



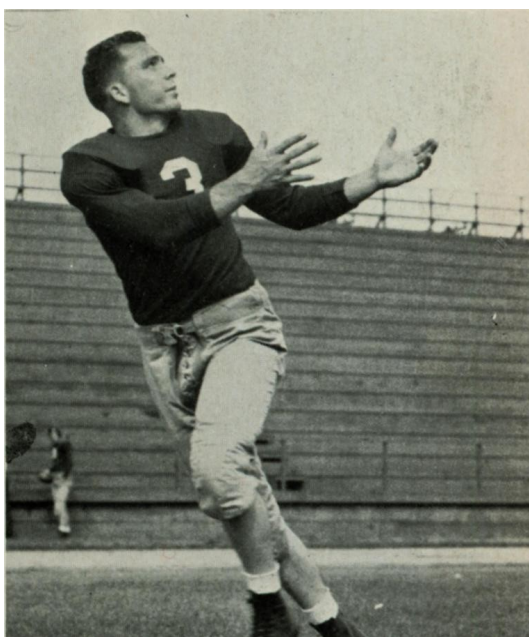
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### Alyn Beals

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Decades before Jerry Rice donned a San Francisco 49ers uniform, Alyn Beals lined up at left end. Not a household name in professional football history, Beals, was a big play receiver for his time that spanned six professional seasons from 1946 to 1951.<sup>1</sup>



Throughout his career, he made play after play for the 49ers offense. For instance, as a rookie in 1946, he tied for the AAFC lead in receptions with 40, sharing honors with future Hall of Famer Dante Lavelli of the Cleveland Browns.<sup>2</sup> San Francisco quarterback Frankie Albert completed 109 passes on the season, 40 of which went to Beals. No other 49ers player reeled in more than 19 passes.<sup>3</sup> He was also a go-to target in the end zone for Albert and quarterbacks Bev Wallace and Jesse Freitas, who connected with him on a regular basis. Roughly one of every four passes he caught went for a score.

Beals led the AAFC in receiving touchdowns in each of its four years of existence, totaling 46, which stands as the all-time record.<sup>4</sup> He also led the league in scoring in 1949 with 73 points, and his 14 receiving scores in 1948 was a 49ers club record into the 1950s.<sup>5</sup> Ninersnation.com wrote about his play making abilities stating, “Playing receiver for the 49ers from their inception in 1946 until his retirement in 1951, Beals astounded, amazed and entertained 49ers fans for six wonderful years. Adjusted for era, he put up



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astonishing numbers in a 49ers uniform, and some of his career totals still rank among the best in team history.”<sup>6</sup>

Beals' son, Alyn, attributed his father's homelife as motivation for him to succeed on the gridiron saying, “Like most of his contemporaries from The Greatest Generation, it's hard to appreciate all the challenges he overcome. He came from a broken home and was raised by his mother, as his parents divorced when he was three. Being born in 1921, he was 8 years old when The Great Depression hit, so survival was a constant theme. An average student, but with great athletic talents, he soon realized football could be his path to success.”<sup>7</sup> Beals was chosen to an all-AAFC team every season from 1946 to 1949 by various selectors such as the *Sporting News*, Associated Press, the UPI, and *NY Daily News*.<sup>8</sup>

Alyn Beals was drafted into the professional football ranks during the 1943 NFL Draft in the eighth round by the Chicago Bears, he was concurrently drafted into the U.S. Military as a result of World War II.<sup>9</sup> During the war years, he fought on the Western Front in Europe as a Field Artillery Battery Commander in the U.S. Army.

When the war concluded, he returned to his stomping ground of the Bay Area, still interested in pursuing a career in professional football.<sup>10</sup> Because Beals attended nearby Santa Clara University, where he starred on the football team from 1939 to 1942, he was contacted by his former college coach, and ironically, the 49ers' head coach, Buck Shaw. Shaw and team owner Tony Morabito, who ran a local lumber business, preferred to

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<sup>3</sup> “1946 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1946 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

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<sup>6</sup> “A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals – Part I,” ninersnation.com, September 24, 2009, [A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals - Part I - Niners Nation](#).

<sup>7</sup> “A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals – Part I,” ninersnation.com, September 24, 2009, [A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals - Part I - Niners Nation](#).

<sup>8</sup> “Alyn Beals,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Alyn Beals Stats, Height, Weight, Position, Draft, College | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

<sup>9</sup> “A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals – Part I,” ninersnation.com, September 24, 2009, [A Personal History of the 49ers: Alyn Beals - Part I - Niners Nation](#).



