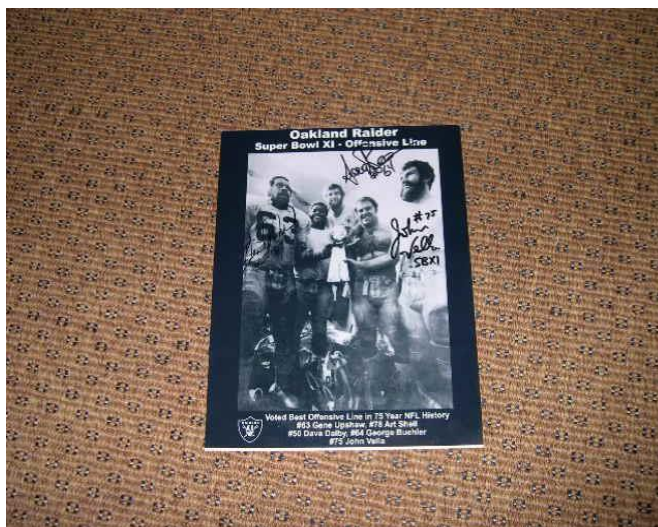


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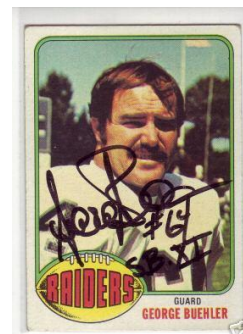
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**GEORGE BUEHLER  
WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL - OAKLAND RAIDERS**



The 1964 CIFSS Player of the Year in football was George Buehler from Whittier High School. He led the Cardinals to a 21 to 14 victory over Loyola breaking their 35 game winning streak before 17,590 fans in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Buehler would go on to star for Stanford University and later helped lead the Oakland Raiders to a Super Bowl title.

According to Buehler, “Winning the CIFSS Championship (AAAA), I think was as thrilling as winning the Super Bowl.”



# CIF MORE EXCITING THAN SUPER BOWL

Playing in the Super Bowl was a thrill for Oakland's George Buehler, but it probably won't match the 1964 CIF 4A football championship game he played in, he says.

Buehler, the 6-2, 270 pound starting offensive guard for the Raiders, remembers the '64 showdown well. It matched Whittier and Loyola high schools in the Coliseum.

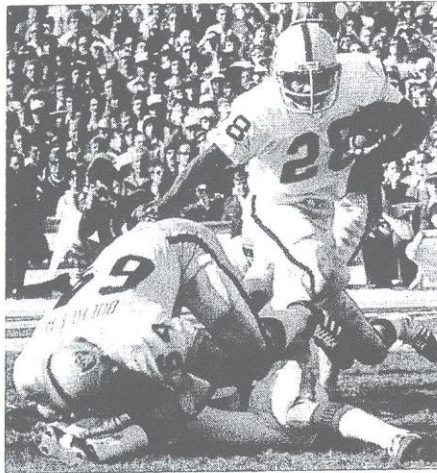
"The town (Whittier) really went wild over that game, especially when we won. High school football was a lot of fun, and probably more exciting than the Super Bowl, but of course smaller in scale," he says.

"Winning the CIF championship, I think, was as thrilling as this (the Super Bowl) could be," says Buehler.

The former Stanford University standout, now in his eighth year with the Raiders, says he really hasn't felt the impact of Sunday's game with Minnesota's Vikings in the Rose Bowl.



**BUEHLER CELEBRATES SUPER-BOWL VICTORY**



**NUMBER 64 CLEARS PATH FOR OAKLAND RUNNING BACK CLARENCE DAVIS**

"I've always had trouble with intensity," says the soft-spoken Raiders giant. "We're coming off a big win over Pittsburgh and we've been moving around a lot lately," said Buehler from the Raiders' UC Irvine training camp.

"And this is a new setting for us, so really haven't got down to the business of football—and we probably won't until Thursday.

"But I'm really not the type to get up for a game. Some weeks football is the last thing I want to do and other times it's real exciting. Ultimately, it's how you feel the day of the game that counts," says Buehler.

The Super Bowl game will be Buehler's 101st in row for the Raiders. He was drafted by Oakland on the second round in 1969, but played little as a rookie.

