

John Nathan Henderson (born January 9, 1979), nicknamed Big John or Big Hen, is a former football defensive tackle who played ten seasons in the National Football League (NFL). He played college football for the University of Tennessee and was a two-time consensus All-American. The Jacksonville Jaguars chose him in the first round of the 2002 NFL Draft, and he was selected for the Pro Bowl twice.

Early years

Henderson was born in Nashville, Tennessee. He attended Pearl-Cohn Comprehensive High School in Nashville, where he played defensive tackle and tight end for the Pearl Cohn Firebirds high school football team. His teams won back-to-back state championships during his junior and senior years. He was named All-State as a junior when he had 145 tackles and 15 sacks, along with 37 catches for 470 yards and 9 touchdowns. As a senior, he finished with 150 tackles and 2 sacks, to go with 45 catches for 560 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was also selected as a High School All-American by Parade magazine, USA Today, Blue Chip Illustrated, National Recruiting Advisor, and Super Prep. He was ranked as the 7th best high school player in The Sporting News Top 100 and was ranked 1st in the state of Tennessee by the Knoxville News Sentinel and the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Henderson also was named All-State in basketball.[1]

College career

While attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Henderson played for coach Phillip Fulmer's Tennessee Volunteers football team from 1998 to 2001. At Tennessee, he lined up at left defensive tackle next to Albert Haynesworth. He played in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl, 2000 Cotton Bowl Classic, and 2001 Citrus Bowl. As a sophomore, Henderson recorded 43 tackles and four sacks in seven starts. As a junior, Henderson recorded 71 tackles (21 for a loss) and 12 sacks. He won the Outland Trophy as college football's top interior lineman and was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American in 2000, having received first-team honors from the Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News, Football News, CNN/SI, and Rivals.com.[2] After finishing with 48 tackles (nine for a loss) and 4.5 sacks in 10 starts, Henderson was again recognized as a consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 2001.[2] He finished his college career with 165 tackles (130 solo and 39 for loss) and 20.5 sacks (5th in school history), seven pass deflections, four forced fumbles, and five fumble recoveries.

Professional career

Jacksonville Jaguars

Henderson was the Jacksonville Jaguars' first-round pick (9th overall) in the 2002 NFL Draft. He finished his rookie season with 53 tackles (44 solo), 6.5 sacks, 6 pass deflections, and 1 forced fumble in 16 games (13 starts). In 2003, he had 56 tackles (45 solo and 13 for loss), 3.5 sacks, 7 pass deflections, 3 forced fumbles, and 33 quarterback pressures in 16 starts. In 2004, he finished with 75 tackles (62 solo and 5 for loss), 5.5 sacks, 4 pass deflections, 1 fumble recovery, and 39 QB pressures in 16 starts and was selected to his first Pro Bowl. In 2005, Henderson had 70 tackles (52 solo and 4 for loss), 3 sacks, 7 pass deflections, 3 forced fumbles, and 20 QB pressures in 16 games (15 starts). He also started in the



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For the consideration of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame:

Life and Baseball Career of John J. Huffstetler

John Jackson Huffstetler was born on April 28, 1931, in Maryville, Tennessee to Mr. And Mrs. Charles Huffstetler. He grew up in Carpenters Campground, a rural farming community, where he played baseball in the fields and yards. Under correct coaching at Everett High School, John's talent on the baseball field caught the eye of professional scouts. After trips to New York City and contracts offered by The New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers, John accepted a 4-year scholarship to the University of Tennessee, after promising his mother to get his education.

During his sophomore year at UT, John led his team to the university's first College Baseball World Series in 1951. During this year, he set a school and Southeastern Conference record by winning eight games and losing none. John was named All-SEC player for 1951 and 1952. This southpaw's batting record of .397 was the University of Tennessee's record for 20 years. The UT record books still reflect many of John's 5 for 5 and 6 for 6 days at the plate.

During his senior year of college, John married his high school sweetheart, Frieda Giffin. Huffstetler signed with the Knoxville Smokies and pitched the opening game in 1954. Since he served in ROTC at UT, John was called up to serve with the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Benning for officer's training, which caused him to miss his graduation ceremony. After receiving his commission as 2nd Lt., Huffstetler was sent to Korea from 1955-1956 and continued his baseball career. He set the 7th Division Baseball League on fire with a .591 batting average and was voted captain of his Buffalo Regiment team. Upon his return to the United States, John utilized his degree to work in accounting and financing. He and Freida welcomed the births of their son, John Stanley in 1957, and their daughter, Anna Maria in 1959.

In 1964, Huffstetler took a job with Crown Zellerbach which moved the family to Washington State where they welcomed their final child, Karen Elaine, in 1965. John coached his Babe Ruth Little League teams to multiple victories in Washington, until he was transferred to St. Francisville, La. With his son serving as bat boy, John Huffstetler shared his time and love of the game with countless young people in local Babe Ruth Little League until his untimely death at only 42 years of age. Members of the College World Series from 1951 served as pall bearers. He was posthumously inducted into the Blount County Hall of Fame on November 13, 2000. John left a legacy of integrity, responsibility, and honor not only to his family, but to everyone he met, played with, or coached. His impact to his family continues with a slew of southpaw children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, with a grandson and two great-grandsons named for him.

John J. Huffstetler was an amazing baseball player and a good man. He still holds records in Tennessee that may never be broken. We believe that he is more than deserving to be remembered for his accomplishments to his university, home state, and to his country in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.



Bob Gilbert

UT's Helton rekindles thoughts of Huffstetler

John Huffstetler, in his day, was as big a name in college baseball as Todd Helton is today.

Helton, versatile star of college World Series-bound Tennessee, rekindles memories of the late John Huffstetler, a Blount County native who helped propel the 1951 Vols to the championship finals.

Like Helton, Huffstetler could win a game from the pitcher's mound or with his bat. Huffstetler's 8-0 record in 1951 is still Tennessee's record single-season won-lost percentage. His .397 career batting average (1951-53) is No. 2 on Tennessee's all-time list.

Huffstetler, a 1949 graduate of Everett High, dominated the Southeastern Conference as a sophomore in 1951.

"John had a great year when we went to the college World Series in 1951," remembers teammate Bill Asbury of Alcoa. "He once got five straight hits off Georgia Tech's Chappell Rhino, and of course he had that great won-lost record that year."

Huffstetler's 1951 batting average against SEC foes was .455. His full-season average the next year was .429, still the third-best single-season average in Vol history.

"John's value to our 1951 team was comparable to Todd Helton's value to this year's Vols," Asbury said. When not playing first base, Helton is pitching.

Huffstetler was equally dominant during his high school years at Blount County's Everett High.

Jim Renfro was Maryville High's baseball coach during the years Huffstetler played at Everett. "He had a good fast ball," Renfro said. "I don't think we ever beat him."

Huffstetler was a left-hander with a good curve to go with his fast ball. His delivery was smooth, and his move to first base on the pickoff was deadly.

"He was so good that the (New York) Yankees offered him about \$20,000 to sign after his freshman year," Asbury said. But school and a degree were foremost in Huffstetler's mind, so he rejected the Yankees' offer.

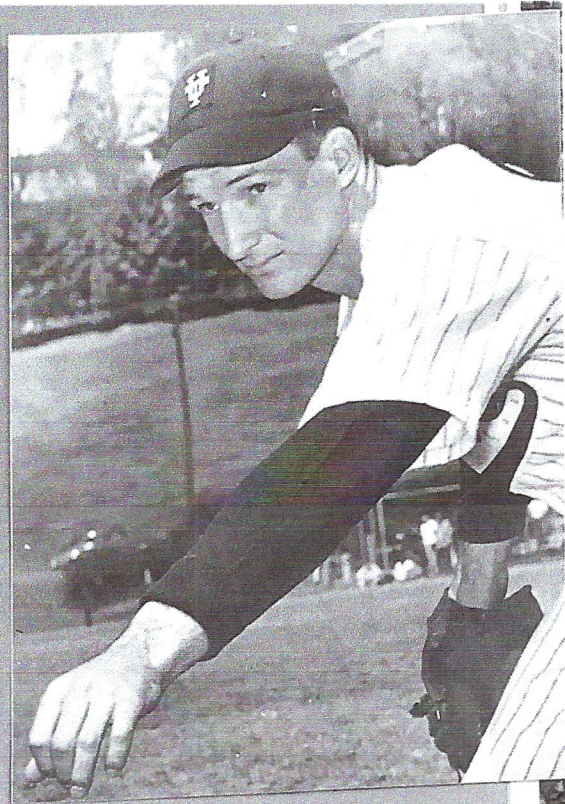
"John was a good student. He had about a 3.5 (of a possible 4.0) average," Asbury said.

After two great seasons his sophomore and junior years, an injury to Huffstetler's pitching arm took away his breaking ball. Consequently, he was used more as an outfielder his senior year at Tennessee.

John died of a massive heart attack in his 40s, but he lives vividly in the memory of his Vol teammates who four decades ago gave Tennessee baseball its brightest moment of glory.

■ Tennessee's 1951 starting lineup normally was Andy Anderson (c), Dale Powell or Sid Hatfield (1b), Herky Payne (2b), Watson Bell or Hatfield (ss), B.B. Hopkins (3b), Asbury (lf), Bert Rechichar (cf), Ace Adams (rf), and Huffstetler or team captain Billy Joe Bowman pitching. Other '51 Vol baseball lettermen were Julian Dease, Mike Overby and Billy Joe O'Kain Bowman recently retired from the Houston Astros' front-office and is moving to a spot near the Loudon-Blount County line Rechichar, soon to retire from his job with the City of Belle Vernon, Pa., plans to live in Tazewell, Tenn., his wife's hometown, and do plenty of hunting and fishing.

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Gilbert

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■ Five Vols, in addition to Huffstetler, batted .300 or better in 1951. Payne hit .354 with three home runs, including a grand slam. Rechichar batted .319 and led the team with four homers, one a grand slam. Other leading hitters were Asbury (.346), Anderson (.329) and Hopkins (.324). Bowman had a 5-1 pitching record; O'Kain was 3-0.

■ The '51 Vols, after a 16-1 SEC record, went to the World Series at Omaha and promptly lost to Utah 7-1 in the opener. But Tennessee

recovered to win four straight -- beating Princeton 3-2, Springfield 2-0, Southern Cal 9-3 and Utah 5-1. Then came the championship game against Oklahoma. The Vols lost 2-2. UT's Sid Hatfield was the tournament's most valuable player.

Bits of stone...

Most baseball fans may know that only one University of Tennessee team has ever played in the national Collegiate World Series finals at Omaha, Neb. And until 1995 a Tennessee team had never been back to the World Series.

A number of persons with Blount connections were on that 1951 team, including Bill Asbury, who has lived in Alcoa in recent years and played in the outfield. Bill is retired from the 134th Air Refueling Wing.

The mound ace was the late John Huffstetler, lefthander who pitched at Everett High and had an 8-0 record, along with righthanders Billy Joe O'Kain of Oak Ridge who was 3-0 and Billy Joe Bowman of Johnson City who was 5-1. Ace Adams of Athens, who later coached at McMinn High, was also a dependable pitcher who doubled as an outfielder.

Scholarships had not been offered in baseball at Tennessee in the past and it was common practice for football and basketball players to lend a hand to baseball. Footballers Herky Payne and Bert Rechichar, who later that year were prominent in helping UT win its only national football title, and basketballer Dale Powell gave a big hand. Powell played on a basketball team that beat Kentucky in a year it won the national championship!

However, for the first time ever, in 1951 most of the baseball players played baseball exclusively, a result of Gen. Robert R. Neyland's love for baseball. Neyland was one of Army's most illustrious pitchers during his West Point years and set a record for consecutive wins that stood for many years. In fact, he



Dean Stone

had to choose between a pro baseball career and the Army when he graduated.

On the 1951 team, Andy Anderson was catcher, Powell at first base, Julian Dease at second, Watson Bell at shortstop, B. B. Hopkins at third, and the outfield included Rechichar, Asbury and either Huffstetler or Adams with Sid Hatfield the top utility man. Payne played second base when he joined the team after spring football practice.

Huffstetler led hitting at .455 with Adams .370, Payne .351, Asbury .346, Anderson .329, Hopkins .324, and Rechichar .319. Bert led the team with four home runs and 23 runs batted in a 23-game season.

Huffstetler died about 1973 when he was 42 of a heart attack. Hatfield, lives in Knoxville and is also retired from the 134th; Hopkins lives in Oak Ridge and is retired from Martin Meredith and Bowman is retired from the Houston Astros organization and lives just across the line in Loudon County. Adams' granddaughter is Jody Adams who played on one of the recent national champion Lady Vols teams and is now an assistant coach for the Auburn Lady Tigers. Winning the Southeastern Confer-

ence title with a 16-1 record, the 1951 Vols lost only to Florida in the second game of the regular season. At Omaha, they lost their first round game to Utah, 7-1, moving into the losers bracket. They defeated Princeton, Springfield, and Southern Cal to get a second crack at Utah in the semifinals, winning, 5-4. However, they dropped the finals to Oklahoma, 3-2.

Because of his batting and work on the bases, Hatfield was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The 1951 team established a baseball identity for Tennessee, helped give it a permanent home at Hudson Field after many seasons playing in borrowed parks and left a goal which Rod Delmonico's teams may soon surpass.

As a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, early last Sunday morning, we had the privilege of presenting nine Sequoyah Literacy Awards for 1996 at the 11th annual state meeting of the Tennessee Association for Adult and Continuing Education at the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville.

We can think of no greater gift an average American can give than that of helping a fellow man or woman become literate. Many residents of this county who have given of their time and effort to teach others would readily agree.

Awards presented by others to the 600 members attending the breakfast included the Volunteer and the Learner of the Year Awards.

In the literacy category, Direct Service Awards went to Jewell Jennings of Lebanon, Dr. Juliet Merrifield of Knoxville, Bonnie Thomas of Maynardville, and Har-

vey R. Witherington of Covington.

The Administrative Service Awards were presented to Ossoli Circle of Knoxville and CKR Industries of Winchester.

Special Awards were presented Bill W. Harmon of Dunlap, Wanza Lee of Chattanooga, and Senator Andy Womack of Murfreesboro.

Each winner also received a plaque with Sequoyah's image on it. Sequoyah (1776-1843), soldier, statesman, and silversmith was most of all creator of the Cherokee syllabary (writing system) which enabled Cherokees to communicate easily with English-speaking peoples.

Sequoyah was born along the north bank of the Little Tennessee River (Tellico Lake) in what is now Monroe County, adjacent to southern Blount County.

In the late 1700s, the Cherokees decided to adopt ways of their white conquerors. In 1821, after 12 years of hard work, Sequoyah perfected a method of syllabary notation in which English stood for Cherokee syllables.

By 1828, the Cherokees were publishing their own newspaper and had adopted a written constitution and a code of laws. Sequoyah is honored in the scientific names for the redwood and the giant Sequoia trees in California.

The Cherokees have built a Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at Vonore, approximately 18 miles south of Maryville-Alcoa near the site of his birth.

Dean Stone is editor of The Times.

Vols' 1951 national finalist team will be honored 41 years later

By Nick Gates
News-Gazette sportswriter

Tennessee's only College World Series baseball representative will be honored this weekend in Knoxville.

The 1951 Vols, who lost 3-2 to Oklahoma in the NCAA championship game at Omaha, Neb., will receive plaques at a dinner at 7 tonight at Calhoun's on Neyland Drive.

They'll also be treated to a barbecue at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hudson Field prior to the first game of the Southeastern Conference doubleheader between Tennessee and Florida.

Third-year Vols coach Rod Delmonico and UT's Bullpen Club were the driving forces behind the event.

The '51 Vols went 16-1 in the SEC and won their first five games in the World Series. They

finished 20-3.

"We played six games in five days and ran out of pitching," UT All-American third baseman B.B. Hopkins said.

Sid Hatfield was named the most valuable player. Fourteen of 15 players on coach Cy Anderson's team plan to attend. Anderson and left-handed pitcher John Huffstetler will be honored posthumously.

The team: Hopkins, 3b; Bill Joe Bowman, p; Hatfield, ss-p; Billy Dodds, utility; Herky Payne, 2b; Dale Powell, 1b; Andy Anderson, c; Mike Overbey, c; Bert Rechichar, cf; Bill Asbury, cf; Ace Adams, rf; Watson Bell, ss-2b; Bill O'Kain, p; and Jim Gillespie, p. Amazingly, the team never received any recognition for its achievement.

"If we did, I don't remember it," Hopkins said. "Coach Delmonico is trying to build a base-

ball family, and he said there was no better place to start than by honoring us."

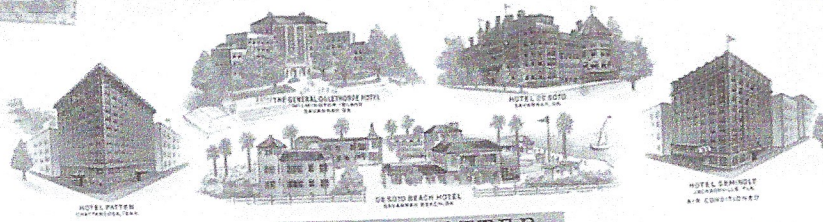
Hopkins never dreamed that 41 years later, the Vols have yet to return to Omaha.

"Absolutely not," he said. "Cy was fired (in 1952) by (athletic director Gen. Robert) Neyland and the program went down hill. It never got the support and went by the wayside."

Ten of the 15 players were from within the state — Hopkins and O'Kain from Oak Ridge; Asbury, Gillespie and Bell from Knoxville; Adams from Athens, Bowman from Johnson City, Dodds from Nashville, Overbey from Memphis and Huffstetler of Maryville.

The program was resurrected under coach Bill Wright, who won SEC East titles in 1966 and 1970.

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John Huffstetler Hurls 8-Hitter In Easy Victory

ATLANTA, April 16.—Freshman Billy Joe McClain smashed four hits today, including a brace of doubles, to back up the airtight hurling of Lefty Johnny Huffstetler and give the University of Tennessee Volunteers a 12-1 victory over Georgia Tech. They play again tomorrow afternoon.

McClain scored only once, but he batted in four tallies. After yielding a run in the first inning, Huffstetler was master of the situation the remainder of the game. He struck out eight and walked but one. It was his fourth win.

Billy Asbury, Huffstetler, Andy Anderson, Herkey Payne and Dickie Dyer each got two hits as the Vols combed the offerings of a pair of Tech hurlers for 16 hits.

George Malouf was the only Techman who could hit Huffstetler. The big Tech football and baseball star got three hits in four appearances.

Each team had a pair of double plays. After tomorrow's game the Vols go to Georgia for a pair with the Bulldogs.

Tennessee now has six wins and two losses in SEC play.

TENNESSEE	AB	R	H	O	A
Asbury, R	4	1	2	1	0
Huffstetler, L	4	0	8	1	0
McClain, J	4	1	4	1	0
Anderson, A	4	1	2	1	0
Payne, H	4	1	2	1	0
Dyer, D	4	1	2	1	0
Malouf, G	4	0	3	1	0
Totals	28	6	23	7	0

GEORGIA TECH	AB	R	H	O	A
Hudson, R	4	0	1	2	1
Malouf, G	4	1	3	1	0
Dyer, D	4	0	3	1	0
Malouf, G	4	0	3	1	0
Rhines, B	4	0	1	2	1
Brannon, B	4	0	1	2	1
Worth, C	4	0	1	2	1
Jayce, S	4	0	1	2	1
Holt, P	4	0	1	2	1
Young, P	4	0	1	2	1
Totals	36	1	16	12	4

Score by innings:
Tennessee..... 010 001 001—11
Georgia Tech..... 000 000 000—0

E. Rhines 2, Malouf 3, Brannon, RBI, Dyer, 2B, McClain 2, R. Asbury, Huffstetler, Jayce DP, Dyer to Payne to Huffstetler, Huffstetler to Payne to Dyer, Brannon to Malouf, Rhines to Dyer, Left, Tennessee 7, Georgia Tech 2. HR, Huffstetler 1, Holt 1, Young 2, 80, Huffstetler 2, Holt 2 in 2 1/2. Young 2B, 2-3 HR by Young, Huffstetler, Holt, Huffstetler, Dyer, Holt, U. Garner and Payne.

Vols' Long John Huffstetler Faces Duke in NCAA

BY BOB WHITSON
The SEC season opens Friday at 6:30 p. m. in the College of Florida meet in the arena at Gainesville, Fla.

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With Conference Title
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Huffstetler To Pitch and Play First Base

Blackstock, Frye To Share Catching Duty; Vols Play Wofford in Home Game March 27

Long John Huffstetler, Billy Blackstock and Ken Frye will see double duty for the Tennessee Vols' baseball team this season, Coach Bunzy O'Neil disclosed yesterday. Because of his hitting ability, Huffstetler, who has been Tennessee's outstanding pitcher for the past two seasons, will play first base when he is not on the mound.

Huffstetler, a southpaw flinger, who won five and lost one last season, also led the Vols at the plate with a .429 mark.

The big left-hander, who is expected to be grabbed by some major league club when he winds up his baseball career with the Vols, played the outfield when not pitching this season.

With no promising first basemen in camp, Coach O'Neil decided that Huffstetler would prove more valuable as a first baseman than an outfielder this year.

Back in School

The return of Blackstock was a real break for the Vols. Billy, who gave up football at U-T last year to devote his time to baseball, is also considered a major league prospect. He dropped out of school and played amateur baseball last summer.

Blackstock, a catcher by trade, can play most any position. He will share catching duties with Ken Frye, a freshman from Hickory, N. C. Billy will do the receiving when Huffstetler is on the mound, and Frye will play first base. When Frye is behind the plate, Blackstock will patrol left field.

In addition to Huffstetler, Coach O'Neil has two other promising left-hand pitchers in Bob Ridenour from Hall's High, and Don Ballew. He will also have three right handers, Don Williams, Harvey Stein and Ed Godzak.

Catchers Listed

Two other catchers on the squad are Bill McCord, a freshman from Almo, and Ed Given, a freshman from Ripley.

Billy Dedin, a junior from Nashville, is tabbed for second base. Buddy Archer, a freshman from

Kingsport, and Adrian Cox, a freshman from Winston-Salem, N. C., will battle it out for the shortstop post.

B. F. Hopkins, of Oak Ridge, who hit .269 last season, is back at third base. He attracted major league scouts as a high school player, and the big league ivory hunters have been on his trail ever since then.

Tony Muscicente, a freshman from Trenton, N. J., will share left field duties with Blackstock.

Rodney Reich, a hard-hitting freshman from Winston-Salem, is expected to enter school in time to take over the center field post.

Bill Davis, a freshman from Dyersburg, is due to play right field.

To Be Reserves

Don Bogott, a member of the U-T basketball team, and Gene Bentley, of Big Stone Gap, Va., who is expected to enroll for the spring term, will be outfield reserves.

Coach O'Neil announced that his probable starting lineup against Wofford College in the opening game at U-T field, March 27, likely will be:

Reich, cf; Hopkins, 3b; Huffstetler, lf; Davis, rf; Dodd, 2b; Blackstock, 1c; Archer, ss; Frye, c; and either Ridenour or Williams, p.

