

Deaf Culture Question of the Week - February 2-6, 2009

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In honor of the Super Bowl which was played this weekend, a football related Deaf Culture Question.

Which deaf person played professional football for the Denver Broncos and after retirement coached football at the Iowa School for the Deaf?

- a) Bonnie Sloan
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) Russell Lowe
- d) John McGregor

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Answer "b" - Kenny Walker was selected in the eighth round of the NFL draft to play as a defensive lineman for the Denver Broncos in 1991. He wasn't however the first deaf person to play professional football. Actually Bonnie Sloan who played briefly for briefly in 1973 for the St. Louis Cardinals was the first deaf person to make it to professional football. Kenny Walker played two seasons for the Broncos and was cut in 1993. He then went to the Canadian football league and played for the Calgary Stampede. He played two seasons for the Calgary Stampede. After retiring from football, Kenny Walker pursued another dream - he became head football coach at the Iowa School for the Deaf. In 1999 he published his autobiography Roar of Silence: The Kenny Walker Story. Read more about Kenny Walker's life and career at these Websites below:

<http://sports.jrank.org/pages/5116/Walker-Kenny-Joined-Denver-Broncos.html>

http://www.novelguide.com/a/discover/nspf_04/nspf_04_00601.html