

= Ed Muransky =

Edward William " Ed " Muransky (born January 20 , 1960) is a former professional American football offensive tackle who played for the Los Angeles Raiders of the National Football League (NFL) and Orlando Renegades of the United States Football League (USFL) . He was a member of the Super Bowl XVIII Champion Raiders . Prior to this he was an All @-@ American and Academic All @-@ American athlete who played for the University of Michigan Wolverines during the 1979 ? 1981 seasons .

After retiring from football he became a business partner and advisor to Edward J. DeBartolo Jr . , former San Francisco 49ers owner . As DeBartolo became more involved in the casino industry , he relied on Muransky as a confidant . Muransky testified under a grant of immunity as a government witness in the March 2000 trial of Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards , mainly about what DeBartolo had confided to Muransky . DeBartolo was the only extortion victim who claimed to have been extorted directly by Edwards , but Muransky could not provide direct testimony about private meetings between DeBartolo and Edwards . Muransky has continued to pursue business interests even after the controversies about DeBartolo have waned .

= = Cardinal Mooney High School = =

Born in Youngstown , Muransky played football for Cardinal Mooney High School where he was affectionately known as " Big Ed " by family and teammates . He was a three @-@ year varsity letterman and two @-@ year starter as an interior lineman at Cardinal Mooney . In 1976 , he won All @-@ Steel Valley , All @-@ NEO , and All @-@ State honors , and received the Mack Truck Award , given annually to the most outstanding high school lineman in the Youngstown area .

= = University of Michigan = =

Highly recruited by numerous " blue chip " schools , Muransky chose to play collegiate football at the University of Michigan . He lettered for three years at Michigan , where he wore # 72 , and earned All @-@ Big Ten honors in 1980 and 1981 . Muransky started 33 straight games at offensive tackle for the Wolverines from his sophomore through senior years , 1979 ? 1981 . The 6 @-@ foot @-@ 7 @-@ inch (2 @-@ 01 m) , 320 @-@ pound (150 kg ; 23 st) lineman was a key member of the 1980 Wolverines , coach Bo Schembechler 's first bowl @-@ winning team . In fact , he started all twelve games at right tackle . This includes the 1981 Rose Bowl against the Washington Huskies football team won by Michigan 23 ? 6 . The game was Schembechler 's first bowl victory , and the coach was carried off the field on Muransky 's shoulders . Muransky was named to the Associated Press , UPI , and The Sporting News All @-@ American teams in 1981 and also garnered " Academic All @-@ American " his senior year . He was part of a 1981 team that had five All @-@ American honorees (Anthony Carter , Butch Woolfolk , Bubba Paris and Kurt Becker) .

= = = " Beef Bowl " Record Holder = = =

Muransky also set the all @-@ time " Beef Bowl " record by consuming 8 pounds (3 @-@ 63 kg) of prime rib at Lawry 's before the 1979 Rose Bowl . Muransky later recalled : " Bubba Paris and I were two happy freshmen eating together at the Lawry 's Beef Bowl event before the 1979 Rose Bowl Game . After we had enjoyed our fourth plate of prime rib , mashed potatoes , corn and Yorkshire pudding , Bubba asked what the record was , and they said 7 cuts . Bubba continued for 3 more cuts , and I continued for four , totally under the Bo Schembechler radar screen . When they delivered the 8th cut to me , the media started to gather around my table , Bo walked by and let me know what he was thinking without ever saying a word . Afterward , a Paris @-@ Muransky night out ended with some pizza . The next morning in practice , Bo made an example of Bubba and me . We never ran so much in our lives as we did that day . We were in every play of scrimmage and then we ran sprints . " When the Wolverines returned to Pasadena for the 1981 Rose Bowl , " Bo

made it a point to come to the back of the plane and talk to me and Bubba Paris . He wanted to let us know that my record from a couple years earlier would not be in jeopardy because we were going to be sitting with him at the Lawry 's Beef Bowl . He said he was going to limit each of us to two cuts of prime rib . " Schembechler had his own take on the story : " I let ' em eat because they were freshmen . They weren 't gonna play anyway . "

