

NFL Extra

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2:15:42:28 - MATT FORTE

I REMEMBER WHEN I, I FELT LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS A ROOKIE. YOU GET SO EXCITED YOU CAN'T EVEN ... YOU GOT ALL THAT ENERGY GOING. YEA. STAY FOCUSED THOUGH. YEA.

I GOTTA MAKE THAT SAFETY MISS.

GET OUGHTA HERE. GET OUGHTA HERE MAN. HEY, I ALMOST BROKE THAT TACKLE. DAMN. YEA I GOT STEPPED ON OR SOMETHING.

RADIO - GONNA PITCH IT OUT TO THE RIGHT. FORTE'S GOT IT AT MIDFIELD TO THE 45. BIG BLOCK BY BRANDON! OUTRUNS EVERYBODY TO THE HOUSE! TOUCHDOWN! TOUCHDOWN BEARS! MATT FORTE, YOU DID IT AGAIN, 53 YDS.!

GOOD RUN BABY! HEY, I OWE YOU THAT BALL, BOY. YOU BROUGHT 2 OF THEM.

2:17:01:20 - RUSSELL WILSON

HEY SARA, HOW YOU DOING? HOW YOU DOING BEAUTIFUL? HOW OLD ARE YOU? 10. 10? NICE. ALL I KNOW IS I LIKE THAT JERSEY SHE'S GOT ON. LET'S GO TO WORK. HERE WE GO. LET'S BE GREAT TODAY. LET'S BE GREAT. HERE WE GO. LET'S GO IN AND OUT. IN AND OUT GOOD TEMPO.

RADIO - PLAY FAKE. WILSON'S GONNA LOB IT. TOUCHDOWN! SEAHAWKS!

LET'S KEEP ROLLING. LET'S KEEP ROLLING.

RADIO - PLAY FAKE. WILSON ROLLS. THROWS FAR SIDE. TOUCHDOWN!!

THAT'S A COOL PLAY. WE GOTTA MAKE THE SCORE BIGGER THAN THIS. THIS AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH. YOU GOTTA HUDDLE QUICK. YOU GUYS ARE KIND OF FLOATING. GET BACK TOGETHER SO WE CAN GET

GOING. SEE IF WE CAN GET A 2 MIN. DRIVE HERE BEFORE THE HALF. HEY, 2 MIN. SITUATIONS. 44 SECS. HAND THE BALL TO ..

RADIO - SHOTGUN SNAP. 4 DOWN LINEMEN. WILSON'S GONNA LAY IT UP NEARSIDE. GOLDEN TATE REACHES UP AT MIDFIELD! MAKES THE CATCH OUT OF BOUNDS. THAT STOPS THE CLOCK.

HUDDLE UP! HUDDLE UP! HUDDLE UP! COME ON LET'S GO. LET'S GO. WE'RE LATE.

RADIO - 1ST & 10 AT THE JAGUARS 21. RUSSELL WILSON UNDERSTANDING GET OUT OF BOUNDS AND STOP THE CLOCK. 14 SECS. REMAINING. RUSSELL TAKES THE SNAP. HE'S GONNA FIRE INSIDE IN THE MIDDLE! TOUCHDOWN SEAHAWKS!!! AND THE SEAHAWKS INSIDE OF A MINUTE GO THE LENGTH OF THE FIELD.

HOW ABOUT THAT HUH? WOW.

2:18:50:03 - CHARLES FOLLIS

BACK WHEN WE DECIDED WE WERE GOING TO CREATE THE ROAD TO EQUALITY DISPLAY, ONE BURNING QUESTION REMAINED. WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, AND WHO WAS THE GENTLEMAN IN THIS PHOTO?

SOMETIMES THERE ARE PIONEERS WHO ARE NEARLY LOST IN HISTORY.

I WAS PROBABLY 4 OR 5 YRS. OLD AND MY PARENTS MENTIONED TO ME, "OH YOU HAD A GREAT UNCLE WHO WAS AN AWESOME FOOTBALL PLAYER. HE WAS A HERO TO US. BUT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD HE WAS JUST AN UNKNOWN."

THIS IS A PHOTO OF CHARLES FOLLIS WHO IN 1902 BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PLAY PRO FOOTBALL WITH THE SHELBY BLUES.

BORN IN VIRGINIA IN 1879, FOLLIS AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO WOOSTER OHIO. THERE, AS A JUNIOR, HE ORGANIZED THE FIRST VARSITY TEAM. WITH FOLLIS AS THEIR STAR R.B., THE H.S. WENT UNDEFEATED IN 1899. HIS TEAMMATES ELECTED HIM CAPTAIN AND HE EARNED THE NICKNAME THE BLACK CYCLONE.

