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Pattern Recognition and Trends of Senior AFL/NFL Players from HBCUs. Preliminary report.

The presenter will share patterns and trends in the careers of AFL/NFL players who were trailblazers and who set expectations and standards in performance data on the playing field. Transitioning to a stable life after professional football has been a challenge for many athletes. The presenter will share information and trajectories of players who have had exceptional accomplishments in their lives after football. Some discussion of the indicators that may influence smooth transitioning from a professional football career to a career in other professions will be cited. The statistics, indicators and social-cultural characteristics of AFL/NFL players such as Mr. Clem Daniels, former Oakland Raider and successful businessman, will be compared and contrasted with other players in a similar social context and age group. A sample of AFL/NFL players who attended Historically Black Colleges and Universities will be the focus of the discussion. (Received September 13, 2014)