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Speaking Topics

The First Black Quarterbacks

A detailed look at Black quarterbacks from the early days of pro football through the reintegration of the NFL. History is not completely accurate, so this presentation is designed to correct the record.

Pro Football in Western New York

Focusing on the early days of pro football in Western New York through to the All-America Football Conference Buffalo Bills of the 1940s.

Early Pro Football History

From the beginning of pro football through the 1940s, this topic covers how football evolved into the game we know today, including scoring changes and rules changes.

Bio

Ken has been researching and writing about pro football history for over 30 years. He is the founder of the Football Learning Academy, an online school to teach pro football history.

He is an award-winning author, including the Dick Connor Writing Award for Feature Writing and the PFRA's Ralph Hay Award for Lifetime Achievement in pro football research.

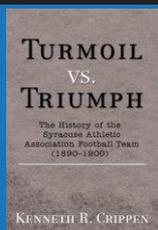
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- ESPN Radio
- Fox Sports Radio
- The History Channel
- Local Radio Stations and Podcasts

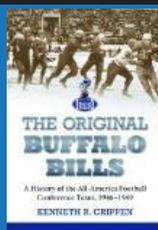
Has Written For:

- SI.com (*Sports Illustrated*)
- National Football Post
- Packer Report
- Cold Hard Football Facts

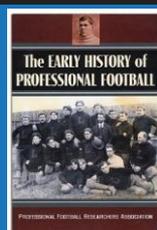
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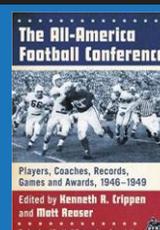
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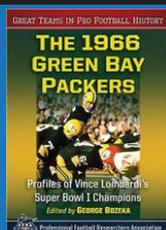
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Football Learning Academy Discussion Topics

Why did I form the Football Learning Academy (FLA)?

I've been researching and writing about pro football history for over 30 years. I wanted to do more to educate people about the history of the game. At the Football Learning Academy, I'm using my knowledge and experience to create videos and classes to talk about all aspects of the game. I have several instructors who are authorities on their particular subjects, who have also put together videos and classes. If you were to watch the major media outlets, you would have very little indication that pro football existed prior to Super Bowl I. My mission is to change that and to educate the public on the history of the great game of football.

Giving Back to Players in Need

Retired players have been very good to me over the years. They've granted me interviews and helped me get in touch with their teammates. I've been able to form a lasting bond with these players. I want to give back to them. Not all players, especially the older players, are multi-millionaires. Many struggle to pay their mounting medical bills and struggle to transition to life after football. They need help. Therefore, a portion of all proceeds from the FLA goes to helping retired players in need.

My objective is to create videos highlighting players who have been successful after their football career has ended. I want to highlight the good work that they do for charity, and to improve their communities and the lives of others. There is currently too much focus on the negative actions of players and the positive charitable work of the players is taking a back seat. I am pushing that positive work to the forefront to focus on how players are improving the lives of others in their communities.

How Does the FLA Work?

There are a wide variety of classes and videos that cover all aspects of football history, from the early days of the game to current trailblazers and more!

You can enroll for as many classes or videos as you want, and you can watch the videos and classes at your own pace. The system keeps track of your progress and when you're finished, you can share your completion certificate on social media!

Our classes are fun, informative and broaden your knowledge of football history. We also bring in special guests for interviews and to teach mini-master classes for our students.

What is Your End Goal with the FLA?

I would love to teach pro football history at a college or university. The FLA shows what would go into a curriculum and how it could be customized for that particular institution.