



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame  
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**Minutes**  
**Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting – Subcommittee Nomination East**  
**December 12, 2022**

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The East Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (“TNSHOF”) met this day at 10:00 AM CT for a meeting, with a physical location at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 13<sup>th</sup> Fl., Nashville, TN 37243 and hosted via WebEx with available call-in numbers. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the TNSHOF website and Facebook page. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM CT by Fulmer. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**<sup>1</sup>

Julie Bennett  
Dane Bradshaw  
Phillip Fulmer  
Kenny Hawkins  
Chris Wampler

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Andi Grindley, Department of Tourist Development, Outreach Projects Coordinator  
Alicia Widrig, Department of Tourist Development/Attorney & Secretary to SHOF  
Brad Willis, TNSHoF, Executive Director  
William Brown, Speaking on behalf of Bob Brown  
Sunny Smith, Speaking on behalf of Bob Brown  
Tanner Cook, Speaking on behalf of Bill Lane

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**, Fulmer

Welcome and Call to Order, to bring the committee together and make selections for the Class of 2023.

**Housekeeping**, Widrig

- Widrig, asked if any guests were on the call that may wish to be recognized. Several guests were present, William Brown and Sunny Smith requested to speak on behalf of Bob Brown and Tanner Cook requested to speak on behalf of Bill Lane.
- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108(a)(d), the determination of necessity for conducting the TNSHOF East Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee meeting electronically was read

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<sup>1</sup> All members were present via telephone.

into the record and rendered as essential to determine their 2023 Induction selections to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

- Approved the December 21, 2021 Minutes of the TNSHOF East Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion, by Fulmer with second by Bennett. No discussion. Roll call vote.

Julie Bennett	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes
Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Chris Wampler	Yes

Motion carries, Minutes approved.

### **Review of Nominees**, Willis

1. Full List of Nominees, Willis, Will go through the full list of nominees and then give guests the opportunity to speak before the subcommittee moves onto deliberations. Thrilled to have guests on the call and while this is a public meeting, Willis, requested that the subcommittee and guests refrain from disclosing the nominees in order to make special announcements for those that are selected.
  - Nominees for 2023
    - Tianna Madison Bartoletta (women's track & field)
    - Bob Brown (basketball)
    - Bill Lane (sports journalist)
    - Bill Monroe (Posthumous, basketball)
    - Carl R. Moore (auto racing)
    - Chris Woodruff (tennis)
    - 1984 Roane State Community College Women's Basketball Team
  - Prior Nomination,
    - Lewis A. Tippie (rifle)
    - Ben Talley (golf)
    - Pete Mills (martial arts)
    - Lon Herzbrun (coaching)
    - Earnest Leon Westfield (baseball)
    - Don Shaver (football)
    - Jim Davis (basketball coach)
    - Cylk Cozart (baseball)
    - Mark Aycock (martial arts)
    - Charlie Bayless (high school basketball coach)
    - Chris Burke (baseball)
    - Bill Carlyle (basketball)
    - Dale Ford (baseball)
    - Les Robinson (basketball coach and athletics director)
    - Fred Warren (men's golf)
  - Nominees as of last year,
    - Paul Annacone (tennis player)
    - Eric Berry (football)
    - Bill Carlyle (basketball coach)

- Cosey Coleman (football)
- Antone Davis (football)
- Joetta Clark Diggs (track & field)
- Shaun Ellis (football)
- Jim Gallagher Jr. (golf)
- Deon Grant (football)
- John Henderson (football)
- Andy Kelly (football)
- Joey Kent (football)
- Andy Landers (basketball coach)
- Jamal Lewis (football)
- Leonard Little (football)
- Doug Matthews (football play and coach)
- Jerod Mayo (football)
- Charles McRae (football)
- Michael Miller (track & field)
- Terrell Owens (football)
- Carl Pickens (football)
- George Samuel Pitts (basketball coach and athletics director)
- Peerless Price (football)
- Patricia Roberts (basketball)
- Bobby Snyder (high school basketball coach)
- James Stewart (football)
- Eric Still (football)
- Postumous:
  1. W. Ray Cannon (football, basketball, softball)
  2. Donnie Holbrook (drag racing)
  3. Reggie Cobb (football)
  4. Jon Jackson Huffstetler (baseball)

2. Clarification on Nomination Date/Process, Willis, Process will work by narrowing the field to as many as seven (7), with two (2) candidates being preferred nominees and the remaining five (5) being at-large that will require the entire Board to vote on their candidacy.

Those are the Nominees up for consideration for 2023. Open for discussion on any candidates that anyone wishes to speak on or move forward for further consideration.

### **Discussion of Nominees and Questions**

- Willis, Offered the floor first to Mr. Billy Brown and Coach Sunny Smith to speak on behalf of Bob Brown, speaking to the information contained in the submitted packet. Additionally, Tanner Cook spoke on behalf of Bill Lane. Speaking to the packet also provided to members in advance of the meeting.
- Board members then went through the current and previous candidates along the biographies provided by Willis. They utilized a process whereby Members would move certain nominees forward for discussion until prepared to vote and discuss preferred versus at-large nominees.

### **Voting Process**

- Motion, Fulmer, nomination of East TN slate, preferred/automatic candidates: 1) Moore and 2) Robinson, as At-large candidates: 1) Barry, 2) Burk, 3) Henderson, 4) Bartoletta, and 5) Warren with second by Bennett. No further discussion. Moving to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes
Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Chris Wampler	Yes

Motion carries, Slate approved for full board presentation.

- Motion, Fulmer, as the Nomination Committee determined that teams could no longer be nominated as individuals for class induction, request for the Nomination Committee to consider the 1984 Roane State Community College Women’s Basketball Team for the Significant Historical Achievement Award. No further discussion. Moving to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes
Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Chris Wampler	Yes

Motion carries, Slate approved.

- Bradshaw, requested time to address a related item of business. In front of the Nomination Committee now is an idea to increase the honorees to include an unserved category. Based upon own life experience playing high school football and now being twenty (20) years out considered this an opportunity for successful teams to have a reunion. Could call it the Dynasty Award, and it would be an award for the highlight of a prep career and could be an annual award if the team was worthy. The full board will hopefully hear from the Nomination Committee in the next couple of meetings.

**Review date for Full Board Meeting**, Willis. The date for the full board meeting is to be determined but likely the first full week of January 2023.

**Closing Remarks**, Fulmer, Thank you to everyone for all the work being done, it is fun to watch and be part of making a difference for the Hall. Work has been extraordinary and being part of a committee that makes some hard choices; too hard at times and hopefully that can be improved. Motion, Fulmer, as no further business motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Bennett. No further discussion, roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes
Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Chris Wampler	Yes

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM CT.