"Our batters have been working out for more than a month," said O'Neil. "Other members of the squad have been out for a couple of weeks. We've been able to get in a lot of training. Our boys should all be in good shape by the time we start taking on our Southeastern Conference opponents."

Johnny Huffstetler Stars In Minnesota

Johnny (Left) Huffstetler, former Everett High and Maryville CIO star pitcher and later a member of the strong University of Tennessee team, is currently starring with the New Ulm, Minn. semi-pro baseball team.

Huffstetler, along with Sid Hatfield and B. B. Hopkins of the U-T team went to Minnesota following the close of school to play semi-pro baseball and work during the summer months.

Since the trio joined the New Ulm team they have won five straight and Huffstetler has pitched four victories without a loss. In the first game he pitched seven innings and allowed four hits before he hurt his finger. New Ulm won, defeating a team which had shut them out 17-0 with a no-hitter early in the season. Huffstetler's finger is improving and he was continued to pitch.

In his second outing he beat league leading Fairmont, 8-3, striking out 13 men. All three runs were unearned.

In the third game he had a 14-0 shutout with two out in the last of the ninth when his opponents scored two runs.

Huffstetler pitched a 6-2 victory in his fourth game facing former major league star Rudy York three times. York rolled out to the infield twice and popped up once. The opposing pitcher in the game was Jack Britton, former Gastonia pitcher who was leading the Tri-State League with 11 wins and two losses when he left for Minnesota.

Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Huffstetler, Route 1, Maryville.

Johnny Huffstetler Signed By Smokies

Knox Signs Former Vol, Two Others

Johnny (Lefty) Huffstetler, who compiled an .800 pitching average and a .397 batting average against Southeastern Conference opposition in three years with the University of Tennessee Volunteers, has signed a contract with the Knoxville Smokies of the Tri-State League.

Huffstetler, a native of Blount County, also has been an outstanding performer in semi-pro circles for the past three years. His semi-pro baseball was played in a strong Dakota-Minnesota league. He finished his career at Tennessee with the 1953 season.

BOUGHT BY ATLANTA

The Blount Countian was signed by Manager Pat McGlothlin, the third young hurler obtained in this area. Huffstetler had been approached by several clubs, including the Atlanta Crackers.

It was reported the big left-hander has decided to make pitching his baseball future. At Tennessee he divided his time between the mound, first base and the outfield.

His first season was Huffstetler's best, defeating eight SEC foes. It was an undefeated season and it sent the Vols to their first chance for the NCAA national title. They won the District playoff and then went to the finals of the national tournament at Omaha.

The 1951 season also was the best for the former Vol at the plate. He got 15 hits in 33 times at bat in SEC games for an average of .455.

Huffstetler's senior year was his worst, breaking even in six SEC games. He also dropped off in hitting, but still had a healthy .344 average. In 1952 won five games and lost one and turned in a .429 batting mark.

TWO OTHERS SIGN

Two other players were signed yesterday by the Smokies, including Shirley Burgin, former star for Powell High School, who is now enrolled at UT.

Burgin is regarded as an excellent prospect as an infielder. The contract of shortstop James Hensley has been purchased from Big Stone Gap of the Mountain States League. Hensley was one of the top performers for Big Stone last season.

Nothing has been decided as yet in regard to the spring training base for the Smokies. It is believed the Smokies will train at Fitzgerald, Ga. to be near the Cincinnati minor league base at Douglas, Ga. The Reds have promised player help to the Smokies.

Work also is progressing on the new sports stadium and it is believed everything will be in readiness for the opening of the Tri-State League season on April 19.



IMPRESSES—John Huffstetler (above) is being counted on by Manager Pat McGlothlin as a starting pitcher when the Knoxville Smokies open their 1954 baseball campaign. The former UT Vol has been impressive in all drills at the Smokies' Douglas, Ga. base.



JOHN HUFFSTETLER
Signs with Smokies



SHIRLEY BURGIN
Smokies pro career

Smokies Get Three Area Boys

John Huffstetler Signs as Hurler

By BOB WILSON

Lefty John Huffstetler, former University of Tennessee star southpaw pitcher, and two other promising prospects have been signed by the Knoxville Smokies, Manager Pat McGlothlin announced last night.

The others are Shirley Burgin, former Powell High School baseball and football star, and James Hensley, a shortstop, who played for Big Stone Gap of the Mountain States League last season. Huffstetler, who wound up a brilliant college career at UT last season, was considered a major league prospect by the Brooklyn Dodgers two seasons ago. They took him to Brooklyn during the summer and had him work out at Ebbets Field for a week. However, Huffstetler elected to finish his college career before taking a fling at pro ball.

Played In Semi-Pro Loop

After the close of the UT season last year, Huffstetler pitched for an outstanding semi-pro team in South Dakota.

In 1951, his sophomore year, Huffstetler won 8 and lost 10 in Southeastern Conference competition. He hit .455. In 1952, he won 5 and lost 1 in SEC games, and batted .429. Last year he won 3 and lost 2 and hit .344. He was named to the All-SEC team 3 straight years.

May Play First Base

Because of his batting prowess, there is a possibility that the big southpaw hurler may be given a trial at first base.

"Huffstetler has had considerable experience in high school college and pitching for seven semi-pro teams," said McGlothlin. "I see no reason why he shouldn't make us a valuable mound man."

Burgin, who is considered one of the finest young athletes ever produced at Powell High, was granted a U-T football scholarship. However, he dropped out of school and has elected to pursue a baseball career.

Played With Puss Hodge

He has gained a lot of valuable baseball knowledge as a result of forming a key strategic situation with Burton (E. Hodge), a former major Southern Association second baseman. They played together on a strong semi-pro team.

"McGlothlin said Hensley's tract was purchased from Big Stone Gap team."

"Though he was a shortstop for Big Stone, we plan converting him into an outfielder because of his hitting," said McGlothlin. "He hit 29 home runs last season, batted in 123, and finished the season with a .364 batting mark."

McGlothlin said he and Smokies owners are dictating some major league club's minor league players.

Grading work on the playing field and erection of lights remain the major tasks in completing the park. Installation of seats may be started this week. The infield will be sodded while the outfield will be seeded. McGlothlin said it is possible that Hensley may be shifted to the outfield. "One major league official told me Hensley had the possibilities of developing into an excellent outfielder," the Smoky skipper said. "The boy has tremendous batting power." Last year at Big Stone, Hensley a product of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, hit 26 home runs and had 136 runs batted in while averaging a .325 batting average.

John Huffstetler Bats And Hurls Vols To 5-4 Win

By ED HARRIS
(Journal Sports Editor)

Johnny Huffstetler, still favoring a game leg, gave a superb demonstration of pitching and batting perfection yesterday to give the University of Tennessee a 5-4 victory over Georgia Tech in a marathon contest.

Huffstetler pitched nine scoreless innings in relief, got five hits in five times at bat, and scored the winning run to break up the season's longest game, 15 thrill-packed innings.

Tennessee used the same formula yesterday that paid off the day before. They got airtight relief pitching and waited until B. B. Hopkins could push across the clincher. The day before Hopkins did it with a home run. He had to wait yesterday until his eighth appearance before drilling a double to right-center that enabled Huffstetler to hobble across with the winning tally.

RHINO IS TECH STAR

Chappell Rhino, Tech's great safety man for the undefeated '52 team, hurled the complete game for Tech and won the plaudits of the 1000 by the manner in which he got out of trouble time after time. Rhino relied on control and a curve to get out of trouble.

Spectacular play was turned in by both teams. First Baseman Vaughan Dyer, of Tech, reached the rightfield fence and Bert Rechichar got out of trouble in the 15th inning to smag Anderson's pop. It was an almost unbelievable play.

Tennessee turned in what must be a record number of assists. They had 29 for the afternoon with Hopkins and Huffstetler leading in this department with seven and six. Two of those by Huffstetler were on pick off plays.

NO HARD HITTING

The Vols could get but one extra base hit off Rhino, the winner by Hopkins. However, Huffstetler easily could have pitched singles into doublets had he been able to run. As it was, five-for-five was tops for the day. Many of the Vol hits were of the infield variety.

Catcher Andy Anderson complained with Harty Payne and Bert Rechichar to save the game in the seventh. Bobby Hudson slapped a fast ball over Rechichar's head in centerfield. Bert recovered rapidly, tossed to Payne who made a clothes line throw to Anderson at the plate. Andy blocked home and scored Hudson in a rough and tumble play.

Starter Don Williams' wildness gave Tech a run in the first inning. Four bases on balls accounted for the run.

The Vols tied it in their turn. Billy Asbury singled. Asbury moved to second and Sid Hatfield was safe on Shortstop Charles Brannon's error. Hopkins forced Asbury at third. Billy Joe McClain singled Hatfield home.

Things rocked along until the fifth when Tech pushed across three more runs and appeared to be well out front. Dyer, given a life when a foul tip was dropped, was given another life when Payne made a low throw on a slow roller. Dyer was moved up on a sacrifice. Louis Andrews singled Dyer home. Brannon singled and was forced at second by Hudson. A passed ball and single by Frank Marmon sent two men across.

Huffstetler, Hopkins Keep Vols In Battle For '52 SEC Pennant

By ED HARRIS
(Journal Sports Editor)

Things haven't gone according to Tennessee's baseball battle plans, but a pair of Cy Anderson's cripples are doing all right for themselves. The Vols, loser of but one game last year, have dropped four of nine SEC games up to date, but the crippled pair—Johnny Huffstetler and B. B. Hopkins—are doing amazing things.

Lefty Huffstetler, it's true, did lose his first SEC game this Spring, but the Blount Countian has been nursing a game leg that has prevented the usual pitching control. The injury also has prevented Johnny Payne from getting power from his hitting.

But the pulled leg muscle has not done anything to Huffstetler's eye. The lefty has hit safely on 11 of 15 trips to the plate and holds a .733 average.

Hopkins, the smooth fielding third baseman, never was a power hitter. At least that's what the major league scouts said who have been camping at Hopkins' door. This year Hopkins has 15 hits to lead the Vols in this department. But, the remarkable thing is that nine of the 15 have been for extra bases—six doubles, two triples and a home run. He also has nine runs batted in—a tie for high in this field.

The infielder also has a pulled leg muscle and it is not known when he will be able to run without pain.

Although he is batting at a .400 clip, Bert Rechichar is not getting the extra base hits that started SEC pitchers last year. In nine games to date Bert has

Huffstetler his only SEC loss.

Capt. Billy Joe Bowman is the only other hurler with victories this season. He, too, has been bothered with a leg injury, but has 2 wins.

Pitching records:

Player	IP	H	R	SO	ERA
Huffstetler	20 1/2	25	2	26	1.1
Bowman	21 1/2	28	12	14	1.4
McClain	15 1/2	20	21	4	1.1
O'Keefe	7 1/2	4	4	2	1.1
Williams	9 1/2	11	8	8	1.1

They will have to win today on a series that will determine whether they will remain in the chase for their second successive SEC pennant. They play two with Georgia Tech and another pair with Georgia.

They will have to do without the services of Don Williams, hurler who only recently got over an arm injury. Williams suffered a cut finger on his pitching hand yesterday. A razor blade that had fallen in a wash basin caused the damage.

Tennessee's offensive record:

Player	Pos	AB	R	H	HR	RAV
Huffstetler, p	15	3	11	6	.733
O'Keefe, p	2	1	1	0	.500
McClain, inf	28	6	11	2	.423
Rechichar, of	35	7	14	2	.400
Hopkins, 3b	52	4	15	9	.377
Payne, 2b	38	8	12	2	.333
Anderson, c	26	6	12	0	.317
Dobbs, ss	24	2	8	2	.334
Powers, of	4	1	1	1	.250
Hatfield, 1b	37	7	11	6	.319
Asbury, of	49	0	1	4	.173
Williams, p	0	0	1	0	.167
Bowman, p	2	2	1	0	.143
Blackstock, ss	5	1	0	0	.000
Dyer, ss	5	0	0	0	.000

Huffstetler not only is Tennessee's leading hitter, but he also is the leading hurler in victories and innings pitched. "Huff" has hurled 30 2/3 innings, allowed 25 hits and won three while losing one. A pair of infield singles, an error and an outfield fly handed

KNOT COUNT

It was the following frame before the Vols knotted the count. Anderson singled and went to second when Rightfielder Andrews kicked the ball. Rechichar got an infield hit to deep short. Anderson tried to move to third and was an easy out. Payne and Blackstock got bases on balls and Huffstetler came to the game. He singled off Second Baseman Bob McCaulley's glove, two runs coming across.

That was all of the scoring until the 15th.

In that frame Huffstetler broke off with his fifth successive hit. Asbury rolled to the infield and Huffstetler was safe at second when Brannon dropped the throw. Hatfield popped out and Hopkins came up. He lined the first pitch to deep right-center and that was the ball game.

GA. TECH AB R H PO A

Brannon, 2b	.....	4	0	2	2
McCaulley, 2b	.....	5	1	2	2
Malone, 3b	.....	4	0	1	0
Dyer, 1b	.....	5	1	0	15
Williams, 2b	.....	3	0	1	0
Andrews, 2b	.....	4	1	1	0
Payne, 2b	.....	5	0	1	0
Hudson, 2b	.....	6	0	1	6
Marmon, c	.....	6	0	2	4
Hudson, of	.....	0	0	0	0
Joyce, c	.....	1	0	0	0
Totals	.....	47	4	11	24

TENNESSEE AB R H PO A

Asbury, of	.....	2	0	1	0
Hatfield, 1b	.....	2	0	1	4
McClain, 2b	.....	2	0	1	0
Anderson, c	.....	2	0	1	0
Rechichar, of	.....	1	1	2	2
Payne, 2b	.....	1	1	4	2
Blackstock, ss	.....	4	0	0	4
Dobbs, ss	.....	1	0	0	8
Williams, p	.....	1	0	0	0
Huffstetler, p	.....	1	5	0	0
Totals	.....	25	3	17	42

Two out when winning run scored. Dyer on Marmon in thirteenth. Hit out for Blackstock in twelfth. Williams awarded base on catcher's interference.

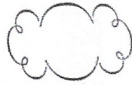
Score by innings:

GA. Tech	.....	100	000	000	000	001	0
Tennessee	.....	100	000	000	000	001	0

Errors: Brannon 2. Blackstock 2. Payne McCaulley. Dyer. Andrews runs batted in. Rhoads. Dyer. Marmon 2. base hit. Hopkins. Dyer. Hopkins two. Hudson stolen base. Payne sacrifice. Dyer. Rhoads. Rhoads. Huffstetler. Blackstock. to Hatfield. left on base. GA. Tech 16. Tennessee 17. base on balls off Williams to Rhoads. Brannon strikeouts by Williams 5. Rhoads. Huffstetler hit. off Williams. base for 4 runs in 6 innings. off Huffstetler 6 hits for 60 runs in 9. 11 by Marmon. McClain by Rhoads. passed ball. Marmon. Anderson. runner. Marmon. Rhoads. runner. Marmon. Marmon. time of game: 3:22.

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PRESIDENT

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All-State Player

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PRESIDENT

17th Beats 31st In 7th Div. Play

HQ., U.S. 7TH ARMY DIV., Korea—John Huffstetler powered a grand slam homer in the eighth inning to shatter a 2-3 deadlock and gave his 17th Inf. team a 7-3 victory over the 31st Inf. Beareats in 7th Div. baseball here.

The victory left 17th Inf. on top of the league standings with a 2-0 record and studded the 31st down to fourth place with an even 2-2 mark.

Special Troops nudged winless DivArty 6-5 to slip into a second spot tie with idle 32nd Inf. Both now hold 2-1 records.

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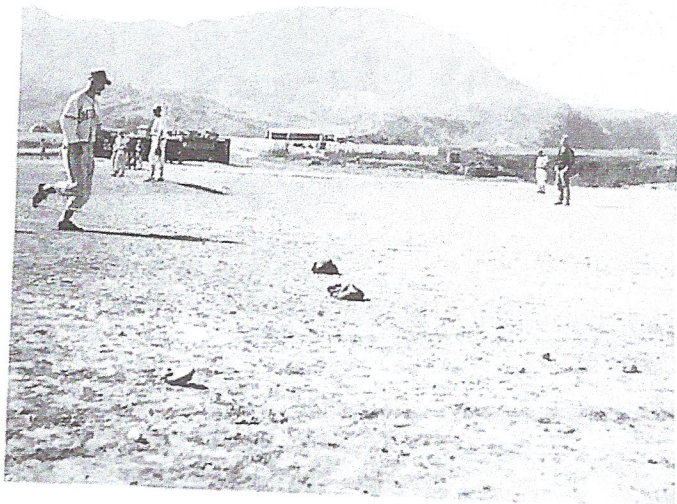
John Huffstetler Paces 7th Division Baseball League

John Huffstetler, former U-T baseball player now with the Army in Korea, is setting the 7th Division Baseball League on fire with a sparkling .591 batting average.

The 6-foot three-inch first sacker has collected 42 hits in division competition, 18 of them for extra bases. In his biggest game recently, "Huff" belted six hits in seven trips to the plate, including two homers and a double.

He was voted captain of his Buffalo Regiment team, has a sure grip on the division batting title, and is a good bet for "most Valuable Player" award. He started the season as a pitcher, but his hitting was so good his coach moved him to first base.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huffstetler, Rt. 7, Maryville.



"Orange & white" Steve Williams 1973
Remember When...

Although it has been over two decades, the thrills and excitement generated on the University of Tennessee campus in the Spring of 1951 by the Volunteer baseball team has not been forgotten.

Many can still remember how Tennessee fought its way through a tough Southeastern Conference crowd of competitors to nail down the lone league championship in the school's history. The 1951 Vols set a record for the most conference wins in one season, losing their second game of the year and then ripping off 15 straight wins for a 16-1 record.

COACH S. W. "CY" Anderson's wearers of the proud Orange and White, and representative of the SEC, advanced to the NCAA's College World Series at Omaha, Neb., where the team finished as the nation's runnerup, losing to Oklahoma 3-2 in the championship game. Tennessee lost to Utah 7-1 in its first round appearance and then bounced back for triumphs over Princeton, Springfield, Southern California and Utah to gain the finals.

The memories of those who were fortunate enough to watch what has been called the greatest Vol baseball team of all times are immediately thrown back 20 years and donned with the action of power hitting and strong pitching when names of the 1951 gang are mentioned. Such names as John Huffstetler, Ace Adams, Berkly Payne, Bill Asbury, Anny Anderson, B. B. Hopkins, Bert Rechichar, Watson Bell, Sid Hatfield, Julian Dease, Dale Powell, Billy Joe O'Lain and Billy Joe Bowman.

Huffstetler, twice an All-SEC first team performer, led the team in hitting with a .455 average and while he wasn't playing in the outfield, he mustered a perfect 8-0 record from the mound. Centerfielder Rechichar was a defensive standout and strongest slugger of the bunch, walloping four home runs and three triples for a .319 average.



John Huffstetler
One of the Gang

ANDERSON, THE CATCHER, protected homeplate with authority and was an offensive threat with the bat, hitting .329. Hopkins, who two years later was to become Tennessee's first All-American baseballer, played third base and hit .324. as a sophomore.

This 1951 Tennessee baseball team, whose overall effort of 25-4 (.862) ranks as the SEC's top record ever in its 37-year history, came closer than any Southeastern Conference team ever has in capturing the national championship.

It has gone down in the annals of collegiate baseball as one of the greatest teams of all times. And the thrills and excitement it generated on the University of Tennessee campus in the Spring of 1951 will never be forgotten.



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Andy Kelly (born June 6, 1968) is a former American football quarterback in the Arena Football League (AFL). He played in the AFL for fifteen seasons for a total of eight different teams. He also played for two seasons for the Rhein Fire of the former World League of American Football. He played college football at the University of Tennessee from 1988 to 1991.

Early years

Kelly attended Rhea County High School in Evensville, Tennessee.[1] As a member of the Golden Eagles high school football team, he won Gatorade All-America honors in football as a senior.[2]

College career

Kelly was a successful collegiate quarterback at the University of Tennessee from 1988–1991 under head coach Johnny Majors.[3] He took over as a starter for Sterling Henton in the 1989 SEC rivalry game against the Alabama Crimson Tide.[4] He became part of Tennessee football lore as part of team that accomplished a 35–34 victory at Notre Dame, later dubbed as "The Miracle at South Bend". The Vols trailed at one point 31–7 before Kelly helped instrument a comeback to beat the Fighting Irish.[5] He set numerous Tennessee and SEC passing records, most of them broken by his later successor at Tennessee, Peyton Manning.

College career statistics

NCAA collegiate career statistics

Tennessee Volunteers

Season Passing Rushing

Season	Comp	Att	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int	QB Rating	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	
1988	15	25	98	60.0	0	0	92.9	9	-15	-1.7	0	
1989	92	156	1,299	59.0	7	9	132.2	32	-33	-1.0	0	
1990	179	304	2,241	58.9	14	14	126.8	38	18	0.5	0	
1991	228	361	2,759	63.2	15	15	132.8	57	60	1.1	3	
NCAA Career Totals			514	846	6,397	60.8	36	38	129.3	136	30	0.2

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Professional career

Kelly's predominant professional football career was as an Arena Football League quarterback, playing some of his career with the New Orleans VooDoo, for whom he played for in 2005 and 2007, and which was the last team for which he actively appeared as a player.[7] He previously played for the Charlotte Rage (1993, 1995–96), Nashville Kats (1997–2001), Dallas Desperados (2002), Detroit Fury (2003–2004), Kansas City Brigade (2006), and Utah Blaze (2006). At the end of the 2006 season, he held several all-time AFL career records, including touchdown passes (767), passing yards (39,948), pass attempts (5,827), pass completions (3,621), and interceptions (155).

On Friday, April 27, 2007, in a 72–57 home loss to their division-mate, the Georgia Force, Kelly joined Aaron Garcia, Clint Dolezel, and Sherdrick Bonner as the only quarterbacks in professional football history to throw for over 800 career touchdowns.[8]

On December 6, 2007, Kelly was named the head coach of the proposed new All American Football League's Tennessee team.[9] However, the league suspended operations March 12, 2008 (permanently, as things later developed, although only a delay was announced at the time), and Kelly signed with the Georgia Force two weeks later on March 26, 2008, but never actually participated in any games as an active player for the Force.[10] Kelly retired as an Arena Football player following the 2008 season and currently serves as a commentator on Tennessee Volunteers football radio broadcasts.

