



KANSAS LEGEND BIOGRAPHY

Lynn Dickey (1949 – Present)

Born Clifford Lynn Dickey in Miami County, Kan., Dickey grew up playing football and was successful at the high school, college and professional levels. Dickey played in the National Football League (NFL) for more than a decade, first with the Houston Oilers and finishing his career with the Green Bay Packers.

Dickey grew up in Osawatomie, Kan., where he played football for Osawatomie High School. In 1966, Dickey, the school's starting quarterback, led the team to an undefeated high school championship. Due to his success that season, he was recruited by Kansas State University and began earning national recognition for his performances.

At Kansas State, Dickey passed for 6,208 yards and 29 touchdowns. He passed for more than 380 yards four times in his college career and quarterbacked wins over every opponent in the Big Eight Conference. He was chosen All Big Eight quarterback twice and was named Most Valuable Player in the East-West Shrine Bowl his senior year. Dickey was also finished tenth in the race for the Heisman Trophy.

After graduating from K-State in 1971, Dickey was taken in the third round of the NFL draft by the Houston Oilers. He spent five seasons with the team before being traded in a package deal to the Green Bay Packers. Dickey's career took off while with the Packers, the team he remained with until he retired from the game.

Dickey's most successful season with the Packers came in 1983, when he led the league in passing. He collected 4,458 yards and 32 touchdowns, completing over 60 percent of his passes. Dickey was chosen second-team All-NFC behind legendary Joe Theismann. Although Theismann's Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl that year, Dickey had led the Packers to a most memorable Monday Night Football win earlier in the season, beating the Redskins 48-47.

In 1985, Dickey retired from professional football. In his career, he passed for more than 23,000 yards with a completion rate of near 56 percent. Dickey's success at Kansas State University continues to stand out. In 1996, he was named the greatest quarterback in Big Eight history. In addition to the honor, Dickey's jersey, number 11, became the first jersey to be retired at the K-State.

Dickey was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame in February 1992 and is a member of the K-State Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1997, Dickey was chosen as a member of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Post-retirement, Dickey returned to the Kansas City area to open a football-themed restaurant. After leaving the restaurant business, he began a career in public relations. Dickey currently resides in Leawood, Kan.