But he's been a fixture at guard the past seven seasons with his chief duty blocking for quarterback Ken Stabler in Oakland's pass oriented offense.

And he feels he's played well this season—especially in the last few games.

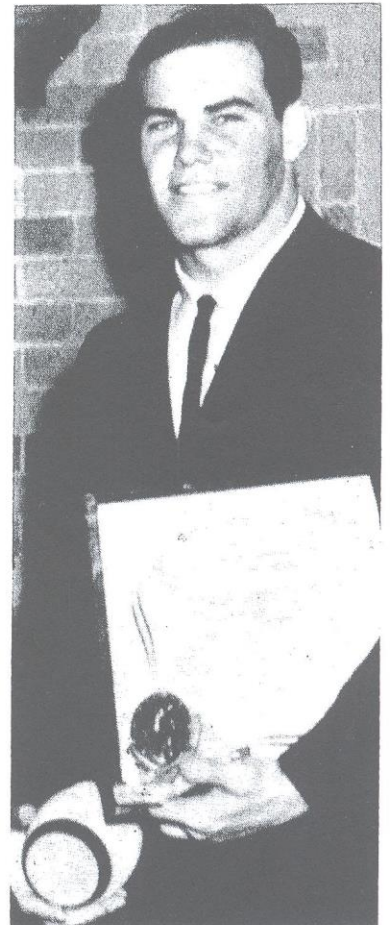
"I'm happy with the way I've played this season. I really didn't have a lot of intensity before the Cincinnati game (last regular season game), but we showed people we were a team with principle and integrity," says Buehler.

"Against Cincinnati and Pittsburgh (AFC title game) people thought we were going to let down, so we had something to prove, and we did."

And what about Minnesota?

"We've played them three times and never won, so we have something to prove, I'm very impressed with them, they have a strong defensive group.

Buehler comes from a family that is involved in the medical profession. His father, a doctor, recently stepped down as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association while one of his brothers (Charles) is also a doctor and one of his sisters is a medical technician. His younger brother, John, is currently coaching at Whittier High School, serving as assistant varsity football coach, assistant in track and head soccer coach.



**1964 CIF-SS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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## WHITTIER STOPS LOYOLA STREAK, WINS CIF TITLE, 21-14



**HAIL THE CHAMPS**—Whittier High Coach Vic Lopez (dark suit) gets congratulations from CIF Commissioner Kenneth Fagans after the Cardinals topped Loyola, 21-14, to capture the "AAAA" division football title. Whittier Principal Seabron Nolin holds the championship trophy at the left while tri-captains Tom Seminoff (31), George Buehler (center), and Paul Meister (12) clutch the Harry J. Moore perpetual trophy.

### Cardinals Have Many Heroes As Cubs Bow in "AAAA" Finals Before 17,590 at the Coliseum

Whittier High mixed a superb passing attack with a hard-nosed defense and the combination jelled for a 21-14 win over Loyola and the first "AAAA" CIF football crown in Whittier's long history.

The championship game was played at the Los Angeles Coliseum on December 18 and a turnout of 17,590 was on hand for the thriller which saw Loyola's unprecedented 35 game winning streak come to an end.

Senior quarterback Tim Walker teamed up with halfback Paul Meister for two first period touchdowns—on plays covering two and 81 yards—to put the skids on the Loyola string of 35 victories and two consecutive CIF titles.

Walker, a better than 50 per cent passer all season, hit on nine of 17 attempts in the championship game

including five for five in the Cards' first touchdown drive. He completed strikes to tight end George Buehler for 16 and seven yards, to Bill Cornman for 15, to Dave Washburn for four, and capped the drive with a nifty two yard look-in shot to Meister. Steve Wittman kicked the first of three successful conversions and Whittier led 7-0 with 7:08 left in the first period.

Loyola punted for the second time in as many series immediately following the first Whittier touchdown and before the "ohs" and "ahs" commending the Cardinal defense had subsided, Walker and Meister connected on a "home run" for 81 yards and another touchdown. Wittman converted to make it 14-0 with 1:39 still to play in the first period.

A mid-second-period pass interception by Loyola's Pat Ward and a subsequent pass interference penalty set up the Cubs' first touchdown which came via the airplanes with 4:36 to play in the half. Mike Bergdahl lofted

the aerial and Bob Silvers was on the receiving end of the 35 yard scoring play. Bergdahl booted the conversion to cut the Whittier lead to 14-7.

