HUGH McELHENNY







Born: December 31, 1928 Los Angeles, CA Died: June 17, 2022 Henderson, NV (93-years old)

Washington HS, Los Angeles, CA (graduated winter 1948)

- 1947 won State 120 high hurdles, 180 low hurdles and long jump
- 1947 won LA City 120 high hurdles, 180 low hurdles and long jump
- 3-time Southern League high hurdle champion
- 2-time Southern League low hurdle champion
- 1947 equaled national 120 high hurdle (39") record in dual meet vs Jefferson HS
- LA City Schools Hall of Fame
- Football
 - o 1947 All-LA City 1st team
 - o 1947 All-Southern League co-Player of Year

USC

- February 1948 enrolled in USC extension school but ineligible for freshman track
- Left USC in March 1948

Compton JC

- Enrolled at Compton JC spring 1948 but concentrated on football
- March 1949 ran in one meet vs Whittier winning 120 highs in 15.2 and 120 lows in 13.0 before being ruled ineligible and giving up track

- Football
 - California JC Hall of Fame
 - 1948 National JC Athletic Assn All-America 1st team
 - o 1948 Southern California JC Player of Year
 - o 1948 Junior Rose Bowl Most Valuable Player

Washington

- Enrolled at Washington late March 1949 for spring football practice
- Did not compete in track and field
- Football
 - o College FB Hall of Fame
 - o University of Washington Hall of Fame
 - o State of Washington Sports Hall of Fame
 - o 1951 AP All-America 1st team
 - o 1950, 1951 AP All-Coast 1st team

Pro Football

- Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Played in 6 Pro Bowls, 1953-54, 1957-59, 1962
- San Francisco 49ers Hall of Fame
- Jersey # 39 retired by 49ers
- Career: 13 years, 146 games as RB. . . rushing, 1124 att, 5281 yds, 4.7 avg, 38 TD;
 receiving, caught 264 passes for 3247 yds, 12.3 avg, 20 TD; punt returns 2 TDs
- San Francisco 49ers 1952-62
 - o 1952 drafted by San Francisco 49ers 1st round, 9th player selected
- Minnesota Vikings 1961-62
 - o 1961 selected by Minnesota Vikings in expansion veteran allocation
- New York Giants 1963
- Detroit Lions 1964

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