AND CHARLES IS VERY PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED THE CENTER OF THE TEAM HOLDING THE CHAMP. FOOTBALL: AND I THOUGHT, "WHY HAVE WE NEVER HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE?"

WE'RE UP 4 TDS. THEY AIN'T GONNA CATCH US.

INTRIGUED BY THE MYSTERY OF FOLLIS, JIM STONER, AN AREA PLAYWRIGHT, SET OUT TO TELL THE STORY OF THE BLACK CYCLONE.

IT'S TIME THAT WE REALLY CELEBRATED THE WHY, THE BACK STORY.

THE FACT OF HOW ONE PERSON CAN OVERCOME SO MUCH AND YET MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR EVERYONE ELSE AROUND HIM. YESTERDAY IN THE NEWSPAPER THEY STARTED CALLING CHARLES THE

BLACK CYCLONE!! I AIN'T NEVER HEARD OF SUCH. THAT'S SO MUCH FOR KEEPING A LOW PROFILE, HUH MOMMA? HI... FRANK SCHIFFER.

AT 6 FT. AND 200 LBS., FOLLIS WAS A RARE TALENT AND WORD SPREAD THROUGHOUT EASTERN OHIO. FRANK SCHIFFER, MANAGER OF THE SHELBY BLUES, OFFERED HIM A ROSTER SPOT AT \$10 A GAME.

WE WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE LAST 2 YRS. AND I'LL TELL YOU SON, WITH YOU ON THE TEAM, WE CAN WIN A FEW MORE.

OVER 4 SEASONS FOLLIS LED THE SHELBY BLUES TO AN OVERALL RECORD OF 26-5-3.

IT'S BLACK HISTORY. ANOTHER CHAPTER WHERE THIS YOUNG BLACK ATHLETE HELPED SET THE STAGE, AND THE THINGS THAT HE HAD TO GO THROUGH.

WHITE FOLKS ATTITUDES DON'T CHANGE AS FAST AS YOU RUN. NOW WE'RE STILL BLACK FOLKS LIVING IN A WHITE COMMUNITY.

WE CAN'T HAVE THESE FOLKS OUT AFTER DARK. THAT'S RIGHT.

AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY IN SHELBY, AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE NOT PERMITTED ON THE STREETS AFTER SUNDOWN. THAT ATTITUDE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

A BLACK PERSON PLAYING AGAINST A BUNCH OF WHITE PEOPLE? I MEAN THEY WERE REALLY REALLY ROUGH. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HIM ON THE FIELD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DO NOT CALL CHARLES A NIGGER. HE'S A GENTLEMAN AND A CLEAN PLAYER. AS CAPTAIN OF THIS TEAM, I'LL STOP THIS GAME. BRANCH RICKEY. WE MET A FEW TIMES OVER THE YEARS.

IN 1903 FOLLIS WAS A TEAMMATE OF BRANCH RICKEY, FUTURE OWNER OF BASEBALL'S BROOKLYN DODGERS.

YOU HELP ME WIN. I LIKE YOU. I'M USED TO WINNING.

AND MUTUAL RESPECT LED TO FRIENDSHIP.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PHILOSOPHY TO ME, AND FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M CHARLES FOLLIS, PERSON.

OVER 40 YRS. AFTER RICKEY HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THE EXAMPLE SET BY FOLLIS.

I THINK THAT'S HUGE BECAUSE THAT TELLS THE STORY OF HIS THOUGHT PROCESS BEHIND JACKIE ROBINSON.

RICKEY KNOWS THAT THE FIRST NEGRO TO PLAY IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL MUST BE ABLE TO ENDURE CONSTANT THREATS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, RACIAL INSULTS, EVEN HOSTILITY FROM TEAMMATES.

BY SIGNING JACKIE ROBINSON, MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WAS INTEGRATED.

I'M WILLING TO BET THAT YOUR MOTHER'S COOKING JUST MIGHT HELP YOU GET OVER THAT COUGH.

FOLLIS DIED OF PNEUMONIA IN 1910 AT THE AGE OF 31.

CHARLES FOLLIS WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT OUR YOUNG BLACK MEN CAN BECOME.

TODAY, CHARLES FOLLIS IS NO LONGER FORGOTTEN. IN WOOSTER, THE H.S. STADIUM NOW BEARS HIS NAME. AND AT THE PRO FOOTBALL H.O.F., HIS LEGACY LIVES ON.

THIS VERY DEEP EMOTIONAL, NOT ONLY WITH ME BEING A BLACK MAN MYSELF BUT ALSO HAVING THE BLOODLINE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS BEEN TITLED WITH SUCH AN UNBELIEVABLE FEAT. JUST AMAZING. JUST UTTERLY AMAZING.

