In 1942, Frank Sinkwich became Georgia’s first Heisman Trophy winner after leading Georgia to an 11-1 record, SEC championship, and victory over UCLA in the Rose Bowl.

It was the culmination of a great college career highlighted by the Heisman Trophy and All-America selection two consecutive years. In his three-year career (1940-42), Sinkwich rushed for 2,271 yards, passed for 2,331, and accounted for 60 touchdowns—30 rushing and 30 passing.

Born in McKees Rock, Pa., Sinkwich was an outstanding high school star at Cheney High School in Youngstown, Ohio. In his record setting senior season with the Bulldogs, Sinkwich gained 795 yards rushing and set the SEC passing record with 1,392 yards, a mark that stood for eight years.

Sinkwich led Georgia to another SEC record—4,725 yards of total yards (672 rushing on 98 carries and another 567 passing) that finished 11-1 and earned the Rose Bowl invitation. He gained 1,239 total yards (672 rushing on 98 carries and another 567 passing completing 30 of 58).

He spent 1943-45 serving in the Air Force, but following his discharge, he returned to Georgia to play the final six games of the 1945 season. One of his most memorable performances was leading the ‘Dogs to a 33-0 victory over Georgia Tech—a game in which he set the SEC record for yards gained passing (323) and also total offense (384 yards on 323 passing and 61 rushing). Against Florida that same year, he set the SEC record for rushing in a single game with 239 yards. In his junior season, he led Georgia to a 20-6 victory over Tulsa in the Oil Bowl at Houston, Jan. 1, 1946.

Trippi was also an All-America baseball player in 1946 and played with the Atlanta Crackers in 1947. He later served as an assistant coach at Georgia (1958-62) and with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Jersey Retired in 1959
The University of Georgia
1956, ’57, ’58 (Captain)

He will always be known as “The Drought Breaker” for his great touchdown against Georgia Tech in 1957. His score was the difference in a 7-0 Georgia victory which ended an eight-year losing streak to the Yellow Jackets. But that single score sometimes overshadows a great career at Georgia which included being named All-SEC in 1958 and his election as team captain.

He was drafted by Philadelphia in 1960, and was in the lineup when the Eagles defeated Vince Lombardi’s up-and-coming Green Bay Packers in the NFL championship game. He was traded to Pittsburgh in 1963 and responded by rushing for over 500 yards and helping the Steelers to the eastern division title.