

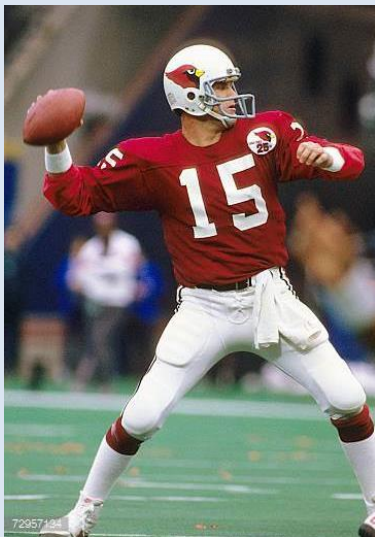


## Neil Lomax

Neil came into the NFL carrying the mantle of being an NCAA legend. At Portland State University, the quarterback set 90 NCAA records during his college career. In one game alone, he threw for 7 touchdowns in a single quarter!

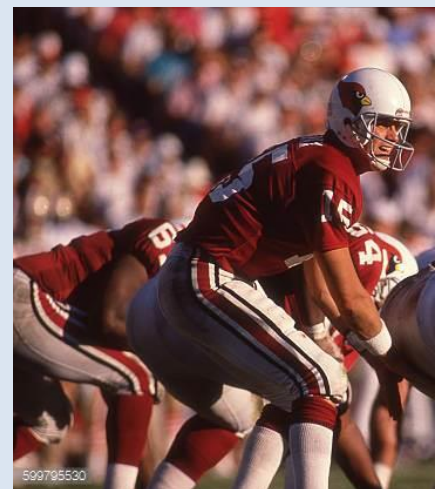
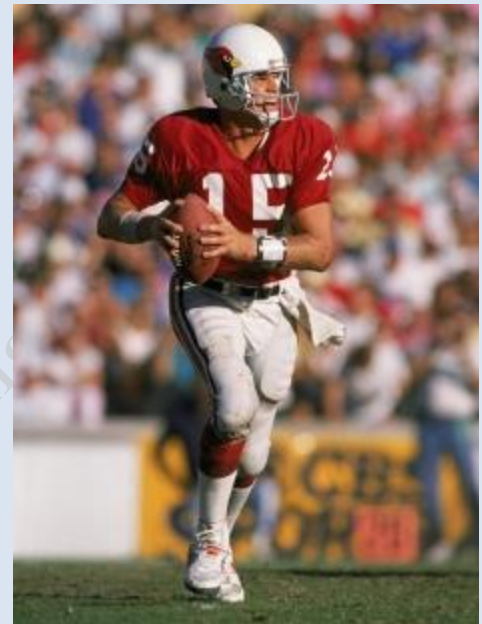
In the 1981 NFL draft, the St. Louis Cardinals drafted Lomax in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and he became their regular starter in his second season, replacing legendary Jim Hart who had been the team's QB since 1966. The Cardinals were a mediocre team during this era but Lomax shone brightly, none brighter than in 1984. That season, Neil threw for 4,614 yards which ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> most passing yards in a single season at the time when the NFL was playing grind-it-out on the ground football. That season he was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time.

Lomax was also a Pro Bowler in 1987 when he led the league with 3,387 yards passing and 275



completions. Unfortunately, his last season played was 1988 as a severely arthritic hip forced him to retire. No doubt, being sacked 362 times over 8 seasons didn't help his health. In only 8 seasons under center, Neil was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most prolific passer in franchise history in career yardage behind Hart's total accumulated in 18 seasons.

After football, he underwent total hip replacement surgery and worked as a television commentator and was a regular on the Celebrity Players Golf Tour. He has also coached high school football for many years. In 1993, Lomax was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of fame and in 1996 he went into the College Football Hall of Fame.



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