Loyola mounted another scoring threat before halftime following another pass interception but this drive stalled on the three yard line when Bergdahl threw three straight incomplete passes and was stopped by linebacker Tom Seminoff when he attempted to scramble after finding his receivers covered just before the end of the half.

Wittman, the same guy who booted the three Whittier PATs, recovered a Bergdahl fumble midway in the third period which led ultimately to the deciding touchdown. The 62 yard drive culminated in 14 plays with quarterback Walker jolting into the end zone from the nine yard line (he shook off at least a half dozen tacklers en route) on what appeared to be a broken play.

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### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

98 POUNDS—Melendez (Upland); 105—Seicido (Artesia); 115—Acosta (Mira Costa); 125—Urhusen (Redondo); 130—Nerio (Westminster); 145—Fry (Simi); 141—Moran (Redlands); 148—Amen (Aviation); 157—Gambin (Mira Costa); 168—Ambler (Lowell); 175—Ammons (Lawnside); 194—Bannister (Morningstar); HEAVYWEIGHT—Buehler (Whittier).

### TEAM SCORES

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BEST IN CIF—Whittier tight end and linebacker George Buehler is CIF large school Player of the Year. The 6-3, 235-pound Buehler is CIF wrestling champion. In track he pushes the shot past 60 feet.

## ALL-CIF TEAM

### SOUTHERN SECTION

Class AAAA		Hgt.		Wgt.		Class	
Pos.	Player	School					
E-1	George Buehler	Whittier	6-3	235	Sr.		
E-2	Fair Hooker	Monrovia	6-1	175	Sr.		
L	George Kinn	Loyola	6-4	255	Sr.		
G	Bruce Wallace	Alhambra	6-1	222	Sr.		
C	Dale Alsdorf	S'ta Ana Val.	6-2	195	Sr.		
C	Jim Hamilton	Araheira	6-2	180	Sr.		
C	Cliff Bilek	Ramona	6-1	195	Sr.		
B	Mike Bergdahl	Loyola	6-1	200	Sr.		
B	Gene Washington	L.B. Poly	6-3	170	Sr.		
B	Al Nichols	L.B. Poly	5-10	160	Sr.		
B	Tim Walker	Whittier	5-11	175	Sr.		
B	Woody Deckard	S'ta Ana Val.	6-0	175	Sr.		

Second Team		Third Team	
E-1	Dave Oliver (Pasadena)	E-1	Doug Moore (West)
E-2	Ron Kennedy (Compton)	E-2	Jim Champion (Santa Ana)
L	Tom Seminoff (Whittier)	L	Tackles—Jerry Witts (Artesia), Ron Samson (War)
G	Paul Messer (Gardena)	G	Guards—Roddy Evans (Pasadena), Calvin Garland (Pasadena)
C	Ken Carpenter (Downey)	C	Centers—Dave Archer (Inglewood), Gil Blakes (Glendale)
B	Danny Scott (El Monte)	B	Backs—Larry Walters (Lake)
B	Gordon Nadel (Santa Ana)	B	Tim Thomas (Hawthorne), Jim Curries (San Mar)
B	Tom Garcia (Cypress)	B	Tom Garcia (Cypress), Ulyses Allen (Cathedral)

### PAST C.I.F. PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Year	Player	School	Year	Player	School
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1958	John Davis	Alhambra	1958	George Kinn	Santa Ana
1959	John Brown	Alhambra	1959	Gene Zamora	Santa Barbara
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## DYNAMITE ON DEFENSE

JEFF PRUGH

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**THE PREPS' MR. BIG**—Quick and enormously strong, George Buehler (6-2, 235) will train his sights on the North's backs Thursday night in the Shrine game. Said one of his South teammates: "He hits you like a freight train." Times photo

## DYNAMITE ON DEFENSE

# Like POW! It's George Buehler, South's One-Man Wrecking Crew

BY JEFF PRUGH

Times Staff Writer

You watch George Buehler—all 235 pounds of him—cavort on a football field, and his presence elicits the same feeling that weighs heavily in the climax of a Western movie. You know everything will turn out all right because, after all, John Wayne will be there any moment.