Approved:

12/12/23

Date

*Alicia C. B. Widrig*

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Alicia C. B. Widrig  
Attorney for the TNSHOF, acting Secretary  
Department of Tourist Development



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

*NAME*     Tianna (Madison) Bartoletta    

*ADDRESS* \_\_\_\_\_

*CITY* \_\_\_\_\_ *STATE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_

*PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ALTERNATE PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_

*SPORT*     Women's Track & Field    

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT*     Player/Athlete      
(player, coach, official, administrator)

### NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

*NAME*     Tom Satkowiak    

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### **TIANNA (MADISON) BARTOLETTA | WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

Tianna Madison Bartoletta was a six-time All-American on the University of Tennessee track & field team. She was a member of the 2005 Lady Vols team that won the Women's NCAA Indoor Championship, the first women's NCAA track & field championship in school history.

She won long jump titles in four of five indoor meets and seven of nine competitions outdoors, and also contributed significantly to Tennessee's record-setting sprint corps, notching a third-place NCAA Indoor finish in the 60-meter dash.

She boasts national championships in the indoor and outdoor long jump, as well as SEC titles in both events. Her outdoor long jump of 6.89 meters still ranks first all-time in Tennessee history, and her indoor long jump of 6.78 meters also sits atop the school's leaderboard. Her time of 7.27 seconds in the 60-meter dash ranks ninth all-time at Tennessee.

Madison Bartoletta was named *Sports Illustrated On Campus* Indoor Women's Track & Field Athlete of the Year, SEC Women's Field Athlete of the Year and SEC Outdoor Freshman Field Athlete of the Year. Academically, she was a second-team member of the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV Cross Country/Track & Field squad and made the SEC and Lady Vol Academic Honor Rolls in two consecutive seasons. She graduated from UT in 2005 with a degree in Social Work.

Madison Bartoletta went on to represent Team USA at the Olympics in London in 2012 and in Rio in 2016. She won gold at both sites, taking first place in the 4x100 relay in 2012 and in the long jump in 2016.



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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**CITY** Johnson City

**STATE** Tennessee **ZIP** 37601

**PHONE** 423-483-3564

980-939-5646

**SPORT** Basketball

**CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT** Professional Player

(player, coach, official, administrator)

### NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

**NAME** William Brown

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**CITY** New Windsor

**STATE** MD **ZIP** 21776

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**TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE**

**Person or organization making nomination: - William Brown**

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**Date** 5/26/2019

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**Nominee:** Bob Brown

**Sport:** Basketball

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### **Athletic Records Established**

**Bob Brown is the only basketball player at ETSU to ever average a double double for an entire season. 17.9 PPG and 14.2 RPG. Bob Brown led the OVC in two major categories in 1975 and 1976 – rebounds per game 19.2 and field goal percentage (74%) in 1976 behind Sidney Moncrief who is in the NBA Hall of Fame.**

### **Individual records:**

**Bob Brown led ETSU's basketball team in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage in 1975, 1976, and 1977. Bob Brown was a career 1,000 point scorer at ETSU. In three games against Appalachian State, Eastern Kentucky and Western Carolina Bob Brown averaged 25 points and 20 rebounds per game. Bob Brown scored the most points against American University ever (39 points) in 1976 on 11 – 13 shooting and 17 of 19 from the free throw line.**

### **Outstanding Sportsmanship, Character and Citizenship:**

**Bob Brown was recognized at the Hamilton County, Tennessee Superintendents banquet twice as the winner of the Brock Award for Teacher of the Year at Tyner High School. He was also recognized for the the Teacher of the Year Award at Mitchell High School in Memphis, Tennessee.**

### **Contributions of Nominee which have enriched the ETSU athletics program:**

**Bob Brown was the first ETSU Basketball Player to play two seasons in the European Pro Basketball League and averaged 38 points per game and 17 rebounds per game in 1978 and 1979. His highest scoring game was 69 points in Spa, Belgium.**

### **Other distinguished Achievements of Nominee**

**Bob Brown was a Dean's list student at ETSU in 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977. Bob Brown was an academic All American in 1975 and 1976 which has been accomplished by very few ETSU players over a two-year period. Bob Brown was the ETSU Professor of the day at the 1996 ETSU Homecoming. Bob Brown was the only ETSU Basketball Player in history to receive this honor. Bob Brown was the keynote speaker to represent the ETSU History Department.**

**Degree: B.A. History**

**Year: 1980**

#### **Additional Information:**

**Bob Brown set the TSSAA State Basketball Scoring Record in a single game (48 points) at the 1973 Tennessee State Basketball Tournament while playing at Stokley Athletic Center. This record can never be broken due to the fact Stokley Athletic Center has been torn down.**

**In 2007, Bob Brown was inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame covering his entire basketball career which included the success he attained at ETSU.**



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

*NAME* Bill Lane \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS* \_\_\_\_\_

*CITY* Kingsport \_\_\_\_\_ *STATE* TN \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_

*PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ALTERNATE PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_

*SPORT* \_\_\_\_\_

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* Sports Journalist \_\_\_\_\_  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

*NAME* Tanner Cook \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS* runtanrun94@gmail.com \_\_\_\_\_

*CITY* \_\_\_\_\_ *STATE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_

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**William E. "Bill" Lane, Jr.**

**Birth date:** May 11, 1942

**Died:** March 15, 2022

**High School:** Gate City High School (Gate City, Va.; Class of 1960)

**College:** Kingsport Business College (Kingsport, Tenn.)

**Occupation:** Sports Journalist

**Start Date:** December 3, 1962

**Retirement Date:** November 3, 2012

**Publications:** Kingsport Times, Kingsport News, Bristol Virginia-Tennessean, Kingsport Times-News

**Major Awards**

- Sportswriter of the Year Award winner for Tri-Cities (Kingsport Parks & Rec Department; 1964)
- 1980 UPI John W. Finney Award runner-up (10-part "Superkids" series)
- 1980 TPA Public Service Award (10-part "Superkids" series)
- 1981 UPI John W. Finney Award winner (column on Fred Walton)
- UPI Best Sports Story, Division I (1984; profile of Larry Smith, blind basketball coach that won several league championships)
- Sportswriter of the Year in Tri-Cities (Kingsport Elks Lodge; 1984 and 1985)
- UPI Best Sports Story, Division I (1987; NASCAR church service feature)
- UPI Best Sports Story Runner-Up, Division I (1988; profile on Paul Davis, national checkers champion from Ewing, Va.)
- TPA Best Sports Story second place (1989; profile on Boyer Coe, "Mr. Universe")
- Lawrenceburg Quarterbacks Club Tennessee Sportswriter of the Year Award (1990)
- THSAA Distinguished Service Award (1994)
- Northeast Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (Class of 1997)
- VHSCA Marshall Johnson Media Award (Virginia Sportswriter of the Year; 2009)
- Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Lifetime Achievement Award (2012)
- Big 8 Conference Special Appreciation Award for 50 years of service (2012)

**Events and People Covered**

- Countless high school games across nearly 50 years in both Tennessee and Virginia
  - Last person to cover a Dobyns-Bennett HS state football championship team (1964)
  - 45 combined TSSAA and VHSL state basketball tournaments
  - 27 combined TSSAA and VHSL state baseball championships
  - Immeasurable amount of playoff games across Tennessee and Virginia
  - Buck Van Huss' 1,000th win as a basketball coach (Jan. 25, 1989)
    - Instrumental in getting D-B Dome named in honor of Coach Van Huss
    - Covered Van Huss' tragic death in 1990
  - Every Arby's Classic from 1983 to 2011
- Countless University of Tennessee football, basketball and baseball games

