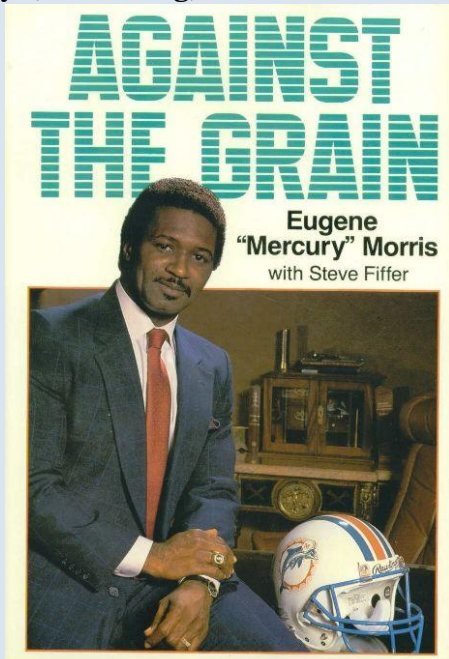
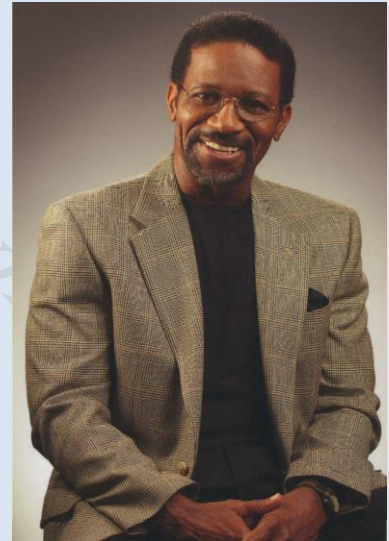




Mercury Morris

Eugene "Mercury" Morris played running back in the American Football League in the 1960s and the NFL in the 1970s, and played in three Super Bowls. Originally from Pittsburgh, Morris attended West Texas A&M University from 1965 to 1969, where he was an All-American at tailback in 1967 and 1968. After college, he was picked in the third round of the 1969 American Football League Draft by the AFL's Miami Dolphins.

Mercury was selected for three Pro Bowls over his nine-year professional career. The majority of his playing days were spent with the Miami Dolphins which he helped lead to Super Bowl VI which they lost to a strong Dallas team, he earned Super Bowl rings in Super Bowl VII and Super Bowl VIII. Morris, sharing halfback duties with Jim Kiick, was instrumental as part of the historic Dolphins undefeated team of 1972. That year, he ran for exactly 1000 yd, becoming, with teammate Larry Csonka, the first 1000-



yard tandem in NFL history. Following the season there was doubt that he gained the yards. There was a mysterious loss of yardage that was changed in his favor, so he could get his 1000 yards. He followed that up with a 954-yard season. Morris spent the last season of his career playing for the San Diego Chargers. He finished in the top five of the NFL in rushing touchdowns twice and total touchdowns once during his nine-year career.

In 1974, Morris co-starred as Bookie Garrett in the blaxploitation film *The Black Six* alongside other football stars of the day.

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