

## **Bob Gaiters**

Born: February 26, 1938, Zanesville, Ohio

High School: Zanesville High School 1956

College: Santa Ana Junior College 1959

New Mexico State University 1961

### **High School**

- 3-year letterman in football and 2-year letterman in basketball.
- Played sophomore and junior years as an offensive lineman.
- Moved to fullback his senior year and rushed for nearly 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Led the team to an 8-1 record and a Central Ohio League championship.

### **College**

- 1957 & 1958 2-time All-American at Santa Ana (California) Junior College
- 1959 Transferred to New Mexico State University
- 1960 Led the Aggies to an 11-0 undefeated season, which the best season ever.
- 1960 Led the Aggies to a 28-8 win in the Sun Bowl. He rushed 122 yards on 23 carries including 44-yard touchdown.
- 1960 All-American
- 1960 Led the country in rushing with 1338 rushing yards on 197 carries (6.8 yards per carry)
- 1960 Led the nation in scoring with 23 rushing touchdowns and a NMSU record that still stands. He also has 145 points and an average of 14.5 points per game, which was the top on the NCAA Division 1.
- 1961 Scored a 32-yard touchdown in the Sun Bowl victory of 20-13 win over Utah State.
- Career scoring average of 11.9 points per game was the NCAA record until broken by San Diego State's, Marshall Faulk in 1992 with 12.2 points per game.
- 1960-1961 Ran the sprints and hurdles for the track team.

## **Professional**

- He was drafted by the Denver Broncos in the 1961 American Football League Draft and by the New York Giants in the 1961 NFL Draft.
- Played 31 games in the NFL and rushed for 848 yards with 8 touchdowns.
  - 1961-1962 Played for the New York Giants
  - 1962 San Francisco 49ers.
  - 1963 Spent the season with the Broncos of the AFL.
  - 1964 Played for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League
- Finished his career in the Continental Football League, where he played for the Newark Bears in 1965, the Hartford Charter Oaks in 1966 and the Orange County Ramblers in 1967.
- After retiring in 1969, he became acquainted with Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers, who helped Bob start a career in the record production business, starting out at MGM Records.

## **Honors**

- 1976 Inducted into the New Mexico State Athletics Hall of Fame
- 2009 Zanesville High School Hall of Fame