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recruit local talent to play for his club.<sup>11</sup> Ron Fimrite, a former columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle* said of him, “Morabito wanted local guys. Frankie Albert, for example, had played at Stanford and was tremendously popular. And Alyn Beals had been a great college player at Santa Clara.”<sup>12</sup> This spurred Shaw to sign Beals to a \$4,500 contract. The pact teamed him with several of his former college teammates that included Rupe Thornton, Jesse Freitas, Eddie Forrest, and Ken Casanega, all of whom were first-year professional players.<sup>13</sup>

The 49ers went 9-5 in their inaugural season, finishing runner up to the Browns (12-2) in the AAFC West Division. Beals' greatest offensive output came against Cleveland in a 34-20 victory when he hauled in six passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns.<sup>14</sup> He caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Albert in the first quarter that staked San Francisco to a 10-0 lead, then put the game away for good in the third when Albert found him again on a 15-yard scoring strike. Beals finished the season with 40 receptions, 586 yards and 10 receiving touchdowns (leading both the team and AAFC), earning all-AAFC honors.<sup>15</sup>

For the 1947 campaign, Beals switched from left end to right end. The change aided the 49ers offense that ranked second in yardage output. San Francisco began the year at 3-0, but suffered a 21-16 setback to the division winning New York Yankees, falling to 3-1.<sup>16</sup> Two weeks later, the club inexplicably tied the Baltimore Colts, easily the worst team in the league. San Francisco failed to get any consistent play going as they limped to a 4-3-1 finish leading to an 8-4-2 record and second place finish in the AAFC Western Division.<sup>17</sup> They were a play or two away from playing for the AAFC title, as three of their four losses were by one possession. Meanwhile, Beals caught at least two passes in

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<sup>1 3</sup> “1946 San Francisco 49ers Roster & Players,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1946 San Francisco 49ers Roster & Players | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

<sup>1 4</sup> “Alyn Beals,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Alyn Beals 1946 Game Log | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

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<sup>1 6</sup> “1947 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 30, 2023, [1947 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

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every contest, leading the club with 47 receptions, accounting for nearly one-third of the 49ers receiving output.<sup>18</sup> He also hauled in 10 touchdown passes and ranked second on the team with 703 yards from scrimmage. The 1947 campaign served as a springboard for the 49ers offense, where they would become a record-setting unit.

The 1948 club was on a roll to begin the season, winning its first 10 contests to sport a 10-0 record. Their wins were not close, by margins of at least 11 points.<sup>19</sup> Week 12 was the game of the year against the also undefeated Cleveland Browns on November 14 at Cleveland Municipal Stadium. San Francisco's offense was held in check, gaining a season low 185 yards.<sup>20</sup> Beals was held to just one reception for negative three yards as Albert had a dismal day in the pocket, completing just 6 of 15 passes for 32 yards and three interceptions. Cleveland opened the scoring in the first quarter on a 14-yard dash by Otto Graham, but the 49ers responded, tying the game at seven courtesy of a one-yard run by Joe Perry.<sup>21</sup> The game went into halftime tied at seven, but the Browns took the lead in the third quarter. Edgar Jones who led all rushers in the game with 84 yards, found pay dirt, giving the Browns a 14-7 lead they would not relinquish. The loss knocked San Francisco out of first place and proved to be a devastating defeat.<sup>22</sup>

Two weeks later, the rematch occurred at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Cleveland staked itself to a 10-0 lead that looked like a, here we go again feeling for San Francisco.<sup>23</sup> However, the 49ers responded, scoring three consecutive touchdowns to take a 21-10 lead. Beals accounted for two, on a four-yard pass from Albert, then later on a 29-yard strike. He led all 49ers receivers in the game with 40 yards receiving on four catches.<sup>24</sup> The Browns then scored three consecutive touchdowns of their own on passes

<sup>18</sup> "Alyn Beals," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Alyn Beals Stats, Height, Weight, Position, Draft, College | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/players/player.aspx?id=191000).

<sup>19</sup> "1948 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1948 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/teams/san-francisco-49ers/rosters/1948/).

<sup>20</sup> "San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns - November 14th, 1948 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/games/san-francisco-49ers-at-cleveland-browns-november-14-1948/).

<sup>21</sup> "San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns - November 14th, 1948 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/games/san-francisco-49ers-at-cleveland-browns-november-14-1948/).

<sup>22</sup> "San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns - November 14th, 1948 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/games/san-francisco-49ers-at-cleveland-browns-november-14-1948/).

