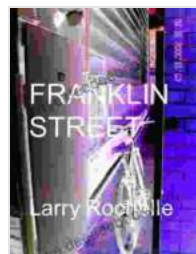


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Early Life and Football Beginnings

Franklin Street Larry Rochelle was born on January 12, 1954, in Franklin, Louisiana. Raised in a modest family, he developed a passion for football at an early age. His exceptional speed and agility were evident from his childhood days, and he quickly emerged as a standout player in his high school team.

After graduating from high school, Rochelle received scholarship offers from several top universities. He ultimately chose to attend the University of Alabama, where he joined the legendary Crimson Tide football program under head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

College Football Stardom

At the University of Alabama, Rochelle quickly became a star running back. His blistering speed and elusive running style earned him the nickname "The Blur." During his college career, he established numerous records, including:

- Most rushing yards in a single season (1,606 yards in 1974)
- Most rushing touchdowns in a single season (21 in 1974)
- Most 100-yard rushing games in a single season (8 in 1974)

Rochelle's remarkable performances played a pivotal role in Alabama's success during his tenure. The Crimson Tide won two national championships (in 1973 and 1975) and three Southeastern Conference championships (in 1973, 1974, and 1975) during his time on the team.

Professional Football Career

Rochelle entered the National Football League (NFL) as a first-round draft pick of the Houston Oilers in 1976. He played nine seasons in the NFL for three different teams: the Houston Oilers, the San Diego Chargers, and the Washington Redskins.

While his professional career was not as decorated as his college years, Rochelle continued to showcase his exceptional abilities on the gridiron. He played in two Pro Bowls (in 1978 and 1979), and in 1979, he led the NFL in rushing touchdowns (18). Rochelle was also a key member of the San Diego Chargers team that reached the Super Bowl in 1982, although they lost to the Washington Redskins.

Coaching Career

After retiring from professional football, Rochelle embarked on a successful coaching career. He served as an assistant coach at several universities, including the University of Alabama, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Memphis.

In 1999, Rochelle made history by becoming the first African American head coach at the University of Memphis. He led the Tigers for four seasons, compiling a 22-26 record. Rochelle's tenure at Memphis was marked by his dedication to the development of his players and his passion for the game.

Legacy and Impact

Franklin Street Larry Rochelle is widely regarded as one of the greatest running backs in college football history. His record-breaking performances

and contributions to the University of Alabama's success have cemented his place among the legends of the sport.

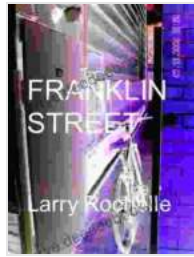
Rochelle's impact extends beyond the gridiron. He is a respected figure in the football community and an inspiration to young athletes and coaches alike. His legacy is one of athletic excellence, perseverance, and dedication to the game.

Honors and Recognition

Throughout his career, Franklin Street Larry Rochelle has received numerous honors and recognition for his achievements:

- College Football Hall of Fame (inducted in 1995)
- National Football Foundation Hall of Fame (inducted in 1996)
- University of Alabama Athletics Hall of Fame (inducted in 1993)
- All-American (1974, 1975)
- Maxwell Award (1975)
- Heisman Trophy runner-up (1974, 1975)
- No. 20 jersey retired by the University of Alabama

Franklin Street Larry Rochelle is a true legend in the world of American football. His exceptional speed, elusive running style, and unwavering determination made him one of the most dominant players of his era. As a college star, a professional athlete, and a coach, Rochelle has left an indelible mark on the sport. His legacy continues to inspire generations of football players and fans alike.



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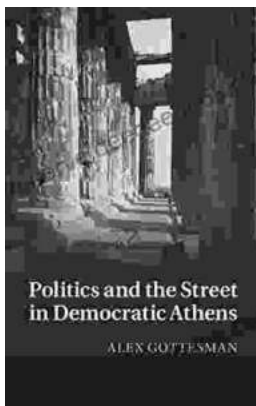
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