



BARRY PEARSON

FOOTBALL

Barry Pearson, born 1950, is one the biggest success stories of Geneseo history. In high school, he was part of the 52-game unbeaten streak. He played End in high school and carried onto Northwestern University where he spent four years as one of the Big Ten's top performers. Pearson earned all-conference honors in his junior and senior years. In Barry's senior year, he led the league in receptions.

After college he went on to become a free agent and signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He played two years with the Steelers as they established themselves as a new NFL power. Pearson was on the field for the Immaculate Reception in 1972, perhaps the most famous play in NFL history. Pearson was traded to the Kansas City Chiefs in 1974 and retired after an injury his second year. He finished with 86 career catches, 1,312 total yards, and seven touchdowns in the NFL. In 1979, Pearson was signed on to serve as the wide receiver coach at Oklahoma State University under head coach Jimmy Johnson. He is now the CEO of HPC Food Service in Connecticut. He has been with the company for 32 years.

