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Hail To The Redskins!

Washington Redskins *Football Vault*[®] Spotlights A Proud History

Historic photographs, replica memorabilia pieces and narrative provide a time capsule of Redskins

No other sports team in Washington, D.C., inspires as much love and devotion as the Washington Redskins, those gridiron warriors in burgundy and gold.

The Washington Redskins Football Vault®: The History of a Proud Franchise traces the team's entire incredible story, from the early days in Boston to the hiring of Mike Shanahan as head coach and the trade for quarterback Donovan McNabb in 2010.

Author **Michael Richman**, the official Redskins historian, is a veteran journalist who has covered D.C. sports for more than 20 years. In this book, Richman, a Redskins' fanatic since his youth, combines game coverage with behind-the-scenes stories that make the history of the Redskins so fascinating.

But the real treasures in this detailed "scrapbook" are the vintage photographs and memorabilia discovered in private collections and the Redskins' archives. Fans will find reproductions of old game-program covers, historic tickets, vintage bumper stickers, posters and much more. Replicas include a panoramic photo of the 1939 team, **Sammy Baugh**'s 1949 contract, a letter from the attorney general to **Sonny Jurgensen** and even a letter from **Jack Kent Cooke** to **Joe Theismann** after his devastating injury.

The book's introduction was written by legendary coach **Joe Gibbs**, while former Redskins star quarterback **Sonny Jurgensen** wrote the afterword.

All of this and more is locked inside the *Washington Redskins* **Football Vault**®: The History of a Proud Franchise. No 'Skins fan should be without this home archive of the long and colorful history of Washington's pro football team.

The *Washington Redskins* **Football Vault**® is part of a series of books from **Whitman Publishing**. The hardcover 12" by 10" book with slipcase is available for **\$49.95** in bookstores. The book can also be ordered at <u>www.WhitmanVaultBooks.com</u> and through the author's Web site at <u>www.redskinshistorian.com</u>.

"This book recaptures ... the team's eight decade history, and the replicas of memorabilia from the different eras are amazing."

- Sonny Jurgensen, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback, 1964-1974