- Covered SEC Football Media Days every year from 1990 to 2005
- 21 major college football bowl games
  - Fiesta Bowl (1999; Tennessee BCS National Championship)
  - Orange Bowl (twice)
  - Sugar Bowl (twice)
  - Cotton Bowl (1990)
  - Rose Bowl (1980)
  - Gator Bowl (five times)
  - Liberty Bowl (four times)
  - Peach Bowl (twice)
  - Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (twice)
  - Garden State Bowl (1981)
- 1975 World Series (Boston Red Sox vs. Cincinnati Reds)
- One world heavyweight boxing championship fight
- Notable Interviews
  - Ted Turner, TBS and CNN founder
    - Lane helped grow the popularity of WTCG-TV (later WTBS) in Northeast Tennessee by interviewing Turner at the Times-News office in the mid-1970s and doing a feature on the prospering television station.
  - Dominique Wilkins, 9-time NBA All-Star
  - Wayne "Tree" Rollins, 18-year NBA veteran
  - Tracy Stallard, gave up 61st home run to Roger Maris in 1961 (Coeburn, Va. native)
  - Carroll Dale, three-time NFL champion and two-time Super Bowl champion with Green Bay Packers (Wise, Va. native)
  - Steve Spurrier, 1966 Heisman Trophy winner (Johnson City native)
  - Pete Rose, MLB all-time hits leader
  - Chuck Hiller, 1982 World Series champion with St. Louis Cardinals (as a coach)
  - Beattie Feathers, first 1,000-yard rusher in NFL history (Bristol, Va. native)
  - Joe Theismann, Super Bowl XVII champion with Washington Redskins
  - Gary Bender, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame sportscaster
  - Bobby Bragan, oldest manager in professional baseball history (he was 87 in 2005)
  - Bobby Dodd, College Football Hall of Fame as both a player and coach (Kingsport native)
  - John Tate, WBA heavyweight world champion (1979-80)
  - Leon Spinks, 1978 undisputed heavyweight world champion (defeated Muhammad Ali by split decision in one of boxing's biggest upsets)
  - Darryl Strawberry, three-time World Series champion
    - Covered every game Strawberry played for the Kingsport Mets in 1980
  - Dale Murphy, 7-time MLB All-Star (two-time NL MVP)
    - Covered every game Murphy played for the Kingsport Braves in 1974
  - Gregg Jeffries, two-time MLB All-Star
  - Dwight Gooden, two-time World Series champion

- Covered every game Gooden played for the Kingsport Mets in 1982

### Comments

How long did Bill Lane cover sports?

Let's put it this way: When Jacob wrestled with the angel, Lane was working for Canaan Chronicle as a cub reporter and jostled with the Israelite scribes for quotes.

He was on hand for the grudge match between a Jewish whippersnapper and a Philistine champion and his famous words have widely been replicated through the ages: "It was David versus Goliath when (fill in the blank)."

In all seriousness, Lane covered prep sports in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia for almost 50 years.

Lane's college degree was in accounting, so he was always good with numbers and he was also valedictorian of his class.

He was one month shy of becoming a CPA before he gave into his childhood wish of becoming a journalist.

He got his accuracy from taking obituaries for a time. He would always say that someone only dies once, so you better get it right the first time.

Lane began his journalism career in 1962 when the Kingsport Times and News — a separate morning and afternoon edition of the newspaper — still had an office in downtown Kingsport on Market Street.

At first, Lane was a general assignment reporter and covered crime. One of his first days on the job, he covered a double homicide off Bloomingdale Pike.

He moved to the sports department in 1963 before taking a job as assistant sports editor at the Bristol Virginia-Tennessean in 1965.

In Bristol, he worked alongside longtime Herald Courier sports editor Gene "Pappy" Thompson for about 11 months before coming back to Kingsport in 1966.

Lane never left his native Kingsport ever again.

His vast range of coverage might be the most impressive. Lane covered everything from typical high school games to bodybuilding competitions at Sullivan North in the late 1990s to local rodeos to NASCAR races and even a cakewalk one time.

His first love was high school sports.

Lane is one of the last people to cover a Dobyys-Bennett state football championship, which was in 1964. He's covered innumerable high school playoff games for numerous sports from football all the way to track and field championships.

Lane was always one to say that he should have written a book, but to anyone that knew him, he **was** a book. The one recorded book that he did write in 1970 was titled "A Boy Named David" about Rogersville football player David Gladson, who died in a car accident in September 1969.

When Lane came back to the Kingsport paper in 1966, he was instrumental in spreading the coverage area of the newspaper into the coal fields of Southwest Virginia.

Lane — along with Herald Courier editor Dave Sparks — was one of the main reasons that Edd Clark of Appalachia got the nickname "Stonega Stallion."

Lane played a role in getting numerous people elected to halls of fame in two states like Steve Marsee (Pennington Gap) in Virginia.

He was also instrumental in helping Pound and Emory & Henry basketball legend Glenn Roberts get his own page on the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame website under "Hardwood History."

Some of his lesser-known stories include his fantastic investigative reporting that ousted wealthy Paintsville (Ky.) businessman Paul Fyffe in 1982 as Appalachian League president for continued favoritism towards the franchise he helped found — the Tri-County Yankees. His two-part series "The Busted Broncos" in 1981 exposed Steed College (Johnson City) basketball's program of wrongdoings in both recruiting and academics. In the end, the program folded.

His awards and recognitions list goes on for what seems like 10 miles, but he was always the most humble person in the room.

Lane estimated that he helped close to 2,500 young athletes get college scholarships at all levels either indirectly through his writing or directly writing to coaches across the nation. He's still the only sportswriter to win a state writer of the year award in both Tennessee and Virginia. He won the Lawrenceburg Quarterbacks Club Tennessee Sportswriter of the Year award in 1990 and later won the VHSCA Marshall Johnson Media Award in Virginia in 2009. Lane would be the first to say that his favorite sport was always baseball.

He got some of his most enjoyable times out of covering the state baseball championships of Sullivan West in 1979, Sullivan North in 1983 and 1985 and Sullivan South in 1987.

He said that the best story he ever wrote that he never got any credit for was about the Sullivan West baseball team's bus ride to Memphis in 1980 prior to the opening of the new Sullivan South in the fall.

Lane's article entitled "It Happened Aboard the Pirate Express" chronicled the journey of the Pirates in their last athletic competition ever, which ended up being a loss to Bishop Byrne in the Class AA state finals.

His world-famous "Major Amos B. Hoople" football picking column each week ran from his return to the paper in 1966 until his retirement in 2012, making it the longest running sports column in the history of the Times-News.

The column gave coaches bulletin board material, but they still got a chuckle out of the uniqueness of the writing each Thursday morning.

Later on in 2008 until his retirement, the "Memory Lane" weekly column was a huge hit. The column profiled local sports legends and regularly received rave reviews from the community abroad.

