

= Wade Key =

Allan Wade Key (born October 14 , 1946) is a former professional American football guard and offensive tackle in the National Football League who played ten seasons for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1970 ? 1979 . After playing college football for Southwest Texas State University , he was drafted in the thirteenth round of the 1969 NFL Draft by the Eagles . He was named to the Eagles ' 75th Anniversary Team in 2007 .

= = Early years = =

Key attended Edison High School in San Antonio , Texas . He lettered in football and track and field . In the Hub City Relays in Alice , Texas , in 1963 , Key placed fifth in the discus . He played tight end in football , and was selected to an all @-@ star team for the Texas High School Coaches Association clinic in 1964 .

= = College career = =

After graduating high school , Key played college football for Southwest Texas State University as a starting tight end . In track and field , he placed first in the shot put during the Lone Star Conference finals with 54 feet 3 @.@ 25 inches (16 @.@ 54 metres) in May 1967 . He finished fourth in the discus in the finals . In the Texas Relays in April 1968 , Key placed third in the shot put with 55 feet 9 @.@ 5 inches (17 @.@ 01 metres) . He was inducted into the Texas State Bobcats Hall of Honor in 1983 .

= = Professional career = =

Key was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the thirteenth round (314th overall) of the 1969 NFL Draft . He signed a contract with the team on February 16 , but he was released before the start of the 1969 season on September 2 , 1969 . He spent the season on the team 's taxi squad and played for the Pottstown Firebirds of the Atlantic Coast Football League (ACFL) during his tenure . The Firebirds won the ACFL championship in 1969 .

After starting at left offensive tackle from 1970 to 1972 , and missing only one game in that span , Key was moved to left guard for the 1973 season . He played in 12 games in 1973 , missing two due to injury , and all 14 games in 1974 , despite suffering hand and thumb injuries in a game against the Washington Redskins . During the 1975 season , he suffered a knee injury during mini @-@ camp in May that required surgery , a dislocated toe in the first game of the season against the New York Giants that was thought to take at least six weeks to recover from , and a fractured forearm in practice on October 16 that also required surgery . He was placed on injured reserve due to the broken arm on October 17 after playing in only two games during the season . From 1976 to 1978 , he played in 40 games and started in 39 of them .

In 1979 , Key was the Eagles ' longest @-@ tenured player with ten seasons played . After missing six games in 1979 due to hamstring and groin injuries , and undergoing surgery to remove calcium deposits in his leg , he was waived by the team on September 1 , 1980 .

Key finished his career with 121 games played , and was selected as a member of a 75th anniversary team in honor of the Eagles ' 75th season in 2007 .

= = After football = =

After his NFL career was over , Key was a track and football coach for more than seventeen years for John Jay High School and Sam Houston High School in San Antonio . He was the offensive coordinator at Sam Houston .