



## Football player's father dies scuba diving in Mexico

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Donald Veal Sr., believed to be 48, died in a scuba diving accident in Mexico last weekend. Devin Veal, from Buena High School in Sierra Vista, lost his mother to cancer in November 2004.

"It's tough to deal with just the loss of one parent in high school, and now losing the other parent. . . . I don't know how he dealt with it the first time," said Buena baseball coach Bill Wright, a friend of the family. "He's such a great kid. His parents did a tremendous job of instilling the right ideas and principles to him, and it shows."

Veal, a standout at Buena, has received rave reviews from UA coaches about his potential. His brother, Donald Jr., plays in the Chicago Cubs' minor league system.

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