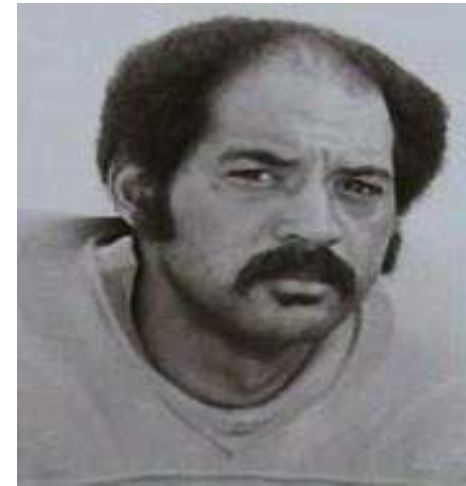




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Dan Pride was a two-sport star in football and basketball at Ironton. He was a high school teammate of another future NFL player Coy Bacon.

Dan Pride played college football at Jackson State and Tennessee State before being a 10th round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers. He was released in training camp and then signed with the Chicago Bears. He worked his way up the depth charts and became a starting linebacker along side future Hall of Famer Dick Butkus. However, a knee injury in the fourth game on the 1968 season ended his season prematurely. The Bears finished 1-13, the worst record in the franchise's history.

Dan Pride went to work in California and when the World Football League announced its formation, Dan took a two-week vacation and tried out for the Southern California Sun and made the team. He played the inaugural 1974 season but opted not to play the next season. The league folded before the end of its second year.

Dan Pride taught and coached for 30 years in California. He returned to Ironton in 2008 where he has helped coach football and girls' basketball.