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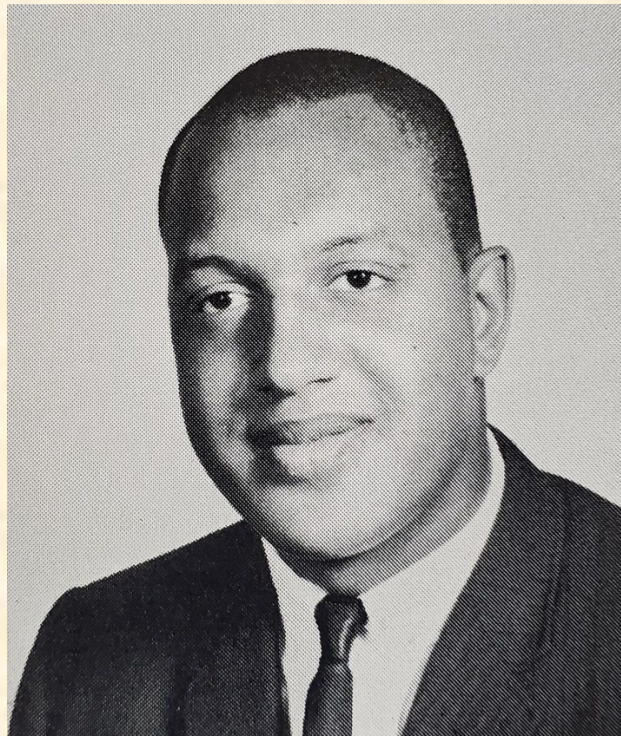
Santa Ana HS – Class of 1962

Class of 1962 graduate Donald Earl Davis was a three-year starting offensive and defensive lineman on the Santa Ana varsity football team. He entered high school as an imposing 6'4" - 215 pound force and grew a little in size by his senior year, graduating at 6'5" - 240 lbs. His junior and senior years he was selected to the Sunset League's All-League team. He received multiple recognitions his senior year, earning co-captain honors, being awarded the Santa Ana High Saint of the Year, and he being voted Most Inspirational. He was also a LA Times All Orange County Team selection.

Davis went on to play two years at Santa Ana College as a defensive tackle, contributing to the 1962 football team that finished the season with an amazing 11-0 record and winning the Junior Rose Bowl Championship.

He moved on from Santa Ana College to play for a Cal State Los Angeles team that compiled a perfect 9-0 record and was selected by the UPI's board of coaches as the 1964 small college champions. His 1965 team ended up with an AP number 2 ranking after their 9-1 season. Davis continued to excel, earning 1st Team All-CCAA (California Collegiate Athletic Association) honors as a defensive tackle his junior and senior years. By draft day of his senior year, he had fully grown into a 6'6" - 285 lb. imposing presence.

Davis was drafted by the New York Giants in the second round of the 1966 NFL Draft as the number 25 overall pick. He was also drafted by the San Diego Chargers as the 7th overall pick in the first round of the 1966 AFL Draft. He signed with the Giants and played one season with them before a career ending injury brought a close to his playing days.



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