<sup>23</sup> "Cleveland Browns at San Francisco 49ers – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1948," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Cleveland Browns at San Francisco 49ers - November 28th, 1948 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/games/cleveland-browns-at-san-francisco-49ers-november-28-1948/).

<sup>24</sup> "Cleveland Browns at San Francisco 49ers – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1948," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Cleveland Browns at San Francisco 49ers - November 28th, 1948 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/games/cleveland-browns-at-san-francisco-49ers-november-28-1948/).



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from Graham to three different receivers and Cleveland stormed in front 31-21. San Francisco responded with a score in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough, falling 31-28. The loss capped a very disappointed 9-3 season. Despite that, the franchise set AAFC scoring records of 495 points for the season, an average of 35.4 points per game, and ran for 3,663 yards in a 14-game season, a record that stands today.<sup>25</sup> There was optimism the results would be there in 1949.

The AAFC made changes for the 1949 season, creating a playoff tournament where the top four teams qualified and eliminated the divisions. The 49ers picked up where they left off, steamrolling to a 6-1 start. After a blowout, 24-3, loss to the New York Yankees, San Francisco played another close contest with the Browns in Cleveland.<sup>26</sup> The game was tight throughout, with four lead changes. Alyn Beals made a wondrous 22-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter to draw the 49ers even with the Browns at 21, but the Browns netted the game's next nine points, never looking back for the 30-28 win.<sup>27</sup> Beals turned in a productive 4 catch, 78 yard, and one touchdown performance.

Again, in 1949, Beals was the top receiver on the team, accounting for 678 receiving yards – nearly 400 more than the next closest teammate – 44 receptions (ranking third in the league), and 12 receptions for touchdowns.<sup>28</sup> The 49ers won their final three contests to wrap up their fourth consecutive second place finish. San Francisco met the New York Yankees in the playoffs.<sup>29</sup> The game turned to be a defensive struggle, with each club committing three turnovers and neither gaining over 300 yards of offense. With San Francisco ahead, 10-7, in the second half, Albert found Don Garlin on a 10-yard scoring strike to put the game out of reach for a 17-7 49ers victory.<sup>30</sup> That brought San Francisco to within one win of claiming the AAFC title. The bad news was, they had to knock off their archnemesis, the Browns, in order to claim it.

<sup>25</sup> “1948 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1948 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/teams/sf/1948-roster.htm).

<sup>26</sup> “1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/teams/sf/1949-roster.htm).

<sup>27</sup> “San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1949,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns - October 30th, 1949 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/boxscore/19491030sf-cle.htm).

<sup>28</sup> “1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/teams/sf/1949-roster.htm).

<sup>29</sup> “1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1949 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/teams/sf/1949-roster.htm).

<sup>30</sup> “Divisional Round – New York Yankees at San Francisco 49ers – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1949,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Divisional Round - New York Yankees at San Francisco 49ers - December 4th, 1949 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.pro-football-reference.com/boxscore/19491204ny-sf.htm).



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Going to Cleveland was never easy, and the Browns handled San Francisco, 21-7, to win their fourth AAFC title.<sup>31</sup> In the defeat, Beals hauled in three passes for 26 yards. The stingy Cleveland defense limited Albert to just nine completions on 24 pass attempts, holding the San Francisco offense to under 250 total yards.<sup>32</sup>

1950 saw the 49ers transition into the NFL along with two other AAFC teams, as the AAFC folded. The 49ers struggled to a 3-9 record, going winless on the road.<sup>33</sup> Beals slumped to third in receiving on the team (22 receptions, 315 yards, three receiving touchdowns) behind back Jim Cason and end Alex Lloyd.<sup>34</sup>

The 1951 season proved to show more promise as Shaw led the team to a 7-4-1 record. There was some quarterback controversy as Albert split snaps with the youthful Y. A. Tittle, though Albert started 11 of the 12 games.<sup>35</sup> The team alternated wins and losses through the first eight weeks, then found a way to tie the abysmal New York Yanks, 10-10, at Yankee Stadium in Week 9. San Francisco rebounded to beat Detroit twice and the Green Bay Packers to end the regular season.<sup>36</sup> The 49ers record tied them with the Detroit Lions for second place in the National Division, meaning another playoff-less season. Gordie Soltau (59 receptions, 826 yards, 7 receiving touchdowns) and rookie receiver Billy Wilson (14.9 yards per reception) earned the top receiving honors on the club.<sup>37</sup> Soltau was a Pro Bowl player that year, while Beals slipped to his worst career numbers, hauling in just 12 passes for 126 yards, and zero touchdowns.<sup>38</sup> At season's end Beal retired, marking the end of a solid career.

