

Chapter 1 : All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez - CBS News

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The outrage was such that Senate hearings were convened. Anti-trust threats were thrown around like nickels. When it was over, some of the most powerful figures in Washington, D. The word "collusion" was even tossed around. Any of that sound familiar? Benson had just turned against the college football empire at the hearings. I would have been. College football has no place for Cinderella stories. College football has no room for the underdog. But that access was short-lived because the WAC was short-lived. Slowly, BYU was on its way out as a power-conference program. The Fiesta Bowl had ignored the Cougars for No. The WAC was at the table," Benson recalled. Air Force was a military academy. BYU was a religious flagship. There was the unique aloha culture of Hawaii. Wyoming was the true West. The league eventually collapsed in on itself. The rivals are 66 miles apart and have played times going back to Thankfully, the rivalry continued uninterrupted. When it asked for reimbursement from the conference, the WAC refused. In the spring of , the main agenda item for the WAC spring meetings was to arrive at a permanent division lineup. They had until noon the next day to agree. Thompson was named the new Mountain West commissioner in October It was still hard to explain why the WAC had expanded beyond belief. You had some very major markets in the West.

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An examination of how track, baseball, and basketball slipped away from their grass rootsâ€”with only fleeting mention of how (per the title) the nation's Mudvilles might revitalize local sports and thus take their "revenge." (The original Mudville, of course, is where the mighty Casey struck out.)

He turned a hardscrabble childhood into superstar NFL dreams. But then it all fell apart when he was arrested for the murder of semi-pro linebacker Odin Lloyd in North Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was convicted of murdering Lloyd in and in April , Hernandez committed suicide in a Massachusetts prison where he was serving a life sentence. But, despite the on-field accolades, as Patterson reports, he could never outrun his history, including the impact the death of his father had on him, and his other personal demons, which remained hidden behind the mask of a celebrity football player. In addition to being charged and convicted of killing Lloyd, Hernandez was also charged and acquitted of killing two others. After his death, doctors learned, the countless hits he took playing football may have caused Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, better known as CTE, a degenerative brain disease found in people who have suffered repeated trauma to the head. He was a sick man," Dr. It was November , and all eyes were on Aaron Hernandez. Shawn Courchesne Former sports reporter, Hartford Courant: It was amazing to watch. Tim Washington Hernandez family friend: We played right on this field back here. His footwork is amazing. He was the best player in the state of Connecticut. He was probably the best player in the whole Northeast. He was a superstar," says Shawn Courchesne, a former sports reporter at the Hartford Courant. We want to win the games. Everyone knows everyone here. Growing up Aaron shared a bedroom with his brother, D. He loved kids, he loved helping anyone he could. He was a really good guy â€” Kind thoughtful, loud, funny, charismatic. Off the field Aaron was just charismatic, loving. She shared their love story with "Dr. He would say it was middle school. Attorney Linda Kenney Baden: She loved Aaron Hernandez when Aaron Hernandez had nothing. Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez [to "Dr. He was full of life. Would do anything for anyone. When Aaron was 16, his father went in for a hernia operation, and died very unexpectedly. The largest funeral parlor in Bristol was too small to host the thousand-plus people who turned out for the man who was known around town as "the king. His father passing away was one of the most important and damaging moments of his life, because it was when he went the other way. He picked up new running mates: Those are people that we grew up with. They may not be the best people to hang out with. In February â€” every major college football program in the country was trying to contact him. It was a lot of pressure for a teenager. Hernandez opened up about it all with a local TV station. Half of my family telling me to go to Notre Dame, Michigan, Miami. Then, the Florida Gators made their full-court press. And Aaron went down to the University of Florida and went, "Wow. Great coach, Urban Meyer. Urban Meyer â€” Definitely has a soft spot for people who do not walk the straight line. There was times where he would, I mean, it was a meltdown in my office â€” sobbing about his dad and how much he missed him it happened so fast he never had a chance to say goodbye, those type of things.

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