In June 2013, Kelly was nominated for the Arena Football Hall of Fame.[11]

AFL statistics

Year	Comp.	Att.	Comp%	Yards	TD's	INT's	Rating
1993	178	332	53.6	2,139	34	15	80.3
1995	95	166	57.2	1,004	16	8	78.9
1996	58	94	61.7	671	8	1	100
1997	309	497	62.2	3,821	82	14	113.7
1998	315	518	60.8	3,537	73	12	106.7
1999	324	501	64.7	3,609	67	11	110.2
2000	283	429	66	3,107	55	10	109.5
2001	230	382	60.2	2,699	47	7	104.8
2002	319	511	62.4	3,295	73	16	105.4
2003	392	654	59.9	3,967	92	20	99.7

2004	360	587	61.3	4,184	73	12	105.4	
2005	466	700	66.6	4,657	96	12	112.4	
2006 (Utah)	115	162	71	1,402	27	4	126.5	
2006 (Kansas City)		177	294	60.2	1,856	24	13	80.5
2007	265	397	66.8	2,571	42	9	101.7	
Career	3,886	6,224	62.4	42,519	809	164	104	

Personal life

After his professional football career, Kelly became a full-time insurance agent for State Farm.[12]



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Jamal Lewis (born August 26, 1979) is an American former professional football player who was a running back in the National Football League (NFL) for the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns. He was selected by the Ravens with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. He played college football at Tennessee. After spending his first seven seasons with the Ravens, Lewis signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns prior to the 2007 season and retired after the 2009 season.

Lewis is best known for his career as a Raven, where he contributed to the team winning Super Bowl XXXV as a rookie. Lewis is also known for his outstanding 2003 season, where he rushed for 2,066 yards (third-most all-time, behind Eric Dickerson and Adrian Peterson) and was named AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year. That same year, Lewis also rushed for 295 yards in one game, which was the single-game record until Adrian Peterson rushed for 296 yards in 2007 against the San Diego Chargers. Lewis was inducted into the Ravens' Ring of Honor on September 27, 2012.

Early years

Lewis attended Douglass High School in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a letterman in football and track.[1] Lewis was rated as the top running back prospect in the nation by Super Prep. Prep Star rated him as the No. 2 southern RB. Lewis rushed for 25 touchdowns as a senior and earned AAAA All-State and All-City honors. He was named MVP of the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game, with 137 yards on 11 carries, for a 12.4 average, and two touchdowns. Lewis gained 1,923 yards and scored 28 touchdowns as a junior and 1,240 yards and 15 touchdowns as a sophomore. In his three years as a starter, he rushed for a school-record 4,879 yards and 68 touchdowns, plus had a 9.7-yard average per carry.[citation needed] While at Douglass, Lewis converted from a fullback to the starting running back.

In track & field, Lewis was a standout sprinter. He got personal-best times of 10.84 seconds in the 100 meters and 22.04 seconds in the 200 meters. He was also a member of the 4 × 100 m (42.14s) relay squad.[2]

College career

As a freshman at Tennessee in 1997, Lewis rushed for 1,364 yards and seven touchdowns. For his efforts, he was named first team Freshman All-America by The Sporting News and second-team All-SEC by the Associated Press. In the 1997 season, quarterback Peyton Manning caught a 10-yard pass from Lewis against Arkansas.[3] In 1998, Lewis suffered a torn lateral collateral ligament in his right knee and missed the rest of the season. In his three-year career at the University of Tennessee, Lewis rushed for 2,677 yards and accounted for 3,161 all-purpose. Lewis ranks fifth on the university's list of all-time rushers and fourth in all-purpose yards. He was an arts and science major while at the University of Tennessee.

College statistics

Season	Team	GP	Rushing		Receiving					
			Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	
1997	Tennessee		12	232	1,364	5.9	7	23	266	2
1998	Tennessee		5	73	497	6.8	3	1	16	1
1999	Tennessee		10	182	816	4.5	7	15	193	1
College Totals[4]			27	487	2,677	5.5	17	39	475	4

Professional career

Baltimore Ravens

Regarded as the best available tailback alongside Thomas Jones, Lewis was drafted in the first round with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens.[5] In his rookie season, he rushed for over 1,300 yards, supplanting Priest Holmes as the team's starting running back. On November 19, Lewis became the youngest player since 1960 to record 200 yards from scrimmage (21 years, 82 days).[citation needed] The Ravens' running game and punishing defense earned them their first World Championship when they defeated the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV. Lewis rushed for 103 yards and scored a touchdown in the game, becoming only the second rookie ever to rush for over 100 yards in a Super Bowl and the youngest player to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl (21).

Lewis missed his sophomore year due to a knee injury he sustained in training camp. Lewis's injury weakened the Ravens running game for much of the season.

In the 2003 season, Lewis led the NFL in rushing with 2,066 yards, falling just 40 yards short of officially breaking the all-time single-season rushing record, which remains Eric Dickerson's 2,105 record-breaking yards in 1984. Lewis joined Dickerson, Terrell Davis, Barry Sanders, and O. J. Simpson as the only backs in the 2,000 rushing yards club. In 2009, Chris Johnson of the Tennessee Titans would also surpass the 2,000-yard mark by rushing for 2,006 yards. In 2012, Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings finished with 2,097 rushing yards, the second-most ever for a running back in a single season. In 2020, Derrick Henry of the Tennessee Titans surpassed the 2,000-yard mark as well by rushing for 2,027 yards.

On September 14, 2003, Lewis broke Corey Dillon's single-game rushing record of 278 yards by running for 295 yards against the Cleveland Browns.[6] Lewis was rewarded by being named NFL Offensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. Lewis's single-game rushing record was later broken by Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings on November 4, 2007, when he ran for 296 yards against the San Diego Chargers.

After the 2005 season, the Ravens declined to place the franchise tag on Lewis, making him an unrestricted free agent after the end of the season. This move was seen by many as a formality in letting Lewis move to another team. Popular speculation blamed Lewis' steadily declining performance since the 2003 season. Lewis had also voiced displeasure during the 2005 season over the team's failure to sign him to a long term deal. Despite these events, the Ravens re-signed Lewis on March 13, 2006 with a three-year deal,[7] despite having signed former Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson, who was widely thought to be Lewis' replacement. On November 19, 2006, Lewis rushed for a season-high three touchdowns against the Atlanta Falcons. He ended the season rushing for 1,132 yards and nine touchdowns. On February 28, 2007, the Ravens announced that they released Lewis. However, general manager Ozzie Newsome pointed out that they hoped to re-sign him,[8] but that changed on March 7, 2007, when Lewis signed a contract with the Cleveland Browns.

Cleveland Browns

After joining the Browns, Lewis became the team's starting running back. Lewis had his first career 1,300+ yard season since 2003 in his first season with the Browns, rushing for 1,304 yards and nine touchdowns.

On November 8, 2008, The Plain Dealer reported that Lewis was dissatisfied with the performance of his teammates in the Browns' recent loss to the Denver Broncos. Lewis stated, "This is the NFL, you can't call it quits until the game is over." Lewis went on to say "it looks to me like some people called it quits before that. Denver was down, but they didn't call it quits. They kept their heads up and they finished. We didn't do that two weeks in a row - at home." Without naming names, Lewis said: "Some people need to check their egos at the door and find some heart to come out here and play hard. This is a man's game. The way we went out there and played two weeks in a row, finishing the same kind of way, it's not there. I think there are some men around here that need to check themselves, straight up. That's it." On November 2, 2009, Lewis announced he would retire after the 2009 season.[9] Late in the 2009 season, Lewis was placed on injured reserve, ending his season. On February 17, 2010, the Browns released Lewis. Lewis did not sign with another NFL team after his release from the Browns.

Lewis during the Cleveland Browns 33-30 OT win over the Baltimore Ravens on November 18, 2007

NFL career statistics

Legend

AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year

Won the Super Bowl

Led the league

Bold Career high

Regular season

Year	Team	Games	Rushing	Receiving									
GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD		
2000	BAL 0	16	13	309	1,364	4.4	45	6	27	296	11.0	45	
2001	BAL	0	0	Did not play due to injury									
2002	BAL 1	16	15	308	1,327	4.3	75	6	47	442	9.4	77	
2003	BAL 0	16	16	387	2,066	5.3	82	14	26	205	7.9	26	
2004	BAL 0	12	12	235	1,006	4.3	75	7	10	116	11.6	46	
2005	BAL 1	15	15	269	906	3.4	25	3	32	191	6.0	15	
2006	BAL 0	16	16	314	1,132	3.6	52	9	18	115	6.4	15	
2007	CLE 2	15	15	298	1,304	4.4	66	9	30	248	8.3	34	
2008	CLE 0	16	16	279	1,002	3.6	29	4	23	178	7.7	18	
2009	CLE 0	9	8	143	500	3.5	18	0	8	88	11.0	19	
Career	131	126	2,542	10,607	4.2	82	58	221	1,879	8.5	77	4	

Postseason

Year	Team	Games	Rushing	Receiving									
GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD		
2000	BAL 0	4	3	103	338	3.3	27	4	5	40	8.0	15	
2003	BAL 0	1	1	14	35	2.5	8	0	2	4	2.0	6	

2006	BAL	1	1	13	53	4.1	18	0	3	24	8.0	13
	0											
Career	6	5	130	426	3.3	27	4	10	68	6.8	15	0

Personal life

In February 2004, it surfaced that Lewis had been involved in talks about a drug deal. Lewis was charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the first count.[10] Lewis reached a plea agreement with prosecutors in October 2004 and ultimately, Lewis was sentenced in January 2005 to four months in federal prison.[11] He was released on August 2, 2005.[12]

On October 31, 2011, Regions Bank filed suit against Lewis over an unpaid \$660,000 loan.[13]

In January 2015, Lewis began working as the Vice President of Business and Development for Metro Exhibits, a trade show exhibits company.[14]

On February 8, 2015, a championship ring from Super Bowl XLVII that Lewis had owned was sold at auction for more than \$50,000. Lewis had received the ring from Baltimore Ravens owner Stephen Bisciotti in honor of his status as one of the all-time great Ravens players. According to the Ravens organization, Lewis sold the ring due to financial difficulties.[15][16]

A 2018 Bleacher Report profile detailed Lewis' post-NFL life, noting that he suffers from the post-traumatic effects of concussions. He is currently the President of Southeast Exhibits and Metro Retail Solutions for Metro Exhibits.[17]



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Leonard Antonio Little (born October 19, 1974) is a former American football defensive end for the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League (NFL). Little played college football for the University of Tennessee, and was recognized as an All-American. He was drafted by the Rams in the third round of the 1998 NFL Draft, and played his entire twelve-year professional career with them. Despite a relatively accomplished NFL career, Little is perhaps most remembered for killing a woman in a drunk driving accident in 1998.[1]

Early years

Little attended Asheville High School in Asheville, North Carolina, where he played both linebacker and wide receiver. At AHS, he was a three-year starter. For his senior year, Little was named a Super Prep, Blue Chip, Prep Football Report as well as a First-team All-American. In November 2005, his high school retired his #30 jersey.[2]

College career

Little played a single season at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas, before going to play three seasons at University of Tennessee, where he started every game at Middle Linebacker[3] during his senior season, leading the team in tackles (87) and sacks (8.5). He was first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference in his senior season. He appeared in the first seven games of his junior season at defensive end, tallying 33 tackles, 8.5 sacks, and five tackles for losses, also blocking one field goal and forcing four fumbles. As a sophomore, he started every game at left defensive end and recorded 62 tackles and a career-high eleven sacks. Little graduated from Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in psychology. [4]

Professional career

Pre-draft

Little measured 6-3½, 237 pounds and ran the 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds.[5] Little was expected to be a first-round draft choice, but his "in-between" size left teams not sure if he would be a linebacker or a defensive end in the NFL.[6]

St. Louis Rams

The St. Louis Rams picked Leonard Little as the 4th pick in the 3rd round of the 1998 NFL Draft, the 65th overall pick. The Rams made a last moment trade to the 65th pick on concerns that the Steelers would take Little with the 66th pick. When Rams coach Dick Vermeil called, Little was being congratulated by Bill Cowher, the Pittsburgh coach, on being drafted by the Steelers.[7]

He signed a 3-year, \$1.2 million contract on July 2, 1998, with a \$400,000 signing bonus. Little began his NFL career as a linebacker, donning uniform number 57. As a gunner on kickoff and punt coverage Little made eight tackles. He was inactive for four games before being placed on the non-football injury list due to legal issues surrounding his drunk driving crash.

The NFL suspended Little for 8 games of the 1999 season. The suspension cost Little \$125,000, half his seasonal salary. He returned to the Rams at mid-season and performed mostly on special teams with a season-high four special teams tackles vs. the New York Giants on December 19, 1999, ending the season with nine special teams tackles. He also would spell Rams defensive ends Kevin Carter and Grant Wistrom and was in the game for Wistrom for the play known as "The Tackle" in Super Bowl XXXIV.

In 2000, he played at the defensive end position, coming into games to play left defensive end in passing situations, with starting end Kevin Carter "reducing" down to left defensive tackle. He also spelled right defensive end Grant Wistrom. Little added 20 pounds with weight training and extra eating to help him make the switch and in that role Little had 5 sacks and totaled 17 tackles.[8] He also had 18 tackles on special teams in 2000.

On April 24, 2001, Leonard Little agreed to a one-year tender offer of \$512,000, the minimum level for a restricted free agent.[9] That season, he changed his jersey number to 91 and was a pass-rush specialist for the NFC champion Rams. Little would enter games in passing situations in place of starting left defensive end Chidi Ahanotu. In that role, Little led the Rams with 14.5 sacks, 3rd in the NFL. Little had nine tackles (five solo), three QB pressures, and one sack in Super Bowl XXXVI. On the first play of the New England Patriot game-winning drive Little brushed the ball but could not dislodge it from Tom Brady, who kept the drive alive by completing a short pass.[10] Little also continued his role as a special teamer, making 11 tackles.

On March 4, 2002, Little signed a five-year \$17.5 million contract. That year Little earned the starting left defensive end job and performed very well, despite the fact he was considered small for a "base" defensive end in the NFL. He played the run well and upgraded his play against the pass as well. Rams defensive line coach Bill Kollar said, "He's become an every-down player, he's doing a good job in the running game, and his pass rush is better.[11] He recorded 12 sacks (6th most in the NFL) and a franchise-record nine forced fumbles for the season (surpassing Deacon Jones's six in 1968). Little's ability to strip quarterbacks of the ball was noted by Sports Illustrated's Paul Zimmerman who picked Little as the "best in the business to go for the strip".[10] He played notably in the season finale against the San Francisco 49ers by recording nine tackles (five solo), one QB pressure, a season-high 2 sacks, and a career-high three forced fumbles.

The following year, he was named an All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection; he had 12.5 sacks, third in the NFC (fourth in the NFL), six forced fumbles and an interception. Against the Minnesota Vikings on November 30, 2003, Little had eight tackles (six solo), a career-best four sacks, three QB pressures, and two forced fumbles. Vikings offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said that Little "wrecked the game plan, just wrecked it." In addition to the four sacks, Viking offensive right tackles were called for four penalties attempting to block Little. For his efforts Little was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week.

In 2004, Little started all 16 games and recorded just 7 sacks, however, the down year was attributable to being double-teamed or "chip-blocked" on the majority of passing downs. "They never leave him alone," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "Very seldom is he single blocked and {sic} if he is, it's a quick throw. Opponents have great respect for him". Little added, "It's been the first year where they're just

constantly chipping me . . . Last year, they'd do it off and on, but not as often as now." [12] Despite the fewer sacks Little was voted as an alternate to the Pro Bowl. Little also scored his first two NFL touchdowns in 2004, he picked up four fumbles and returned two of them for scores. [13]

On September 11, 2005, against the 49ers he had nine tackles (four solo), 2.0 sacks, and two forced fumbles. He continued his fast start, with four sacks in the first six games [14] but slumped after the death of his brother, Jermaine, who was murdered in Harriman, Tennessee, on October 18, 2005. [15] ". . . Leonard's struggling," interim coach Joe Vitt said. "He's grieving right now, and our football team—everybody here, is lending our support to him." [16] Little missed two games and did not record a sack in the next five games. He ended with 5.5 sacks and two forced fumbles over the final three games and to lead the Rams with 9.5 sacks and four forced fumbles in 2005. [14]

In Week 11 of the 2006 season, Little signed a 3-year \$19.5 million contract extension that included a \$6.1 million signing bonus. [17] Little started all 16 games and led the team with 13.0 sacks (tied for second in the NFC, tied for fifth in the NFL), seven forced fumbles and also recorded a career-high of 58 tackles and was again a Pro Bowl alternate. [18]

Little sprained his big toe when his left foot was caught in the turf in a 22-3 loss at Baltimore on October 14, 2007. On November 5, 2007, Little was placed on injured reserve, ending his season with only one sack, and had surgery that week to repair the torn ligament in his left big toe. Little agreed to restructure his contract to remain with the Rams. He was due a \$7.17 million roster bonus that would have counted as \$9.5 million against the Rams' 2008 salary cap. The restructuring converted the roster bonus to a signing bonus, which meant it would be spread over the last two years of the contract, essentially cutting the cap number by nearly \$3.6 million and resulting in a \$5.9 million cap number for Little in 2008. [19]

In 2008, Little was again slowed by injuries, this time a hamstring injury in the season opener, played in 14 games, starting just five. Often, he was used in passing situations similar to his role in 2001. He was second on the Rams in sacks with six and he also forced two fumbles, giving him a career total of 32. Little had two sacks against Buffalo on September 28, 2008. [18]

For the 2009 season, Little totaled 6½ sacks to lead the team for the sixth time in his career. He started 13 games at left defensive end and was relatively healthy—compared to the previous two seasons. However, he did miss two games with a knee injury. NFL.com's Greg Cosell described one of Little's plays versus the Jacksonville Jaguars as, "Little 36-yard interception return TD was an unbelievable read by Little. He read the flare action by Jones-Drew and the throw by Garrard— a spectacular individual play".

During the 2009 season, Little has dropped hints that he may retire after the season. In the off-season Little, an unrestricted free agent, accepted and then canceled a meeting with the New Orleans Saints to discuss the possibility of signing with the defending Super Bowl champions. [20] Little earned \$31.55 million in his twelve NFL seasons. [21] and led his team in sacks six times (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008) and had four seasons of twelve or more sacks. Little retired on December 15, 2010.

NFL statistics

Year	Team	GP	COMB	TOTAL	AST	SACK	FF	FR
1998	STL	6	2	1	1	0.5	0	0
1999	STL	6	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
2000	STL	14	17	12	5	5.0	1	0
2001	STL	13	33	28	5	14.5	2	1
2002	STL	16	44	37	7	12.0	9	1
2003	STL	12	47	41	6	12.5	6	1
2004	STL	16	46	38	8	7.0	1	4
2005	STL	14	56	45	11	9.5	4	2
2006	STL	16	60	57	3	13.0	7	0
2007	STL	7	19	16	3	1.0	1	0
2008	STL	14	18	15	3	6.0	2	0
2009	STL	13	23	19	4	6.5	0	0
Career		147	366	310	56	87.5	33	9

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Key

GP: games played

COMB: combined tackles

TOTAL: total tackles

AST: assisted tackles

SACK: sacks

FF: forced fumbles

FR: fumble recoveries



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Jerod Mayo Sr. (born February 23, 1986) is an American football coach and former linebacker who is the inside linebackers coach for the New England Patriots of the National Football League (NFL). Mayo played college football for the University of Tennessee and was drafted by the Patriots tenth overall in the 2008 NFL Draft. He was named Defensive Rookie of the Year and played for the Patriots until retiring following the 2015 season. He rejoined them as a coach in 2019.

Early years

Mayo was born in Hampton, Virginia. He attended Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, where he earned three letters in football as a linebacker and a running back. As a senior, Mayo recorded 110 tackles, including 18 for loss, and two interceptions. Also playing running back for seven games, he picked up 1,245 rushing yards and scored 13 touchdowns and five two-point conversions during his final campaign. As a junior, he recorded 68 tackles including 22 for loss, four interceptions and three sacks and earned first-team All-District, All-Area and All-Region honors.

Considered a four-star recruit by Rivals.com, Mayo ranked eleventh among outside linebackers nationwide.[1] He chose Tennessee over North Carolina State, Purdue, Virginia, and Virginia Tech.

Jerod's younger brother, Deron Mayo, was a linebacker for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Playing career

College

While attending the University of Tennessee, Mayo played for the Tennessee Volunteers football team from 2004 to 2007.[2] After redshirting the 2004 season, he appeared in six games at weak-side outside linebacker in 2005, finishing with 13 tackles (10 solo). Mayo made the Volunteers starting lineup as a redshirt sophomore in 2006, as he started 11 contests at weak-side outside linebacker. He finished third on the team with 83 tackles (48 solos), including five sacks for minus 40 yards, 12.5 stops for losses of 51 yards and a quarterback pressure. He also recovered one fumble and deflected a pass. Rivals.com subsequently named him to their All-American second team.[2]

For his junior season, Mayo moved to middle linebacker and started all 14 games. Serving as the defensive squad's co-captain, he went on to register 140 tackles in 2007, the most by a Tennessee defender since Earnest Fields registered those same totals for the Volunteers in 1990. He added 1.5 quarterback sacks for minus 11 yards, 8.5 stops for losses and five quarterback pressures, and also returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown. Mayo was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection and also earned All-American second-team honors by The NFL Draft Report.[2]

National Football League

Mayo was considered one of the best linebackers available in the 2008 NFL Draft and drew comparisons to Will Witherspoon.[3] Sporting News described Mayo as a “perfect fit to play one of the inside spots” in a 3-4 defense.

Pre-draft measurables

Height	Weight	40-yard dash	10-yard split	20-yard split	20-yard shuttle	Three-cone drill	Vertical jump	Broad jump	Bench press
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6 ft 1+3/8 in

(1.86 m) 237 lb

(108 kg) 4.56 s 1.52 s 2.57 s 4.29 s 7.32 s 40+1/2 in

(1.03 m) 9 ft 5 in

(2.87 m) 22 reps

Vertical from NFL Scouting Combine; all others from Tennessee Pro Day[3]

New England Patriots

The New England Patriots selected Mayo in the first round (10th overall) of the 2008 NFL Draft. Mayo was the second linebacker drafted in 2008, behind Keith Rivers.[4]

2008 season

On July 24, 2008, the New England Patriots signed Mayo to a five-year contract (rather than the six-year maximum allowed by the NFL's collective bargaining agreement) worth \$18.9 million, including \$13.8 million in bonuses and guarantees.[5] Mayo was the only rookie in the Patriots' 2008 class to start in Week 1, and played every snap for the defense.[6]

Mayo was named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Month for October 2008.[7] He led the Patriots with 24 tackles for the month, including 11 against the Denver Broncos in his first Monday Night Football appearance. In the Patriots' Thursday Night Football game on November 13, 2008, against their division rivals, the New York Jets, Mayo led all defensive players with 20 tackles (16 solo, 4 assisted), the first 20-tackle game of his career.

