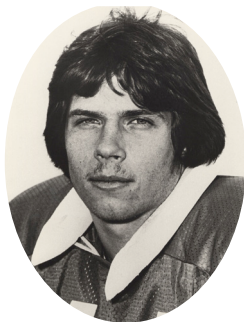


Mike Siganos



Mike Siganos carved out a sparkling high school football career at St. Luke's School in New Canaan from 1971-73. After scoring a team-leading six touchdowns as a sophomore, he found the end zone 16 times and scored 104 points his junior year as he led the Crusaders to a 9-0 record and the Fairchester League championship.

The 5-foot-9, 180-pound back also ran for over 1,000 yards, averaging 10.2 yards a carry, and caught 12 passes for another 391 yards. He was even featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd."

Siganos saved his best for last, however, scoring 27 touchdowns as a senior and adding 18 successful conversion runs for 180 points as St. Luke's went 8-1. That's 49 touchdowns in three years.

"His senior year he only played 19 out of 36 quarters. He was that good," pointed out Dick Whitcomb, who coached Siganos at St. Luke's.

The University of Kentucky certainly thought so and gave him a four-year scholarship. A four-year letterman who earned a reputation as a fearless defensive back and punt returner from 1974-77, Siganos was voted first-team All-Southeastern Conference and Honorable Mention All-America as a senior as he helped the Wildcats go 10-1 and finish No. 6 in the country.

Siganos still holds UK records for most career punt returns in a game (nine), season (43), and career (113). He also finished with 10 career interceptions, including one as a freshman he returned for a touchdown in a 30-7 win over Tulane. He had another pick in the 1976 Peach Bowl when Kentucky beat North Carolina 21-0. In 1990, he was selected to UK's 100-year anniversary "All-Century Football Team."

After graduating, Siganos played professionally for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League.

Mike Siganos passed away in September 2011 at the age of 56.