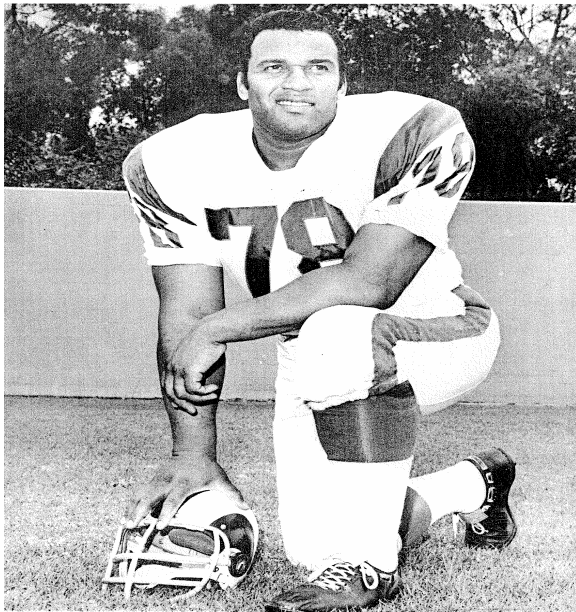


## Roger “Nyack” Brown



ROGER BROWN  
LOS ANGELES RAMS

Roger “Nyack” Brown was inducted into the Hawk Hall of Fame in 1982. Nicknamed “Nyack”, Roger was reared in Nyack, New York and came to Maryland State College (MSC) with dreams of being a fullback.

However, Roger was soon moved to defensive line where he exhibited extraordinary skill, and the rest is history. Roger’s collegiate career at MSC spanned from 1956 to 1960.

At 6’5” and 300 pounds, Rogers was the third fastest player on his team at MSC. Always an entrepreneur, Roger was a disc jockey in college that helped to pay his tuition.

During his time at MSC, Roger participated in football and track at the varsity level. Roger’s skills earned him Negro All-American honors twice and also Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) All-Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American in 1958. Roger anchored a defensive that allowed the Hawks to outscore its opponents 693 points to 213 over his four-year career. This resulted in the Hawks limiting their 29 opponents to just 7.3 points per game, while compiling 23 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie.

The Detroit Lions drafted Roger in the fourth round in 1960. In 1962, he was voted National Football League (NFL) Pro Lineman of the Year and made the NFL All-Pro Team. Roger played six seasons with the Lions before being traded to the Los Angeles Rams in 1967. He retired in 1970 after three seasons with the Rams legendary “Fearsome Foursome” defensive line. Roger majored in Industrial Arts Education.

After football, Roger Brown redirected his career, focusing on the food industry. Starting his own chain of 8 fast food restaurants in Chicago, he later went to work for the McDonald’s Corporation, eventually owning 3 McDonald’s Restaurants in Virginia.

Now at age 64 he has sold those restaurants and opened Roger Brown’s Restaurant & Sports Bar in downtown Portsmouth. Serving on 14 boards and committees, Roger has become an important player in Portsmouth. “I’m a team player from way back,” says Roger. “I’ve always put my heart and soul into the organizations I’ve played for. Now I’m on the Portsmouth team, it’s a great city that’s on the move.”

His NFL statistics are as follows:

<u>Year</u> <u>Team</u>	<b>Defense</b>							<b>Points</b>
	<u>Games</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Fumbles</u>	<u>Safeties</u>	<u>Total</u>
1960 Detroit	12	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1961 Detroit	14	1	10	10.0	0	0	0	0
1962 Detroit	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	4
1963 Detroit	14	1	20	20.0	0	0	0	0
1964 Detroit	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1965 Detroit	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	2
1966 Detroit	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1967 La Rams	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1968 La Rams	14	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1969 La Rams	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Career Totals	<u>138</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>15.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>