At the end of the 2008 season, in which Mayo had 128 total tackles (100 solo, 28 assists) and a forced fumble, he was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year for 2008 in a near-unanimous vote: Mayo received 49 of 50 votes cast, with Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Keith Rivers receiving the other vote.[8]

2009 season

Mayo was injured in the Patriots' 2009 season opener against the Buffalo Bills. The sprained MCL in his knee was originally expected to keep him out 6–8 weeks,[9] but he returned in Week 5 against the Denver Broncos. Mayo finished the 2009 season with 103 tackles and 1.5 sacks.[7]

2010 season

In 2010, Mayo was named a defensive captain.[10] In Week 4 against the Miami Dolphins, Mayo recorded 16 tackles, and two weeks later notched 18 tackles in an overtime win over the Baltimore Ravens. In Week 8, Mayo recorded 14 tackles in a win over the Minnesota Vikings. Against the Indianapolis Colts in Week 11, Mayo recorded 15 tackles in a win. In Week 12, Mayo's eight tackles gave him 132 on the season, surpassing his previous career high of 128, set in 2008. He added another 12 tackles in Week 13 against the New York Jets, and had 16 in Week 15 against the Green Bay Packers. He ended the season with a league-high 175 tackles, along with two sacks and one forced fumble.

He was named as a reserve to the 2011 Pro Bowl on January 2, 2011. In the same season he was named to the 2010 All Pro team.[7]

On December 17, 2011, at the beginning of Week 15, it was announced that he had signed a 5-year contract extension with the Patriots.[11]

2011 season

In 2011, he missed 3 games due to injuries but still managed to eclipse the 100-tackle mark. Mayo and the Patriots reached Super Bowl XLVI. In the game, Mayo had 11 tackles but the Patriots lost to the New York Giants by a score of 21–17.[7]

2012 season

Mayo during the 2013 Pro Bowl

He was voted a defensive co-captain by his teammates for the fourth straight year.[7]

On November 16, 2012, Mayo was fined \$10,000 for a late hit out of bounds on Week 10 against C. J. Spiller with the Buffalo Bills.[12] This drew an unnecessary roughness call.

Later in the year, he was selected in the 2013 Pro Bowl in recognition of his successful 2012 season.[7]

2013 season

Mayo was placed on injured reserve on October 16 after tearing his pectoral muscle on October 13 in a Patriots comeback win against the New Orleans Saints.[13]

2014 season

On October 16, Mayo was placed on injured reserve with a torn patellar tendon that he suffered in a game against the Buffalo Bills in Week 6.[14]

2010	NE	16	175	114	61	2.0	1	3	-2	0	0	0.0
	0	0	5									
2011	NE	14	95	58	37	1.0	1	0	0	2	4	2.0
	2	0	4									
2012	NE	16	147	88	59	3.0	4	1	0	1	0	0.0
	0	0	3									
2013	NE	6	55	35	20	1.5	0	1	2	0	0	0.0
	0	0	1									
2014	NE	6	53	37	16	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
	0	0	0									
2015	NE	16	47	35	12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	0	0	1									
Career[18]		103	803	537	266	11.0	8	7	0	3	4	1.0
	2	0	19									

Coaching career

New England Patriots

On March 27, 2019, Mayo was hired by the New England Patriots to be their inside linebackers coach.[19]

Personal life

Mayo is married to Chantel Mayo. The couple have three daughters and a son.[20] The family resides in North Attleborough, Massachusetts.

Mayo has two brothers, both of whom played college football as linebackers. His younger brother, Deron Mayo, played in the Canadian Football League, and is currently the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the New England Patriots.[21][22] His brother Derek Mayo is a graduate of Richmond, where he won the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision title in 2008.[23][24]



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Charles Edward McRae (born September 16, 1968) is Senior VP Operations[1] for Radiology Partners and a former American football offensive tackle in the National Football League. He spent five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, starting 38 at right tackle and left guard before finishing his career with the Oakland Raiders.

Early life

McRae was born at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda Township, Michigan, on September 16, 1968 and moved to Clinton, Tennessee at the age of seven where he was a two-year starter in football and basketball at Clinton Senior High School.

Accolades

On September 4, 2003, Charles McRae was named one of the "Legends of the Game" with teammate Tony Thompson and was recognized before the Tennessee - Marshall football game at Neyland Stadium.[2]

In 2008, McRae was inducted into the Anderson County, TN Hall of Fame.[3]

On October 28, 2011, Charles McRae was inducted into the Clinton High School "Wall of Fame." [4]

On August 4, 2015, Charles joined the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.[5]

College career

McRae played football at the University of Tennessee, first as a defensive lineman under coach Ken Donahue and the last two and a half years as offensive tackle under offensive coordinator and line coach, Phillip Fulmer, earning All-SEC and Academic All-SEC honors. McRae studied physics, computer science and history, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in May 1991.

Professional career

McRae was drafted in the first round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and was the first offensive player selected. When his Volunteers teammate Antone Davis was selected with the eighth pick, it marked the first time in NFL Draft history that one school produced two top-10 selected offensive tackles in the same year. Charles signed with the Oakland Raiders in March 1996 as an unrestricted free agent where he spent one year as an offensive tackle and guard.

Business/Post Athletic Career

McRae returned to the University of Tennessee's Haslam College of Business in 2000 and earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in December 2002.

Upon graduation, McRae was chosen to be the first Administrator for Vista Radiology, PC, in March 2003,[6] a position he held until October 2011. November 2011, McRae joined Columbus Radiology as CEO.[7] Columbus Radiology was acquired by Radiology Partners in August, 2016.[8]

June 2013, Charles McRae was elected to the board of directors of the Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA) and appointed to serve as Chair of the RBMA's Radiology Integration Models Task Force.[9]

Personal

Charles is married to Lori Baxter. In addition to working and playing with his seven children, McRae is a licensed pilot, PADI scuba certified, boater, and outdoorsman.



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Mike Miller was a 4 year letterman sprinter on the University of Tennessee Men's Track and Field team from 1979 to 1982. In addition he was a 4 year letterman at wide receiver for the Volunteer Football team and was drafted by the Green Bay Packer in the 4th round of the 1983 National Football League draft. Mike excelled on the track earning Southeastern Conference Champion 4 times and 8 time All-American. His accomplishment on the track are as follows:

- Outdoor All-American 1979 100 meters dash 5th Place 10.35
- Outdoor All-American 1979 4X100 meters relay 5th Place 40.35
- Indoor All-American 1980 60 yard dash 5th Place 6.24
- Indoor Southeastern Conference Champion 1981 Mile Relay
- Indoor member of the 1981 Southeastern Conference Team
- Indoor All-American 1981 60 yard dash 5th Place 6.26
- Indoor All-American 1981 Mile Relay 2nd Place 3.16.24
- Outdoor All-American 1981 4X100 meters relay 2nd Place 39.58
- Outdoor Southeastern Conference Champion 1982 200 meters 20.55
- Outdoor member of the 1982 Southeastern Conference Team
- Outdoor All-American 1982 100 meters 3rd Place 10.11
- Outdoor All-American 1982 200 meters 3rd Place 20.21
- Penn Relay Champion 1981 4X100 meters 39.68
- Penn Relay Champion 1981 4X200 meters 122.57
- Penn Relay Champion 1982 100 meters 10.38
- Ranked #9 UT's all time 100 meters times 10.11
- Ranked #3 UT's all time 200 meters times 20.15
- Ranked #10 UT's all time 4X100 meters time 39.15



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Auto Racing

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Administrator / Promoter
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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination

Carl Moore

The Honorable Carl R. Moore, a prominent Tennessee state legislator and one of the founding fathers of Bristol Motor Speedway and Bristol Dragway, is worthy of inclusion in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Moore was one of the visionaries who created the initial sketches and diagrams of Bristol Motor Speedway and Bristol Dragway on the back of a brown paper bag. With his leadership and tireless work ethic, along with co-founders Larry Carrier and R.G. Pope, the high-banked half-mile short track quickly rose to prominence in NASCAR and has grown to be one of the sport's fan-favorite destinations.

Moore and his associates were inspired to build a new track after attending a NASCAR race in Charlotte, N.C. Once the group returned to the Bristol area they quickly went to work. With Moore's key work as head of the group's business and legal affairs, Bristol Motor Speedway opened in 1961 and Bristol Dragway became a reality in 1965.

Boasting an annual economic impact of \$417 million and more than \$1.4 billion in direct benefits through the Tennessee economy, BMS welcomes fans from all 50 states and 25 countries and is featured prominently on NBC and FOX's racing coverage. Bristol Dragway is a premier track in NHRA, hosting an annual national event that is televised on FOX.

In addition, Moore also founded the International Hot Rod Association. Moore and Carrier created the professional drag racing league in 1970, also in Bristol. Under Moore's guidance, IHRA brought on sponsor R.J. Reynolds and the series thrived. The IHRA continues to operate today under ownership from IRG Sports + Entertainment.

Moore, who passed away on Sept. 30 at age 91, served in the Tennessee House of Representatives and later as the majority leader of the state Senate. An Army veteran, he also served on the East Tennessee State University Board of Advisors.



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SPORT Football _____

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT University of Tennessee/NFL
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Carl Pickens was a staple in the Vols' offense during his three years and earned national recognition his junior year with an All-America nod in 1991. Pickens caught 49 passes for 817 yards his junior year for an average of 17.9 yards per catch. His 79.73 receiving yards per game led the SEC. Quarterback Andy Kelly hooked up with Pickens for an 87-yard touchdown against Auburn for what was the longest pass play in school history at the time. His numbers the previous year, however, were even better when he had 53 catches for 917 yards. He led the Vols both seasons in receptions and yards. He played both ways in 1989, recording four interceptions in four games at free safety. He was named the Defensive MVP of the 1990 Cotton Bowl. Pickens was the Cincinnati Bengals' No.1 draft choice in the 1992 NFL Draft after deciding to bypass his senior campaign at UT.

Cincinnati Bengals

Pickens was selected in the second round (31st overall) of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals.[2]

In 1992, he was named the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press. In 1995, he set a Bengals record for receptions in a single season with 99, and touchdown catches with 17. He later surpassed his own record by recording 100 receptions in 1996. From 1994-1995, Pickens became the first NFL player to record at least five receptions and a receiving touchdown in eight straight games.[3] In his nine NFL seasons, Pickens recorded 540 receptions for 7,129 yards and 63 touchdowns, while also gaining another 307 yards and one touchdown on punt returns. His 63 touchdown receptions were a franchise record until surpassed by Chad Johnson in 2010.

Tennessee Titans

Pickens moved on from the Cincinnati Bengals before the start of the 2000 season, and signed with the Titans. He played one season for the Titans.

Career Totals at Tennessee

Games: 33
Receptions: 109
Receiving Yards: 1,875 Avg.: 17.2
Touchdowns: 13
Kickoff Returns: 35
Return Yards: 777
Return Touchdowns: 1
Punt Returns: 13 Return Yards: 135
Return Touchdowns: 1
Interceptions: 4
Return Yards: 50
Touchdowns: 1
Tackles: 19 Tackles-For-Loss: 1
Forced Fumble: 1
Pass Breakups: 4
CAREER HONORS
1991 first-team All-America
1991 first-team All-SEC
1990 first-team All-SEC

1991 - RS-JUNIOR

First-team All-America and All-SEC

Broke 100 yards receiving three times during the season - against UCLA (104), Auburn (172) and at Florida (145)

Finished the year with 877 yards receiving on 49 catches and found the end zone five times

His best outing came against Auburn when he hauled in four passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns

In the UCLA game, he had six receptions for 104 yards and a TD

At Florida, he brought in seven passes for 145 yards

Had a season-high eight catches at home against Memphis for 66 yards

1990 - RS-SOPHOMORE

Selected to the AP, UPI, Coaches and Birmingham News All-SEC Teams

Leading receiver with 917 yards and more than 83 yards per game average

Ended the season with 53 catches and 17.3 yards per catch average, ranking 17th in the nation

Named SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week after a record setting performance against Kentucky - was on the receiving end of three touchdown strikes covering 12, 25 and 71 yards, the three TDs tying a school record

Finished the Kentucky game with 10 catches for 201 yards, the yardage mark being the third highest single-game total in UT history

Set the school single-game record with 13 receptions against Notre Dame, gaining 163 yards against the Irish

Snared a 47-yard scoring pass from tight end Von Reeves against Florida

Totaled six TDs for the regular season

Returned six kickoffs for 141 yards against Colorado

His 15-yard touchdown reception from Andy Kelly late in the Sugar Bowl against Virginia was vital to UT's comeback to win the game

Caught six passes for 87 yards in the bowl contest

1989 - RS-FRESHMAN

Saw action as a wide receiver, kickoff returner and defensive back

Named defensive MVP of the Cotton Bowl in which his INT in the end zone turned the tide of the game, leading to a Vol touchdown after halting the Arkansas drive

Picked by the Sporting News as the top freshman wide receiver in the country

Named to the SEC All-Freshman team at defensive back by the Knoxville News Sentinel

His debut in the Vol secondary against Akron made him the first Volunteer to play both sides of the ball since 1987

Started the last four games, including the bowl game, at free safety and recorded an INT in each game

Also picked off a pass in the Akron game in which he played as a reserve

Ranked fifth in the SEC in kickoff returns with 26 for 594 yards and an average of 22.8

Had a dazzling 93-yard kickoff return for a TD with :02 left in the first half against LSU

Caught two passes in his debut against Colorado State

Had six receptions on the season for 77 yards

1988 - FRESHMAN

Redshirted his first season on Rocky Top

HIGH SCHOOL

A Parade All-America, he was also listed as a SuperPrep All-America receiver

The Atlanta Journal Constitution ranked him as the seventh-best prospect overall in the nation

As a senior, he caught 71 passes for 1,536 yards and 24 touchdowns
Murphy High School won the North Carolina 1-A state championship in both his junior and senior seasons

A two-year starter at wide receiver and a three-year starter at free safety, recording 15 INTs

PERSONAL

Full Name: Carl McNally Pickens

Born: March 23, 1970



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Peerless LeCross Price (born October 27, 1976) is a former American football wide receiver who played nine seasons in the National Football League (NFL).

Price played college football for the University of Tennessee Volunteers and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the second round of the 1999 NFL Draft. Price also played for the Atlanta Falcons and Dallas Cowboys.

Early years

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Price's name was inspired by the name of a local moving company.[1] His mother explained that he was given the name because she liked it, and also because she hoped that her son, growing up in a rough neighborhood, would avoid a life of crime.[1]

Price was recruited heavily out of Meadowdale High School in Dayton. He was a high school All-American and was considered a major athlete when he enrolled at the University of Tennessee in 1995 because he was a three sport star in High School. Price played college football under head coach Phillip Fulmer.

College career

1995 season

As a freshman in the 1995 season, Price appeared in eight games in a backup role and showed glimpses of the potential that first attracted the Volunteers' interest.[2]

1996 season

During his 1996 sophomore campaign, Price recorded 32 receptions for three touchdowns and 609 yards;[3] he excelled in a 35–29 loss to the University of Florida early in the season.[4] In addition to gaining attention for his play on the field, Price was named to the Academic All-SEC team.

1997 season

When Joey Kent left following the 1996 season, Price stepped into the starting lineup full-time as a junior, where Peyton Manning found Price to be a dependable target. In the 1997 season, he started every game and emerged as a legitimate deep threat. He finished with 48 receptions, netting 698 yards and six touchdowns[5] and helped guide the Volunteers to an SEC Championship.[6] He also was, for the second consecutive year, named an Academic All-SEC pick.

1998 season

After Marcus Nash graduated, Price stepped into the top spot on the Volunteers' receiving corps for the 1998 season. In spite of the top two statistical receivers in school history being gone, Price ensured that

the adjustment period would be minimal. In a tight game against Alabama, Price tied a school record with a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown that sparked a Volunteers victory and continued their success.[7] Tennessee finished the regular season 11–0 and faced Mississippi State in the SEC Championship Game. With the Vols trailing by four points in the fourth quarter, Price pulled in a pass over the shoulder for a 41-yard touchdown. Tennessee won the game by score of 24–14,[8] and earned a spot in the Fiesta Bowl against Florida State to decide the national champion for the 1998 season.

In the final game of his career with Tennessee, Price showed a national audience what he could do. Although he caught only four of quarterback Tee Martin's passes the entire game, he made them count. Those four catches went for a total of 199 yards and the deciding touchdown en route to a 23–16 victory and the school's first consensus national championship in 47 years. For his performance, Price was named the game's co-MVP with cornerback Dwayne Goodrich.[9]

Professional career

In spite of his successful career in college, Price still fell to the second round of the 1999 NFL Draft, where he was drafted 53rd overall by the Buffalo Bills. He was the fifth wide receiver to be selected in the 1999 NFL Draft.

Buffalo Bills

Price enjoyed his greatest success as the secondary receiver for the Buffalo Bills. In the 2002 season, he caught 94 passes for 1,252 yards and nine touchdowns.[10] His best game came on September 15, 2002, when he caught 13 passes for 185 yards and two touchdowns, including a 48-yard score in overtime, during a 45–39 victory against Minnesota.[11] After the season, the Bills used the Franchise Tag to ensure Price stayed with the team. Price was given permission to seek a trade, and the Atlanta Falcons were willing to give up a first round pick in the 2003 NFL Draft for Price.[12] The Bills used it to select running back Willis McGahee.[13]

Atlanta Falcons

Price was supposed to be the great receiver that the Falcons needed to excel. He was regarded as a disappointment, as during his two-year stint in Atlanta, Price was unable to produce any breakthrough numbers, and was considered a great bust. The Falcons earned the NFC South division title and a bye in the playoffs relying on great defense and the rushing game. He was released during the 2005 offseason.[14]

Dallas Cowboys

In 2005, Price signed a one-year deal with the Dallas Cowboys to be the third receiver and punt returner. Price was also reunited with quarterback Drew Bledsoe, with whom he had shared so much success in Buffalo and who actively lobbied for his signing. He was released on December 3 after catching only six passes for 96 yards, of which one was 58 yards on a single pass play.[15][16]

Buffalo Bills (second stint)

Price re-signed with the Bills and regained his secondary wide receiver role. In the 2006 season, he caught a game-winning touchdown against the Houston Texans[17] and a crucial touchdown in a low-scoring game against the Minnesota Vikings.[18]

Price was placed on the injured reserve list on October 19, 2007 after having season-ending neck surgery.[19]

On February 14, 2008, the Bills released Price.[20]After his release from the Bills, Price retired from football. According to Price, he then started coaching his daughter's fourth grade basketball team because they needed a coach. He continued coaching several teams. After a girl asked him if he had a degree, Price returned to college in 2016[21]

In May 2020, Price received his BA degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee in a virtual ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.[22] On February 3, 2021, Tennessee State University announced that Price had joined the Tigers football team as a volunteer coach for the spring season.[23]

NFL statistics

Year	Team	Games	Receptions	Yards	Yards per Reception	Longest Reception	Touchdowns	First Downs	Fumbles	Fumbles Lost
1999	BUF	16	31	393	12.7	45	3	19	0	0
2000	BUF	16	52	762	14.7	42	3	34	3	3
2001	BUF	16	55	895	16.3	70	7	37	1	0
2002	BUF	16	94	1,252	13.3	73	9	57	2	1
2003	ATL	16	64	838	13.1	49	3	40	0	0
2004	ATL	16	45	575	12.8	50	3	28	0	0
2005	DAL	7	6	96	16.0	58	0	4	0	0
2006	BUF	16	49	402	8.2	25	3	20	1	1
2007	BUF	4	7	68	9.7	22	0	5	0	0
Career		123	403	5,281	13.1	73	31	244	7	5



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SPORT Basketball _____

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT University of Tennessee
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NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Patricia "Trish" Roberts (born June 14, 1955) is an American basketball coach and former player. She was most recently the head coach of the women's basketball team at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.

Roberts played college basketball at North Georgia State College, Emporia State College, and the University of Tennessee. She holds the Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball records for points scored in a season (929) and in a game (51). She also played on the United States women's basketball team that won a silver medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics. From 1978 to 1982, she played professional basketball in the Women's Professional Basketball League for the Minnesota Fillies and St. Louis Streak.

Roberts has also held head coaching positions with the University of Maine (1988–1991), the University of Michigan (1992–1996), Atlanta Glory (1996–1997), Stony Brook University (1999–2004), and Agnes Scott (2011–2013). She has been inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Lady Volunteer Hall of Fame, the Emporia State College Hall of Fame, and the Women In Sports and Education Hall of Fame.

Amateur basketball

A native of Monroe, Georgia, Roberts began her college playing career at North Georgia State College during the 1973–1974 season. She then transferred to Emporia State College in Kansas where she played collegiate basketball from 1974 to 1976.[1]

In 1976, Roberts played for the United States women's basketball team that played in the 1976 Summer Olympics. The 1976 games were the first to include an Olympic Basketball Tournament for Women. In the first women's basketball game played at the Olympics, the American team lost to Japan, 84–71. Roberts was the second highest scorer for the United States with 14 points in the inaugural Olympic game.[2][3] Although the American team had not finished higher than eighth place in any prior international competition, the 1976 team defeated the team from Czechoslovakia, 83–67, to win the silver medal. Roberts was the team's third-highest scorer with 10 points in the silver medal game.[4] Roberts scored a total of 60 points in five matches in the 1976 Olympics.[5][6]

Roberts remained on the National team in the subsequent year as the team competed in the 1977 World University Games. After winning the opening game against Germany, Marquis had a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds to help the USA team defeat Mexico. Marquis scored 16 points in a close game against Romania, which USA team won 76–73. The USSR team was too strong for the USA team, winning twice against the USA team, including the gold medal game. The USA team captured the silver medal. Roberts averaged 4.2 points per game.[7]

In the fall of 1976, Roberts transferred to the University of Tennessee. On November 13, 1976, in her first games at Tennessee, she set Tennessee school records with 51 points and 20 rebounds in a game against the University of Kentucky.[8][9] She later bested her own single-game record with a 24-rebound performance. Over the course of the season, she also set Tennessee's single-season records with 929 points and an average of 29.9 points per game. At the end of the 1976–1977 season, Roberts was selected as an All-American and named the Tennessee Female Athlete of the Year.[1]

Professional basketball

Roberts played professional basketball in the Women's Professional Basketball League for the Minnesota Fillies and St. Louis Streak from 1978 to 1982. In February 1979, she was also named interim coach by the Fillies.[10] In March 1980, she was waived by the Fillies.[11] In October 1980, she was signed by the Streak.[12] She was selected as an All-Pro in 1981.[13]

Coaching career

Roberts has remained active in women's basketball as a coach. She held assistant coaching positions at Central Michigan University (1982–1984), the University of Illinois (1984–1985), the University of Wisconsin (1985–1986), and the University of North Carolina (1986–1988).[1][13][14]

In August 1988, at age 33, Roberts received her first head coaching post. She was hired by the University of Maine as the head coach of its women's basketball team.[15] In December 1988, two assistant coaches and three veteran players left the team, with one of the coaches reportedly leaving due "philosophical differences" with Roberts.[16][17] Roberts remained the head coach at Maine until 1991. In her four years as head coach at Maine, Roberts compiled an 82-32 (.719) record and led her teams to three 20-win seasons and a berth in the 1989 National Women's Invitational Tournament.[18]

In the spring of 1992, Roberts was hired by the University of Michigan to take over as the head coach of the Michigan Wolverines women's basketball team.[13] She held that post for four years through the 1995–1996 basketball season. In September 1994, a Michigan player announced plans to sue Roberts for harassment.[19] Roberts was ultimately reprimanded and placed on probation after allegations from parents that she had abused players.[20][21] Roberts compiled a 20–88 record (5-63 against Big Ten Conference opponents) in four years at Michigan. She resigned as Michigan's head coach in May 1996.[22]

In May 1996, Roberts was hired as the head coach of the Atlanta Glory in the American Basketball League a newly formed professional women's basketball league.[23] After coaching the Glory to an 18–22 record, Roberts was fired as the team's head coach in March 1997.[24]

In 1999, she was hired as the head women's basketball coach at Stony Brook University. She held that position for five years through the 2003–2004 season. In August 2004, Roberts left Stony Brook amid reports that several players had left the program and that Roberts had clashed with the team's star, Sherry Jordan.[25] In five years as the head coach at Stony Brook, Roberts compiled a 66–76 record.[26]

In 2011, Roberts returned to coaching as the head basketball coach at Agnes Scott College.[27] In her first two seasons as head coach at Agnes Scott, she has compiled records of 8-16 (2011–2012) and 14-11 (2012–2013).[27][28]

Honors

In June 2000, Roberts was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of its second group of inductees.^[29]^[30] She has also been inducted into the Tennessee Lady Volunteer Hall of Fame (2003), the Emporia State College Hall of Fame (1994), and the Women In Sports and Education Hall of Fame (1996).^[1]



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SPORT Football _____

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James Ottis "Little Man" Stewart III (born December 27, 1971) is a former American football running back who played nine seasons in the National Football League (NFL). He played for the Jacksonville Jaguars and Detroit Lions from 1995 to 2003. He played college football at Tennessee.

