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A Wilmington native, Roman Gabriel attracted national interest during his quarterback days at N. C. State University ^[2], where he was twice recognized as an All-American. In 1962 Gabriel's quarterbacking skills were a hot commodity and he was the top draft pick of both the Los Angeles Rams and the Oakland Raiders. Gabriel played for the Rams for 11 years and finished his pro career with the Philadelphia Eagles. In his 16 year NFL career Gabriel was the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1969, was a four-time All-Pro and the Rams named him their Most Valuable Player three times.

While he was still an active player Gabriel also appeared in several movies, television shows and in commercials as well as co-hosting a talk show. This extracurricular activity gave him experience which was useful as games analyst with the Carolina Panthers Radio Network, a position he held for 7 seasons. He has since returned to his native Wilmington to live.

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