2:24:07:20 - 1966 PHOTO

WE NEED OUR SUPER TALL GUYS IN THE BACK.

EVERY SPRING AT THE LEAGUE MEETINGS THE NFL COACHES GATHER FOR A PICTURE.

WOULD YOU MIND JUST SWITCHING AROUND? JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE SEE EVERYBODY.

IT'S A TRADITION THAT DATES BACK TO AT LEAST 1966. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE EARLIER THIS YEAR JENNIFER ALLEN, THE DAUGHTER OF H.O.F. COACH GEORGE ALLEN, FOUND A COPY OF THE 1966 PHOTO IN HER PARENT'S BASEMENT. JENNIFER GRACIOUSLY PASSED THE PICTURE ALONG TO NFL FILMS, AND WE SHOWED IT TO THE CURRENT COACHES AT THEIR SPRING MEETING.

WHO'S WHO AMONG COACHES.

SOME HEAVY-HITTERS HERE BOY.

LISTEN, THERE'S SOME INNOVATIVE GUYS AND CREATIVE GUYS HERE. THERE ARE A FEW LEGENDS IN THAT FIRST ROW.

THE LEGENDS OF THE GAME. THE LEGENDS OF THE GAME.

VINCE LOMBARDI, GEORGE ALLEN, TOM LANDRY, GEORGE HALAS. THAT'S PRETTY INCREDIBLE.

YEA, THERE'S SHULA RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE THERE. HALAS. LOMBARDI. IS THAT OTTO GRAHAM?

OTTO GRAHAM IN THIS PICTURE. THERE'S SOME GREAT ONES. HERE'S, IS THAT NORM VAN BROCKLIN IN THERE? YES IT IS. WOW.

OH ALLIE SHERMAN.

JACK CHRISTIANSEN.

HOLY COW MAN! LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.

GUYS WHO DID IT BETTER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE. THE GUYS THAT WE ALL LOOK UP TO. THE GUYS WHO HAVE ALL THE BUSTS IN CANTON. THEY WERE THE GUYS THAT BUILT THIS LEAGUE AND HAD A HUGE INFLUENCE ON GENERATIONS OF NFL COACHES, PLAYERS AND FANS.

WHEN YOU DO WHAT THESE MEN DID, THEY CARRY YOU OFF FIELDS. THEY BUILD STATUES OF YOU, AND THEY DON'T FORGET YOU NEARLY A HALF CENTURY LATER.

GREAT GREAT MEMORIES OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AS IT WAS AT THAT TIME IN 1966, WITH THE GREATEST WINNERS OF ALL TIME.

THERE ARE 15 HEAD COACHES IN THE PICTURE. THEY COMBINE FOR MORE THAN 1,500 WINS IN THE NFL. AS PLAYERS AND HEAD COACHES, THEY WON 28 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. 8 OF THEM ARE IN THE PRO FOOTBALL H.O.F., INCLUDING THE TOP 3 ALL TIME LEADERS IN WINS IN NFL HISTORY. AND SPEAKING OF HISTORY, ONE MAN, GEORGE HALAS COACHED RED GRANGE IN THE 1920'S: AND ANOTHER, ON SHULA COACHED DAN MARINO IN THE 1990'S. WHEN THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN, SHULA, WHO FINISHED WITH 347 WINS, HAD WON JUST 30 GAMES. TOM LANDRY HAD NOT HAD A WINNING SEASON YET: AND GEORGE ALLEN, WHO NEVER HAD A LOSING SEASON, HAD YET TO BE ON THE FIELD AS AN NFL HEAD COACH. BUT WHAT ALLEN AND HIS PEERS ACCOMPLISHED STILL REVERBERATES THROUGHOUT COACHING RANKS.

WHEN YOU'VE WORKED 9 YRS. IN G.B., YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF STORIES ABOUT COACH LOMBARDI AND THAT TRADITION AND THAT HISTORY. NOW WHEN YOU WORK IN MIAMI ND YOU'RE SITTING IN THE SAME DESK THAT THE WINNINGEST COACH IN THE HISTORY OF THE NFL SAT IN, THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

OBVIOUSLY MET SHULA. HE COACHED ME IN A PRO BOWL GAME.

I PLAYED FOR COACH SHULA AND I WAS WITH COACH LANDRY.

I KNOW COACH SHULA. I RECRUITED HIS SON MICHAEL.

I MET A LOT OF GUYS. I KNOW MY DAD WASN'T REAL ...WASN'T REAL FOND OF SHULA. NO I'M JUST KIDDING BECAUSE HE GOT BEAT BY HIM SO MANY TIMES.