Early life and college

Stewart played football at his high school of Morristown West High School in Morristown, Tennessee. He played college football at the University of Tennessee from 1991 to 1994. He had his only 1,000 yard rushing season his senior year, where he also ran for 11 touchdowns. While he left as the career leader in rushing yards, he's currently at the third most with 2,890, and still has the most rushing touchdowns with 35, in school history. [1]

Collegiate statistics

James Stewart Rushing Receiving

Year	School	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
1991	Tennessee	FR	RB	11	190	939	4.9	8	18	106	5.9	0
1992	Tennessee	SO	RB	11	85	386	4.5	7	7	121	17.3	1
1993	Tennessee	JR	RB	11	86	537	6.2	9	12	89	7.4	0
1994	Tennessee	SR	RB	11	170	1,028	6.0	11	17	147	8.6	3
Career	Tennessee			531	2,890	5.4	35	54	463	8.6	4	

Professional career

Jacksonville Jaguars

Stewart was the second selection by the new expansion Jacksonville Jaguars with the 19th pick of the first round in the 1995 NFL Draft. Stewart would play solidly for the Jaguars in his five season with the team. In his rookie season, Stewart led the Jaguars in rushing with 525 yards and also had two rushing touchdowns. He would lead the team again in 1996 with 723 yards and eight touchdowns. He finished the 1997 season with 555 yards and eight touchdowns, however he finished second on the team that year in rushing yards behind teammate Natrone Means. Stewart still holds the franchise record for the most points in a single game (30) and for the most rushing touchdowns in a game (5). Both these records were obtained on October 12, 1997 in a 38-21 Week 7 win over the Philadelphia Eagles.[2] The Jaguars drafted Fred Taylor as their new franchise back in 1998 and, as a result, Stewart only rushed for

2000	DET	16	16	339	1,184	3.5	34	10	32	287	9.0	32
	1	4	2									
2001	DET	11	10	143	685	4.8	38	1	23	242	10.5	56
	1	0	0									
2002	DET	14	9	231	1,021	4.4	56	4	46	333	7.2	52
	2	0	0									
Career	101	69	1478	5,841	4.0	56	48	220	1,715	7.8	56	9
	13	9										

[5]

Postseason

Year	Team	Games	Rushing	Receiving	Fumbles							
GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Fum
	Lost											
1996	JAX	3	0	16	59	3.7	16	0	4	38	9.5	25
	0	1	1									
1997	JAX	1	0	1	6	6.0	6	0	3	46	15.3	26
	0	0	0									
1999	JAX	2	0	14	97	6.9	33	2	0	0	0.0	0
	0	0	0									
Career	6	0	31	162	5.2	33	2	7	84	12.0	26	0
	1	1										

Jaguars franchise records

Most points scored in a game: 30

Most rushing touchdowns in a game: 5

Personal life

Stewart wore number 33 while playing for the University of Tennessee and the Jaguars. He wore number 34 while playing for the Lions.

He retired to Jacksonville and owns his own personal training studio called Studio 33.[1]



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Eric Still was a bulldozer on the offensive line for the Vols and helped push the pile for Tennessee to set a school record at the time for total yards per game with an average of 408.5 in 1989. The Vols rushed for 2,701 yards behind the Still's blocking, the most since the national championship season of 1951. Still was awarded the Jacobs Trophy for the SEC's top blocker following the 1989 campaign and played in two all-star games. In the classroom, he was named to the GTE second team Academic All-America squad his senior year, and made Academic All-SEC all four years.

Career Totals Games Played: 39

CAREER HONORS

1989 All-America

1989 Academic All-America

1989 Jacobs Trophy (top blocker in the SEC)

Two-time All-SEC (1988, 89)

Four-time SEC Academic Honor Roll (1986-89)

1989 - RS-SENIOR

Started 12 games during his senior season, leading the Vols to a Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas

Served as team captain

Earned All-America honors

Tabbed All-SEC and was awarded the Jacobs Trophy for the SEC's top blocker

Helped Tennessee set a school record for total yards per game with an average of 408.5

UT rushed for 2,701 yards behind Still's blocking, the most since the national championship season of 1951

1988 - RS-JUNIOR

Saw action in 11 games for the Vols during his redshirt junior season

First team All-SEC in coaches' poll, second team as chosen by AP voters

Earned Academic All-District 3 and Academic All-SEC honors

Helped lead the offense to a season-high 488 yards against Duke

Also responsible for much success against Ole Miss as the Vols rolled for 242 passing and 177 rushing yards

1987 - RS-SOPHOMORE

Played in 10 games along the Vols' offensive line

Earned his second consecutive Academic All-SEC award

Awarded Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Academic Achievement

Had solidified his position as Tennessee's top offensive tackle before a dislocated toe injury against Mississippi sidelined him for the remainder of the regular season

Part of an offensive line group that allowed only 10 sacks of Tennessee quarterbacks, compared to 25 registered by the Vol defense

1986 - RS-FRESHMAN

Played in 7 games as a redshirt freshman, earning his first letter and Academic All-SEC honors

A reliable reserve who gained experience backing up starting guards John Bruhin and Harry Galbreath

1985 - FRESHMAN

Redshirted the season

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Germantown High School under head coach Ken Netherland

Parade and USA Today All-American

Chosen as Southsports Magazine's offensive player of the year

All-State offensive tackle his senior year, after landing All-State honors as a defensive tackle his junior season

State champion in discus

2022

East Region Nominees

Lewis A. Tippie

Rifle

Nominated 2015 and 2019 by Nadine Slagle-Tippie

1991/Gold Medal- Virginia Regional Highpower Rifle Championship~1992/Farr Trophy-1000 Yard NRA Service Rifle National Champion~1993/National Team Trophy Match Team Member-“Dog Of War” Trophy 1994/Romanian Trophy-1000 yard NRA Team National Championship Team Member~1995/Appreciation Cup-200 yard NRA National Champion/Atkins Trophy-Service Rifle Long Range National Champion ~1996 Atkins Trophy-NRA Service Rifle Long Range National Champion~1997/Romanian Trophy-NRA Long Range Team National Championship Member~1998 National Team Trophy Match Team Member-“Dog Of War” Trophy/Critchfield Trophy-NRA Long Range Team National Championship/Romanian Trophy-1000 yard NRA Team National Championship Team Member~1999/National Team Trophy Match Team Member-“Dog Of War” Trophy/Rattlesnake Trophy-High individual in National Trophy Team~2000/Rattlesnake Trophy-High individual in National Trophy Team.

Ben Talley

Golf

Nominated 2016 and 2019 by David Talley

Ben Talley won the 1974 TSSAA State High School Championship as a sophomore. He also qualified for the State High School tournament as a junior and captained Bristol to the State High School Team Title his senior year in 1976. By winning the State Insurors Youth Classic he qualified to play nationally in Colorado Springs where he played with PGA Tour pros John Mahaffey and Tom Watson. He was named High School All-American in 1976 and was awarded the Tennessee PGA scholarship by Dick Horton. Heavily recruited by colleges he accepted the JC Snead/Larry Hinson full golf scholarship to ETSU. He transferred in 1978 from ETSU to Carson Newman College where he won two more individual state championships and the Tennessee Intercollegiate. Ben returned to the game not as a player but as a coach and authored the book *"The Game My Father Taught Me"* (enclosed) regarding his career in Tennessee golf during the 70s. He coached middle school golf in Bristol, as part of the TMSGGA, for 11 years. Ben also introduced the First Tee Program to all elementary schools within Bristol and enjoyed being a volunteer instructor.

William "Tank" Black
Football
Nominated 2017 by Darwin Bond

William "Tank" Black (born 1957 in Johnson City) is the first football player in the history of the state of Tennessee to catch over 200 passes in a career. He signed with Carson-Newman University in 1975. He played at Carson-Newman University from 1975 to 1978. He started 44 straight games. He led the team in receiving every year. Tank was named Carson-Newman's most valuable player three years in a row 1976-1978, he is still the leading receiver Carson-Newman history in receptions, yards and touchdowns, with 109 catches, 2,975 yards and 21 touchdowns. He was named 1st Team All-South Atlantic Conference and All District 24 three years in a row, 1976-1978. In 1978 Tank led the nation in receptions with 69. He was named a 1st Team Kodak, NAIA and Associated Press All- American in 1978. In 1978 Tank was named the Knoxville News Sentinel area college football player of the year. April 24, 1979 Tank was named Carson-Newman's male athlete of the year. He was named to the Carson Newman Football All-Century Team. He signed with the Atlanta Falcons as a free agent. Today after writing his autobiography his is a national motivational speaker and a guest writer for the Washington Post.

Bobby Snyder
Boys Basketball Coach
Nominated 2017 by Douglas Fritz

A member of the ETSU Athletic Hall of Fame the basketball coaching legend won 835 games at Boones Creek and Daniel Boone. He had 35 winning seasons and his 1968-69 Boones Creek team sported a 29-3 overall record. The Bars dominated the old Washington County League, under Snyder, winning six straight conference titles at one point. His 1982-83 team at Daniel Boone won the District 1-AAA tournament, and the basketball gym at the school bears his name. Back in his playing days, Snyder led the Washington County League in scoring with 21.6 points per game in 1954-55.

Johnny Mills
Football
Nominated 2017 by Eddie Brown

Mills attended Wayne County High School where he was considered the state's best punter. He also was the team's placekicker. After receiving Division I NCAA scholarships offers from different schools, he settled on the University of Tennessee. His best season came as a freshman, registering 52 punts for 2,106 yards and a 40.5-yard average. In his last two years, he was part of a punting tandem, with him handling the directional punts and Jimmy Colquitt the longer ones. He finished his college career posting 42 games, 133 punts, 5,289 yards and a 39.8-yard average.

Mills was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Dallas Cowboys after the 1983 NFL Draft.

Pete Mills

Martial Arts

Nominated 2017 by Doreen McCammon

And 2018 by Stephen Horton

And 2019 By Gerald Mills

And 2020 By Todd Mills

Grandmaster Pete Mills distinguished career in practicing, training, teaching, mastering and elevating the martial arts has spanned more than half century and continues to propel forward. He is a 10th degree black belt in Okinawan Isshin-ryu karate. His knowledge and skill come from the original grandmasters of Isshin-ryu Karate: Tatsuo Shimabuku and Harold Long. He began studying with Harold Long in July 1965 and studied with Tatsuo Shimabuku for four months in 1966. Pete won the middleweight Southeastern Black Belt Championship in 1970. He has been honored for his accomplishments by several martial arts organizations such as the international Isshin-ryu Hall of Fame, United States Karate Systems Hall of Fame and the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Martial arts training and instruction is not just a way of life for Grandmaster Mills, but also a passion. He has trained over 200 black belts throughout his career so far. He also continues to travel the work to gain additional skills himself, as well as sharing those gifts with those under his advisement and supervision. He conducts seminars and teaches several martial arts classes each week. Grandmaster Pete Mills' greatest achievement is using the martial arts to make a difference in the lives of people.

Ron Scalf

NASCAR/Boxing

Nominated 2017 by Brad Jolly

Ron Scalf Showed great skill and infectious enthusiasm in his work promoting and administering NASCAR racing and professional boxing as an executive at Bristol Motor Speedway and the World Boxing Federation during an almost 20-year career in the 1980s and 90s. Boxing, Ron's other great love, flourished in Bristol during his time at the World Boxing Federation. Scappy you boxers who deserved to be seen entertained fans in the arena at the speedway, auditoriums in the region, and in such far-flung places as Thailand and the Philippines. color and excitement of the events and knew how to assist the media.

Bill Schmidt

Track & Field

Nominated 2017 by Missy Kane Bemiller

Bill Schmidt enjoyed an All-America collegiate career as javelin thrower. In his senior year he won both the Texas and Drake Relays and finished second at the Kansas Relays. Schmidt won the Missouri Valley Conference title and as team captain, led the University of North Texas to the team title with a meet record in the javelin. Schmidt had a second place finish in the 1970 NCAA Track & Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa and a second place at the USTFF Championships in Wichita, Kansas. His longest collegiate javelin throw recorded an awesome 280 ft 7 in. Schmidt still remains the only male American to medal in the javelin event in the last 61 years. Schmidt won the USA National Championship in the javelin at UCLA in 1978 while representing the Knoxville Track Club and was named "Javelin Thrower of the Decade" (1970s) in the U.S. by Track and Field News. His career best was 283 ft 2 in.

Lon Herzbrun

Coaching

Nominated 2018 by Coach Johnny Majors and 2019 and 2020 by Herb Newton

Herzbrun attended Woodrow Wilson High School in D.C. starting in 1951 at the age of 16. His junior year, he played fullback in football and guard in basketball. He was also a catcher on the school's baseball team. He made the All-High and All-Metropolitan team in football and was the top scorer in the 1953 season, scoring 66 points, he writes in his book. Also, in 1953, Herzbrun was top scorer in the Washington Metropolitan area in basketball. He scored 199 points, averaging 25 points a game. His best was 41 points in a game against a team that had a 30-game winning streak.

After high school this three-sport athlete looked around for a college. He was offered scholarships for football and basketball and had an offer to play baseball in the minors. He chose football and the University of Tennessee. His knowledge and ability on the playing field earned Herzbrun attention in Knoxville and he was named the head football coach at Fulton High School in 1963. He was approached by Doug Dickey to coach linebackers and strength coach at UT. He was there from 1969-1976. During those years the Vols went to several bowl games.

Ernest Leon Westfield

Baseball

Nominated 2018 by William C. Wilson

Ernest Leon Westfield was born on November 30, 1939 in Cleveland, Tennessee. His family moved to Knoxville and that became his hometown. Ernest, nicknamed "Tennessee Ernie", graduated from Austin High School and work as a cook for Rich's Department Store downtown. In addition, he played baseball for Austin High, the Boy's Club, and the Semi-Pro Baseball team the Knoxville Tigers. Ernest played for a year in the minors, playing in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1958.

The following season, Ernest signed with the Birmingham Black Barons of the waning Negro Leagues. His Negro League career spanned from 1959 to 1965, the very last days of the league itself.

Don Shaver

Football

Nominated 2018 by Jay Searcy

Don Shaver was a starting quarterback at the University of Chattanooga (now UTC) under TSHF Inductee Coach A.C. "Scrappy" Moore from 1964-66. Scrappy named Shaver as one of the best quarterbacks he ever coached. He was named team MVP in 1964, as the team posted a 7-3 record with the only losses to Tennessee in Knoxville, #1 Auburn in Auburn, and ranked Southern Mississippi. Shaver set a total offense record in 1964 that stood for 30 years; led the team in rushing, scoring, and passing; was named an All-American for the 1964 season; and was elected as a co-captain for 1965. Shaver remained at UC as an Assistant Football coach and the school's first Head Baseball Coach. In 2005, Shaver became the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Lambuth University and witnessed the school's first NAIA National Championship in basketball in 2007.

Jim Davis
Basketball Coach
Nominated 2018 by Gene and Lane Davis

Jim Davis is a native of Englewood, Tennessee. His coaching career consists of a six-year span at Roane State Community College, one championship year at Middle Tennessee State University, eighteen seasons at Clemson University, one year in the WNBA with the Minnesota Lynx, two seasons as an assistant coach at Young Harris, and most recently four seasons at Tennessee Technological University. During his time at Tennessee Tech, Davis led the Golden Eagles to a 2013 Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship. Davis served one season as the head coach at Middle Tennessee State. During the 86-87 season, he guided the Lady Raiders to a 19-8 record and a share of the OVC championship. Davis spent six highly successful seasons at Roane State. He collected 127 wins and only 35 losses, building a .734 winning percentage. His teams won four Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association divisional championships and one state championship and were ranked in the Top 10 by the National Junior College Athletic Association three times. In 1984 the team finished with a 27-2 record and the NJCAA National Championship title. Davis coached various high school programs with a combined record of 197-93, a winning percentage of .679.

Jenna Johnson
Swimmer
Missy Kane 2017

Jenna Johnson was a sprint freestyle and butterfly swimmer who swam for Stanford. She won three medals at the 1984 Olympics, with two relay golds, and a silver in the 100 butterfly. After the Los Angeles Olympics Johnson won two gold medals at the 1985 Universiade in relays, and at the 1985 Pan Pacific Meet won gold in the 100 freestyle and the 4x100 free relay. Johnson also competed at the Pan Pacs in 1987 and 1989, winning a gold, silver, and bronze medal in 1987, and a gold and bronze medal in 1989. Johnson swam at the 1986 World Championships, winning three silver medals in the 100 free and both relays. She later taught swimming in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Terry Crawford
Track
Missy Kane 2017

Terry Crawford was the first coach on womens side at UTK to win National title, AIAW national title in womens Track in 1981. She was first coach at UTK for track and later was Olympic Coach when she took job at Uof Texas. She ran track here at UTK and placed UT track team club in top 5 even tho it was just her in the 70's. She was a member of US Pan American team in the 800 meters in mid 70's. She has worked for USA track and field but has kept her parents house in Greenville Tenn and plans to move back there in the next year.



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Jon Jackson Huffstetler

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For the consideration of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame:

Life and Baseball Career of John J. Huffstetler

John Jackson Huffstetler was born on April 28, 1931, in Maryville, Tennessee to Mr. And Mrs. Charles Huffstetler. He grew up in Carpenters Campground, a rural farming community, where he played baseball in the fields and yards. Under correct coaching at Everett High School, John's talent on the baseball field caught the eye of professional scouts. After trips to New York City and contracts offered by The New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers, John accepted a 4-year scholarship to the University of Tennessee, after promising his mother to get his education.

During his sophomore year at UT, John led his team to the university's first College Baseball World Series in 1951. During this year, he set a school and Southeastern Conference record by winning eight games and losing none. John was named All-SEC player for 1951 and 1952. This southpaw's batting record of .397 was the University of Tennessee's record for 20 years. The UT record books still reflect many of John's 5 for 5 and 6 for 6 days at the plate.

During his senior year of college, John married his high school sweetheart, Frieda Giffin. Huffstetler signed with the Knoxville Smokies and pitched the opening game in 1954. Since he served in ROTC at UT, John was called up to serve with the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Benning for officer's training, which caused him to miss his graduation ceremony. After receiving his commission as 2nd Lt., Huffstetler was sent to Korea from 1955-1956 and continued his baseball career. He set the 7th Division Baseball League on fire with a .591 batting average and was voted captain of his Buffalo Regiment team. Upon his return to the United States, John utilized his degree to work in accounting and financing. He and Freida welcomed the births of their son, John Stanley in 1957, and their daughter, Anna Maria in 1959.

In 1964, Huffstetler took a job with Crown Zellerbach which moved the family to Washington State where they welcomed their final child, Karen Elaine, in 1965. John coached his Babe Ruth Little League teams to multiple victories in Washington, until he was transferred to St. Francisville, La. With his son serving as bat boy, John Huffstetler shared his time and love of the game with countless young people in local Babe Ruth Little League until his untimely death at only 42 years of age. Members of the College World Series from 1951 served as pall bearers. He was posthumously inducted into the Blount County Hall of Fame on November 13, 2000. John left a legacy of integrity, responsibility, and honor not only to his family, but to everyone he met, played with, or coached. His impact to his family continues with a slew of southpaw children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, with a grandson and two great-grandsons named for him.

John J. Huffstetler was an amazing baseball player and a good man. He still holds records in Tennessee that may never be broken. We believe that he is more than deserving to be remembered for his accomplishments to his university, home state, and to his country in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.



Bob Gilbert

UT's Helton rekindles thoughts of Huffstetler

John Huffstetler, in his day, was as big a name in college baseball as Todd Helton is today.

Helton, versatile star of college World Series-bound Tennessee, rekindles memories of the late John Huffstetler, a Blount County native who helped propel the 1951 Vols to the championship finals.

Like Helton, Huffstetler could win a game from the pitcher's mound or with his bat. Huffstetler's 8-0 record in 1951 is still Tennessee's record single-season win-loss percentage. His .397 career batting average (1951-53) is No. 2 on Tennessee's all-time list.

Huffstetler, a 1949 graduate of Everett High, dominated the Southeastern Conference as a sophomore in 1951.

"John had a great year when we went to the college World Series in 1951," remembers teammate Bill Asbury of Alcoa. "He once got five straight hits off Georgia Tech's Chappell Rhino, and of course he had that great won-loss record that year."

Huffstetler's 1951 batting average against SEC foes was .455. His full-season average the next year was .429, still the third-best single-season average in Vol history.

"John's value to our 1951 team was comparable to Todd Helton's value to this year's Vols," Asbury said. When not playing first base, Helton is pitching.

Huffstetler was equally dominant during his high school years at Blount County's Everett High.

Jim Renfro was Maryville High's baseball coach during the years Huffstetler played at Everett. "He had a good fast ball," Renfro said. "I don't think we ever beat him."

Huffstetler was a left-hander with a good curve to go with his fast ball. His delivery was smooth, and his move to first base on the pickoff was deadly.

"He was so good that the (New York) Yankees offered him about \$20,000 to sign after his freshman year," Asbury said. But school and a degree were foremost in Huffstetler's mind, so he rejected the Yankees' offer.

