

ARTHUR MALONE

SC Alumni – High School, College & Professional Athlete

Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 15, 2010

When Art was ten years of age in 1958, his parents, Ben Sr. and Izora Malone, moved to Eloy, Arizona from Tyler, Texas.

Art entered Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in 1962 and began his extraordinary athletic high school, collegiate, and professional career.

As a member of the Santa Cruz track team, Art was the first Arizona high school track athlete to run the 180-yard low hurdles in 18.7 seconds around the curve. During his high school track career, Art was state champion in the high and low hurdles and set state records in both the high and low hurdles. Art was selected a member to both the Arizona All-State and All-American high school track teams.

As a junior in 1964 Art was selected first team All-Conference and second team All-State halfback in football. In the fall of 1965 Art was the star running back of the Dust Devil's first State Championship football team. He broke the state scoring record with 37 touchdowns. This record has only been broken twice since then. The Dust Devil football team finished the season undefeated with 12 wins and no losses. Art was selected First Team All-Conference, Captain of the first team All State squad and set a rushing record of 235 yards in the All Star game. He was the Athlete of the Month for November. Finally, Art was selected as Arizona's Best High School Football Player; AZ High School Athlete of the Year; All American honorable mention in high school football his junior year; and to the All American High School Football team his senior year.

In the fall of 1966, Art accepted a football scholarship at Arizona State University. Art's sophomore year he was the varsity starting running back and continued starting through his senior year. Art established himself as one of the great running backs in ASU history. He finished third in ASU'S All-Time 100-yard rushes with 239 yards on 29 carries against New Mexico in 1968. He finished 4th in ASU'S All-Time rushes for a career with 14, and finally, he finished 3rd in ASU'S All-Time 1000 yard single-season rushes with 1,431 yards in 1968 which also placed him 5th among all colleges in the nation that year. To top off his college career, Art earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Education.

In 1970, Art was the No. 2 pick of the Atlanta Falcons where he was in the starting backfield for five years. Art broke club records in passes caught (50); rushing TD's in a career (14); and rushing TD's in a season (8). He finished his professional career as a starter with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Art's athleticism earned him induction into the ASU Hall of Fame and selection by the Arizona Republic Sports Writers as one of the 100 greatest Athletes of the Century at #77. Art continued working after his football career for the next 22 years with Arizona State University's Athletic Department and Dean of Students until his retirement.

Art and his wife Carolyn are retired and living in Tempe, Arizona