

The 1974 World Football League Football Card Set

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The 1974 World Football League was a new and exciting brand of football for me to follow back in the spring and summer of that year. I can still remember listening to WFL games on my radio. I have some programs and pocket schedules of the league in my collection. Today I have a great addition to that collection.

There were no football cards issued for the WFL back in 1974 or 1975. Today however, Greg Allred, Richie Franklin, Bill Jones, and Willie OBurke, WFL historians and collectors have issued the first ever football card set featuring the players and teams of this short-lived league.

And what a football card set it is! 70 beautifully designed and print-

ed cards are found in their first series. The card fronts have either a player's photo or action scene with the card backs having an intensive write up about the player/scene and stats. The cards were printed in color with a classic gray cardboard like back. They have the feel and sense of 1974 in them.

The player selection was well done. Both well known and lesser-known players of the league were featured. The back of the card write-ups and stats were both informative and well written. I have read backs of these cards several times now and have learned a great deal more about this great league. Some players included in this series were George Mira, Virgil Carter, Bubba Wyche, Miller Farr, George

Sauer, and King Corcoran. The Leaders cards and playoff cards were produced in a classic manner bringing back many memories for me when looking at them.

You can find ordering information on this set at either their website WFLFootballCards.com or by checking out their ad in this issue. This set is a must have in my opinion for any football card collector and collection. I personally can't wait to see their next series of cards released. Greg Allred, Richie Franklin, Bill Jones, and Willie OBurke did an incredible job producing this set of cards to help preserve the history of the WFL.

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