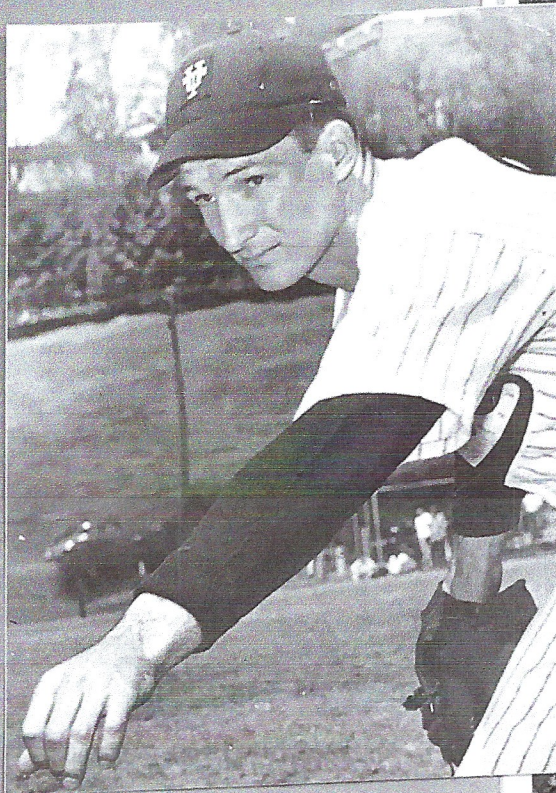
"John was a good student. He had about a 3.5 (of a possible 4.0) average," Asbury said.

After two great seasons his sophomore and junior years, an injury to Huffstetler's pitching arm took away his breaking ball. Consequently, he was used more as an outfielder his senior year at Tennessee.

John died of a massive heart attack in his 40s, but he lives vividly in the memory of his Vol teammates who four decades ago gave Tennessee baseball its brightest moment of glory.

■ Tennessee's 1951 starting lineup normally was Andy Anderson (c), Dale Powell or Sid Hatfield (1b), Herky Payne (2b), Watson Bell or Hatfield (ss), B.B. Hopkins (3b), Asbury (lf), Bert Rechichar (cf), Ace Adams (rf), and Huffstetler or team captain Billy Joe Bowman pitching. Other '51 Vol baseball lettermen were Julian Dease, Mike Overby and Billy Joe O'Kain ... Bowman recently retired from the Houston Astros' front-office and is moving to a spot near the Loudon-Blount County line ... Rechichar, soon to retire from his job with the City of Belle Vernon, Pa., plans to live in Tazewell, Tenn., his wife's hometown, and do plenty of hunting and fishing.

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Gilbert

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■ Five Vols, in addition to Huffstetler, batted .300 or better in 1951. Payne hit .354 with three home runs, including a grand slam. Rechichar batted .319 and led the team with four homers, one a grand slam. Other leading hitters were Asbury (.346), Anderson (.329) and Hopkins (.324). Bowman had a 5-1 pitching record; O'Kain was 3-0.

■ The '51 Vols, after a 16-1 SEC record, went to the World Series at Omaha and promptly lost to Utah 7-1 in the opener. But Tennessee

recovered to win four straight -- beating Princeton 3-2, Springfield 2-0, Southern Cal 9-8 and Utah 5-4. Then came the championship game against Oklahoma. The Vols lost 3-2. UT's Sid Hatfield was the tournament's most valuable player.

Bits of stone...

Most baseball fans may know that only one University of Tennessee team has ever played in the national Collegiate World Series finals at Omaha, Neb. And until 1955 a Tennessee team had never been back to the World Series.

A number of persons with Blount connections were on that 1951 team, including Bill Asbury, who has lived in Alcoa in recent years and played in the outfield. Bill is retired from the 13th Air Refueling Wing.

The mound ace was the late John Huffstetler, lefthander who pitched at Everett High and had an 8-0 record, along with righthanders Billy Joe O'Kain of Oak Ridge who was 3-0 and Billy Joe Bowman of Johnson City who was 5-1. Ace Adams of Athens, who later coached at McMinn High, was also a dependable pitcher who doubled as an outfielder.

Scholarships had not been offered in baseball at Tennessee in the past and it was common practice for football and basketball players to lend a hand to baseball. Footballers Herky Payne and Bert Rechichar, who later that year were prominent in helping UT win its only national football title, and basketballer Dale Powell gave a big hand. (Powell played on a basketball team that beat Kentucky in a year it won the national championship.)

However, for the first time ever, in 1951 most of the baseball players played baseball exclusively, a result of Gen. Robert R. Neyland's love for baseball. Neyland was one of Army's most illustrious pitchers during his West Point years and set a record for consecutive wins that stood for many years. In fact, he



Dean Stone

had to choose between a pro baseball career and the Army when he graduated.

On the 1951 team, Andy Anderson was catcher, Powell at first base, Julian Dease at second, Watson Bell at shortstop, B. B. Hopkins at third, and the outfield included Rechichar, Asbury and either Huffstetler or Adams with Sid Hatfield the top utility man. Payne played second base when he joined the team after spring football practice.

Huffstetler led hitting at .455 with Adams .370, Payne .351, Asbury .348, Anderson .329, Hopkins .324, and Rechichar .319. Bert led the team with four home runs and 23 runs batted in a 23-game season.

Huffstetler died about 1973 when he was 42 of a heart attack. Hatfield, lives in Knoxville and is also retired from the 13th; Hopkins lives in Oak Ridge and is retired from Martin Meretta and Bowman is retired from the Houston Astros organization and lives just across the line in Loudon County. Adams' granddaughter is Jody Adams who played on one of the recent national champion Lady Vols teams and is now an assistant coach for the Auburn Lady Tigers. Winning the Southeastern Confer-

ence title with a 16-1 record, the 1951 Vols lost only to Florida in the second game of the regular season. At Omaha, they lost their first round game to Utah, 7-1, moving into the losers bracket. They defeated Princeton, Springfield, and Southern Cal to get a second crack at Utah in the semifinals, winning, 5-4. However, they dropped the finals to Oklahoma, 3-2.

Because of his batting and work on the bases, Hatfield was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The 1951 team established a baseball identity for Tennessee, helped give it a permanent home at Hudson Field after many seasons playing in borrowed parks and left a goal which Rod Delmonico's teams may soon surpass.

As a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, early last Sunday morning, we had the privilege of presenting nine Sequoyah Literacy Awards for 1996 at the 11th annual state meeting of the Tennessee Association for Adult and Continuing Education at the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville.

We can think of no greater gift an average American can give than that of helping a fellow man or woman become literate. Many residents of this county who have given of their time and effort to teach others would readily agree.

Awards presented by others to the 600 members attending the breakfast included the Volunteer and the Learner of the Year Awards.

In the literacy category, Direct Service Awards went to Jewell Jennings of Lebanon, Dr. Juliet Merrifield of Knoxville, Bonnie Thomas of Maynardville, and Har-

vey R. Witherington of Covington.

The Administrative Service Awards were presented to Ossoli Circle of Knoxville and CKR industries of Winchester.

Special Awards were presented Bill W. Harmon of Dunlap, Wanza Lee of Chattanooga, and Senator Andy Womack of Murfreesboro.

Each winner also received a plaque with Sequoyah's image on it. Sequoyah (1776-1843), soldier, statesman, and silversmith was most of all creator of the Cherokee syllabary (writing system) which enabled Cherokees to communicate easily with English-speaking peoples.

Sequoyah was born along the north bank of the Little Tennessee River (Tellico Lake) in what is now Monroe County, adjacent to southern Blount County.

In the late 1700s, the Cherokees decided to adopt ways of their white conquerors. In 1821, after 12 years of hard work, Sequoyah perfected a method of syllabary notation in which English stood for Cherokee syllables.

By 1828, the Cherokees were publishing their own newspaper and had adopted a written constitution and a code of laws. Sequoyah is honored in the scientific names for the redwood and the giant Sequoia trees in California.

The Cherokees have built a Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at Vonore, approximately 18 miles south of Maryville-Alcoa near the site of his birth.

Dean Stone is editor of The Times.

Vols' 1951 national finalist team will be honored 41 years later

By Nick Gates
News-Continental sportswriter

Tennessee's only College World Series baseball representative will be honored this weekend in Knoxville.

The 1951 Vols, who lost 3-2 to Oklahoma in the NCAA championship game at Omaha, Neb., will receive plaques at a dinner at 7 tonight at Calhoun's on Neyland Drive.

They'll also be treated to a barbecue at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hudson Field prior to the first game of the Southeastern Conference doubleheader between Tennessee and Florida.

Third-year Vols coach Rod Delmonico and UT's Bullpen Club were the driving forces behind the event.

The '51 Vols went 16-1 in the SEC and won their first five games in the World Series. They

finished 20-3.

"We played six games in five days and ran out of pitching," UT All-American third baseman B.B. Hopkins said.

Sid Hatfield was named the most valuable player.

Fourteen of 15 players on coach Cy Anderson's team plan to attend. Anderson and left-handed pitcher John Huffstetler will be honored posthumously.

The team: Hopkins, 3b; Bill Joe Bowman, p; Hatfield, ss-p; Billy Dodds, utility; Herky Payne, 2b; Dale Powell, 1b; Andy Anderson, c; Mike Overbey, c; Bert Rechichar, cf; Bill Asbury, lf; Ace Adams, rf; Watson Bell, ss-2b; Bill O'Kain, p; and Jim Gillespie, p.

Amazingly, the team never received any recognition for its achievement.

"If we did, I don't remember it," Hopkins said. "Coach Delmonico is trying to build a base-

ball family, and he said there was no better place to start than by honoring us."

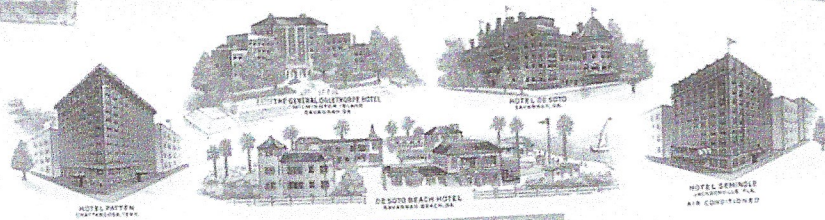
Hopkins never dreamed that 41 years later, the Vols have yet to return to Omaha.

"Absolutely not," he said. "Cy was fired (in 1952) by (athletic director Gen. Robert) Neyland and the program went down hill. It never got the support and went by the wayside."

Ten of the 15 players were from within the state — Hopkins and O'Kain from Oak Ridge; Asbury, Gillespie and Bell from Knoxville; Adams from Athens, Bowman from Johnson City, Dodds from Nashville, Overbey from Memphis and Huffstetler of Maryville.

The program was resurrected under coach Bill Wright, who won SEC East titles in 1966 and 1970.

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John Huffstetter Hurls 8-Hitter In Easy Victory

ATLANTA, April 16—Freshman Billy Joe McClain smashed four hits today, including a brace of doubles, to back up the airtight hurling of Lefty Johnny Huffstetter and give the University of Tennessee Volunteers a 12-1 victory over Georgia Tech. They play again tomorrow afternoon.

McClain scored only once, but he batted in four tallies. After yielding a run in the first inning, Huffstetter was master of the situation the remainder of the game. He struck out eight and walked but one. It was his fourth win.

Billy Asbury, Huffstetter, Andy Anderson, Herkey Payne and Dickie Dyer each got two hits as the Vols combed the offerings of a pair of Tech hurlers for 16 hits.

George Maloof was the only Techman who could hit Huffstetter. The big Tech football and baseball star got three hits in four appearances.

Each team had a pair of double plays. After tomorrow's game the Vols go to Georgia for a pair with the Bulldogs.

Tennessee now has six wins and three losses in SEC play.

TENNESSEE		AB	R	H	O	A
Asbury, lf	.....	4	2	2	0	0
Malloof, 1b	.....	4	1	3	0	0
Huffman, 2b	.....	4	0	1	0	0
McClain, cf	.....	4	4	4	0	0
Huffstetter, p	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, c	.....	3	1	1	0	0
Payne, 3b	.....	3	2	2	0	0
Dyer, ss	.....	3	1	1	0	0
Totals	.....	25	12	16	0	0

GEORGIA TECH		AB	R	H	O	A
Anderson, lf	.....	4	0	1	0	0
Malloof, 1b	.....	4	3	3	0	0
Dyer, 2b	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Huffman, 3b	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Payne, ss	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Asbury, c	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Huffstetter, p	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Jayce, o	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Holt, p	.....	3	0	0	0	0
Young, p	.....	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	.....	34	3	4	0	0

Score by innings:
 Tennessee..... 6 10 09 11
 Georgia Tech..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

E. Rhine 3, Maloof 3, Brascoe, RBI. Asbury, McClain 4, Huffstetter 2, Payne, Dyer, 2b, McClain 2, B. Asbury, Huffstetter, Jayce, DP, Dyer to Payne in fielded Malloof to Payne to Dyer. Tennessee 7, Georgia Tech 3. Hit: Huffstetter 1, Holt 1, Young 1, O. Huffstetter for 4. Hit: Holt 1 in 2 hit. Total 2-4 BIP, by Young (Huffstetter) 1st. Dyer, Huffstetter, Holt, Huffstetter, Dyer, Holt, U. Garner and Payne.

Vols' Long John Huffstetter Faces Duke in NCAA

BY BOB WILSON

FOR THE SEC children, will enter the fray with Duke at the top of the list. However, if Huffstetter, the Vols' ace pitcher, can keep his cool, the Blue Devils' hopes for a championship will be dashed.

With Conference Title
 Huffstetter won't and he'll be a pitcher. The Blue Devils' hopes for the second straight season for the Southern Conference record a much more impressive record.

Captain Jack Campbell, team manager by Dick Connor, an All-American, will lead the Vols in the place of the Blue Devils' pitcher. The Blue Devils' ace, who began hitting average .275 in 1950, will be the Vols' ace pitcher.

Last year Duke was scheduled to play Tennessee, but SEC champions, the national blue Devils, had participated in a series of games.

The NCAA regional of college varsity action and were to be a three-day double-elimination tournament and the loser of the two games will be eliminated on the spot.

Undecided on Duke's pitcher, Coach Connor has not decided about his starting pitcher. The first game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday.

On the other hand, the star right-hander, George Carter (5-9) or pitcher Bob (Dixie) Davis (5-7) will probably be the starter.

Team will include Bill Weber (5-7) at first base, All-American Dick Groat (.321) at shortstop, and Red Sullivan (.281) at third base. Sullivan (.281) at first base, and Dick Groat (.321) at shortstop.

Shouny a freshman, Gordon Carter (5-7) and Johnny Carroll (.287) will be the Vols' ace pitcher.

Huffstetler To Pitch and Play First Base

Blackstock, Frye To Share Catching Duty;
Vols Play Wofford in Home Game March 27

Long John Huffstetler, Billy Blackstock and Ken Frye will see double duty for the Tennessee Vols' baseball team this season, Coach Bunzy O'Neil disclosed yesterday. Because of his hitting ability, Huffstetler, who has been Tennessee's outstanding pitcher for the past two seasons, will play first base when he is not on the mound.

Huffstetler, a southpaw flinger, who won five and lost one last season, also led the Vols at the plate with a .429 mark.

The big left-hander, who is expected to be grabbed by some major league club when he winds up his baseball career with the Vols, played the outfield when not pitching this season.

With no promising first basemen in camp, Coach O'Neil decided that Huffstetler would prove more valuable as a first baseman than an outfielder this year.

Back In School

The return of Blackstock was a real break for the Vols. Billy, who gave up football at U-T last year to devote his time to baseball, is also considered a major league prospect. He dropped out of school and played amateur baseball last summer.

Blackstock, a catcher by trade, can play most any position. He will share catching duties with Ken Frye, a freshman from Hickory, N. C. Billy will do the receiving when Huffstetler is on the mound, and Frye will play first base. When Frye is behind the plate, Blackstock will patrol left field.

In addition to Huffstetler, Coach O'Neil has two other promising left-hand pitchers in Bob Ridenour from Hall's High, and Don Ballow. He will also have three right handers, Don Williams, Harvey Stein and Ed Godzak.

Catchers Listed

Two other catchers on the squad are Bill McCord, a freshman from Almo, and Ed Given, a freshman from Ripley.

Billy Dodd, a junior from Nashville, is tabbed for second base. Buddy Archer, a freshman from

Kingsport, and Adrian Cox, a freshman from Winston-Salem, N. C., will battle it out for the shortstop post.

B. B. Hopkins, of Oak Ridge, who hit .302 last season, is back at third base. He attracted major league scouts as a high school player, and the big league ivory hunters have been on his trail ever since then.

Tony Muscarelo, a freshman from Trenton, N. J., will share left field duties with Blackstock. Rodney Reich, a hard-hitting freshman from Winston-Salem, is expected to enter school in time to take over the center field post.

Bill Davis, a freshman from Dyersburg, is due to play right field.

To Be Reserves

Don Bogott, a member of the U-T basketball team, and Gene Bentley, of Big Stone Gap, Va., who is expected to enroll for the spring term, will be outfield reserves.

Coach O'Neil announced that his probable starting lineup against Wofford College in the opening game at U-T field, March 27, likely will be:

Reich, cf; Hopkins, 3b; Huffstetler, 1b; Davis, rf; Dodd, 2b; Blackstock, lf; Archer, ss; Frye, c, and either Ridenour or Williams, p.

"Our batterymen have been working out for more than a month," said O'Neil. "Other members of the squad have been out for a couple of weeks. We've been able to get in a lot of training. Our boys should all be in good shape by the time we start taking on our Southeastern Conference opponents."

Johnny Huffstetler Stars In Minnesota

Johnny (Lefty) Huffstetler, former Everett High and Maryville CIO star pitcher and later a member of the strong University of Tennessee team, is currently starring with the New Ulm, Minn. semi-pro baseball team.

Huffstetler, along with Sid Hatfield and B. B. Hopkins of the U-T team went to Minnesota following the close of school to play semi-pro baseball and work during the summer months.

Since the trio joined the New Ulm team they have won five straight and Huffstetler has pitched four victories without a loss. In the first game he pitched seven innings and allowed four hits before he hurt his finger. New Ulm won, defeating a team which had shut them out 17-0 with a no-hitter early in the season. Huffstetler's finger is improving and he has continued to pitch.

In his second outing he beat league leading Fairmont, 8-3, striking out 13 men. All three runs were unearned.

In the third game he had a 14-0 shutout with two out in the last of the ninth when his opponents scored two runs.

Huffstetler pitched a 6-2 victory in his fourth game facing former major league star Rudy York three times. York rolled out to the infield twice and popped up once. The opposing pitcher in the game was Jack Strumm, former Gastonia pitcher who was leading the Tri-State League with 11 wins and two losses when he left for Minnesota.

Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Huffstetler, Route 1, Maryville.

Johnny Huffstetter Signed By Smokies

Knox Signs Former Vol, Two Others

Johnny (Lefty) Huffstetter, who compiled an .800 pitching average and a .397 batting average against Southeastern Conference opposition in three years with the University of Tennessee Volunteers, has signed a contract with the Knoxville Smokies of the Tri-State League.

Huffstetter, a native of Blount County, also has been an outstanding performer in semi-pro circles for the past three years. His semi-pro baseball was played in a strong Dakota-Minnesota league. He finished his career at Tennessee with the 1953 season.

SOUGHT BY ATLANTA

The Blount Countyman was signed by Manager Pat McGlothlin, the third young hurler obtained in this area. Huffstetter had been approached by several clubs, including the Atlanta Crackers.

It was reported Huffstetter had decided to make pitching his baseball future. At Tennessee he divided his time between the mound, first base and the outfield.

His first season was Huffstetter's best, defeating eight SEC foes. It was an undefeated season and it sent the Vols to their first chance for the NCAA national title. They won the District playoff and then went to the finals of the national tournament at Omaha.

The 1951 season also was the best for the former Vol at the plate. He got 15 hits in 33 times at bat in SEC games for an average of .455.

Huffstetter's senior year was his worst, breaking even in six SEC games. He also dropped off in hitting, but still had a healthy .344 average. In 1952, won five games and lost one and turned in a .429 batting mark.

TWO OTHERS SIGN

Two other players were signed yesterday by the Smokies, including Shirley Burgin, former star for Powell High School, who is now enrolled at UT.

Burgin is regarded as an excellent prospect as an infielder. The contract of shortstop James Hensley has been purchased from Big Stone Gap of the Mountain States League. Hensley was one of the top performers for Big Stone last season.

Nothing has been decided as yet in regard to the spring training base for the Smokies. It is believed the Smokies will train at Fitzgerald, Ga. to be near the Cincinnati minor league base at Douglas, Ga. The Reds have promised player help to the Smokies.

Work also is progressing on the new sports stadium and it is believed everything will be in readiness for the opening of the Tri-State League season on April 19.



IMPRESSES—John Huffstetter (above) is being counted on by Manager Pat McGlothlin as a starting pitcher when the Knoxville Smokies open their 1954 baseball campaign. The former UT Vol has been impressive in all drills at the Smokies Douglas, Ga. base.



JOHN HUFFSTETTER
Signs with Smokies



SHIRLEY BURGIN
Smokies' pro career

Smokies Get Three Area Boys

John Huffstetter Signs as Hurler

By BON WILSON

Long John Huffstetter, former University of Tennessee star southpaw pitcher, and two other promising prospects have been signed by the Knoxville Smokies, Manager Pat McGlothlin announced last night.

The others are Shirley Burgin, former Powell High School baseball and football star, and James Hensley, a shortstop, who played for Big Stone Gap of the Mountain States League last season.

Huffstetter, who wound up a brilliant college career at UT last season, was considered a major league prospect by the Brooklyn Dodgers two seasons ago. They took him to Brooklyn during the summer and had him work out at Ebbets Field for a week. However, Huffstetter elected to finish his college career before taking a fling at pro ball.

Played In Semi-Pro Loop

After the close of the U-T season last year, Huffstetter pitched for an outstanding semi-pro team in South Dakota.

In 1951, his sophomore year, Huffstetter won 8 and lost 6 in Southeastern Conference competition. He hit .455. In 1952, he won 5 and lost 1 in SEC games, and batted .429. Last year he won 3 and lost 3 and hit .344. He was named to the All-SEC team 3 straight years.

May Play First Base

In case of his having trouble, there is a possibility that he will outgrow hurling and be given a trial at first base.

"Huffstetter has had considerable experience in high school college and pitching for strong semi-pro teams," said McGlothlin. "I see no reason why he shouldn't make us a valuable mound man."

Burgin, who is considered one of the finest young athletes ever produced at Powell High, was granted a U-T football scholarship. However, he dropped out of school and has elected to pursue a baseball career.

Played With Puss Hodges

He has gained a lot of valuable baseball knowledge as a result of forming a key combination with Puss Hodges, a former in major Southern Association as baseman. They played together on a strong semi-pro team.

McGlothlin said Hensley's tract was purchased from Big Stone Gap team.

"Though he was a shortstop at Big Stone, we plan on converting him into an outfielder because of his hitting," said McGlothlin. "He hit 26 home runs last season, batted in 135, and finished the season with a .464 batting mark."

McGlothlin said he and Smokies owners are discussing other major league club players.

Grading work on the playing field and erection of lights remain the major tasks in completing the park. Installation of seats may be started this week.

The infield will be sodded while the outfield will be seeded.

McGlothlin said it is possible that Hensley may be shifted to the outfield. "One major league official told me Hensley had the possibilities of developing into an excellent outfielder," the Smoky skipper said. "The boy has tremendous batting power."

Last year at Big Stone, Hensley a product of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, hit 26 home runs and had 136 runs batted in while averaging a .367 batting average.