Lane was not a giant in physical stature, but his legacy looms larger than anyone could ever imagine.

He made an impact on an immeasurable amount of former athletes that he covered, coaches that he interviewed and people that he worked with.

Lane will let others tell his story as long as time goes on, just like he told the stories of others for a half-century and that's the way he would want it.



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Bill Monroe  
ADDRESS (Deceased)  
CITY Born - Knoxville STATE TN ZIP <sup>DOB</sup> (3/16/1878)  
PHONE N/A ALTERNATE PHONE N/A  
SPORT baseball  
CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Baseball player  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

### NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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## BILL MONROE PRE-NEGRO LEAGUE GREAT

**William S. Monroe** (March 16, 1878 – March 16, 1915) was an American infielder in baseball's Negro leagues. He was also known by the nickname of "Money." During a 19-year career from 1896 to 1914, he played on many of the greatest teams in black baseball. He was a good hitter and slick fielding third base and second baseman who was compared to major league star Jimmy Collins.<sup>[4]</sup> Monroe played all four infield positions, but spent his prime seasons at third base and second base.

Monroe was known for his showmanship, and entertained crowds with feats such as catching "Texas Leaguers" behind his back and kicking ground balls to make them bounce into his hands. In a 1952 Pittsburgh Courier newspaper poll to select the greatest Negro league ballplayers of history, Monroe was named as the third-team second baseman behind Jackie Robinson and Bingo DeMoss.<sup>[5]</sup> He was one of 94 Negro league candidates initially recommended by the National Baseball Hall of Fame's screening committee for the 2006 Hall of Fame election by the Committee on African American Baseball, though he did not make the list of 39 names that ultimately appeared on the ballot.

Monroe was born in Tennessee; his father was a minister. As a youth he developed a reputation throughout the South as an outstanding athlete and baseball player.<sup>[6]</sup> By 1896 he was playing professionally, and in 1899 he joined the Chicago Unions as a shortstop.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

In 1900–1901 Monroe played for the Cuban X-Giants—John Holway reports that he played second base, and Clark and Lester report that he played shortstop.<sup>[7][8]</sup> From 1903 to 1905 he played for the Philadelphia Giants, which were perhaps the top team of that period. Clark and Lester show him playing shortstop in 1903 and 1904, and third base in 1905, while Holway lists him at first base in 1903, shortstop in 1904, and utility in 1905. Statistics are scarce during this period; Holway gives statistics for a 1903 playoff between the Philadelphia Giants and the Cuban X-Giants, where Monroe batted 3 for 11 (.273), which was the second highest average on his team. In a 3-game playoff with the X-Giants in 1904, Monroe went 0 for 7 (.000), and in a 3-game playoff with the Brooklyn Royal Giants in 1905, he went 2 for 8 (.250). Philadelphia won the championships in 1904 and 1905.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

James Riley tells a story that Hall of Famer Joe McGinnity was once paid \$500 by a semi-professional team to pitch against the Philadelphia Giants. After seven scoreless innings, Monroe came to bat and pointed his bat at McGinnity, taunting him. McGinnity knocked Monroe down with his next pitch, but Monroe kept up the taunting. He then bet McGinnity \$500 that he'd hit a home run. The pitcher accepted the bet and fired a fastball, which Monroe hit for a home run which would ultimately win the game for the Giants. Monroe continued his taunting by running the bases backward.<sup>[4]</sup>

In 1906, Monroe played part of the season for the Philadelphia Giants, then moved to the Brooklyn Royal Giants, where he played third base until 1908 and second base from 1909 to 1910. Holway lists his 1906 batting average as .500, but without indicating how many at bats were recorded; his 1909 his batting record was listed as 6 for 8 (.750), and in 1910 it was .171. The Royal Giants were the eastern champions in 1910.<sup>[9]</sup>

A somewhat more complete statistical record comes during this period from his play in the Cuban League during the winters of 1906–1907 and 1907–1908, and from series played in Cuba in the fall of 1908. During 1906–1907, in 14 games he hit 18 for 51 (.353) with a triple and a home run (.451 slugging percentage) and 4 walks and 3 times hit by pitch (.431 on-base percentage).<sup>[9]</sup> The following winter, he played 16 games and went 23 for 72 (.319) with two doubles and a triple (.375 slugging).<sup>[10]</sup> Then, in the fall of 1908 the Royal Giants toured Cuba, playing against Habana and Almendares, the top teams in Cuba. Monroe played 15 games and went 13 for

56 (.232) with one triple and three walks.<sup>[11]</sup> During the same tour, he participated in a series against the major league Cincinnati Reds. In two games he went 3 for 8 (.375) with three runs scored and one walk.<sup>[12]</sup>

Sportswriter Harry Daniels named Monroe to his 1909 "All American Team" saying "the great, fastest man in base ball, and the most wonderful base runner for the past ten years; also strong at bat."<sup>[13]</sup>

In 1911, Monroe moved to the Chicago American Giants, which were the preeminent team of that era and one of the great Negro league teams of all time. His first season, he played second base and hit cleanup behind Pete Hill.<sup>[4]</sup> According to Holway, in 1911 Monroe hit .297, in 1912 he hit .208, in 1913 he hit .268, and in 1914 he .239.<sup>[2]</sup> A popular player, he was called the "king of second basemen," "idol of all the ladies," and "the most sensational player on the American Giants' team." In 1914 the American Giants easily won the western title and swept the eastern champion Brooklyn Royal Giants in four straight games, with Monroe hitting fifth.

Although still a good player in 1914, Monroe did not live to see the next baseball season. On March 16, 1915 he died of tuberculosis at his parents' home in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 37.<sup>[6][14]</sup> His obituary reported that Hall of Fame manager John McGraw had once said, "Monroe was the greatest infielder he had ever seen," but that he "could not use him on account of his color." Five days after his death, it was reported that the entire Chicago American Giants baseball team played with a "piece of black crepe" around their arms, mourning for Monroe



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Auto Racing

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In addition to his 1993 national championship, Woodruff also was named ITA Rookie of the Year in 1992 and received the USTA Sportsmanship Award in 1993.

In 2008, Woodruff became the fifth Vol in UT history to be inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame. He was elected to the Tennessee Tennis Hall of Fame in 2017.

During Woodruff's spectacular professional playing career, which ran from 1993-2002, he claimed two ATP tour championships (1997 Montreal Super 9 Canadian Open and the 1999 Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships). In 2000, he enjoyed his best year on the tour as he advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open and clinched the United States' Davis Cup win over Zimbabwe.

Since returning to Tennessee in a coaching capacity following his ATP retirement, Woodruff has helped the Vols earn a remarkable 31 All-America and 40 All-SEC selections.

Woodruff was introduced as Tennessee's head coach on May 19, 2017, after having been on the coaching staff since 2002 as an assistant coach and associate head coach.

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As a head coach, Woodruff has mentored two different NCAA Doubles Championship tandems, two additional doubles teams who advanced to the NCAA finals and two NCAA singles finalists in John-Patrick Smith (2008) and Rhyne Williams (2011). The Vols also rose to the No. 1 spot in the ITA national rankings early in 2022.