He played in 77 career games, made 48 starts, recorded 211 receptions, 2,951 receiving yards, and 49 receiving touchdowns.<sup>39</sup> His 211 receptions ranked in the top ten at the time of his retirement, and his 49 touchdowns was in the top three.<sup>40</sup> Beals' son wrote on his career, "That brings me to one of my lasting memories, how much my Dad and his buddies just loved the game. ... They were all so competitive, no matter what the game."<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> 2 "Championship – San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1949," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Championship - San Francisco 49ers at Cleveland Browns - December 11th, 1949 | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

<sup>33</sup> 3 "1950 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees," ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1950 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](#).

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Several of his former teammates offered praise on his abilities and career as a life-long 49ers player. Receiver Paul Salata said of him, “Beals wasn't that big or fast, but it was his faking that brought all those touchdown catches. He and Frankie worked a lot on the side.”<sup>42</sup> Gordie Soltau added, “... I played left end and Beals was the right end. He had good speed, but he only weighed 180, and he was 5-foot-10. But he and Frankie worked well together.”<sup>43</sup>

Alyn Richard Beals was born on April 27, 1921 in Marysville, California. He attended San Francisco Polytechnic High School where he starred in multiple sports and was an All-City selection in football.<sup>43</sup> Finding that football was his passion, he accepted a scholarship offer to play ball at local Santa Clara University.<sup>44</sup> At the time, the Broncos football program was mired in success, coming off back-to-back Sugar Bowl victories in 1936 and 1937. They routinely challenged the other Bay Area schools such as Stanford University, St. Mary's College, and the University of California Berkeley.<sup>45</sup> In Beals' years at Santa Clara, the Broncos went 11-2-1 against those foes. Shaw's teams with Beals' never finished worse than 6-3, posting marks of 5-1-3, 6-1-1, and 7-2.<sup>46</sup> The

<sup>3</sup> <sup>5</sup> “1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/rosters/1951-san-francisco-49ers-rosters-stats-schedule-team-draftees/).

<sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup> “1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/rosters/1951-san-francisco-49ers-rosters-stats-schedule-team-draftees/).

<sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup> “1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [1951 San Francisco 49ers Rosters, Stats, Schedule, Team Draftees | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/rosters/1951-san-francisco-49ers-rosters-stats-schedule-team-draftees/).

<sup>3</sup> <sup>8</sup> “Alyn Beals,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Alyn Beals 1946 Game Log | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/players/a-ly-n-beals/).

<sup>3</sup> <sup>9</sup> “Alyn Beals,” ProFootballReference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Alyn Beals 1946 Game Log | Pro-Football-Reference.com](https://www.profootballreference.com/players/a-ly-n-beals/).

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<sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup> Newhouse, Dave. *Founding 49ers: The Dark Days Before the Dynasty* (Kent, OH: Black Squirrel Books, 2015), 40.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>3</sup> Newhouse, Dave. *Founding 49ers: The Dark Days Before the Dynasty* (Kent, OH: Black Squirrel Books, 2015), 51.

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<sup>4</sup> <sup>4</sup> “Alyn Beals '43,” scu.edu, accessed November 25, 2023, [Beals, Alyn - Santa Clara University \(scu.edu\)](https://www.scu.edu/sports/football/players/a-ly-n-beals/).

<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> Bush, David. “HUMBLE BEGINNINGS / In '46, 49ers made S.F. A big-league sports town,” sfgate.com, September 5, 2006, [HUMBLE BEGINNINGS / In '46, 49ers made S.F. a big-league sports town \(sfgate.com\)](https://www.sfgate.com/sports/humble-beginnings-in-46-49ers-made-s-f-a-big-league-sports-town/).

<sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> “Buck Shaw,” sports-reference.com, accessed November 25, 2023, [Buck Shaw College Coaching Records, Awards and Leaderboards | College Football at Sports-Reference.com](https://www.sports-reference.com/college-football/players/buck-shaw/).



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Broncos also posted victories against regional powers that included UCLA and multiple victories over national foes the likes of Michigan State and Texas A&M. Beals played multiple positions, but starred at end. There were not many plays he could not make and for his career he recorded 46 touchdown receptions.

In 1964, he was inducted into the Santa Clara University Athletics Hall of Fame.<sup>47</sup> He passed away on August 11, 1993 at the age of 72 in Redwood City, California.<sup>48</sup>

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