John Huffstetler Bats And Hurls Vols To 5-4 Win

By ED HARRIS
(Journal Sports Editor)

Johnny Huffstetler, still favoring a game leg, gave a superb demonstration of pitching and batting perfection yesterday to give the University of Tennessee a 5-4 victory over Georgia Tech in a marathon contest.

Huffstetler pitched nine scoreless innings in relief, got five hits in five times at bat, and scored the winning run to break up the season's longest game, 15 thrill-packed innings.

Tennessee used the same formula yesterday that paid off the day before. They got airtight relief pitching and waited until B. B. Hopkins could push across the clincher. The day before Hopkins did it with a home run. He had to wait yesterday until his eighth appearance before drilling a double to right-center that enabled Huffstetler to hobble across with the winning tally.

RHINO IS TECH STAR

Chappell Rhino, Tech's great safety man for the undefeated '52 team, hurled the complete game for Tech and won the plaudits of the 1000 by the manner in which he got out of trouble time after time. Rhino relied on control and a curve to get out of trouble.

Spectacular play was turned in by both teams. First Baseman Vaughan Dyer, of Tech, reached over the rightfield foul fence in the 15th inning to snag Anderson's pop. It was an almost unbelievable play.

Tennessee turned in what must be a record number of assists. They had 29 for the afternoon with Hopkins and Huffstetler leading in this department with seven and six. Two of those by "Huff" were on pick off plays.

Getting him out of the game was HARRY HITTING. The Vols could get but one out. Huffstetler was safe at second when Brannon dropped the third. Huffstetler easily could have pitched singles into doubles had he been able to run. As it was, five-pitching was tops for the day. Many of the Vol hits were of the infield variety.

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Starter Don Williams' wildness gave Tech a run in the first inning. Four bases on balls accounted for the run. The Vols tied it in their turn. Billy Asbury singled. Asbury moved to second and Sid Hatfield was safe on Shortstop Charles Brannon's error. Hopkins forced Asbury at third. Billy Joe McClain singled Hatfield home.

Things rocked along until the fifth when Tech pushed across three more runs and appeared to be well out front. Dyer, given a life when a foul tip was dropped, was given another life when Payne made a low throw on a slow roller. Dyer was moved up on a sacrifice. Louis Andrews singled and was forced at second by Hudson. A passed ball and single by Frank Marmon sent two more runs across.

Huffstetler, Hopkins Keep Vols In Battle For '52 SEC Pennant

By ED HARRIS
(Journal Sports Editor)

Things haven't gone according to Tennessee's baseball battle plans, but a pair of Cy Anderson's cripples are doing all right for themselves. The Vols, loser of but one game last year, have dropped four of nine SEC games up to date, but the crippled pair—Johnny Huffstetler and B. B. Hopkins—are doing amazing things.

Lefty Huffstetler, it's true, did lose his first SEC game this Spring, but the Blount Countian has been nursing a game leg that has prevented the usual pitching control. The injury also has prevented Johnny

Surprise hitting package for the Vols, according to figures in games through last Saturday, has been Bill Joe McClain, freshman from Johnson City. The young star has been moved to the cleanup slot. He has come through brilliantly with 11 hits in 26 appearances for an average of .423.

Tennessee's offensive record: Player Pos AB R H RBI Avg Huffstetler, p 15 5 11 6 .733 O'Kain, p 2 4 11 5 .550 McClain, inf 26 4 11 5 .423 Rechichar, cf 25 7 14 5 .560 Hopkins, 2b 42 4 12 3 .287 Payne, 2b 26 8 12 2 .462 Anderson, c 25 3 10 9 .400 Hodda, ss 24 2 8 2 .333 Powers, of 3 1 1 0 .333 Hatfield, 1b 37 7 16 .189 Ashby, of 40 5 1 0 .125 Williams, p 6 0 1 0 .167 Brannon, 2b 7 2 1 0 .143 Blackstock, 2b 3 1 0 0 .333 Dyer, cf 3 1 0 0 .333

The infielder also has a pulled leg muscle and it is not known when he will be able to run without pain. Although he is batting at a .400 clip, Bert Rechichar is not getting the extra base hits that blasted SEC pitchers last year. In nine games to date Bert has

Huffstetler his only SEC loss.

Capt. Billy Joe Bowman is the only other hurler with victories this season. He, too, has been bothered with a leg injury, but has 2 wins.

Pitching records: Player IP H R SO BB Huffstetler 10 2 0 25 12 Bowman 21 2 19 14 McClain 13 2 1 4 11 O'Kain 7 4 4 2 1 Williams 9 1 3 6 5

The Vols leave at noon today on a series that will determine whether they will remain in the chase for their second successive SEC pennant. They play two with Georgia Tech and another pair with Georgia.

They will have to do without the services of Don Williams, hurler who only recently got over an arm injury. Williams suffered a cut finger on his pitching hand yesterday. A razor blade that had fallen in a wash basin caused the damage.

14 hits, only three for extra bases.

He also has nine runs batted in a tie for high in this field.

Huffstetler not only is Tennessee's leading hitter, but he also is the leading hurler in victories and innings pitched. "Huff" has hurled 30 2/3 innings, allowed 25 hits and won three while losing one. A pair of infield singles, an error and an outfield fly handed

KNOT COUNT

It was the following frame before the Vols knotted the count. Anderson singled and went to second when Rightfielder Andrews kicked the ball. Rechichar got an infield hit to deep short. Anderson tried to move to third and was an easy out. Payne and Blackstock got bases on balls and Huffstetler came to the game. He singled off Second Baseman Bob McCauley's glove, two runs coming across.

That was all of the scoring until the 15th. In that frame Huffstetler left off with his fifth successive hit. Asbury rolled to the infield and Huffstetler was safe at second when Brannon dropped the third. Huffstetler easily could have pitched singles into doubles had he been able to run. As it was, five-pitching was tops for the day. Many of the Vol hits were of the infield variety.

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GA. TECH	AB	R	H	PO	A
Hudson, 2b	5	1	5	7	4
McCauley, 2b	4	1	5	7	4
Mason, 3b	4	1	5	7	4
Dyer, 1b	5	1	5	7	4
Payne, p	2	0	1	3	2
Andrew, cf	2	0	1	3	2
Starns, 2b	2	0	1	3	2
Brannon, ss	2	0	1	3	2
Hudson, c	2	1	4	0	0
Williams, p	1	0	0	0	0
Joyce, c	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	47	4	11	24	16

TENNESSEE	AB	R	H	PO	A
Asbury, 1b	5	1	1	7	4
Hatfield, 1b	5	1	1	7	4
Hodda, 2b	5	0	1	4	4
McClain, 2b	5	0	2	1	0
Anderson, c	5	0	1	10	8
Rechichar, cf	7	1	4	3	7
Payne, 2b	4	1	0	4	5
Blackstock, ss	4	1	0	4	5
Spivey, 1b	1	0	0	0	0
Dobbs, ss	1	0	0	0	2
Williams, p	1	0	0	0	0
Huffstetler, p	5	1	5	0	6
Totals	55	5	17	45	29

Two out when winning run scored.
Brian Marmon in thirteen.
Run out for Blackstock in twelfth.
Williams awarded base on catcher's interference.
Score by innings:
Ga. Tech 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Tennessee 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Errors: Brannon 2, Blackstock 2, Payne, McCauley, Dyer, Andrews' runs batted in: Rhino, McClain, Marmon 2, Anderson, Huffstetler 2, Hopkins, two bases hit, Hopkins, double hit, Marmon, Hudson; stolen bases: Payne sacrificed; Brannon 2, Rhino, double play: Brannon to Dyer, Rhino to McClain, Huffstetler, Blackstock to Hatfield; left on bases: Ga. Tech 10, Tennessee 17; bases on balls: Ga. Tech 4, Rhino, Huffstetler strikeouts by Williams 6, Rhino, Huffstetler 5, off Williams 6; hits for 4 runs in 6 innings, off Huffstetler 5 hits for no runs in 6; hit by pitcher McClain by Rhino; passed ball: Marmon, Anderson; double: Spivey, Dyer; Rhino's unearned; Spivey's unearned; time of game: 2 1/2 hours.

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17th Beats 31st In 7th Div. Play

HQ. U.S. 7TH INF. DIV., Korea—John Huffstetler powered a grand slam homer in the eighth inning to shatter a 2-3 deadlock and gave his 17th Inf. team a 7-3 victory over the 31st Inf. Bearents in 7th Div. baseball here.

The victory left 17th Inf. on top of the league standings with a 2-0 record and skidded the 31st down to fourth place with an even 2-2 mark.

Special Troops nudged winless DivArty 6-5 to slip into a second spot tie with idle 32nd Inf. Both now hold 2-1 records.

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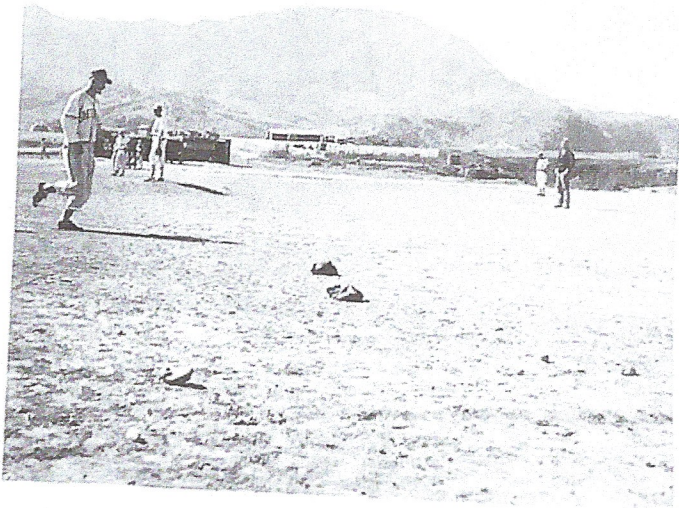
John Huffstetler Paces 7th Division Baseball League

John Huffstetler, former U-T baseball player now with the Army in Korea, is setting the 7th Division Baseball League on fire with a sparkling .591 batting average.

The 6-foot three-inch first sacker has collected 42 hits in division competition, 18 of them for extra bases. In his biggest game recently, "Huff" belted six hits in seven trips to the plate, including two homers and a double.

He was voted captain of his Buffalo Regiment team, has a sure grip on the division batting title, and is a good bet for "most Valuable Player" award. He started the season as a pitcher, but his hitting was so good his coach moved him to first base.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huffstetler, Rt. 7, Maryville.



"Orange & White" Steve Williams 1973
Remember When...

Although it has been over two decades, the thrills and excitement generated on the University of Tennessee campus in the Spring of 1951 by the Volunteer baseball team has not been forgotten.

Many can still remember how Tennessee fought its way through a tough Southeastern Conference crowd of competitors to nail down the lone league championship in the school's history. The 1951 Vols set a record for the most conference wins in one season, losing their second game of the year and then ripping off 15 straight wins for a 16-1 record.

COACH S. W. "CY" Anderson's wearers of the proud Orange and White, and representative of the SEC, advanced to the NCAA's College World Series at Omaha, Neb., where the team finished as the nation's runnerup, losing to Oklahoma 3-2 in the championship game. Tennessee lost to Utah 7-1 in its first round appearance and then bounced back for triumphs over Princeton, Springfield, Southern California and Utah to gain the finals.

The memories of those who were fortunate enough to watch what has been called the greatest Vol baseball team of all times are immediately thrown back 20 years and donned with the action of power hitting and strong pitching when names of the 1951 gang are mentioned. Such names as John Huffstetler, Ace Adams, Herky Payne, Bill Asbury, Amey Anderson, B. B. Hopkins, Bert Rechichar, Watson Bell, Sid Hatfield, Julian Dease, Dale Powell, Billy Joe O'Lain and Billy Joe Bowman.

Huffstetler, twice an All-SEC first team performer, led the team in hitting with a .455 average and while he wasn't playing in the outfield, he mustered a perfect 8-0 record from the mound. Centerfielder Rechichar was a defensive standout and strongest slugger of the bunch, walloping four home runs and three triples for a .319 average.



John Huffstetler
One of the Gang

ANDERSON, THE CATCHER, protected homeplate with authority and was an offensive threat with the bat, hitting .329. Hopkins, who two years later was to become Tennessee's first All-American baseballer, played third base and hit .324. as a sophomore.

This 1951 Tennessee baseball team, whose overall effort of 25-4 (.862) ranks as the SEC's top record ever in its 37-year history, came closer than any Southeastern Conference team ever has in capturing the national championship.

It has gone down in the annals of collegiate baseball as one of the greatest teams of all times. And the thrills and excitement it generated on the University of Tennessee campus in the Spring of 1951 will never be forgotten.



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Andy Kelly (born June 6, 1968) is a former American football quarterback in the Arena Football League (AFL). He played in the AFL for fifteen seasons for a total of eight different teams. He also played for two seasons for the Rhein Fire of the former World League of American Football. He played college football at the University of Tennessee from 1988 to 1991.

Early years

Kelly attended Rhea County High School in Evensville, Tennessee.[1] As a member of the Golden Eagles high school football team, he won Gatorade All-America honors in football as a senior.[2]

College career

Kelly was a successful collegiate quarterback at the University of Tennessee from 1988–1991 under head coach Johnny Majors.[3] He took over as a starter for Sterling Henton in the 1989 SEC rivalry game against the Alabama Crimson Tide.[4] He became part of Tennessee football lore as part of team that accomplished a 35–34 victory at Notre Dame, later dubbed as "The Miracle at South Bend". The Vols trailed at one point 31–7 before Kelly helped instrument a comeback to beat the Fighting Irish.[5] He set numerous Tennessee and SEC passing records, most of them broken by his later successor at Tennessee, Peyton Manning.

College career statistics

NCAA collegiate career statistics

Tennessee Volunteers

Season Passing Rushing

Comp	Att	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int	QB Rating	Att	Yards	Avg	TD		
1988	15	25	98	60.0	0	0	92.9	9	-15	-1.7	0	
1989	92	156	1,299	59.0	7	9	132.2	32	-33	-1.0	0	
1990	179	304	2,241	58.9	14	14	126.8	38	18	0.5	0	
1991	228	361	2,759	63.2	15	15	132.8	57	60	1.1	3	
NCAA Career Totals			514	846	6,397	60.8	36	38	129.3	136	30	0.2

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Professional career

Kelly's predominant professional football career was as an Arena Football League quarterback, playing some of his career with the New Orleans VooDoo, for whom he played for in 2005 and 2007, and which was the last team for which he actively appeared as a player.[7] He previously played for the Charlotte Rage (1993, 1995–96), Nashville Kats (1997–2001), Dallas Desperados (2002), Detroit Fury (2003–2004), Kansas City Brigade (2006), and Utah Blaze (2006). At the end of the 2006 season, he held several all-time AFL career records, including touchdown passes (767), passing yards (39,948), pass attempts (5,827), pass completions (3,621), and interceptions (155).

On Friday, April 27, 2007, in a 72–57 home loss to their division-mate, the Georgia Force, Kelly joined Aaron Garcia, Clint Dolezel, and Sherdrick Bonner as the only quarterbacks in professional football history to throw for over 800 career touchdowns.[8]

On December 6, 2007, Kelly was named the head coach of the proposed new All American Football League's Tennessee team.[9] However, the league suspended operations March 12, 2008 (permanently, as things later developed, although only a delay was announced at the time), and Kelly signed with the Georgia Force two weeks later on March 26, 2008, but never actually participated in any games as an active player for the Force.[10] Kelly retired as an Arena Football player following the 2008 season and currently serves as a commentator on Tennessee Volunteers football radio broadcasts.

In June 2013, Kelly was nominated for the Arena Football Hall of Fame.[11]

AFL statistics

Year	Comp.	Att.	Comp%	Yards	TD's	INT's	Rating
1993	178	332	53.6	2,139	34	15	80.3
1995	95	166	57.2	1,004	16	8	78.9
1996	58	94	61.7	671	8	1	100
1997	309	497	62.2	3,821	82	14	113.7
1998	315	518	60.8	3,537	73	12	106.7
1999	324	501	64.7	3,609	67	11	110.2
2000	283	429	66	3,107	55	10	109.5
2001	230	382	60.2	2,699	47	7	104.8
2002	319	511	62.4	3,295	73	16	105.4
2003	392	654	59.9	3,967	92	20	99.7

2004	360	587	61.3	4,184	73	12	105.4	
2005	466	700	66.6	4,657	96	12	112.4	
2006 (Utah)	115	162	71	1,402	27	4	126.5	
2006 (Kansas City)		177	294	60.2	1,856	24	13	80.5
2007	265	397	66.8	2,571	42	9	101.7	
Career	3,886	6,224	62.4	42,519	809	164	104	

Personal life

After his professional football career, Kelly became a full-time insurance agent for State Farm.[12]



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Jamal Lewis (born August 26, 1979) is an American former professional football player who was a running back in the National Football League (NFL) for the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns. He was selected by the Ravens with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. He played college football at Tennessee. After spending his first seven seasons with the Ravens, Lewis signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns prior to the 2007 season and retired after the 2009 season.

Lewis is best known for his career as a Raven, where he contributed to the team winning Super Bowl XXXV as a rookie. Lewis is also known for his outstanding 2003 season, where he rushed for 2,066 yards (third-most all-time, behind Eric Dickerson and Adrian Peterson) and was named AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year. That same year, Lewis also rushed for 295 yards in one game, which was the single-game record until Adrian Peterson rushed for 296 yards in 2007 against the San Diego Chargers. Lewis was inducted into the Ravens' Ring of Honor on September 27, 2012.

Early years

Lewis attended Douglass High School in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a letterman in football and track.[1] Lewis was rated as the top running back prospect in the nation by Super Prep. Prep Star rated him as the No. 2 southern RB. Lewis rushed for 25 touchdowns as a senior and earned AAAA All-State and All-City honors. He was named MVP of the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game, with 137 yards on 11 carries, for a 12.4 average, and two touchdowns. Lewis gained 1,923 yards and scored 28 touchdowns as a junior and 1,240 yards and 15 touchdowns as a sophomore. In his three years as a starter, he rushed for a school-record 4,879 yards and 68 touchdowns, plus had a 9.7-yard average per carry.[citation needed] While at Douglass, Lewis converted from a fullback to the starting running back.

In track & field, Lewis was a standout sprinter. He got personal-best times of 10.84 seconds in the 100 meters and 22.04 seconds in the 200 meters. He was also a member of the 4 × 100 m (42.14s) relay squad.[2]

College career

As a freshman at Tennessee in 1997, Lewis rushed for 1,364 yards and seven touchdowns. For his efforts, he was named first team Freshman All-America by The Sporting News and second-team All-SEC by the Associated Press. In the 1997 season, quarterback Peyton Manning caught a 10-yard pass from Lewis against Arkansas.[3] In 1998, Lewis suffered a torn lateral collateral ligament in his right knee and missed the rest of the season. In his three-year career at the University of Tennessee, Lewis rushed for 2,677 yards and accounted for 3,161 all-purpose. Lewis ranks fifth on the university's list of all-time rushers and fourth in all-purpose yards. He was an arts and science major while at the University of Tennessee.

College statistics

Season	Team	GP	Rushing		Receiving					
			Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD	
1997	Tennessee		12	232	1,364	5.9	7	23	266	2
1998	Tennessee		5	73	497	6.8	3	1	16	1
1999	Tennessee		10	182	816	4.5	7	15	193	1
College Totals[4]			27	487	2,677	5.5	17	39	475	4

Professional career

Baltimore Ravens

Regarded as the best available tailback alongside Thomas Jones, Lewis was drafted in the first round with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens.[5] In his rookie season, he rushed for over 1,300 yards, supplanting Priest Holmes as the team's starting running back. On November 19, Lewis became the youngest player since 1960 to record 200 yards from scrimmage (21 years, 82 days).[citation needed] The Ravens' running game and punishing defense earned them their first World Championship when they defeated the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV. Lewis rushed for 103 yards and scored a touchdown in the game, becoming only the second rookie ever to rush for over 100 yards in a Super Bowl and the youngest player to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl (21).

Lewis missed his sophomore year due to a knee injury he sustained in training camp. Lewis's injury weakened the Ravens running game for much of the season.

In the 2003 season, Lewis led the NFL in rushing with 2,066 yards, falling just 40 yards short of officially breaking the all-time single-season rushing record, which remains Eric Dickerson's 2,105 record-breaking yards in 1984. Lewis joined Dickerson, Terrell Davis, Barry Sanders, and O. J. Simpson as the only backs in the 2,000 rushing yards club. In 2009, Chris Johnson of the Tennessee Titans would also surpass the 2,000-yard mark by rushing for 2,006 yards. In 2012, Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings finished with 2,097 rushing yards, the second-most ever for a running back in a single season. In 2020, Derrick Henry of the Tennessee Titans surpassed the 2,000-yard mark as well by rushing for 2,027 yards.

On September 14, 2003, Lewis broke Corey Dillon's single-game rushing record of 278 yards by running for 295 yards against the Cleveland Browns.[6] Lewis was rewarded by being named NFL Offensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. Lewis's single-game rushing record was later broken by Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings on November 4, 2007, when he ran for 296 yards against the San Diego Chargers.

After the 2005 season, the Ravens declined to place the franchise tag on Lewis, making him an unrestricted free agent after the end of the season. This move was seen by many as a formality in letting Lewis move to another team. Popular speculation blamed Lewis' steadily declining performance since the 2003 season. Lewis had also voiced displeasure during the 2005 season over the team's failure to sign him to a long term deal. Despite these events, the Ravens re-signed Lewis on March 13, 2006 with a three-year deal,[7] despite having signed former Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson, who was widely thought to be Lewis' replacement. On November 19, 2006, Lewis rushed for a season-high three touchdowns against the Atlanta Falcons. He ended the season rushing for 1,132 yards and nine touchdowns. On February 28, 2007, the Ravens announced that they released Lewis. However, general manager Ozzie Newsome pointed out that they hoped to re-sign him,[8] but that changed on March 7, 2007, when Lewis signed a contract with the Cleveland Browns.

Cleveland Browns

After joining the Browns, Lewis became the team's starting running back. Lewis had his first career 1,300+ yard season since 2003 in his first season with the Browns, rushing for 1,304 yards and nine touchdowns.

On November 8, 2008, The Plain Dealer reported that Lewis was dissatisfied with the performance of his teammates in the Browns' recent loss to the Denver Broncos. Lewis stated, "This is the NFL, you can't call it quits until the game is over." Lewis went on to say "it looks to me like some people called it quits before that. Denver was down, but they didn't call it quits. They kept their heads up and they finished. We didn't do that two weeks in a row - at home." Without naming names, Lewis said: "Some people need to check their egos at the door and find some heart to come out here and play hard. This is a man's game. The way we went out there and played two weeks in a row, finishing the same kind of way, it's not there. I think there are some men around here that need to check themselves, straight up. That's it." On November 2, 2009, Lewis announced he would retire after the 2009 season.[9] Late in the 2009 season, Lewis was placed on injured reserve, ending his season. On February 17, 2010, the Browns released Lewis. Lewis did not sign with another NFL team after his release from the Browns.

