

= Garrett Rivas =

Garrett Rivas ( born June 1 , 1985 ) is a former American football kicker who played in af2 and the Arena Football League ( AFL ) . He played college football at Michigan ; he set the current school records for career scoring , field goals and point after touchdowns and was a three @-@ time All @-@ Big Ten Conference selection during his time there . As a professional he played for the Florida Firecats of af2 and the Tampa Bay Storm of the AFL .

= = High school career = =

Rivas attended Jesuit High School in Tampa , Florida where he played wide receiver and kicker . He played kicker because it increased his chance to make the team . Among his high school honors was selection to the Tampa Chapter of the Hall of Fame for Scholar Athletes . Rivas also played in the U.S. Army All @-@ American Bowl in San Antonio and played in the Florida @-@ Georgia All @-@ Star Game . In high school , Rivals.com ranked him as the 24th best kicker in the nation . Jesuit is fellow kicking Michigan alumni Jay Feely 's alma mater . Professional kicker Xavier Beitia is also an alumnus of the school .

= = College career = =

As a freshman for the 2003 Wolverines , he was the regular kicker for the team from the start , making four point after touchdowns ( PATs ) in the first game of the season . Beginning his streak of many game @-@ winning kicks for the Wolverines , he made the game @-@ winner in the largest comeback in Michigan history , capping a 21 @-@ point 38 ? 35 comeback victory against Minnesota with a 33 @-@ yard field goal with 50 seconds left in the Battle for the Little Brown Jug . Rivas was involved in a controversial national story in the October 4 , 2003 when Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr changed the punting gameplan in the middle of the game by asking Rivas to line up as a punter and carry the ball or kick while rolling to his right behind a wall of blockers . After it worked twice , the Iowa Hawkeyes blocked the third attempt ; the resulting great field position led to Iowa taking the lead , breaking a 20 ? 20 tie en route to a 30 ? 27 win .

As a sophomore for the 2004 Michigan team , his season @-@ best 4 ? 4 field goal performance came in a September 11 , 2004 28 ? 20 loss to Notre Dame in the Michigan ? Notre Dame football rivalry game . He posted a 4th @-@ quarter field goal to bring the Wolverines to within 24 ? 20 in their October 9 27 ? 24 win against Minnesota . He made the go @-@ ahead 35 @-@ yard field goal with 2 : 45 remaining against Purdue in an October 23 , 2004 , 16 ? 14 win . He also went 3 ? 3 on field goals and 4 ? 4 on extra points in the October 30 , 2004 , overtime 45 ? 37 win against Michigan State in the Paul Bunyan Trophy game . In the season @-@ ending 38 ? 37 loss to Texas in the 2005 Rose Bowl , Rivas was 3 ? 3 on field goals and 4 ? 4 on extra points . Following the season he was recognized as an honorable mention All @-@ Big Ten selection .

As a junior for the 2005 Wolverines , he was involved in many close games . The team 's first five conference games were all decided in the final 24 seconds of regulation or in overtime . After missing a 27 @-@ yard potential game @-@ winner in the final minute , he made the winning field goal in overtime against Michigan State . In the October 8 , 2005 23 ? 20 loss to Minnesota , Rivas missed two late chances to break a 20 ? 20 tie : a 42 @-@ yard field goal late in the third quarter and a 34 @-@ yard kick with 8 : 27 left in the game . In the October 15 , 27 ? 25 last @-@ play win against Penn State , he gave the team a 21 ? 18 lead on a 47 @-@ yard field goal with 3 : 45 remaining . Rivas posted 15 points in an October 29 , 2005 , 33 ? 17 win against Northwestern . At the end of the season , Rivas was named an honorable mention All @-@ Big Ten selection for the second @-@ straight year .

As a senior for the 2006 Wolverines , he never made more than two field goals in a game yet still managed to score a total of 93 points , one shy of his career @-@ high set back in 2004 . That year Michigan won all eleven its victories by at least seven points . At the conclusion of the Big Ten schedule , he was selected as a 2006 first team All @-@ Big Ten Conference selection .

Rivas set a new Michigan Wolverines football record for career scoring ( 354 ) , surpassing Anthony Thomas ' record of 336 set back in 2000 . He also broke Remy Hamilton 's field goal record of 63 , set back in 1996 , with 64 career field goals , and J. D. Carlson 's PAT record of 137 , set back in 1991 , with 162 . He additionally tied Mike Gillette 's record from 1998 of 13 career 40 @-@ yard field goals .

= = Pro career = =

He signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on May 3 , 2007 as an undrafted free agent , but was released on June 2 , 2007 . Rivas signed to the Florida Firecats of the af2 league on April 25 , 2008 , for the 2008 and 2009 seasons . In 2009 , he played in nine of the first ten games , but he did not appear in any of the last six games . During his final af2 season he completed 41 of 58 point after touchdown conversions and missed both of his field goal attempts . He played for the Tampa Bay Storm in the reincarnated Arena Football League in 2010 and participated in the Arena Bowl with the team .

He also serves as an assistant football coach and physical education teacher at Berkeley Preparatory School , where he runs the offseason football conditioning program .

= = Statistics = =

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