To anyone who followed the Cinderella-like ascendancy to power of Whittier High's football team last December, George Buehler (pronounced "Beeler") had an air of heroism about him. They saw, in George, the gallant qualities of a John Wayne, a Sir Galahad or a James Bond. And, those who know him best perhaps saw even the gentle fortitude of a Dr. Kildare (George is inclined toward a career as a surgeon).

### Easy-Going Guy

There is a refreshing, easy-going complaisance in George's manner, one that belies the aggressive way he performs surgery on enemy backfields as one of the most exceptional linemen to emerge from Southern California's vast high school ranks.

Physically, George is ruggedly handsome enough to be cast as a leading man, if not the leading man's body guard. However, when he applied for a job as a movie extra earlier this summer, he was turned down. "What? You're HOW old?" the casting people asked Buehler, who looks more like a college post-graduate than someone right out of high school. "Come back when you're 18. We can't hire anybody who's 17." (George will be 18 next month.)

It is doubtful, anyway, that George will be seen in a motion picture for the time being, except those which the Stanford coaching staff will be viewing this fall when he plays on the freshman team.

In the meantime, George will see action as a tight end and linebacker for the South team that takes on the North all-stars Thursday night in the Shrine game at the Coliseum.

As perhaps the most extraordinary defensive player ever to appear in the Shrine game, George will be engaging in one of his three favorite avocations — knocking people down, something he did well enough last fall to be voted CIF Southern Section player of the year. Otherwise, George is content to go water skiing on the Colorado River or go hunting ("I shoot anything that moves," he says).

From his defensive stance, though, George's prey is anything that moves in an enemy football suit, notably the guy carrying the ball. And this he did with such success in the CIF finals that he almost singlehandedly terminated the 35-game win streak of Loyola High and its vaunted single wing offense. On one play, he even hoisted tailback Mike Bergdahl, who scales about 205, right off his feet and slammed him onto the turf.

### Adult Mind

Of George's raw strength and rare agility for one so large, coach Paul Briggs of the South team said: "I've never had a lineman who has so many assets. He has an extremely mature, adult body, but he also has

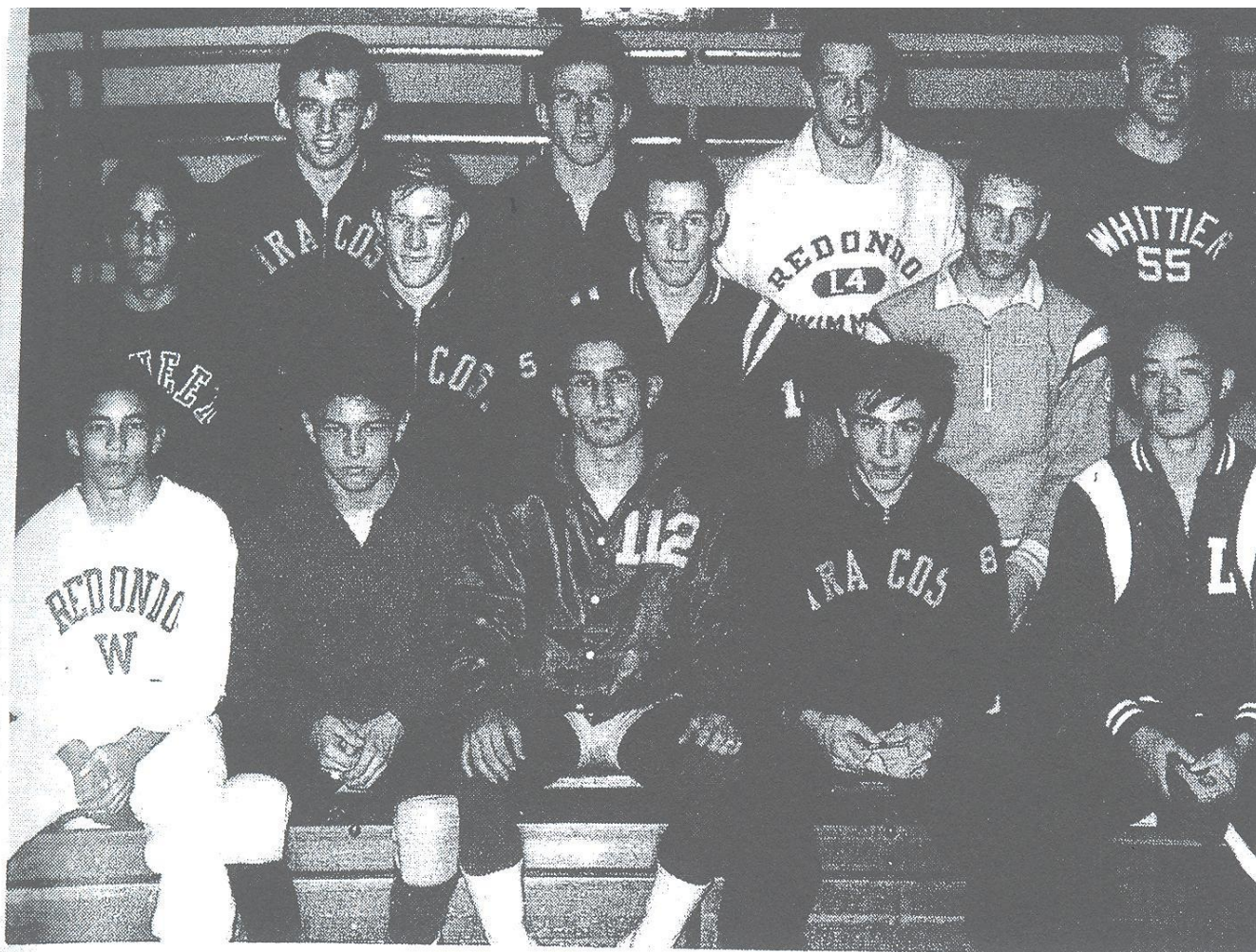
an adult mind, which is something you don't normally find in a boy his age."