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

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***SPORT*** Women's Basketball Team

***CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT*** 1984 NJCAA National Championship Team  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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September 1, 2022

Brad Willis  
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

The following is a request by the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) for recognition of the 1984 Roane State Women's Basketball Team NJCAA National Championship as the *Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Team of Historical Significance*.

Led by Hall of Fame coach Jim Davis, the Roane State Community College Raiderettes, won the State of Tennessee's first collegiate Women's Basketball National Championship in 1984 by defeating Northwest Community College 69-53 to win the NJCAA Division 1 National Championship.

Currently, in the *Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Selections of Inductees and Honorees*, the following statement appears: "However, any Amateur Tennessee team having won a National Championship will automatically be recognized as an Amateur Team of the Year." Through the years of transition within the recognition process of outstanding athletic performance, an oversight has occurred. The **first** Women's Basketball National Championship, at any collegiate level, was won by Roane State Community College in 1984 and was never recognized for their achievement by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame has graciously and appropriately recognized the TCCAA's NJCAA National Champions – 2006 Walters State Baseball Team; 2012 Chattanooga State Women's Softball Team; and 2014 Walters State Golf Team. It is my understanding that the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame recognition of National Championship Teams at all collegiate levels was not in place at the time Roane State won their National Championship in 1984. As a result, it is also my understanding that they cannot be included in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame National Championship annual recognition but can only be considered for the *Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Team of Historical Significance*.

On behalf of the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association, I humbly request the recognition of the 1984 Roane State Women's Basketball Team take place this coming year, the 39<sup>th</sup> year following Tennessee's first collegiate Women's Basketball National Championship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Foster".

Dr. Foster Chason, Commissioner  
Tennessee Community College Athletic Association





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**Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame  
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A brief history of Women's Collegiate Basketball National Championships shows the following:

- The NAIA held their first Women's Basketball National Championships in 1981. Through all three divisions, Union College was the first to win a National Championship in 1998.
- The NCAA held their first Women's Basketball National Championships in 1982. Through all three divisions, the University of Tennessee – Knoxville has been the only National Champions, winning their first in 1987.

- The NJCAA held their first Women's Basketball Championships in 1976, with Roane State Community College being the first and only National Champions in 1984.

Roane State 1983-1984 Women's Basketball Team information:

**Nickname:**

Raiderettes

**Record:**

Overall: 27-2

Conference 15-1

**Staff:**

Jim Davis, Head Coach

Scott Wethersby, Assistant Coach

Wendy Johnson, Manager

Tracy Whittenbarger, Manager

All **team members** were from Tennessee

Sophomores:

Kim Bush, Chattanooga, TN

Angela Fletcher, Chattanooga, TN

Teresa Sherrill, Crab Orchard, TN

Michelle Holloway, Crab Orchard, TN

Macy Hitson, Sweetwater, TN

Sue Roberts, Lake City, TN

Connye Crockett, Meigs Co, TN

Sandy West-Martin, Oneida, TN

Freshmen:

Cathy Collier, Kingston, TN

Kathi LaMotte, Powell, TN

Marlissa Parks, Evansville, TN

Gay Locke, Spring City, TN

Joni Skiles, Coalfield, TN

**State Championship:**

Roane State 87 – Shelby State 69. Game was played at Roane State in Harriman.

**NJCAA Region 7 tournament**

Region 7 Tournament (Region 7 included all of Tn and Ky)

Location: Paducah, KY

Played three tournament games.

Game one vs. Martin Junior College, Pulaski, TN 67-55 final

Game two vs. Jackson State CC, Jackson, TN 59-57 final

Game three/Championship Game: Paducah CC, KY 52-49 final

Region 7-Women's All Region team for the Regular Season

Angela Fletcher

Teresa Sherrill

## **National Tournament**

Location Senatobia, MS

Roane State entered tournament ranked #2 in NJCAA

Teams beaten and their ranking

Game 1: Sauk Valley Junior College, Dixon, Illinois, not ranked, 75-51 final score

Game 2: Santa Fe CC, Gainesville, FL Ranked #5 in NJCAA Rankings, 68-57 final score (Santa Fe was undefeated until this game)

Game 3/Quarter finals: Connors State, Warner, Oklahoma, Ranked #1 in NJCAA Rankings, Final Score 67-60 (Connors was undefeated until this game)

Game 4/Championship Game: Northwest CC -Senatobia, MS, Ranked #8 69-53

### **Tournament Recognition:**

NJCAA Tournament MVP: Angela Fletcher, from RSCC overall MVP

All-Tournament team: Kim Bush, RSCC

Honorable Mention - Gay Locke, RSCC

1984 Outstanding Coach: Jim Davis, RSCC

### **Other Awards:**

Angela Fletcher – 1984 NJCAA First Team All- American Basketball Team

The two losses were to Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, GA in – Ranked #10, NJCAA and Walter's State, conference opponent. The loss to Emmanuel College was in the Truett-McConnell, GA. Tournament. The team then won 18 straight before losing to Walters State on the road. They completed the season with 9 straight wins including a National Championship.

The National Championship recognition for the 1984 Roane State Women's Basketball Team by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame is long overdue, and their accomplishments well deserved. On behalf of the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association, I humbly request the recognition of the 1984 Roane State Women's Basketball Team take place this coming year, the 39<sup>th</sup> year following Tennessee's first collegiate Women's Basketball National Championship.

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**2023**



**East Region Previous  
Nominees**

## 2023 East Region Previous 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 Sneed/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 TMSGa, for 11 years. Ben also introduced the First Tee Program to all elementary schools within Bristol and enjoyed being a volunteer instructor.

**Pete Mills**

**Martial Arts**

Nominated 2017 by Doreen McCammon

And 2018 by Stephen Horton

And 2019 By Gerald Mills

And 2020 By Todd Mills

And 2021 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY

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

FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY

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  
FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY

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 loses, 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.

**Cyik Cozart**  
Basketball  
Nominated in 2019 by: Mark Aycock

Cozart was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he grew up. Prior to becoming an actor, Cozart was an established and very successful model working in Miami, Florida. In his high school years, he was a talented football and basketball player. He attended Montreat-Anderson, Jr College, in Montreat, North Carolina, for his freshman year then transferred to King College in Bristol, Tennessee, on a basketball scholarship. After college, Cozart almost made a professional career out of basketball, but he suffered a foot injury in the NBA's Summer Pro League in Los Angeles, California. A demonstration of his basketball skills can be seen in the film *White Men Can't Jump*, which also starred actors Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson.

**Mark Aycock**  
Martial Arts  
Nominated in 2019 by Mike Branch

Mark Aycock is a world class American martial artist from Knoxville, TN. For close to two decades, he reigned as one of the top sport martial arts athletes and coaches in the Southeastern Conference and Eastern US, winning many accolades regionally, nationally, and internationally, and became one of the most decorated martial arts athletes from Tennessee. Mark is a martial arts consultant and a creative consultant for two companies in Knoxville, TN.



