



MARYLAND COMMANDOS



RAY WILLSEY
HEAD COACH

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Darren Arbet	OL/DL	6'1	230	Cal. St.-Sacramento
Mike Benson	WR/DB	5'9	180	So. Connecticut
Kerry Burt	WR/DB	6'1	200	Iowa
Charles Christian	RB/LB	6'0	250	Salisbury State
Matt Frantz	K	5'10	180	Ohio State
Maurice Gravely	WR/DB	6'3	210	Concord College
Gregory Harrell	OL/DL	6'4	245	Maryland
Charles Harris	OL/DL	6'3	265	West Virginia
Mike Hold	QB	5'10	180	South Carolina
Danny James	WR/DB	5'10	175	Morehouse College
Wade Lockett	WR/DB	6'2	195	Cal. St.-Fullerton
Darrin Long	WR/DB	5'11	180	Utah State
Mickey Paige	RB/LB	5'11	221	Liberty University
Tony Palamara	OL/DL	6'2	250	Cal. St.-Northridge
James Rafferty	WR/DB	6'1	202	Colgate
Eric Rasheed	WR/DB	5'8	160	W. Carolina
Glenn Willis	RB/LB	6'4	235	E. Carolina
Paul Williams	QB	6'0	195	Tarleton State (TX)

Head Coach: Ray Willsey
Asst. Coach: Bob Mischak
Trainer: Doug Spiwak
Equipment Manager: Marty Hopkins

'89 SCHEDULE

vs Denver, at Denver, Saturday, July 8
 vs Detroit, at Baltimore, Saturday, July 15
 BYE, weekend of Friday, July 21
 vs Chicago, at Cincinnati, Saturday, July 29
 vs Pittsburgh, at Washington, Saturday, August 5

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Home Arena: Capital Centre
 One Truman Drive
 Landover, MD 20785
 301/499-6300
 Capacity: 16,441

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Last season Ray Willsey and Bob Mischak teamed, along with Lew Erber, to coach the Los Angeles Cobras. Each a veteran NFL Raiders' coach, the three took their outdoor way indoors and gutted to a 5-6-1 record finishing strong by defeating and tying the undefeated Bruisers on the final two weekends of the season. Willsey and Mischak have shifted east to Maryland this summer. A decade with John Madden and Tom Flores, Willsey earned two Super Bowl rings and coached defense, offense and special teams over the tenure.

A collegiate QB for the Cal Bears ('51-'52) and later a three-time All-Pro DB with CFL Edmonton ('53-'55), he won two Grey Cup rings adding player-coach duties during his final season. Willsey coached with Darrell Royal at Washington and Texas moving into the NFL in St. Louis ('60-'61) and Washington ('62-'63) before being summoned back to his alma mater in '64 to rebuild. He added AD responsibilities in '68 going 40-42-1 in eight seasons ('64-'71). Returning to St. Louis in '73 as Don Coryell's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, his five year's there reaped two divisional titles. In '78 coach Willsey moved back to the Bay Area and Al Davis' Raiders.

Maryland Commandos Team History

Another Arena Football League charter member has returned after a one-year hiatus. The Maryland, originally Washington, Commandos will play in two different home venues this season, the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland and the Baltimore Arena.

The Commandos played in the first-ever AFL game losing a close one on the road to the Pittsburgh Gladiators, 48-46, on June 19, 1987. Despite a 2-4 record during the inaugural schedule, head coach Bob Harrison's Commandos drew a respectable 11,525 fans per home game. Their two victories came at the expense of the two eventual ArenaBowl '87 combatants, the Denver Dynamite and Pittsburgh. They also share the distinction, with Denver, of playing in the highest-scoring game in League history, Denver 73, Washington 57. QB Rich Ingold, first-team All Pro in '87, threw eight Commando TDs, his counterpart, QB Whit Taylor, threw ten. Ingold's primary receiver Dwayne Dixon, another first team All-Pro, caught 68 passes, a League best, for eleven touchdowns in six games.