In wrestling, too, George's powerful chassis has served him well (he is two-time CIF heavyweight king). And the same applied to his ability at putting the 12-pound shot (he was fifth in the state meet at 60 feet 7 3/4 inches).

Accordingly, Buehler's name just naturally came to be associated around the Whittier campus with anything that smacked of victory. One of the school's most notable reversals of form, however, occurred in the inter-class pep rally. The seniors LOST the yell-leading contest, and the cheerleader was, of all people, George Buehler. Said George: "We were too sophisticated to win, I guess."

When George departs for Palo Alto in the fall, he will be perpetuating a family tie with Stanford that has endured through the years (the Buehlers even live on North Stanford Way in Whittier). George's father, George Sr., went there and now is a general practitioner in medicine, and his older brother, Chuck, played football there and now is in medical school at Tulane.

Bigness, too, has been characteristic of the Buehlers' offspring (George weighed 203 as an eighth grader), and it will be that way long after George leaves home. Among the remaining tenants there will be John Buehler, a junior in high school who is 5-9 and weighs 210, and Bobby Buehler, who may be the largest ninth grader in captivity. His dimensions: 6-1 and 245 pounds.



**SOUTHERN SECTION CHAMPIONS** — Mira Costa, which captured three first-place honors scored the team victory in the recent CIF, SS, Wrestling championships at Mira Costa High. Here the 13 individual weight champions: (Front row, left to right) Sergio Gonzales, Redondo (98); Roland Garza, California (106); Robert Calderon, Oxnard (115); Chuck Clark, Mira Costa (123) and Isao Mura, Leuzinger (130). Second row: Daniel Navarro, Pioneer (136); Kent Wyatt, Mira Costa (141); Ron Mulholland, Lawndale (148); and Burt Ambler, Lowell (157). Back row: Dennis Choate, Mira Costa (168), Wayne Partee, California (178), Nick Carolla, Redondo (194) and Dick Buehler, Whittier (Heavyweight).

## George Buehler

Q: Who were some of your favorite teammates?

**George Buehler:** I hung out a lot with Dave Rowe; we did a lot of remote control stuff at training camp. Dave was in on it, Ted Kwalick and Ray Guy. As a matter of fact Ken Stabler's book that came out a few years after he retired, a few people were mentioned in the book and though these guys used to laugh at us playing with our little radio controlled airplanes and cars you'd be amazed how many of those guys later confessed that they were out running electric cars with me rather than doing what Stabler was suggesting they were doing.

Q: Do you still keep in touch with any of your teammates?

**George Buehler:** Well most of the people are fellas that come to the golf tournaments but every once in a blue moon Al will get us all together. A few years ago he flew us all back to Spain to the Raider game when they played the Denver Broncos in Barcelona. There are some guys who we don't see very much because of geography.

