



## **Ross Browner**

Ross Browner knows what it means to be a winner. He played in the NFL for ten seasons and his career attests to his multi-talented accomplishments.

Ross was heavily recruited by over thirty major colleges, and accepted a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. While there, the team won two national football championships. He served as tri-Captain for the 1977 national championship team. He was voted the team's Most Valuable Player and won several national trophies which include the Outland Trophy, which is seen as the Heisman for Defensive Lineman of the Year, the Vince Lombardi Award and the Robert W. Maxwell Trophy for College Player of the Year, as well as the UPI and AP Lineman of the Year Awards. Sports Illustrated considered him to be the most decorated college defensive football player.

Ross was the first round draft pick for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1978. He was voted the team's Most Valuable Player that season and with the 1981 AFC Championship Team when he made the most tackles by a Defensive Lineman in Super Bowl history, a record which he still holds today. He played his last year in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers. Being a versatile athlete, Ross also held the Notre Dame Heavyweight Boxing Championship title followed by the NFL Boxing Championship Title in 1979. His solid power even won him an invitation to compete in the World's Strongest Man Contest. As the eldest son of eight children, Ross created big shoes to fill. His brothers Keith, Joey and Jim along with his nephew Keith Jr. and son Max Starks all played in the NFL. In 1987, Ross' mother received a highly esteemed honor when she was named the very first and only NFL Mother of the Year.

Ross has been a subject for NFL Films, featured on "Good Morning America" and was also chosen to represent Sports Illustrated at the Super Bowl. He also analyzed Notre Dame football and wrote a monthly sports column for IrishToday.com.

In 1998 he was honored when his hometown inducted him into the Warren, Ohio Hall of Fame. Shortly thereafter, he was inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame. Then, in 1999 Ross was inducted into the NCAA College Football Hall of Fame. A winning personality, outstanding talent and zealous commitment cause Ross Browner to anticipate even greater opportunities to which he can dedicate himself in the promising future.