**Charlie Bayless**

**High School Basketball**

Nominated in 2020 by Kenny Hawkins

Charlie Bayless, was the nation's longest-serving high school basketball coach when he retired at the end of the 2012 season. The 97-year-old Bayless, whose 60 seasons as a head coach and 59 years at Happy Valley are national records. Over his career, his teams have amassed 964 wins, including nine state tournament appearances and the school's second state championship in 1974. As a player, Bayless was a guard on Happy Valley's 1941 state runner-up team. He later served in the Army in World War II as a military policeman in France and played basketball at East Tennessee State. He started his coaching career as an assistant at Happy Valley for the 1950-51 season before taking over as head coach at Jonesborough High School in 1952. He moved back to his alma mater one year later and has been there ever since. For a period in the 1950s, Bayless also served as Happy Valley's football and baseball coach. From 1953-60, he compiled a record of 30-25-4 as a head football coach, including a league record of 27-19-4.

## **Chris Burke**

### **Baseball**

Nominated in 2020 by Brad Lampley

Chris Burke played baseball at the University of Tennessee, where he was named to three All-America teams. In 1999, Burke was selected as a Freshman 2nd team All-American at second base. In 2000, in addition to being named a 3rd team All-American, he was named to the All-Southeastern Conference team at second base.

In 2001, his junior year, Burke moved to shortstop and helped the Volunteers make an appearance in the College World Series by hitting .435 with 20 home runs and 49 stolen bases, being named to the CWS all-tournament team. He was a 1st team All-American shortstop, and was the unanimous choice as the 2001 SEC Player of the Year. He was also a finalist for the 2001 Rotary Smith Award.

Burke was the Houston Astros' first overall pick in the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft as the 10th overall selection. He made his MLB debut on July 4, 2004 against the Texas Rangers. He played a total of six major league seasons with Houston, Arizona and San Diego, registering 303 hits and an on base percentage of .315. He is perhaps best known for hitting the series-winning walk-off home run off the Atlanta Braves' Joey Devine that ended Game 4 of the 2005 National League Division Series. The game, which lasted 18 innings, took 5 hours and 50 minutes to play, stands as the second longest playoff game in Major League postseason history.

**Bill Carlyle**  
Basketball

Nominated in 2020 by Fred Williams Jr and by Scott Carter

Coach Bill Carlyle is in his 44th year as head basketball coach of the Walters State Senators and his 58th year overall.

Coach Carlyle has led the Senators to 14 Eastern Division Championships and played in 9 state title games, winning 6 championships. His 1996 team was Region VII runners-up. His 2002 team won both the TJCAA State Championship and the NJCAA Region VII Championship. After a very successful national tournament appearance with the Senators finishing 8th in the nation, the Senators also finished 8th in the national rankings. His 2004 and 2005 teams won the TJCAA Eastern Division, state, and the NJCAA Region VII Championships earning repeat trips to the national tournament.

The Senators have averaged winning 20+ games a year over the past 43 years. Carlyle has a record at Walters State of 896 wins and 399 losses. His overall record as a head coach is 1118 wins and 495 losses. Coach Carlyle's record as a head coach and his tenure as an assistant coach combine for a record of 1214 wins and 569 losses. A more important statistic to Coach Carlyle; more than 200 of his players have signed with four year colleges and universities since 1977. He has coached players who have gone on to play professional basketball.

In 1999, Coach Carlyle was inducted into both the Cumberland College Athletic Hall of Fame and later into the Tennessee Junior and Community Hall of Fame. In 2000, he was inducted into the Morristown High School Alumni Hall of Fame. In 2004 he was inducted into the Morristown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. And in 2008, Coach Carlyle was inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame during the National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. He has also been selected as a member of the All-Century Basketball Team at his alma mater Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Before coming to Walters State, he coached high school basketball, baseball, and football. Carlyle was head basketball and baseball coach at Sacramento, Ky., from 1962-1964; assistant coach at Bulls Gap High School 1964-1965; and head boys' and girls' basketball coach at Maury High School 1965-1967. He led the girls to the 1966 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association Girls State Championship and was presented a key to the city of Dandridge upon the team's return from the state tournament. The record that year was 39-3.

In 1967, the boys team of Maury High qualified for Region One tournament for the first time in the history of the school with a record of 23 - 9. The same year his girls' team won the regular season championship, the District 4 tournament championship, and the Region 1 championship, and then were defeated in the state tournament. Both years of coaching the girls earned Coach Carlyle a record of 70 wins and 7 losses. He was voted District 4 Coach of the Year.

After a very successful high school coaching and teaching career, Coach Carlyle moved to the college ranks as an assistant basketball coach at East Tennessee State University (1967-1970). He then moved to Fairfield, Iowa to become head basketball coach at Parsons College. His teams produced the best record in 10 years in 1970-71 and the next year finished the year ranked in the top 20 in the NCAA. In the years 1973-1977 he was the top assistant at Oklahoma State University before moving to Walters State in 1977 as head basketball coach.

**Dale Ford**  
Baseball Umpire  
Nominated in 2020 by Kenny Hawkins

Dale Ford started his professional umpiring career in the Appalachian League before going on to a 27-year run as a major league umpire where he worked in two World Series, three all-star games and numerous playoff and league championship games.

He was well known for being behind the plate for Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, for Bill Buckner's error, for being behind the plate during a 1993 game between the Chicago White Sox and Texas Rangers where Robin Ventura charged the mound after being hit by a Nolan Ryan pitch, provoking a bench-clearing brawl in which Ryan pummeled Ventura, for tossing Baltimore Orioles Manager Earl Weaver out of a game during the National Anthem, and for ejecting Reggie Jackson from a game only to have Jackson begin throwing all the contents of the dugout onto the playing field.

Following retirement from major league baseball, Ford served three terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives, where he was instrumental in bringing water and road projects back to his district, all while helping numerous individuals with social security, insurance, and disability needs.

**Les Robinson**  
Basketball Coach and Athletics Director  
Nominated in 2020 by Scott Carter

In five seasons with the Buccaneers, Les Robinson took ETSU to two NCAA tournaments, securing a berth in the "Big Dance" with Southern Conference Tournament titles in 1989 and 1990. Robinson resurrected the ETSU program that won just seven games in 1987 to one of its finest runs of basketball and athletics successes in school history. He coached the Buccaneers for five years increasing their win total (7-14-20-27) each year.

The 1989 squad went on to nearly pull off the biggest upset in tournament history, pushing top-seeded Oklahoma to the very brink before falling 72-71. A victory would have made the Bucs the first 16 seed to ever defeat a number one seed.

During his tenure at ETSU, Robinson served as an assistant coach for the 1989 U.S. World Championship qualifying team in Mexico City, Mexico. He also coached the South team to a Bronze medal in the 1993 Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas.

Robinson ended his tenure at ETSU with 81 wins, two SoCon tournament titles and one regular season crown. In 1990, Robinson was named SoCon Coach of the Year after guiding the Blue and Gold to a 27-7 record and 12-2 mark in conference play. He went on to become the head coach at N.C. State, the Director of Athletics at The Citadel, ETSU and NC State.

