The 1975 World Football League Football Card Set - Series II

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Greg Allred, Richie Franklin, Bill Jones, and Willie OBurne, WFL historians and collectors are back and have issued their second series WFL football card set featuring 70 cards of the players and teams of this short-lived league. They have scored another touchdown with this set that again was beautifully researched and produced. I have my set safely stored in nine pocket card sheets already.

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. The player selection for the second series was impressive to say the least. We see in this series many well-known players and many lesser known heroes of the WFL. Well known players include Jim Kiick, Larry Csonka, Calvin Hill, Paul Warfield and Danny White. We also see cards for many of the unsung heroes of the short 1975 season, like Witt Beckman, Ron Coppenbarger, and Al Haywood to name a few.

The 1975 season was a bittersweet memory for me as there was no local team for me to follow that summer and I kept reading about the impending doom of the league. Most of the information on the league that I read were from infrequent newspaper articles in my local paper and from the articles that I enjoyed reading in the old “The Sporting News” when it used to carry true sports reporting.

You can find ordering information on this set at either their website WFLFootballCards.com or by checking out their ad in this issue. Again this Series II set is a must have in my opinion for any football card collector and collection. From a collecting perspective both series truly represent the essence of this professional football league and its pioneers that played for that all too brief two seasons. Greg Allred, Richie Franklin, Bill Jones, and Willie OBurne once again did an incredible job producing this set of cards to help preserve the history of the WFL.

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