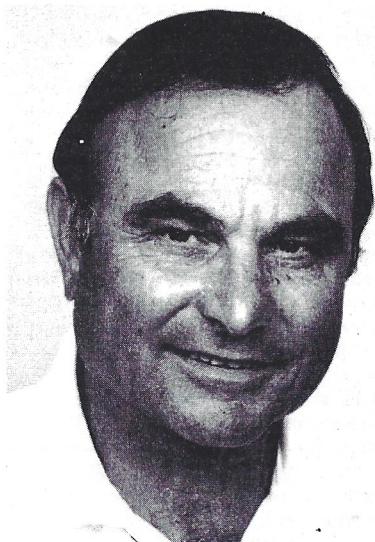


# CHICAGO BRUISERS



**GEORGE BRANCATO**  
**HEAD COACH**

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Carl Aikens	WR/DB	6'1	187	No. Illinois
Ben Bennett	QB	6'2	200	Duke
Pete Endre	OL/DL	6'4	275	Indiana State
Rob Houghtlin	K	5'10	180	Iowa
Brent Johnson	OL/DL	6'2	250	UT-Chattanooga
Osia Lewis	RB/LB	5'11	232	Oregon State
Michael McDade	WR/DB	6'0	180	UNLV
Ted McNairy	OL/DL	6'4	265	Duke
Ken Sanders	WR/DB	5'10	170	Weber State
Lou Sorrentino	OL/DL	6'3	265	Cal. St.-Sacramento
Reggie Smith	WB/FS	5'6	170	No. Carolina Central
William Stone	RB/LB	5'10	215	Adams State
John Welch	QB	6'2	220	Kansas State
Keith Williams	OL/DL	6'3	250	Florida
Kennedy Wilson	WR/DB	6'2	210	Purdue
Mark Young	WR/DB	6'0	200	Cal. St.-Sacramento

**Head Coach:** George Brancato

**Asst. Coach:** Mike Hohensee

**Trainer:** Phil Graham

**Equipment Manager/Asst. Trainer:** Gina Graham



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## 1989 SCHEDULE

vs Detroit, at Chicago, Friday, July 7  
 BYE, weekend of Friday, July 14  
 vs Pittsburgh, at Sacramento, Saturday, July 22  
 vs Maryland, at Cincinnati, Saturday, July 29  
 vs Denver, at Atlanta, Friday, August 4

## CHICAGO BRUISERS

**Home Arena:** Rosemont Horizon  
 6920 N. Mannheim Rd.  
 Rosemont, IL 60018  
 312/635-6601  
 Capacity: 14,641

## GEORGE BRANCATO - Chicago Bruisers Head Coach

Thirty-five years ago George Brancato played in Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, then-home of the NFL Cardinals. George is back after raising a family and the level of coaching north of the border. The Cardinals have moved on to Phoenix via St. Louis.

He played his college ball at LSU ('49-'53) spent the next two seasons in the Windy City and in '56 traveled to the dominions to play one year with the Montreal Allouettes and seven more with the Ottawa Roughriders. Canada's Continental Football League was Brancato's first stop in coaching where he spent six seasons before moving back into the CFL as an assistant in Ottawa ('70-'73) accepting the top job in '74. In ten seasons Brancato's Roughriders participated in six eastern conference finals and won two of three Grey Cup attempts. Most recently he was an assistant for the Saskatchewan Rough Riders and assisted Babe Parilli with the New England Steamrollers last season.

## CHICAGO BRUISERS TEAM HISTORY

"Revenge" appears to be the Bruisers theme this season. '88 for the 'Black and Blue', continued as well as any team could hope for, cruising to a 10-0 record, "Coach of the Year" Perry Moss' roster was tough and skilled. Headed for ArenaBowl '88 with the League's #1 offense and a 10-1-1 record, they disappointed a sellout Rosemont Horizon crowd of 15,018 losing 24-13 to the League's #1 defensive team, the Detroit Drive. Averaging 8,004 during the regular season, the Bruisers filled five of ten spots on the post-season All-Pro First Team. QB Ben Bennett, League MVP last season, threw for 51 TDs in 13 games and has signed up to add to that considerable sum again in '89.

An AFL charter member, head coach Ray Jauch's roster in '87 underwent painful renovation, due to injury and needed improvement, salvaging a 2-4 won/loss during the inaugural season.