FOOTBALL IN HISTORY JOURNALS, 1970-1988

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In recent years historians have increasingly recognized the importance of studying sports. Although the scholarly literature on football is not as voluminous as that on baseball, history journals have published numerous articles on football that should be of interest to PFRA members. Under the theory that football is football, I've included articles on professional and college. In the interests of time and space I've limited this bibliography to the period beginning in 1970.

However, I've defined historical journals somewhat loosely in order to include several articles that might otherwise be left out. Readers should keep in mind that many of these articles are heavily footnoted, which should give interested researchers ideas and sources for further study. I'll try to updated this once a year or so and will also add any omissions brought to my attention. Comments, additions, and corrections can be addressed to Jim Sumner, 3215 Warwick Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Professional Football


Cohen, Sheldon S. "The Genius of the Gridiron." Chicago History, Winter, 1986/87. I haven't seen this but I suspect the subject is George Halas.


**College Football**


Smith, Raymond A. "He Opened Holes Like Mountain Tunnels." Palimpsest, Autumn, 1985. A biographical sketch of Archie Alexander, the first black football player at the University of Iowa.


Watterson, John L. "Chicago's Big Championship: Northwestern University Vs. the University of Chicago, 1892-1905." Chicago History, Fall/Winter, 1982.


Wynes, Charles E. "Alexander the Great: Bridge Builder." Palimpsest, Autumn, 1985. Archie Alexander, the first black football player at the University of Iowa and later a prominent engineer.

Both College and Professional or General


___________________. "Locker Rumors: Folklore and Football." Journal of the Folklore Institute, 1980 (Vols. 2-3).


