

Jack Farls

Jack Farls graduated from Freedom in 1954, earning multiple letters in both basketball and football. He also earned all-state honors in football and was named WPIAL co-lineman of the year. In one game against Beaver, Jack was credited with blocking six kicks.

After his career at Freedom, Farls went on to play football at Penn State University for a then young and untested Joe Paterno. Jack was a four-year starter at Penn State and received All-American recognition. He also received Penn State's Iron Man Award for playing more minutes than any other Nittany Lion, in a era of two-way football.

The most memorable game of Farls' college career came in his sophomore year of 1955. In a game against Syracuse, he played on the same field as two future Pro Football Hall of Fame running backs - his teammate Lenny Moore and Syracuse's Jim Brown. Despite the reputation of those two backs, it was Jack Farls who stole the show, playing 56 of the 60 minutes and blocking Brown's extra point kick that preserved a 21-20 win.

After graduation from Penn State, Farls was drafted by the Washington Redskins, however, an obligation to the US military prevented that career. In the Marines, Jack achieved the rank of Captain and earned all-service honors in football.

After football, dental school followed and Jack had a 30-year career as a dentist. He and his wife Darlene have two sons and a daughter.

