

TIGER-CAT Q&A

Name: Angelo Mosca
Birth date (M/D/YY): February 13, 1937
School/Jr. Football: Waltham High School, Notre Dame
Position(s): Defensive Tackle
Years with Tiger-Cats: 1958–59, 1962–72

CAREER

1. Tell us about how you got started in football and your amateur career.

Tony Zullo, my High School Coach was a big influence in starting me in football

2. How did you get started in the CFL (draft, free agent, trade etc.)?

Drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1959, but had already decided to come north to play for the Tiger-Cats the previous year.

3. Do or did you have a nickname?

Big Nasty, King Kong

4. Tell us about some of your fondest memories with the Tiger-Cats or in the CFL.

Playing in 9 Grey Cups and winning 5 and also having my number retired.

5. Who were some of the teammates and opponents you admired the most and why?

Bernie Faloney – Great guy on and off the field

Chuck Walton – Great Player

Dave Fleming – Tough guy

6. Which coach did you respect or enjoy playing for the the most and why?

Jim Trimble – Tough but fair

7. Tell us about some of your favourite Grey Cup memories.

1972 because we won the game on home turf.

POST CFL CAREER

8. Tell us about your life and career after playing/working with the Tiger-Cats or CFL?

My wrestling career as “King Kong” Mosca allowed me to travel and see the world.

9. Tell us about your interests, hobbies, your passion or anything else you would like to share about yourself.

I enjoy doing volunteer work for various charity organizations.

10. Share with us some of the places you’ve been or things you have experienced.

South Africa, Japan, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand – All with wrestling.

THE GAME

11. What aspects of the Canadian game do you like the most?

Wider field, 3 downs, faster moving.



FINAL THOUGHTS

12. What advice do you have to either young players or those just starting out in the CFL?

Play hard and have fun.

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Winning teams start in the locker room.

BIO

To anyone who saw him play, the name Angelo Mosca conjures up images of one of the roughest and toughest guys to ever play in the CFL. Mosca played for the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame in 1956 before finishing his college career with Wyoming and then coming north to the CFL. Mosca played 15 years in the CFL from 1958 to 1972, all but two and half with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

In total, Mosca played in 10 Grey Cups, winning five of them, one with Ottawa in 1960 and four with Hamilton in 1963, 1965, 1967 and 1972. Besides playing football, Mosca also had an outstanding career as a professional wrestler. Angelo Mosca was elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1987. In 2012, Angelo Mosca became the first CFL player to be inducted into the Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame.

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