**Fred Warren**  
Men's Golf  
Nominated in 2020 by Scott Carter

Warren, who turned ETSU into a household name around the golf world, retired from his position on June 30, 2019, after 33 years at the helm of the Buccaneer Men's Golf Program.

Following a tenure at Oklahoma State where he helped guide the Cowboys to three Big Eight Conference championships and three national runner-up finishes, Warren got the call from ETSU to help restart its program in 1986.

Since stepping onto campus in 1986, Warren turned ETSU men's golf into one of the most respected and well-known programs in collegiate golf. Despite having to restart the program from scratch, Warren quickly built the Blue and Gold into a national power and formed quite an impressive resume. During his 33 years as the coach, the Bucs won 56 tournaments, 17 Conference Championships and Warren was named Coach of the Year 12 times. Coach Warren was twice named NCAA District Coach of the Year. During his tenure, he coached ETSU to 22 NCAA Regional Appearances, 23 All-Americans and 24 All-American Scholars. The Bucs also collected 17 Conference Player of the Year honors during the 33-year span.

In 1996, the Bucs achieved a national ranking of No. 1, finishing third in the NCAA Championship (ahead of fourth-place Stanford that was led by Tiger Woods).

About the time ETSU men's basketball was starting its run at four straight NCAA Tournament appearances, Warren had built his Buccaneer squad into champions as well. It only took Warren three years for the Bucs to capture the first of 15 SoCon titles under his watch as the Blue and Gold steamrolled their way to the 1989 conference championship - defeating Chattanooga by 30 strokes - and eventually finishing 12th in the NCAA Tournament. The support from the community and Warren's persistence helped the creation of the Warren Greene Golf Center, which began construction in 2002 and dedicated in August 2004. With a lot of planning, fundraising, vision and support, the 3,000-square-foot facility gave the golf program a new home. In addition, the exterior practice area was designed by world-renowned golf architect Tom Fazio.

Warren became just the second head coach in program history and stepped away after 33 years at ETSU. After guiding the Blue and Gold to a No. 1 ranking, 56 tournament wins, coaching 23 All-Americans and 24 All-American Scholars, Warren unquestionably left the program better than he found it. Warren has now turned his attention to giving back to the community and the Appalachian Highlands region.

**Paul Annacone**  
Tennis Player/Coach/Commentator  
Nominated in 2021 By Rick Byrd  
Bio Attached

**Eric Berry**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Bill Carlyle**  
Basketball Coach  
Nominated in 2021 By Scott Carter  
Bio Attached

**Cosey Coleman**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Tony Cosey**  
Cross Country/Track  
Nominated in 2020 By Nic Crider  
Bio Attached

**Antone Davis**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Joetta Clark Diggs**  
Track and Field  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
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**Shaun Ellis**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Jim Gallagher Jr**  
Golf  
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**Deon Grant**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**John Henderson**  
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Football Player  
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**Joey Kent**  
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**Andy Landers**  
Basketball Coaching  
Nominated in 2020 By Mike Mobley  
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**Jamal Lewis**  
Football  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
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**Leonard Little**  
Football  
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**Doug Mathews**  
Football Player/Coaching  
Nominated in 2020 by Tate Mathews  
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**Jerod Mayo**  
Football  
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**Charles McRae**  
Football Player  
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**Michael Miller**  
Track and Field  
Nominated in 2021 by Darnell Miller  
Bio Attached

**Terrell Owens**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2020 by Jay Blackman  
Bio Attached

**Carl Pickens**  
Football  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
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**George Samuel Pitts**  
Basketball Coach/Athletics Director  
Nominated in 2020 by Daniel B. Parker  
Bio Attached

**Peerless Price**  
Football  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Patricia Roberts**  
Basketball Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Bobby Snyder**  
High School Basketball Coach  
Nominated In 2020 By Doug Fritz  
Bio Attached

**James Stewart**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Eric Still**  
Football  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached



**Posthumous – W. Ray Cannon**  
Football/Baseball/Softball  
Nominated 2018 by Robert Cannon

Ray Cannon began playing sports at in Knoxville before the age of 15, where he excelled at diamondball and all field events. In 1932, Ray enrolled in Knoxville Central High, where he lettered this year and the year after. Coach Quinn Decker moved Ray from center to fullback due to his “bruising style of play and his immense amount of charging power.” In 1933, during Ray’s junior year he also played baseball and was called “one of the most promising ball players in the amateur ranks.” This same year he was also named first team all-state for football. From 1935-1936 Ray stayed out of high school due to the depression, but continued to play football, baseball, and softball in Knoxville. In 1937, Ray was the first baseman for the Booker-Davidson softball team that won the national championship in Chicago. Also, in 37’ Ray returned and completed his brilliant high school football career being named to the first team All-City football squad. During the year 1938 Ray continued playing amateur softball, as well as, accepting his offer to play football at UT Knoxville. However, in 1939 Ray suffered from an old shoulder injury which ended his football career at UT. Despite the injury Ray continued playing amateur softball and baseball in Knoxville. In 1941 he turned down a contract to play football for the Philadelphia Eagles due to his shoulder. Every year since 1935, Ray Cannon performed on one of Knoxville’s leading softball clubs and participated in every tournament, being on several city and state championship clubs until 1944 when he joined the Navy. Returning in 1946, Ray played first base for Sevierville and drove the ball for a distance of over 600 feet known as, the “Longest Round-Trip Blow”. From 1947-1949 Ray played for the Fulton-Sylphon Baseball team and was named to the All-State softball team. Cannon continued playing and coaching sports throughout the 1960 era and is a sports legend from the Knoxville area worthy of consideration as a member of the TSHF.

**Donnie Holbrook (Posthumous)**  
Drag Racing Driver/Owner/Crew Chief  
Nominated in 2020 by Steve Holbrook  
Bio Attached

**Carl R. Moore (Posthumous)**  
Auto Racing Administrator/Promoter  
Nominated in 2021 By Jerry Caldwell  
Bio Attached

**Reggie Cobb (Posthumous)**  
Football Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Phillip Fulmer  
Bio Attached

**Jon Jackson Huffstetler (Posthumous)**  
Baseball Player  
Nominated in 2021 By Jon Stanley Huffstetler  
Bio Attached



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CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT PLAYER - COACH - TELEVISION COMMENTATOR  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

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## **Paul Annacone, University of Tennessee tennis 1982-84**

Paul Annacone was the University of Tennessee's first three-time All-American and a two-time SEC champion. In 1984 he was the Rolex National Indoor singles champion and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Player of the Year. His 1984 singles record of 51-3 is still the best in UT tennis history.

During his 14 years on the professional tour as a player, Annacone won three ATP titles and reached a career high ranking of No. 12 in singles. With long-time partner Christo van Rensburg, he won the 1985 Australian Open and finished his career with 14 doubles titles. He was a member of the 1986 United States Davis Cup team versus Australia, partnering with Ken Flach in the doubles competition.

