

# Charlie 'Choo Choo' Justice, *His legacy lives on*

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## STUDY GUIDE

1. What town did Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice grow up near?
  - A. Asheville
  - B. Charlotte
  - C. Durham
  - D. Winston-Salem
2. What was Choo Choo Justice known for?
  - A. quick moves
  - B. bursts of speed
  - C. height and weight
  - D. endurance and power
3. Where did Choo Choo attend university?
  - A. Duke
  - B. Georgia
  - C. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
  - D. University of South Carolina
4. Where did Choo Choo earn his nickname?
  - A. in pros
  - B. in Navy
  - C. in college
  - D. in high school
5. What distinction belongs to Choo Choo Justice?
  - A. Winner of the Heisman trophy
  - B. First athlete voted into the NC Sports Hall of Fame
  - C. Coach of a state champion high school football team
  - D. Longest professional football career of any NC player
6. What best demonstrates that Choo Choo remains a hero and legend?
  - A. Students remember his accomplishments.
  - B. A plaque to Justice hangs in the Washington Redskins' stadium.
  - C. A plaque and statue honoring Justice stand outside Kenan Stadium.
  - D. Bob Quincy wrote about Justice in his book, *They Made the Bell Tower Chime*.

7. From the profile, what do you learn about tailbacks?
- A. Tailbacks run the ball.
  - B. Tailbacks are the last line of defense.
  - C. Tailbacks are the first line of defense.
  - D. Tailbacks hand off the ball to other running backs.

9. Justice played on football teams in what order?

- 1. Navy
  - 2. Washington Redskins
  - 3. Lee Edwards High School
  - 4. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- A. 3, 1, 2, 4
  - B. 3, 1, 4, 2
  - C. 3, 2, 4, 1
  - D. 3, 4, 1, 2**

10. What is meant, “ The tailback stopped on a dime...”?

- A. Justice could make sudden stops.
- B. Justice entered the pros to earn money,
- C. Justice had little money to pay for college.
- D. Justice stopped giving money to charity when he left the pros.

11. Which best completes the sentence?

The statue outside Kenan Stadium attests to Choo Choo Justice’s \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. family
- B. generosity
- C. legacy
- D. speed

12. Which is true of legends and legacies?
- A. Neither can be proven true.
  - B. Both are misunderstood by young people.
  - C. Legends and legacies are written accounts.
  - D. Both involve handing down to the next generation.

Words to know:

Certain words signal readers that they are reading about sports. Look for the following terms in your sports pages and/or search your archived newspapers for stories that include the words.

Use the terms in speaking and writing about football. Which words apply to other sports?

- 1. sprint--
- 2. end zone--
- 3. punt--
- 4. practice--
- 5. tailback--
- 6. tackles--
- 7. rush--
- 8. carries--
- 9. stadium--
- 10. draft--

EVALUATIONS:

Respond to the prompts in one page (or more). If needed, conduct research to obtain additional facts to support your analyses.

- 1. How did injuries affect Justice during his college and professional careers?

2. Listen to the song by Benny Goodman called "All the Way, Choo Choo."  
What's your response to the song?
3. If you were introducing someone to "Choo Choo" Justice, what would you tell that person about him?
4. What would Bob Quincy say if asked to support his claim that Justice was a hero and legend? What would you say?

#### NEWS CONNECTIONS:

1. Find news stories that include references to tailbacks. What do you learn about what a great tailback does for his team? Do anything you read remind you of Charlie Justice?
2. Do you find anyone in the news described as a "great" football player or someone you would describe as a great football player? What has each player done, according to stories in today's newspaper and other stories found in the newspapers' archives?
3. Is there an athlete in the news whom you think is a hero and legend? Why? Why do you think some athletes are so admired?

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