



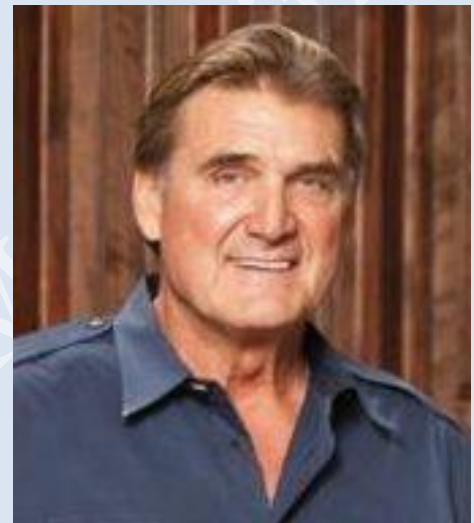
Dan Pastorini

Dante "Dan" Pastorini reached legendary status in the 1970s as the dashing young quarterback of the Houston Oilers. He was selected No. 3 overall in the 1971 NFL Draft out of the University of Santa Clara in California.

Dan was known as a quarterback who could endure pain and stay in the game. In fact, the flak jacket was invented for him to wear in order to continue to play through broken ribs. After 9 seasons with the Oilers he was traded to the Oakland Raiders where he spent the 1980 season. Then it was on to the Los Angeles Rams in 1980 and one final season with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1983.

Pastorini was named to the Pro Bowl in 1975 and won Super Bowl XV with the Raiders with a 27-10 win over the Eagles.

Immediately after his 13-year NFL career concluded, Dan stayed in sports by piloting a variety of racecars and boats, winning events and setting records along the way on both land and water. He remained in the embrace of his adopted hometown and with an "Official Texan" decree signed by the governor himself, and he laid down roots in the energy capital of the world.



Always anxious to give back to the city that still reveres him, Pastorini has supported countless charities throughout the years, none more so than the Be An Angel Foundation, which helps profoundly deaf children and children with disabilities. Pastorini has just completed his 2-year term as Chairman of the Board of the well-respected entity.

Pastorini also progressed in the business world, owning and operating DP Quality Foods, and working as a consultant for human resources giant, Insperity.

More recently, he was inducted into the Houston Sports Authority Hall of Fame. Pastorini also is enshrined in the East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame, Italian-American Hall of Fame, Impact A Hero Hall of Fame and is one of Mike Ditka's Gridiron Greats. In 2019, the prestigious Houston Touchdown Club named Pastorini "Touchdowner of the Year."

A veteran of football broadcasting, both in radio and television, Pastorini remains in the spotlight to this day, living in the shadow of downtown Houston.