Lewis during the Cleveland Browns 33-30 OT win over the Baltimore Ravens on November 18, 2007

NFL career statistics

Legend

AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year

Won the Super Bowl

Led the league

Bold Career high

Regular season

Year	Team	Games	Rushing		Receiving							
			Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
2000	BAL 0	16	13	309	1,364	4.4	45	6	27	296	11.0	45
2001	BAL	0	0	Did not play due to injury								
2002	BAL 1	16	15	308	1,327	4.3	75	6	47	442	9.4	77
2003	BAL 0	16	16	387	2,066	5.3	82	14	26	205	7.9	26
2004	BAL 0	12	12	235	1,006	4.3	75	7	10	116	11.6	46
2005	BAL 1	15	15	269	906	3.4	25	3	32	191	6.0	15
2006	BAL 0	16	16	314	1,132	3.6	52	9	18	115	6.4	15
2007	CLE 2	15	15	298	1,304	4.4	66	9	30	248	8.3	34
2008	CLE 0	16	16	279	1,002	3.6	29	4	23	178	7.7	18
2009	CLE 0	9	8	143	500	3.5	18	0	8	88	11.0	19
Career	131	126	2,542	10,607	4.2	82	58	221	1,879	8.5	77	4

Postseason

Year	Team	Games	Rushing		Receiving							
			Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
2000	BAL 0	4	3	103	338	3.3	27	4	5	40	8.0	15
2003	BAL 0	1	1	14	35	2.5	8	0	2	4	2.0	6

2006	BAL	1	1	13	53	4.1	18	0	3	24	8.0	13
	0											
Career	6	5	130	426	3.3	27	4	10	68	6.8	15	0

Personal life

In February 2004, it surfaced that Lewis had been involved in talks about a drug deal. Lewis was charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the first count.[10] Lewis reached a plea agreement with prosecutors in October 2004 and ultimately, Lewis was sentenced in January 2005 to four months in federal prison.[11] He was released on August 2, 2005.[12]

On October 31, 2011, Regions Bank filed suit against Lewis over an unpaid \$660,000 loan.[13]

In January 2015, Lewis began working as the Vice President of Business and Development for Metro Exhibits, a trade show exhibits company.[14]

On February 8, 2015, a championship ring from Super Bowl XLVII that Lewis had owned was sold at auction for more than \$50,000. Lewis had received the ring from Baltimore Ravens owner Stephen Bisciotti in honor of his status as one of the all-time great Ravens players. According to the Ravens organization, Lewis sold the ring due to financial difficulties.[15][16]

A 2018 Bleacher Report profile detailed Lewis' post-NFL life, noting that he suffers from the post-traumatic effects of concussions. He is currently the President of Southeast Exhibits and Metro Retail Solutions for Metro Exhibits.[17]



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Leonard Antonio Little (born October 19, 1974) is a former American football defensive end for the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League (NFL). Little played college football for the University of Tennessee, and was recognized as an All-American. He was drafted by the Rams in the third round of the 1998 NFL Draft, and played his entire twelve-year professional career with them. Despite a relatively accomplished NFL career, Little is perhaps most remembered for killing a woman in a drunk driving accident in 1998.[1]

Early years

Little attended Asheville High School in Asheville, North Carolina, where he played both linebacker and wide receiver. At AHS, he was a three-year starter. For his senior year, Little was named a Super Prep, Blue Chip, Prep Football Report as well as a First-team All-American. In November 2005, his high school retired his #30 jersey.[2]

College career

Little played a single season at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas, before going to play three seasons at University of Tennessee, where he started every game at Middle Linebacker[3] during his senior season, leading the team in tackles (87) and sacks (8.5). He was first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference in his senior season. He appeared in the first seven games of his junior season at defensive end, tallying 33 tackles, 8.5 sacks, and five tackles for losses, also blocking one field goal and forcing four fumbles. As a sophomore, he started every game at left defensive end and recorded 62 tackles and a career-high eleven sacks. Little graduated from Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in psychology. [4]

Professional career

Pre-draft

Little measured 6-3½, 237 pounds and ran the 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds.[5] Little was expected to be a first-round draft choice, but his "in-between" size left teams not sure if he would be a linebacker or a defensive end in the NFL.[6]

St. Louis Rams

The St. Louis Rams picked Leonard Little as the 4th pick in the 3rd round of the 1998 NFL Draft, the 65th overall pick. The Rams made a last moment trade to the 65th pick on concerns that the Steelers would take Little with the 66th pick. When Rams coach Dick Vermeil called, Little was being congratulated by Bill Cowher, the Pittsburgh coach, on being drafted by the Steelers.[7]

He signed a 3-year, \$1.2 million contract on July 2, 1998, with a \$400,000 signing bonus. Little began his NFL career as a linebacker, donning uniform number 57. As a gunner on kickoff and punt coverage Little made eight tackles. He was inactive for four games before being placed on the non-football injury list due to legal issues surrounding his drunk driving crash.

The NFL suspended Little for 8 games of the 1999 season. The suspension cost Little \$125,000, half his seasonal salary. He returned to the Rams at mid-season and performed mostly on special teams with a season-high four special teams tackles vs. the New York Giants on December 19, 1999, ending the season with nine special teams tackles. He also would spell Rams defensive ends Kevin Carter and Grant Wistrom and was in the game for Wistrom for the play known as "The Tackle" in Super Bowl XXXIV.

In 2000, he played at the defensive end position, coming into games to play left defensive end in passing situations, with starting end Kevin Carter "reducing" down to left defensive tackle. He also spelled right defensive end Grant Wistrom. Little added 20 pounds with weight training and extra eating to help him make the switch and in that role Little had 5 sacks and totaled 17 tackles.[8] He also had 18 tackles on special teams in 2000.

On April 24, 2001, Leonard Little agreed to a one-year tender offer of \$512,000, the minimum level for a restricted free agent.[9] That season, he changed his jersey number to 91 and was a pass-rush specialist for the NFC champion Rams. Little would enter games in passing situations in place of starting left defensive end Chidi Ahanotu. In that role, Little led the Rams with 14.5 sacks, 3rd in the NFL. Little had nine tackles (five solo), three QB pressures, and one sack in Super Bowl XXXVI. On the first play of the New England Patriot game-winning drive Little brushed the ball but could not dislodge it from Tom Brady, who kept the drive alive by completing a short pass.[10] Little also continued his role as a special teamer, making 11 tackles.

On March 4, 2002, Little signed a five-year \$17.5 million contract. That year Little earned the starting left defensive end job and performed very well, despite the fact he was considered small for a "base" defensive end in the NFL. He played the run well and upgraded his play against the pass as well. Rams defensive line coach Bill Kollar said, "He's become an every-down player, he's doing a good job in the running game, and his pass rush is better.[11] He recorded 12 sacks (6th most in the NFL) and a franchise-record nine forced fumbles for the season (surpassing Deacon Jones's six in 1968). Little's ability to strip quarterbacks of the ball was noted by Sports Illustrated's Paul Zimmerman who picked Little as the "best in the business to go for the strip".[10] He played notably in the season finale against the San Francisco 49ers by recording nine tackles (five solo), one QB pressure, a season-high 2 sacks, and a career-high three forced fumbles.

The following year, he was named an All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection; he had 12.5 sacks, third in the NFC (fourth in the NFL), six forced fumbles and an interception. Against the Minnesota Vikings on November 30, 2003, Little had eight tackles (six solo), a career-best four sacks, three QB pressures, and two forced fumbles. Vikings offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said that Little "wrecked the game plan, just wrecked it." In addition to the four sacks, Viking offensive right tackles were called for four penalties attempting to block Little. For his efforts Little was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week.

In 2004, Little started all 16 games and recorded just 7 sacks, however, the down year was attributable to being double-teamed or "chip-blocked" on the majority of passing downs. "They never leave him alone," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "Very seldom is he single blocked and {sic} if he is, it's a quick throw. Opponents have great respect for him". Little added, "It's been the first year where they're just

constantly chipping me . . . Last year, they'd do it off and on, but not as often as now.".[12] Despite the fewer sacks Little was voted as an alternate to the Pro Bowl. Little also scored his first two NFL touchdowns in 2004, he picked up four fumbles and returned two of them for scores.[13]

On September 11, 2005, against the 49ers he had nine tackles (four solo), 2.0 sacks, and two forced fumbles. He continued his fast start, with four sacks in the first six games [14] but slumped after the death of his brother, Jermaine, who was murdered in Harriman, Tennessee, on October 18, 2005.[15] ". . . Leonard's struggling," interim coach Joe Vitt said. "He's grieving right now, and our football team—everybody here, is lending our support to him.".[16] Little missed two games and did not record a sack in the next five games. He ended with 5.5 sacks and two forced fumbles over the final three games and to lead the Rams with 9.5 sacks and four forced fumbles in 2005.[14]

In Week 11 of the 2006 season, Little signed a 3-year \$19.5 million contract extension that included a \$6.1 million signing bonus.[17] Little started all 16 games and led the team with 13.0 sacks (tied for second in the NFC, tied for fifth in the NFL), seven forced fumbles and also recorded a career-high of 58 tackles and was again a Pro Bowl alternate.[18]

Little sprained his big toe when his left foot was caught in the turf in a 22-3 loss at Baltimore on October 14, 2007. On November 5, 2007, Little was placed on injured reserve, ending his season with only one sack, and had surgery that week to repair the torn ligament in his left big toe. Little agreed to restructure his contract to remain with the Rams. He was due a \$7.17 million roster bonus that would have counted as \$9.5 million against the Rams' 2008 salary cap. The restructuring converted the roster bonus to a signing bonus, which meant it would be spread over the last two years of the contract, essentially cutting the cap number by nearly \$3.6 million and resulting in a \$5.9 million cap number for Little in 2008.[19]

In 2008, Little was again slowed by injuries, this time a hamstring injury in the season opener, played in 14 games, starting just five. Often, he was used in passing situations similar to his role in 2001. He was second on the Rams in sacks with six and he also forced two fumbles, giving him a career total of 32. Little had two sacks against Buffalo on September 28, 2008.[18]

For the 2009 season, Little totaled 6½ sacks to lead the team for the sixth time in his career. He started 13 games at left defensive end and was relatively healthy—compared to the previous two seasons. However, he did miss two games with a knee injury. NFL.com's Greg Cosell described one of Little's plays versus the Jacksonville Jaguars as, "Little 36-yard interception return TD was an unbelievable read by Little. He read the flare action by Jones-Drew and the throw by Garrard— a spectacular individual play".

During the 2009 season, Little has dropped hints that he may retire after the season. In the off-season Little, an unrestricted free agent, accepted and then canceled a meeting with the New Orleans Saints to discuss the possibility of signing with the defending Super Bowl champions.[20] Little earned \$31.55 million in his twelve NFL seasons.[21] and led his team in sacks six times (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008) and had four seasons of twelve or more sacks. Little retired on December 15, 2010.

NFL statistics

Year	Team	GP	COMB	TOTAL	AST	SACK	FF	FR
1998	STL	6	2	1	1	0.5	0	0
1999	STL	6	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
2000	STL	14	17	12	5	5.0	1	0
2001	STL	13	33	28	5	14.5	2	1
2002	STL	16	44	37	7	12.0	9	1
2003	STL	12	47	41	6	12.5	6	1
2004	STL	16	46	38	8	7.0	1	4
2005	STL	14	56	45	11	9.5	4	2
2006	STL	16	60	57	3	13.0	7	0
2007	STL	7	19	16	3	1.0	1	0
2008	STL	14	18	15	3	6.0	2	0
2009	STL	13	23	19	4	6.5	0	0
Career		147	366	310	56	87.5	33	9

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Key

GP: games played

COMB: combined tackles

TOTAL: total tackles

AST: assisted tackles

SACK: sacks

FF: forced fumbles

FR: fumble recoveries



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Jerod Mayo Sr. (born February 23, 1986) is an American football coach and former linebacker who is the inside linebackers coach for the New England Patriots of the National Football League (NFL). Mayo played college football for the University of Tennessee and was drafted by the Patriots tenth overall in the 2008 NFL Draft. He was named Defensive Rookie of the Year and played for the Patriots until retiring following the 2015 season. He rejoined them as a coach in 2019.

Early years

Mayo was born in Hampton, Virginia. He attended Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, where he earned three letters in football as a linebacker and a running back. As a senior, Mayo recorded 110 tackles, including 18 for loss, and two interceptions. Also playing running back for seven games, he picked up 1,245 rushing yards and scored 13 touchdowns and five two-point conversions during his final campaign. As a junior, he recorded 68 tackles including 22 for loss, four interceptions and three sacks and earned first-team All-District, All-Area and All-Region honors.

Considered a four-star recruit by Rivals.com, Mayo ranked eleventh among outside linebackers nationwide.[1] He chose Tennessee over North Carolina State, Purdue, Virginia, and Virginia Tech.

Jerod's younger brother, Deron Mayo, was a linebacker for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Playing career

College

While attending the University of Tennessee, Mayo played for the Tennessee Volunteers football team from 2004 to 2007.[2] After redshirting the 2004 season, he appeared in six games at weak-side outside linebacker in 2005, finishing with 13 tackles (10 solo). Mayo made the Volunteers starting lineup as a redshirt sophomore in 2006, as he started 11 contests at weak-side outside linebacker. He finished third on the team with 83 tackles (48 solos), including five sacks for minus 40 yards, 12.5 stops for losses of 51 yards and a quarterback pressure. He also recovered one fumble and deflected a pass. Rivals.com subsequently named him to their All-American second team.[2]

For his junior season, Mayo moved to middle linebacker and started all 14 games. Serving as the defensive squad's co-captain, he went on to register 140 tackles in 2007, the most by a Tennessee defender since Earnest Fields registered those same totals for the Volunteers in 1990. He added 1.5 quarterback sacks for minus 11 yards, 8.5 stops for losses and five quarterback pressures, and also returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown. Mayo was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection and also earned All-American second-team honors by The NFL Draft Report.[2]

National Football League

Mayo was considered one of the best linebackers available in the 2008 NFL Draft and drew comparisons to Will Witherspoon.[3] Sporting News described Mayo as a “perfect fit to play one of the inside spots” in a 3-4 defense.

Pre-draft measurables

Height	Weight	40-yard dash	10-yard split	20-yard split	20-yard shuttle	Three-cone drill	Vertical jump	Broad jump	Bench press
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6 ft 1+3/8 in

(1.86 m) 237 lb

(108 kg) 4.56 s 1.52 s 2.57 s 4.29 s 7.32 s 40+1/2 in

(1.03 m) 9 ft 5 in

(2.87 m) 22 reps

Vertical from NFL Scouting Combine; all others from Tennessee Pro Day[3]

New England Patriots

The New England Patriots selected Mayo in the first round (10th overall) of the 2008 NFL Draft. Mayo was the second linebacker drafted in 2008, behind Keith Rivers.[4]

2008 season

On July 24, 2008, the New England Patriots signed Mayo to a five-year contract (rather than the six-year maximum allowed by the NFL's collective bargaining agreement) worth \$18.9 million, including \$13.8 million in bonuses and guarantees.[5] Mayo was the only rookie in the Patriots' 2008 class to start in Week 1, and played every snap for the defense.[6]

Mayo was named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Month for October 2008.[7] He led the Patriots with 24 tackles for the month, including 11 against the Denver Broncos in his first Monday Night Football appearance. In the Patriots' Thursday Night Football game on November 13, 2008, against their division rivals, the New York Jets, Mayo led all defensive players with 20 tackles (16 solo, 4 assisted), the first 20-tackle game of his career.

At the end of the 2008 season, in which Mayo had 128 total tackles (100 solo, 28 assists) and a forced fumble, he was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year for 2008 in a near-unanimous vote: Mayo received 49 of 50 votes cast, with Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Keith Rivers receiving the other vote.[8]

2009 season

Mayo was injured in the Patriots' 2009 season opener against the Buffalo Bills. The sprained MCL in his knee was originally expected to keep him out 6–8 weeks,[9] but he returned in Week 5 against the Denver Broncos. Mayo finished the 2009 season with 103 tackles and 1.5 sacks.[7]

2010 season

In 2010, Mayo was named a defensive captain.[10] In Week 4 against the Miami Dolphins, Mayo recorded 16 tackles, and two weeks later notched 18 tackles in an overtime win over the Baltimore Ravens. In Week 8, Mayo recorded 14 tackles in a win over the Minnesota Vikings. Against the Indianapolis Colts in Week 11, Mayo recorded 15 tackles in a win. In Week 12, Mayo's eight tackles gave him 132 on the season, surpassing his previous career high of 128, set in 2008. He added another 12 tackles in Week 13 against the New York Jets, and had 16 in Week 15 against the Green Bay Packers. He ended the season with a league-high 175 tackles, along with two sacks and one forced fumble.

He was named as a reserve to the 2011 Pro Bowl on January 2, 2011. In the same season he was named to the 2010 All Pro team.[7]

On December 17, 2011, at the beginning of Week 15, it was announced that he had signed a 5-year contract extension with the Patriots.[11]

2011 season

In 2011, he missed 3 games due to injuries but still managed to eclipse the 100-tackle mark. Mayo and the Patriots reached Super Bowl XLVI. In the game, Mayo had 11 tackles but the Patriots lost to the New York Giants by a score of 21–17.[7]

2012 season

Mayo during the 2013 Pro Bowl

He was voted a defensive co-captain by his teammates for the fourth straight year.[7]

On November 16, 2012, Mayo was fined \$10,000 for a late hit out of bounds on Week 10 against C. J. Spiller with the Buffalo Bills.[12] This drew an unnecessary roughness call.

Later in the year, he was selected in the 2013 Pro Bowl in recognition of his successful 2012 season.[7]

2013 season

Mayo was placed on injured reserve on October 16 after tearing his pectoral muscle on October 13 in a Patriots comeback win against the New Orleans Saints.[13]

2014 season

On October 16, Mayo was placed on injured reserve with a torn patellar tendon that he suffered in a game against the Buffalo Bills in Week 6.[14]

2010	NE	16	175	114	61	2.0	1	3	-2	0	0	0.0
		0	5									
2011	NE	14	95	58	37	1.0	1	0	0	2	4	2.0
		2	4									
2012	NE	16	147	88	59	3.0	4	1	0	1	0	0.0
		0	3									
2013	NE	6	55	35	20	1.5	0	1	2	0	0	0.0
		0	1									
2014	NE	6	53	37	16	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
		0	0									
2015	NE	16	47	35	12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
		0	1									
Career[18]		103	803	537	266	11.0	8	7	0	3	4	1.0
		2	0	19								

Coaching career

New England Patriots

On March 27, 2019, Mayo was hired by the New England Patriots to be their inside linebackers coach.[19]

Personal life

Mayo is married to Chantel Mayo. The couple have three daughters and a son.[20] The family resides in North Attleborough, Massachusetts.

Mayo has two brothers, both of whom played college football as linebackers. His younger brother, Deron Mayo, played in the Canadian Football League, and is currently the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the New England Patriots.[21][22] His brother Derek Mayo is a graduate of Richmond, where he won the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision title in 2008.[23][24]



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Charles McRae

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ *STATE* _____ *ZIP* _____

PHONE _____ *ALTERNATE PHONE* _____

SPORT Football

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player University of Tennessee/NFL
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

NAME Phillip Fulmer

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Charles Edward McRae (born September 16, 1968) is Senior VP Operations[1] for Radiology Partners and a former American football offensive tackle in the National Football League. He spent five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, starting 38 at right tackle and left guard before finishing his career with the Oakland Raiders.

Early life

McRae was born at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda Township, Michigan, on September 16, 1968 and moved to Clinton, Tennessee at the age of seven where he was a two-year starter in football and basketball at Clinton Senior High School.

Accolades

On September 4, 2003, Charles McRae was named one of the "Legends of the Game" with teammate Tony Thompson and was recognized before the Tennessee - Marshall football game at Neyland Stadium.[2]

In 2008, McRae was inducted into the Anderson County, TN Hall of Fame.[3]

On October 28, 2011, Charles McRae was inducted into the Clinton High School "Wall of Fame." [4]

On August 4, 2015, Charles joined the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.[5]

College career

McRae played football at the University of Tennessee, first as a defensive lineman under coach Ken Donahue and the last two and a half years as offensive tackle under offensive coordinator and line coach, Phillip Fulmer, earning All-SEC and Academic All-SEC honors. McRae studied physics, computer science and history, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in May 1991.

Professional career

McRae was drafted in the first round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and was the first offensive player selected. When his Volunteers teammate Antone Davis was selected with the eighth pick, it marked the first time in NFL Draft history that one school produced two top-10 selected offensive tackles in the same year. Charles signed with the Oakland Raiders in March 1996 as an unrestricted free agent where he spent one year as an offensive tackle and guard.

Business/Post Athletic Career

McRae returned to the University of Tennessee's Haslam College of Business in 2000 and earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in December 2002.

Upon graduation, McRae was chosen to be the first Administrator for Vista Radiology, PC, in March 2003,[6] a position he held until October 2011. November 2011, McRae joined Columbus Radiology as CEO.[7] Columbus Radiology was acquired by Radiology Partners in August, 2016.[8]

June 2013, Charles McRae was elected to the board of directors of the Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA) and appointed to serve as Chair of the RBMA's Radiology Integration Models Task Force.[9]

Personal

Charles is married to Lori Baxter. In addition to working and playing with his seven children, McRae is a licensed pilot, PADI scuba certified, boater, and outdoorsman.



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SPORT Track and Field

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Sprinter, University of Tennessee
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Mike Miller was a 4 year letterman sprinter on the University of Tennessee Men's Track and Field team from 1979 to 1982. In addition he was a 4 year letterman at wide receiver for the Volunteer Football team and was drafted by the Green Bay Packer in the 4th round of the 1983 National Football League draft. Mike excelled on the track earning Southeastern Conference Champion 4 times and 8 time All-American. His accomplishment on the track are as follows:

- Outdoor All-American 1979 100 meters dash 5th Place 10.35
- Outdoor All-American 1979 4X100 meters relay 5th Place 40.35
- Indoor All-American 1980 60 yard dash 5th Place 6.24
- Indoor Southeastern Conference Champion 1981 Mile Relay
- Indoor member of the 1981 Southeastern Conference Team
- Indoor All-American 1981 60 yard dash 5th Place 6.26
- Indoor All-American 1981 Mile Relay 2nd Place 3.16.24
- Outdoor All-American 1981 4X100 meters relay 2nd Place 39.58
- Outdoor Southeastern Conference Champion 1982 200 meters 20.55
- Outdoor member of the 1982 Southeastern Conference Team
- Outdoor All-American 1982 100 meters 3rd Place 10.11
- Outdoor All-American 1982 200 meters 3rd Place 20.21
- Penn Relay Champion 1981 4X100 meters 39.68
- Penn Relay Champion 1981 4X200 meters 122.57
- Penn Relay Champion 1982 100 meters 10.38
- Ranked #9 UT's all time 100 meters times 10.11
- Ranked #3 UT's all time 200 meters times 20.15
- Ranked #10 UT's all time 4X100 meters time 39.15