

BOB REINHARD

Full Name: Robert Richard Reinhard
Position: T-FB
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 234
College: California
Born: 10/17/1920, Hollywood, CA
Deceased: 8/2/1996, Salem, OR

Statistics:

RUSHING			
	Rushes	Yards	Touchdowns
1946 Los Angeles Dons	1	-30	0
1947 Los Angeles Dons	41	150	0
1948 Los Angeles Dons	1	21	0
Total	43	141	0

RECEIVING			
	Receptions	Yards	Touchdowns
1947 Los Angeles Dons	3	34	1
1948 Los Angeles Dons	4	54	0
1949 Los Angeles Dons	1	2	0
1950 Los Angeles Rams	1	11	1
Total	9	101	2

PASSING					
	Completions	Attempts	Yards	Touchdowns	Interceptions
1946 Los Angeles Dons	1	1	7	0	0
1947 Los Angeles Dons	2	4	21	0	0
Total	3	5	28	0	0

PUNTING			
	Punts	Yards	Blocked
1946 Los Angeles Dons	44	1996	1
1947 Los Angeles Dons	28	1279	1
1948 Los Angeles Dons	6	204	0
Total	78	3479	2

PUNT RETURNS			
	Returns	Yards	Touchdowns
1948 Los Angeles Dons	1	23	0
Total	1	23	0

KICK RETURNS			
	Returns	Yards	Touchdowns
1947 Los Angeles Dons	3	42	0
1948 Los Angeles Dons	3	51	0

Total	6	93	0
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INTERCEPTIONS			
	Interceptions	Yards	Touchdowns
1947 Los Angeles Dons	1	0	0
Total	1	0	0

FUMBLES				
	Fumbles	Recovered	Yards	Touchdowns
1950 Los Angeles Rams	0	2	0	0
Total	0	2	0	0

Biography:

Despite starting their football lives as teammates, Bob Reinhard and Frankie Albert would become rivals. Together, they helped lead Glendale High School to the 1937 California Interscholastic Federation championship. In college, they would be opponents in the heated California-Stanford rivalry. As professionals, they would do battle as members of the Los Angeles Dons and San Francisco 49ers in the All-America Football Conference.

An all-conference lineman in 1936-1937, Reinhard teamed with Albert to lead the 1937 Glendale High football team that is considered one of the greatest teams in state history. In choosing the University of California, Reinhard hit the Berkeley campus at a period following Cal's "Thunder Teams" of the late 30's and before Pappy Waldorf's great post war teams. As is often the case in the history of the Cal-Stanford rivalry, when one team is down the other is often up. Stanford's "Wow Boys" with Frankie Albert, Bruno Banducci, Norm Standlee and Coach Clark Shaughnessy are among the best in school history. Another delightful aspect of the Cal-Stanford rivalry is that anything can happen when the two teams hit the field. In the 1941 Big Game, Stanford needed a win for a share of the Pacific Coast Conference championship. With Cal leading 9-0 in the 4th quarter, Reinhard pinned the Indians deep with a 45 yard punt. After a three and out, Cal blocked the punt and Reinhard recovered for a touchdown and a shocking 16-0 upset. He also recorded a sack of his high school friend. Reinhard remains the only true lineman in Cal history to earn All-America honors in consecutive years, 1940-1941. Cal's captain in 1941, he was a devastating run stuffer and blocker, as well as athletic enough to handle kicking duties and even flank out at end, catching a 41 yard touchdown against Washington his senior year. Reinhard was inducted into Cal's Hall of Fame in 1990.

As Lieutenant, Reinhard served in the Navy from March 1943 to March 1946. Unlike many current and future professional football players of the time, he played no service football.

Reinhard was selected by the National Football League's Chicago Cardinals in the 5th round (34th overall) of the 1942 draft. Following the war in 1946, he opted to return home and sign with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Football Conference. He was an immediate starter on the offensive and defensive lines for the new team in the new league. Rarely leaving the field, Reinhard excelled as the punter, finishing second in average (45.4) to the Brooklyn Dodgers' Glenn Hobbs (47.8). A 2nd teams All-AAFC tackle, he was considered the outstanding rookie lineman in professional football. Blessed with unusual speed and agility for a man his size (6-4, 230), the Dons experimented with Reinhard at fullback in 1947. His abilities

on the line kept it as an experiment, but it did not keep the Dons from using him as a playmaker on occasion. The Dons acquired Glenn Dobbs two games into the 1947 season, giving the team perhaps the two finest punters in the Conference. Essentially splitting punts, Reinhard led the Conference in average at 45.7. In 1948, Reinhard truly emerged as a top lineman, earning 1st team All-AAFC honors. He was regarded by many as the finest tackle in football. Even with decreased punting duties, only 6 attempts, Reinhard led the Dons in playing time. He repeated as 1st team All-AAFC tackle in 1949, the final year of the conference. The Chicago Cardinals again decided that Reinhard was their man when they selected him in the AAFC draft. That did not last long when the Cardinals traded him to the Los Angeles Rams for Bob Shaw, Tom Keane and Gerry Cowhig. Reinhard played one season for the Rams. Earning 2nd team All-NFL, he helped the Rams to the 1950 NFL Championship, losing to the Cleveland Browns. After the season, Reinhard retired to pursue a career in engineering.

Bob Reinhard earned his accolades throughout his football days as a big man doing battle in the trenches. His speed, agility, and ability away from the line are what made him special. His punting truly stands out as his 44.6 average is second only to Glenn Hobbs' 46.4 in AAFC lifetime average. Reinhard's career is dotted with offensive touches of the football, including 2 touchdown receptions. For most linemen, this is an indication of a unique or trick play. For Reinhard, it is an indication of a unique player. He had the skills to be effective with the football. His importance on the offensive and defensive lines always kept him there.

In terms of football team success, one could say that Bob Reinhard's football career peaked with the Glendale High state championship team. After high school graduation, Reinhard's teams were always chasing Frankie Albert's. Despite the 1941 Big Game upset, Cal was in the shadow of some truly great Stanford teams. In the AAFC, everyone fell short of Cleveland, with the 49ers very close at the end. The Dons looked up at both throughout.