

## **BOB HOUMARD**

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Bob (Hoss) Houmard, a 1965 OHS graduate, who earned 10 letters during his high school career, went on to play college and pro ball to earn a spot in the first class of the Orrville High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Houmard, an OHS star in football, basketball and baseball, went on to star in professional football in Canada.

In football, he set Orrville single-season records of 1,255 yards rushing and 155 points scored. He played on teams which went 6-4, 10-0 and 9-1 and were Chippewa Conference champs two of his three years.

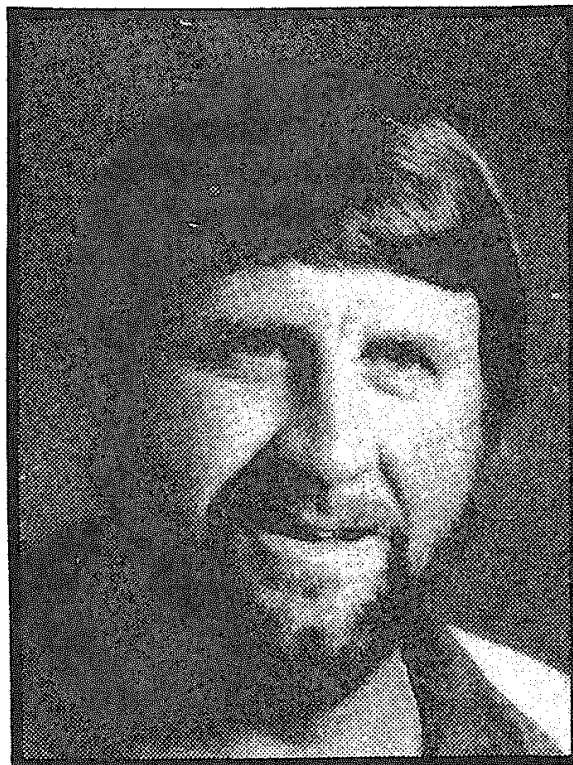
He was chosen as an all-conference player, High School All-American and North Squad All-Star in the North-South game.

From Orrville, Houmard went to Ohio University, where he led his team to a berth in the Tangerine Bowl, was named Mid-American Conference Back of the Year and played in the All-American Bowl.

One year he was fifth in the nation in scoring (114 points) behind Mercury Morris, O.J. Simpson and two other players.

In 1969, he was drafted 13th by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL and first by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. He chose the CFL, playing for Winnipeg, the Montreal Alouettes, Edmonton Eskimos, Ottawa Rough Riders and Toronto Argonauts.

Houmard also played for the Youngstown Hardhats of the Continental League and played and coached for the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League.



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During his years in professional football, Houmard played every position on the field except center and quarterback. He was one-third of the largest backfield in CFL history, which weighed (fullback) 242, (tailback) 252, and (flanker) 220, for a total of 714 pounds. He led the CFL in rushing and scoring for several seasons.

A number of years ago a tractor accident on his former "spread" near Smithville ended his playing career.

He and his wife, Vicki, and family live in Winterhaven, Fla., at 802 Avenue L S.E. He is an elementary teacher.

He was inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1980 and in 1982 was inducted into the Ohio University Hall of Fame.