



Al Matuza Sr.

Pennsbury HS

Al excelled as a premier center and linebacker for the Chicago Bears for 3 seasons from 1941 to 1944. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1941; while at Georgetown, he lettered in football, basketball, and track and field. Al was a member of the 1940 Georgetown football team that played in the Orange Bowl. In 1941, he was drafted by the world champion Chicago Bears coached by the legendary George Halas; he shared playing time with hall of famer Clyde "Bulldog" Turner. The Bears won the 1943 NFL Championship and Al was an instrumental participant in every game that season. The 1943 Bears were named one of the greatest teams of all time by Sports Illustrated.

After his professional career was ended by injury, Al began his coaching career. After stops at Mahony City, Shenandoah, and Vineland, he accepted the Head Football position at Pennsbury HS from 1955 to 1961; his teams compiled a record of 53-12 with a title in 1957 and Coach of the Year Award in 1955. Al was inducted into the Georgetown Hall of Fame in 1958, the Pennsbury Hall of Fame, and the Staunton Military Hall of Fame.