

= Sean Bennett =

William Sean Bennett ( born November 9 , 1975 ) is a former professional American and Canadian football running back . He was drafted by the New York Giants of the National Football League ( NFL ) in the fourth round of the 1999 NFL Draft . He played college football for the Evansville Purple Aces , Illinois Fighting Illini and Northwestern Wildcats .

Bennett began his collegiate career as a baseball and football player at the University of Illinois , but transferred to the University of Evansville after one year . At Evansville he was an All @-@ American two ? times but had to transfer due to the school dropping football as a sport . Bennett then attended Northwestern University where he was a fullback and was mainly a blocker but did get a few rushing attempts .

Since he was a senior after his single season at Northwestern , he elected to enter the 1999 NFL Draft and surprised many by being selected by the New York Giants in the fourth round . He played four seasons in New York but ended up injured each season and was released after 2002 . He then joined the New York Jets but was released before the season began . After his failed stints in New York he played for the Canadian Football League 's Ottawa Renegades and Toronto Argonauts ; and the Evansville BlueCats of the Indoor Football League .

= = Early career = =

Sean Bennett was born on November 9 , 1975 in Evansville , Indiana . In high school , Bennett played baseball and football and was hoping to become a professional baseball player . In football he played wide receiver and was named All ? State and in baseball his batting average was .425 over four years .

Following his senior season in high school , Bennett accepted a baseball and football scholarship at the University of Illinois . However at the end of his freshman year he decided to drop baseball and transfer to the University of Evansville . When asked why he dropped baseball , Bennett responded , " I couldn 't hit . " At Evansville , his hometown , Bennett converted to running back after mainly playing wide receiver before that . As a sophomore and junior , he was a two @-@ time All @-@ American and set school records in rushing and touchdowns . However , after his junior season the school decided to drop football forcing Bennett to transfer to Northwestern University . At Northwestern , Bennett became the starting fullback . In his only year he had 32 rushes and 160 yards .

= = Professional career = =

= = = 1999 ? 2003 = = =

On March 10 , 1999 , when some National Football League ( NFL ) scouts came to work out D 'Wayne Bates and Barry Gardner , Bennett decided to join the workout . When he ran the 40 yard dash in 4 @.@ 45 seconds , scouts were reportedly , " doing double @-@ takes " .

Bennett was selected by the New York Giants in the fourth round of the 1999 National Football League Draft . As a rookie in 1999 , Bennett missed seven games due to a knee injury . After undergoing surgery on the knee , he missed all of the 2000 season . In 2001 , New York expected Bennett to work in tandem with Tiki Barber but after suffering a hamstring injury , he was released on September 3 , 2001 . After multiple injuries to their running backs , the Giants became interested in re @-@ signing Bennett but because of NFL rules they were unable to do so until January 2002 . During this time period , he was offered contracts by the Philadelphia Eagles and Miami Dolphins but rejected both hoping to return to the Giants . He re @-@ signed with the Giants on January 16 , 2002 . During the season , Bennett was returned to the wide receiver position he played in high school , due to multiple injuries suffered by the Giants players in that position . He was waived on December 4 , 2002 .

On April 1 , 2003 , the New York Jets signed Bennett . He was released on August 23 , 2003 .

= = = 2004 ? 2007 = = =

Bennett signed with the Ottawa Renegades on March 3 , 2004 . He was cut at the end of training camp . On June 16 , 2004 , after he was cut he signed with the Evansville BlueCats of the Indoor Football League . Bennett left the BlueCats and was re @-@ signed to the Renegades practice roster . On July 27 , he was activated and played in three games for Ottawa . In 2005 , he played in five games recording 76 yards on four catches . With Ottawa , Bennett returned to playing fullback which he played at Northwestern . After the season he re @-@ joined Evansville for one season . After Ottawa folded at the end of 2005 , he entered the CFL Dispersal Draft and was selected by the Toronto Argonauts . When he was drafted he was playing once again for the Evansville BlueCats , but left the team in favor of Toronto . During his only season in Toronto , Bennett suffered a finger injury that allowed him to play in only three games . The Argonauts won all three games Bennett played for them .

After leaving the game of football in 2007 , Bennett became a trainer at Tri @-@ State Athletic Club in Evansville .