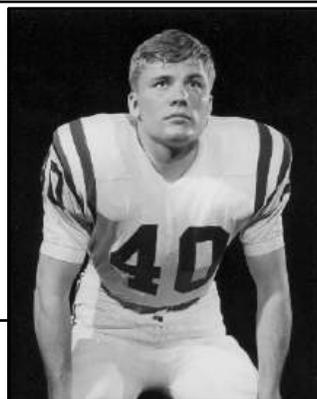
Year	GP	Comp	Att	Pct.	Yds	TD	Int
1998	1	2	4	.500	20	0	0
1999	10	225	388	.580	2,762	25	13
2000	10	252	479	.526	2,944	18	13
2001	9	199	355	.561	1,984	11	5
Totals	30	678	1,226	.553	7,710	54	31



Pete Larson • All-Purpose Runner

An excellent halfback from 1964-66, Pete Larson led the team in rushing as a senior and pass receiving as a sophomore. In three years, he rushed for 1,751 yards on 354 carries, caught 34 passes for 430 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. In 1966, Larson ranked among the top 10 nationally in rushing with 979 yards, leading the Ivy League. He also set league records for both rushing and scoring in a season en route to first-team All-Ivy honors. In addition, Larson was named AP honorable mention All-America, to the All-East second team and the ECAC all-star first-team. As a junior he was an AP All-East and All-Ivy honorable mention selection.

After college, Larson played for two seasons for the Washington Redskins, scoring three touchdowns.



Year	GP	Rushes	Yds	Avg	TD
1964	7	37	132	3.6	3
1965	9	111	640	5.8	5
1966	9	206	979	4.8	9
Totals	25	354	1,751	4.9	17