



Curley Culp

Curley Culp is one of a very few NFL players who are recognized as the best-of-the-best and are elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame; Curley induction came in 2013.

Curley was drafted by the Denver Broncos in the 2nd round of the NFL draft in 1968 out of Arizona State University. The Broncos tried to make him an offensive guard but gave up too soon and traded him to the Kansas Chiefs where he flourished when the team put him on the defensive side of the ball. In just his second season in the league, he won Super Bowl IV when the Chiefs defeated the Vikings 23-7.

Culp spent 6+ seasons with in KC anchoring the defensive line. His strength and quickness as the NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion in college made him a force to be handled only by double-teaming him.

In 1974, he was part of a blockbuster trade with the Houston Oilers and his outstanding play helped the Oilers move from also-ran to contender. In 1975, his first full season in Houston, Curley racked up a career high 11.5 sacks while playing nose tackle in the interior of the line.

After 5 full seasons and parts of two others with the Oilers, Culp moved on to the Detroit Lions for one final season where he finished out his 12 year career.

Over his career, Curley was a 1-time All Pro and 6-time Pro Bowler. Pro Football Reference named him to the 2nd Team All-1970's Team. The Sporting News named Culp to the All-Century Team of both the Chiefs and Oilers franchises and in 2008, he was named to the Chiefs Hall of Fame.

Curley is a man with an engaging personality, a great smile and a zest for life – he is a great fit for your organization.

