



TERRY MAKI

Air Force Academy Football

Inducted November 1, 2021

Terry Maki was a dominant high school athlete in both wrestling and football. As a wrestler, he won two state titles as a sophomore and junior with a 67-2 record.

Maki wrestled for two years and played football for four years at AFA and was a standout in both sports. In wrestling, he won the Western Athletic Conference heavyweight title, named Outstanding Wrestler of the WAC tournament, and earned two NCAA qualifying bids.

Maki was equally impressive on the gridiron and played linebacker under legendary head coach Fisher DeBerry. Over his career, Maki totaled 475 tackles, an AFA record. His best season was in 1985 when the team went 12-1 and



finished ranked 5th in the country beating the University of Texas in the Bluebonnet Bowl. He was 2nd team All-Conference as a sophomore and 1st team All-Conference as a junior and senior.

During the 1985 Notre Dame game, Maki set an AFA record with 30 tackles (19 unassisted) and blocked a field goal that was recovered by AFA and returned for the go ahead touchdown, ultimately securing AFA's 4th consecutive win over Notre Dame. He was named the Sports Illustrated Player of the Week for his efforts.

In Maki's senior year, he was named a Kodak All-American, selected to play in the 1986 Hula Bowl, and was a finalist for the Butkus Award.