

## **Lloyd McPeters**

Born: December 5, 1947, Santa Ana, California

High school: Highland High School, Albuquerque 1965

College: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 1969 B.S. in Finance

### **High School**

3 years football letters, 2 years basketball letters, 2 years track letters.

- 1963 – Started as defensive cornerback on the 1963 Highland team beating Las Cruces to win the 1963 NM State Football Championship.
- Started as QB and defensive safety on the 1964 Highland team...lost to Artesia for the 1964 NM State Football Championship.
- Selected in 1964 as the 1st team NM All-State quarterback and 1st team All-State safety on defense.
- Selected as a 1964 honorable mention Kodak All American.
- Selected and played in the 1965 NM North/South All Star game completing 10 of 18 passes for 139 yards and one touchdown.
- Spring 1965 placed fourth in the javelin in the New Mexico State Track Championship.
- Member for 3 years of Key Club (service organization)
- Selected to Boys State prior to senior year.
- President of Letterman's Club – senior year.
- Selected as Highland Sportsman of the year 1964-65.
- Maintained above 3.0 GPA all 3 yrs.
- Received full athletic football scholarship to Oklahoma State University.

### **College**

- 4- year football scholarship
- Freshman - ineligible for Varsity sports, played on freshman football team throwing two touchdown passes in OU freshman game.
- Sophomore - dislocated right shoulder during two-a-days, out for season
- Junior – dislocated right shoulder during two-a-days, had surgery, out for season.
- Senior - dislocated right shoulder during two-a-days, out for season
- Maintained above 3.0 GPA Junior and Senior year.
- Qualified for the School of Business Dean's Honor Roll.

### **Professional**

- Lloyd has experienced a 38-year successful football officiating avocation working at every level of the game including being the first NFL official hired from New Mexico. He worked officiating games in the NCAA first as well as the NFL. His officiating took him to England, Spain, Canada, Germany, Japan, Australia, Mexico, and The Netherlands.
- During a 45-year career in the employee benefits business, the most memorable accomplishment was the trust and partnership developed with all sizes of clients resulting in long term business relationships.
- According to 2010 NMSHOF Inductee, Jim Ciccarello, "It should be noted that in New Mexico as a student, athlete, official, and a businessman Lloyd himself was a role model in Albuquerque (and throughout New Mexico) for countless thousands in our local

communities. His reach has been throughout our great state of New Mexico, and he should be forever remembered in our NMHOF as one of our great athletic contributors. His character can best be described as "top shelf."

- 1969 – 1974 Hired by General Electric Co. into their 3- year Financial Management Program in Oklahoma City. Transferred with GE to Cincinnati. Graduated from this program and continued with GE for another year.
- 1974 – 2019 Pursued a career in the insurance industry as an independent employee benefits broker starting in Cincinnati and continued in Albuquerque. This 45-year career began in 1974 and ended with retirement in January 2019. Provided employers with assistance by implementing employee benefit insurance programs. Client businesses ranged in size from 2 to 1,500 employees.
- 1972 Started officiating football in Cincinnati with pee wee, middle school and high school games.
- 1976-1981 Selected to work several New Mexico Playoff and Championship games.
- 1978 – 1992 Selected to officiate in the Rocky Mountain Football Conference and Western Athletic Conference.
- 1983 Selected to officiate the NAIA Championship game - Mesa College (CO) vs. Carson-Newman (TN)
- Officiated several post-season bowl games: California Bowl, Australia Bowl, Freedom Bowl, Cotton Bowl, and Hall of Fame Bowl.
- 1992 Selected to officiate during the Spring of 1992 in the NFL World League and the World Bowl Championship in Montreal.
- After five years of collegiate officiating experience, application to the NFL was completed and in 1993 was selected to officiate in the National Football League
- 1993's first regular season game was the Pittsburgh Steelers vs Los Angeles Rams. The Rams Quarterback was Albuquerque and 1995 NMSHOF inductee, Jim Everett. Two hours before the game Jim and Lloyd saw each other on the field and agreed they were a long way from Milne Stadium. Jim remembered Lloyd from Jim's high school days at Eldorado High School.
- First 10 years worked as a Line Judge and a Field Judge working several playoff games. The final 7 years worked as an NFL replay official working several playoff games and retiring after the 2009 season.
- Attributes most of his success to being motivated, taught, and coached by many coaches and officials who ironically are in the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame (NMSHOF). They helped him develop life principles that helped him be successful in both his business and officiating careers.
- Coach and 1989 NMSHOF inductee Jim Hulsman were Lloyd's little league coach 1959-1960 at the age of 11-12 years old. His father said one day driving home after a little league practice, "Coach Hulsman can be a real significant coach one day." Coach Hulsman went on to be one of the greatest high school basketball coaches in New Mexico high school basketball history. He impressed the value of teamwork on his little league team.
- High School Head Football Coach, Bill Gentry and 1986 NMSHOF inductee, Coach's favorite saying was "You got to want it" but more importantly he taught his players a work ethic on how to achieve it using discipline, commitment, preparation, attention to detail, and teamwork.

- High School basketball coach and 1994 NMSHOF inductee, Mickey Miller taught Lloyd, as the team's point guard, to not beat yourself by altering your game plan when it is working well.
- High School Track & Field Coach and 2013 NMSHOF inductee Henry Sanchez was a master of the little details. Lloyd threw the javelin. Coach would focus on patience, along with footwork and technique. This helped Lloyd finish fourth in the State meet.
- Assistant Basketball Coach and 2005 NMSHOF inductee, Bobby Gibbs thought that coming to practice was not enough. You need to work after practicing your weaknesses. Coach Gibbs would stay after practice to help Lloyd on free throw shooting. He would tell Lloyd "Don't just practice but practice with a purpose."
- Longtime College and High School Official and NMSHOF inductee, Mel Otero taught Lloyd how to diffuse tough situations on the field by being a great listener rather than a great talker.

### **Honors**

- Selected to officiate high school playoff games, college bowl games, and NFL playoff games.
- First New Mexico official selected to officiate in the NFL, opening the door for other New Mexican officials including Land Clark in 2018.
- 2023 - Selected to the inaugural class for the Highland High School Sports Hall of Fame along with Coach Gentry, Coach Miller, and Coach Sanchez

### **Community Involvement**

- Asked to serve on several employee benefit advisory boards with BCBS of NM, Presbyterian Health Plan, NM Health Connections/True Health New Mexico, and United HealthCare.
- Participation in Albuquerque Jaycees—chaired the 1978 Albuquerque City Golf Championship. 1977-1982.
- Participation in Albuquerque Rotary Club—chaired the Speaker Committee for several years. 1997-2007.
- Participation in the Albuquerque Football Officials Association—served as President and Vice President in the late 70's. Met with Albuquerque area high schools to review yearly rule changes and points of interest. 1976-1983.
- 1985 to Present Active Deacon at Hoffmantown Church.
- 1984 - Participation in starting the Albuquerque chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes with Director, Monty Gavin.
- During the college and NFL officiating years, spoke to schools, churches, and civic organizations throughout New Mexico about the positive impact of officiating football as an avocation/profession.

### **Family**

- Married high school sweetheart, Mary Baron, in August 1969 after college graduation.
- Katie Stephens, daughter, and son-in law – Shane Stephens, Grandsons – Hunter, Cooper, Tanner, Spencer.

- Loving mother and father who encouraged their children (Lloyd and his two sisters) to be good students, participating in activities showing good sportsmanship and encouraging their teammates.