= = = Big Chill Cameo = = =

Muransky is also remembered for a cameo appearance in the 1983 film The Big Chill : " I was in the theater watching it , not knowing what was going to happen . It was kind of interesting with all of (the characters) watching (the 1980 Michigan @-@ Michigan State game) . It was pretty cool . Watching [quarterback] John Wangler go back was pretty cool . For a split @-@ second as they 're going back , I 'm thinking to myself , ' Oh my God , I pray to God I 'm not holding or I missed a block for a sack or something on the big screen pass . ' But it was a good block , and it was a fun moment . Any time I hear ' The Big Chill , ' it 's good memories . "

= = = Quitters = = =

The Wolverines were the unanimous pre @-@ season Number 1 pick in 1981 but lost their opener to Wisconsin 21 ? 14 . In the team meeting the next day , Schembechler walked into the room and wrote " Ed Muransky " and " Stan Edwards " on the chalkboard , and then barked out , " The rest of you are quitters . I want nothing more to do with you , " and left . According to the coach , Muransky and Edwards were the only two who played with intensity against Wisconsin , and Bo left it to them to motivate the rest of the team . Muransky issued a challenge to the offense on the night before the following week 's game : " I looked at everyone and said , ' If we continue to play as great individuals , we 'll continue to lose . If we start to play as a great team , we 'll start winning . " The next day , the Wolverines beat Notre Dame , 25 ? 7 .

= = Professional football career = =

= = = Los Angeles Raiders = = =

Muransky was selected in the fourth round (82nd pick) by the Oakland Raiders in the 1982 NFL Draft , and he played in 24 games for the Raiders from 1982 ? 1984 . The Raiders moved from Oakland to Los Angeles to play the 1982 NFL season . Thus , although he was drafted by the Oakland Raiders , he played his NFL career with the Los Angeles Raiders . In his second season in the NFL , he won a Super Bowl ring with the Raiders ' 1983 Super Bowl Championship team . He played all 16 regular season games for Tom Flores ' Raiders that season . The team went 12 ? 4 during the 1983 NFL season and produced eight Pro Bowlers . Muransky played for an offensive line that included Pro Bowlers Henry Lawrence and Todd Christensen . The team was led that season by quarterback Jim Plunkett and future Hall of Famer Marcus Allen , who rushed for nine touchdowns , caught two and threw three on a 4 ? 7 passing performance . Muransky described the Super Bowl experience as a " whirlwind " with " two weeks of hype like you 've never seen . " He recalled : " It was a big deal because offensive linemen weren 't making what they make today . That year , I made \$ 77 @,@ 000 , which was a pretty decent contract at the time . But if you won the Super Bowl , you won \$ 64 @,@ 000 . So it wasn 't peanuts . I remember walking off the field after that , thinking to myself , ' I have a Super Bowl ring for the rest of my life . ' " Although Muransky was cut in for a Super Bowl gameshare , he was not on the official gameday roster .

Although the Raiders only won one Super Bowl with Muransky , they had great success . In his rookie season , they were 8 ? 1 in the strike @-@ shortened season . This was the best record in the American Football Conference and tied for the best in the League . The team , however , was upset by the 6 ? 3 New York Jets in the second round of the 1982 @-@ 83 NFL Playoffs . The 1984

Raiders went 11 ? -5 and also made the 1984 @-@ 85 NFL playoffs . The Raiders teams of Muransky 's years went 31 ? 10 in the regular season and 4 ? 2 in the playoffs under Flores .

= = = USFL Orlando Renegades = = =

After playing for the Raiders , Muransky signed with the Orlando Renegades of the USFL . He played and started 14 of the Renegades 18 games under Lee Corso . The team was not as successful as the Raiders and went 5 ? 13 . When the league folded , he decided to retire and enter the business world .

