



Michael Pyle

Class of 1957

MICHAEL PYLE grew up in Winnetka, Illinois, where he attended Skokie School and New Trier. While at New Trier, he was a member of the Boys' Honor Society and participated on student council and student government committees. During his senior year, he was All-State in football, All-State in wrestling and All-State in track. He held the state title in heavyweight wrestling, discus, and shot put events, and he set a state record in shot put at the State Championship.

He attended Yale University, where he was captain of the undefeated 1960 football team, an Academic All-American, and a member of the Torch Honor Society. The Chicago Bears drafted him in 1961, and he spent nine years as their starting center. He was offensive captain of the 1963 World Champion Bears, was elected All-Pro that same year, and participated in the 1964 Pro Bowl.

Pyle spent many years as a sports broadcaster and hosted the Mike Ditka Show for 10 years. He also served as Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Chicago Sting Soccer Club in 1975. He is a member of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame.

Pyle has been involved in many charitable organizations. He served as President of the NFL Players' Association, was co-founder of the NFLPA Mackey Awards Banquet benefiting Chicago's Better Boys Foundation, served on the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association, Northern Illinois affiliate for over 30 years, and was a member of the planning committees for the Brian Piccolo Golf Tournament for Cancer Research and the Jack Quinlan Golf Tournament for the Chicago Boys Club. He has remained on the North Shore, where he and his wife, Candy, have raised their four children.

