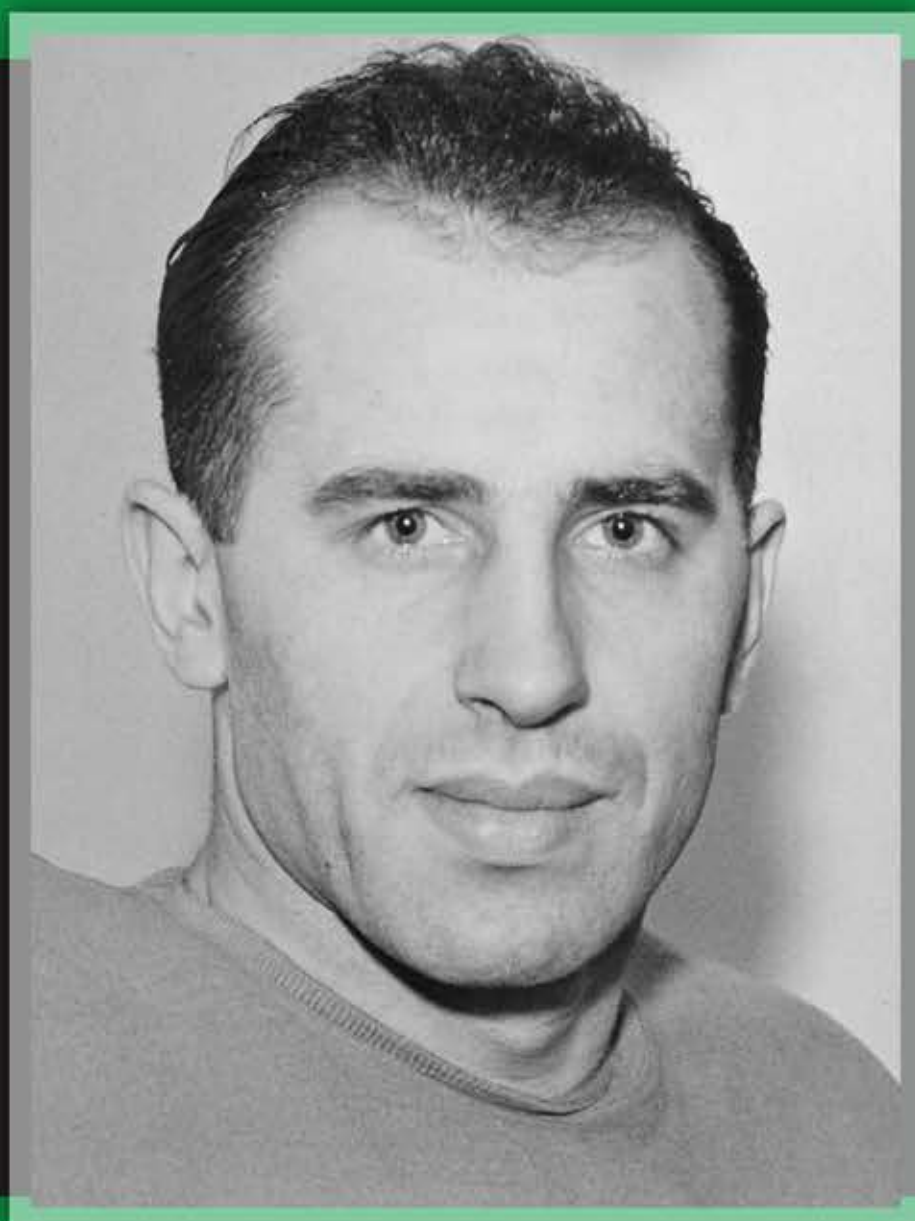


RAY "BUZZ" BUIVID

ATHLETE



PORT WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME
Inducted September 14, 2024



Ray "Buzz" Buivid's athletic career began in high school, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track and field. His aptitude in track and field was particularly notable. He won the WIAA State Championship in both shot put and discus in 1932, leading Port to the overall WIAA Team Championship. His impressive high school achievements earned him a football scholarship to Marquette University, where his success continued. Ray was the starting quarterback for the MU Golden Avalanche in 1935 and 1936, leading the team to a standout season in 1936 with a 7-1 record, a No. 20 national ranking, and a spot in the inaugural Cotton Bowl. That year, he also garnered significant attention with a three-touchdown performance at Soldier Field and finished third in Heisman Trophy voting. Ray's college career was marked by his All-American honors, reflecting his exceptional abilities on the field. Ray continued his football career in 1937 where he was the 1st round 3rd overall pick for the Chicago Cardinals in the NFL draft. He ended up getting traded to the crosstown rivals, the Chicago Bears, where he played as backup quarterback for two years. In spite of that, he became the first quarterback in NFL history to throw five touchdown passes in a single game, in the season finale against those same Chicago Cardinals. Ray and the Bears played in the NFL Championship game that year, falling 28-21 to the Washington Redskins.

Although Ray graduated almost 90 years ago, he still is one of Port Washington High School's most accomplished athletes. His early successes in high school laid the foundation for a distinguished career in college football, where he achieved national recognition and contributed significantly to his team's successes. Ray's transition to professional football, highlighted by his historic performance as a rookie, further underscores his extraordinary talent and dedication. Ray's commitment to his country was emphasized when he retired from the NFL to join the Navy, where he served as a Lieutenant during World War II. His accomplishments in sports and his service to the nation represent the spirit of excellence and leadership that continue to inspire our community today.