

# A Quarterback's Dream

Once upon a time, as most good stories begin, there was a quarterback from the University of Louisville who dreamed of playing professional football. Upon graduation, however, no pro team drafted him. So he wrote to several teams and finally got an opportunity to try out for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He gave his best effort, but wasn't chosen. His friends said, "You got a raw deal ... It wasn't meant to be ... I guess it's time to hang up your cleats."

But the young athlete wouldn't give up. He continued to knock on doors and write letters. Eventually, he received another invitation. But again, he didn't make the team.

Most people would have given up long before this point, but not this young man. He was fanatic about his personal dream. He wanted to play pro football. From his early days of playing sandlot football, he had been obsessed with this goal. So, patiently and persistently, he continued to pursue tryout opportunities.

Finally, he was invited to try out for the Baltimore Colts – and he made third-string on the roster. Through training and long man-hours of drills and fitness building, he worked his way up to be the starting quarterback. Indeed, he became whom many people consider to be the greatest quarterback ever to play in the National Football League.

The dreamer's name was Johnny Unitas.

What is your dream or goal? Keep driving until you reach it.

Some people succeed because they appear destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to.

--Beecher Hunter