Q: Are there any former teammates of yours that you feel should be in the Hall of Fame?

**George Buehler:** I think probably one of the most unsung hero's that I can think of who may not necessarily belong in the Hall of Fame is Dave Dalby. He and Jim Otto were the only two centers that the Raiders had in the first 25 or 30 years of the existence of the Raiders. Otto and Dalby both dominated that position. Dave was there for all three of the Raiders Super Bowls; he was the starting center for all of them. I'm not exactly sure how many years he played probably 14 or 15 years and he is obviously a guy you haven't heard a lot about.

Q: What were your thoughts after being drafted?

**George Buehler:** I guess I can tell the story now; this may be the first time I've ever let this out. I went to Stanford University and I'm not known for my scholarship so it wasn't the best experience I wasn't as successful there as I would have liked to be. I thought draft day was the opportunity to go somewhere I was daydreaming of being in Miami or New York or Dallas and all of a sudden I get a call from the Oakland Tribune and he tells me I'd been drafted by the Raiders. I thought "oh my god". I actually had to disguise my voice, I tried but I couldn't I said, "oh I'm so happy, I don't know what to say" in a very monotone voice. That hurt but thank goodness I was drafted by the Raiders from there it was all up hill, I still live in the Bay Area even though my last year and a half I played in Cleveland. I'm thrilled that I played with the Raiders.

Q: What was the most memorable game for you when you played for the Raiders?

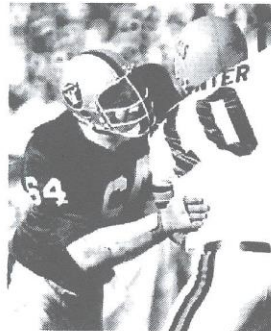
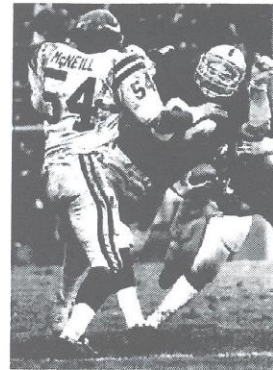
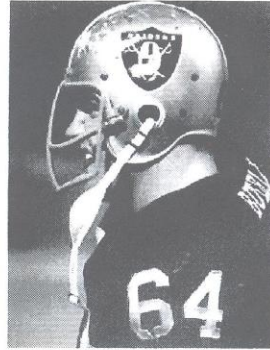
**George Buehler:** It had to be the playoff game against the Pittsburgh Steelers the year we won the Super Bowl. That year we played a Monday night game near the end of the season with the Cincinnati Bengals, we had already secured a playoff spot so we didn't have to win but if we lost that game Pittsburgh would have been knocked out of the playoffs so we had to win to put them in the playoffs. Everybody thought we'd lay down but on Monday night T.V. we kicked Cincinnati and put the Steelers in the playoffs. Then the Steelers came out to Oakland and we put them away there. We earned our way to the Super Bowl and we didn't want to take the easy way.

Q: Is there one play that you can remember from your career?

**George Buehler:** Were playing the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City and on this particular play it was like third down and ten, we were about mid field. Stabler dropped back to pass and he got hit from behind while his arm was back and he fumbled. I was in the back field and the ball hit the turf and I was ready to fall on it and the thing bounced right up into my arms. I took off running and ran around the left end and I made a first down and a defensive back knocked me out of bounds. The interesting thing was the following Tuesday when we went back to watch the game films when this play came up Madden just let it run through once instead of going back and fourth and he said I guess we'll just let that one fly. The reason that he said that was the guy that knocked the ball out of Stabler's hand was my guy. I was so close to the ball because I was supposed to be covering the guy that forced the fumble.

Q: Can you describe what it was like to win the Super Bowl?

**George Buehler:** It was a little anti-climatic because the big game was the Steelers that year. Meeting them at the AFC championship was really the pinnacle of that year. Obviously the Super Bowl was the thing that we were after and today we're awfully glad that we're wearing the ring and that means a lot.



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<b>Place of birth</b>	Whittier, California
<b>Position(s)</b>	G
<b>College</b>	Stanford
<b>NFL Draft Statistics</b>	1969 / Round 2 / Pick 50
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	<b>Team(s)</b>
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