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Ron Jaworski

Travels from: New Jersey

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Born and raised in the gritty steel town outside of Buffalo, Ron Jaworski was a three-sport standout in high school and had an arm most would admire.

Drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals right out of high school, Ron was anxious to play baseball immediately, but his father pushed for college first. After a two-week stint working in a steel mill - a "reality-check" arranged by his father - Ron quickly decided to pursue a college degree and chose to play football at Youngstown State University in Ohio. It was a small school, but Ron went on to have an outstanding career at Youngstown, including an impressive appearance in the Senior Bowl and the Ohio Shrine Bowl games.

Impressed with his arm, the Los Angeles Rams selected Jaworski in the second round of the 1973 draft. Jaws quickly outgrew his insecurity and his impressive throwing ability earned him the nickname "the Polish Rifle."

After spending four years with the Rams, the rights to Jaworski were traded to the Philadelphia Eagles in March of 1977. Under head coach Dick Vermeil and behind Ron's ability and enthusiastic field leadership, the Eagles advanced to the NFC playoffs in 1978 and 1979. In 1980, Jaws led the Eagles to a 12-4 record, the NFC Championship and their first-ever berth in a Super Bowl. Ron finished the 1980 season as the #1-rated passer in the NFC. In recognition of his brilliant 1980 season, Ron was selected to the Pro Bowl.

Along the way, Ron earned another nickname... "Jaws." The moniker was hung on him by his neighbor at the time and star guard for the Philadelphia 76ers, Doug Collins. "He didn't come up with Jaws because of that shark movie, though," says Jaworski. "Doug said it was because my mouth was always open, talking."

Until he suffered a broken leg and torn ligaments in his left ankle during a game at St. Louis in the 1984 season, Ron led the Eagles to the NFC playoffs four times. Jaws also held the record for most consecutive starts in NFL games (116) until the mark was surpassed by Brett Favre in 1999. During his 10 years with the Eagles, Ron passed for nearly 27,000 yards, including 175 touchdowns.

After becoming a free agent in March of 1987, Ron was signed by the Miami Dolphins. Jaws played for the Dolphins in 1987 and 1988, and in 1989, he signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs. After sustaining a season-ending knee injury, Ron retired in 1990 with a career total of 28,190 passing yards and 179 touchdowns.

In 1991, Jaws founded Ron Jaworski Management, Inc. to oversee the day-to-day operations of his business ventures. Currently four different entities fall under the umbrella of RJM ownership: Valleybrook Golf Club, The Chateau Resort, Edgewood in the Pines and The Showcase Sports Apparel Store. RJM is also responsible for overseeing the business of the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia, the Ron Jaworski Annual Celebrity Golf Challenge and the Jaws Youth Fund Fall Golf Classic, which has raised over \$1 million for support of innovative youth programs throughout Camden County and the country.



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In 2003, along with rock-and-roll icon Jon Bon Jovi, Jaworski became co-owner and President of the Philadelphia Soul, the 18th team to join the Arena Football League. He will continue to work directly with newly-hired Head Coach, Bret Musney on football operations as well as assist the organization on all strategic marketing opportunities.

Aside from his business ventures, Jaworski is also a regular on ESPN, NFL Films and Eagles Television Network (Philadelphia) and has become one of the most distinguished NFL analysts on television. Jaworski gives fans a weekly, in-depth insider's view of the NFL through "EA Sports NFL Matchup." Every Sunday and Monday, Ron assists on "NFL Sunday Countdown" and "NFL Monday Night Countdown" with his team-by-team analysis.

Jaws has been the recipient of numerous honors including UPI's 1980 "NFL Player of the Year," the Bert Bell Award, the Pinnacle Award and the United Way's Volunteer Leadership Award. Jaworski was inducted into the Polish American Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. He was also nominated for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility and was inducted into the Philadelphia Eagles Honor Roll in 1992.

Ron is a dynamic motivational speaker, bringing together the sports world and the business world with his enthusiasm and passion.