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## *Zenon Andrusyshyn*



Who holds the record for the longest punt in pro football history with a kick that went 108 yards? If you said Zenon Andrusyshyn, you are right! If you spelled his name correctly, you get bonus points!

Zenon, nicknamed “The Big Zee” started life in Germany, born to Ukrainian parents in a refugee camp. He immigrated to Canada at the age of 3. In high school, he focused on track and field sports such as javelin, discus and shot put, in addition to being a terrific soccer player. Zenon was quite an athlete, as he represented Canada in the British Empire Games and set a Canadian record in javelin. He received a full Track & Field scholarship to UCLA.

As a sophomore at UCLA, Zenon injured his arm and turned his attention to football, making the team as a walk-on after kicking a 62 yard field goal. He was an All-American punter twice, set over 15 records for the school and was chosen to the All Century team at UCLA.

In 1970, the Dallas Cowboys drafted Zenon, but he was released due to injury. He decided to return to Canada, playing in the CFL for 16 seasons as a kicker and punter with the Toronto Argonauts, Hamilton Tiger Cats, Edmonton Eskimos and Montreal Alouettes, scoring 1,080 points in his CFL career. Zenon also played one season in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1978 and 3 seasons in the USFL with the Tampa Bay Bandits.



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