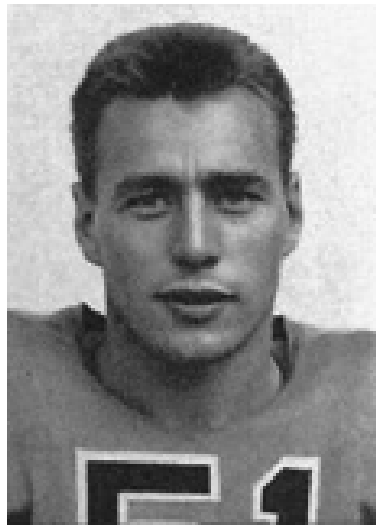






Wilbur Volz, 1941 - football, basketball and track

Volz was a four-time All-Southwestern Conference selection in both football and basketball. He was also a standout in track and field. Volz played one season with the Buffalo Bills after playing collegiately at Missouri.

In addition to his outstanding athletic career, Volz was a war hero:

Wilbur Volz was Ball Turret Gunner on his first operation on board of B-17G #42-31191 'Virginia Lee' on the 27 March 1943 mission to Bordeaux/Merignac airfield. Hit by German fighters, he crash-landed on the beach at Le Porge-Océan, near Larreau (Gironde), France. He managed to evade capture with the help of French citizens and members of the Résistance. He and Navigator Walsh and Tail Gunner Smith were hidden in various places in the region West and South-West of Bordeaux. They left by C-47 from Biarritz, France on 13 September 1944 and were interviewed for their E&E report in

London the following day. Wilbur Volz was recalled for military service in 1951 and served in the USAF in Korea.

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