GEORGE ALLEN COACHED ME AT LONG BEACH STATE. HE DID? YES SIR. YOU WERE ON THAT TEAM? I WAS ON THAT TEAM.

EVERYBODY STICK TOGETHER AND HIT HARD!

PLAYERS HAD SO MUCH RESPECT FOR THIS MAN AND A GOOD FOOTBALL COACH. WHAT A GREAT HUMAN BEING..

WELL THE FIRST PERSON THAT CAPTURED MY ATTENTION HERE WAS COACH HALAS. I GOT A CHANCE TO MEET HIM. IT WAS MY ROOKIE YEAR. WE WOULD START OFF 0-3 AND HE CAME BY TO TALK TO THE

TEAM. THE BEST PART ABOUT IT WAS I INTRODUCED MYSELF IN THE HALLWAY. THEN ON THE WAY OUT I SAID GOODBYE. HE SAID, "OK. DOUG, SEE YA." SO HE DIDN'T REMEMBER WHO I WAS OVER THE HALF-HOUR PERIOD OF TIME BUT WHAT AN HONOR IT WAS FOR ME. THAT WAS COOL.

I MET OTTO GRAHAM IN CLEVELAND. SEE, I NEVER THREW A BAD PASS. IN MY ENTIRE CAREER I NEVER THREW A BAD PASS. EVEN THE ONES THAT WERE INTERCEPTED WOULD'VE HIT MY GUY RIGHT IN THE CHEST! I CRACKED UP! HE STILL HAD THE BRAVADO.

COACH LANDRY, I REMEMBER THAT WAS ONE OF THE TEAMS THAT WHEN YOU WERE A COLLEGE COACH, THEY ALLOWED YOU TO COME VISIT THEIR CAMP.

SWITCH YOUR DEFENSE RIGHT THERE IN THE 41-30.

HE WOULD VISIT THE COWBOYS TRAINING CAMP BACK WHEN I GOT INTO COACHING IN COLLEGE: AND COACH LANDRY KIND OF WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO MAKE THE COLLEGE COACHES FEEL AT HOME WHERE HE WOULD MAKE SURE HE ALWAYS CAME AND SAID HELLO. HE WOULD INTRODUCE YOU IN THE TEAM MEETING.

LANDRY MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN IT AT THE TIME BUT HE WAS PASSING THE COACHING BATON TO A YOUNGER GENERATION. NOW IT'S THEIR JOB TO CARRY ON THE TRADITION.

YOUR GOAL AS A HEAD FOOTBALL COACH IS TO BE IN THIS PICTURE, EVERY YEAR.

WE KEEP THE PICTURE EVERY YEAR. GET IT FRAMED EVERY YEAR. TO ME IT'S A VERY DISTINCT COMPANY.

EVERYBODY THAT'S IN THIS PICTURE IS A LEGEND. IT HUMBLER YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE TITLE OF NFL HEAD COACH.

DON'T TAKE 1 DAY FOR GRANTED. IT'S NOT YOUR RIGHT. IT'S A PRIVILEGE. IT'S AN UNBELIEVABLE HONOR AND IT'S VERY HUMBLING.

IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE. I'VE TRIED TO KEEP THE FAITH ALONG THE WAY IN EACH AND EVERYDAY AND DOING THE BEST JOB I COULD. HAD A VISION THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN AT SOME POINT IN TIME, AND VERY GRATEFUL AND VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT IT HAS.

I REMIND MYSELF ON A DAILY BASIS HOW SPECIAL IT IS, HOW PRECIOUS IT IS. THERE'S ONLY 32 OF THESE JOBS IN THE WORLD.

LESS NFL HEAD COACHES THAN THERE ARE U.S. SENATORS.

I'M FORTUNATE ENOUGH AND BLESSED ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE AND I DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. BUT LOOKING AT A PICTURE LIKE THIS KIND OF PUTS IT IN A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE. IT'S AN INTERESTING GROUP TO BE A PART OF.

THOSE GUYS AFFECTED MY LIFE. THESE GUYS LIVED A LIFE COACHING FOOTBALL THAT SEPARATED THEM.

CHINS UP JUST A LITTLE BIT. JUST A LITTLE BIT. O.K.

AND WE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. IT'S RARE THAT A MAN GETS THAT KIND OF CHOICE AND CHANCE IN HIS LIFE.

ALRIGHT. AWESOME. LOOKING AT ME THE WHOLE TIME, O.K.?

IT DOES CALL ON THE BET WE HAVE TO OFFER TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY THAT'S PRESENTED...AND THAT'S PRETTY SPECIAL.

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