= = Business career = =

After his football career ended , Muransky worked briefly as a sportscaster at WYTV in Youngstown . He later became CEO and chairman of his in @-@ laws ' insurance agency , Gallagher Pipino , Inc . He is married to the former Christine Pipino and has three children : Eddie , Deloran and Donielle .

= = = Work with Eddie DeBartolo and the Edwards trial = = =

In the late 1990s and early 2000s , Muransky became the most trusted advisor and business partner of Edward J. DeBartolo Jr . , heir to a real estate empire and former owner of the San Francisco 49ers . For a time , Muransky was the CEO of the DeBartolo Property Group , and the two partnered in numerous business ventures , including a chain of ice cream franchises known as " Ed and Eddie 's Homemade Ice Cream , " real estate ventures and pizza . DeBartolo ventured into the casino business against the wishes of his sister , Denise DeBartolo York and hired family contact , Muransky to head DeBartolo Entertainment . Eventually , Muransky who is said to have a keen business sense , became DeBartolo 's most trusted advisor , which caused a rift with Carmen Policy , 49ers president .

In 1997 , Muransky became involved in DeBartolo 's efforts to open a riverboat gambling casino in Louisiana . The project required approval of the state gambling board and resulted in a highly publicized bribery scandal that ended with the conviction of former Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards on 17 counts , including racketeering , extortion , mail fraud , and wire fraud . In order to secure licensing of the casino , Edwards and associates allegedly solicited bribes from DeBartolo , including a briefcase filled with \$ 400 @,@ 000 . Of the many who claimed that they were extortion victims , DeBartolo was the only one who claimed to have been extorted directly by Edwards . Muransky was able to describe his relationship with DeBartolo but could not provide testimony about private meetings between DeBartolo and Edwards .

Muransky testified under a grant of immunity as a government witness in the March 2000 trial of Edwards . Among other things , Muransky testified to the following : he " had a violent reaction " when DeBartolo told him that Edwards demanded money during a meeting in Baton Rouge in 1997 ; he " went ballistic " when DeBartolo told him about the \$ 400 @,@ 000 payment and the requests by the former governor that he be given one percent of the gross at the boat or 25 cents for every patron ; he told jurors he felt he needed to protect DeBartolo from Edwards because DeBartolo lacked the keen business acumen of his late father , Edward J. DeBartolo , Sr. ; he discussed DeBartolo 's exasperation at Edwards ' solicitation of cash . According to Muransky , DeBartolo complained about Edwards and his associates : " They don 't quit . " ; and when asked if there was anyone else in DeBartolo 's organization making \$ 50 @,@ 000 per month (an amount allegedly requested by Edwards) , Muransky testified : " Maybe Steve Young , Jerry Rice , " referring to the star player on the 49ers .

= = = Post @-@ trial business = = =

DeBartolo had Muransky placed on the board of directors of the DeBartolo Corporation after reaching a plea agreement which left him (DeBartolo) a convicted felon and precluded him from

serving on the corporate board . Eventually , after DeBartolo became involved in the corruption , he turned over control of the 49ers to his sister . DeBartolo and Muransky reportedly went through an acrimonious breakup in 2002 . Following the break with DeBartolo , Muransky moved with his family back to Youngstown .

In 2007 , Muransky , as owner of Muransky Co. and Southwoods Surgical Center in Boardman , Ohio , filed for monetary damages and dissolution of a joint venture intended to open a full @-@ service , for @-@ profit hospital in southern Mahoning County . Muransky told The Vindicator : " I 'm very disappointed for this community . There was an absolute opportunity to grow the health system ... In a few years , we are going to find ourselves having to drive to Akron and Pittsburgh and Cleveland for health care because it is no longer available here . I 'm dumbfounded it has come to this . " Muransky said one of the reasons he came back to Youngstown was to use his skills to give back to the community .

Ed also serves as Founder , Chairman and CEO of Chestnut Land Company , the holding company for Auntie Anne ? s Soft Pretzel franchises operating throughout the United States . He successfully operates almost 70 stores under this franchise name , with locations in 15 states .