Annacone turned to coaching after his successful playing career and worked with some of the most esteemed and accomplished players ever to pick up a racquet. Alongside Pete Sampras for nine of his 14 Grand Slam Titles, Annacone was called "the court whisperer" by Sports Illustrated. Under his tutelage, Tim Henman saw his world ranking soar from No. 41 to a career high of No. 4. It was also with Annacone as his coach that Roger Federer brought home two straight year-end ATP Championships in 2010 and 2011, buoying him back to the top ranking and earning his 7th Wimbledon title.

Paul was Managing Director of the USTA's High Performance Program (2001-2003) and in November 2006 was appointed to support Paul Hutchins, the then Head of Men's Tennis at the Lawn Tennis Association. He was Great Britain's Davis Cup coach (April 2008-March 2010).

Annacone has been sharing his wisdom on players and the game worldwide as a commentator for the Tennis Channel and covering the Olympics for NBC. Paul has also worked with WTA rising star Sloane Stephens and three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka. He is currently coaching one of America's best young tennis players, Taylor Fritz.

**Roger Federer** Winner of 20 Majors, tied for 1<sup>st</sup> All time

“Everything we did, on and off the court, had a purpose. We set clear goals and did everything in our power, collectively, to achieve them. The pursuit was often difficult, but in the end, when you achieve your goals, it makes all the hard work pay off. Paul was a master at constructing, managing and executing the process.”

**Pete Sampras**

Winner of 14 Majors

International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2007

“Paul Annacone had a tremendous impact on my career. From his knowledge of the game, to his easy going personality, to his ability to know just what to say and when to say it. He is a wonderful ambassador for the sport of tennis. He went from a successful playing career to being an elite coach, then segued into commentating. Every step of the way, he has dedicated his entire career to sharing his knowledge of the game. I can't think of a person more deserving of any and all accolades that may come his way.”

**Jim Courier** Tennis Channel Colleague and former World #1

Winner of 4 Majors

International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2005

“Paul has long been a major force in the tennis world from his time as a world class singles and doubles pro to his work as a coach of two of the game's all-time greats, Pete Sampras and Roger Federer as well his expert analysis as a TV commentator. He remains a central figure in professional tennis and would be a worthy addition to the hall of fame. “



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**Eric Berry** (born December 29, 1988) is a former American football safety. He played college football at Tennessee, where he was a two-time unanimous All-American and recognized as the best collegiate defensive back in the country. He was then drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs fifth overall in the 2010 NFL Draft. Berry has been voted to the Pro Bowl five times and has been named to the First Team All-Pro three times.

Berry was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma on December 8, 2014. After going through chemotherapy in the offseason and being declared cancer free, Berry came back for the 2015 season and was named to the Pro Bowl, the AP All-Pro team, and was named the 2015 AP Comeback Player of the Year. He was named to the NFL 2010s All-Decade Team.

#### 🗳 Early years[edit]

Berry was born in Fairburn, Georgia. He attended Creekside High School in Fairburn, and was a standout athlete for the Seminole track and football teams.<sup>[1]</sup>

Berry played cornerback and quarterback, earning a 37–5 record as a starter at Creekside.<sup>[2]</sup> He was teammates with Rokevious Watkins and Terrance Parks. Following his stellar high school career, Berry was invited to play in the 2007 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Berry was considered the top player in Georgia and the top cornerback prospect by every recruiting service, and Rivals.com ranked him the #3 player in the nation.<sup>[2]</sup> He was once clocked at 4.38-4.41 range at the 40-yard dash at a soft indoor surface at a high school Combine.<sup>[3]</sup>

Berry was also a standout athlete for Creekside's track team. He set school records in long jump, with a leap of 6.95 meters, and 200 meters, with a time of 21.76 seconds.

Berry was the anchor leg of the 2006 Class 4A state championship 4 × 400 meters relay team. Individually, he was the 2005 Class 4A state champion in the 200 meters and 2007 Class 4A state champion in the Long Jump, beating future NFL players Brandon Boykin, 2nd and Stephen Hill, 3rd.

He had career-bests of 10.66 seconds in the 100 meters and 21.44 seconds in the 200 meters.<sup>[4]</sup>

#### College career[edit]

Berry received many scholarship offers, but chose to attend the University of Tennessee, where he played from 2007 to 2009 under head coaches Phillip Fulmer and Lane Kiffin.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### 2007 season[edit]

As a freshman, Berry replaced fifth-year senior Jarod Parrish after a strong showing in his first collegiate game against California.<sup>[6]</sup> Berry turned in several big plays during his freshman season en route to being named the SEC Defensive Freshman of the Year by the Sporting News.<sup>[7]</sup> His 222 return yards (on five interceptions) broke the 37-year-old Tennessee record by 43 yards.<sup>[8]</sup> Berry led all SEC freshmen in tackles with 86. He twice was named SEC Freshman of the Week for his play over the regular season's final three games.<sup>[9]</sup> After the season, he was also named 1st team Freshman All-American by Rivals.<sup>[10]</sup>

## 2008 season[edit]

Berry in 2008 as a member of the Tennessee Volunteers.

Prior to the season, despite being a sophomore, Berry was named a team captain.<sup>[11]</sup>

For the year, Berry tied for the national lead in interceptions with seven and returned them for 265 yards and two touchdowns, breaking the record he set the year earlier. Combined with the yards he accumulated as a freshman, Berry set the all-time career SEC record for interception return yards with 487 yards, only 14 yards shy of the NCAA record for interception return yards, set by Terrell Buckley during his time at Florida State. He also finished the regular season with 72 tackles, six pass break-ups, and three sacks.<sup>[12]</sup>

Berry also took snaps on offense at quarterback and wide receiver, gaining 44 rushing yards on seven carries. In addition, he gained 32 yards on two kick-off returns.

His early success had some journalists speculating that he could end up being the best defensive player in Tennessee history.<sup>[13]</sup> He was nominated as a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, the Lott Trophy, and the Chuck Bednarik Award.

Berry was named the SEC Defensive Player of the year and was a first-team All-SEC pick. He was also a unanimous first-team All American.<sup>[14]</sup> The Touchdown Club of Columbus also named him their winner of the 2008 Jack Tatum Award as well.<sup>[15]</sup>

## 2009 season[edit]

As a junior, Berry recorded 87 total tackles, two interceptions, nine passes defensed, and one fumble recovery.<sup>[16]</sup> Following the season, Berry was a first-team All-SEC selection, and was recognized as a unanimous first-team All-American for the second consecutive season.<sup>[14]</sup> He won the Jim Thorpe Award and also was the recipient of The Touchdown Club of Columbus's Jack Tatum Award for the second straight year.<sup>[17][18]</sup>

At the conclusion of the 2009 season, Berry announced his intention to enter the 2010 NFL Draft.<sup>[19]</sup>

## College awards and honors[edit]

- 2009 Unanimous All-American
- 2000s ESPN All-Decade High School Football Team
- 2000s RivalsHigh.com Team Of The Decade First Team
- 2000s *Sports Illustrated* All-Decade Team

- 2009 Jim Thorpe Award
- 2009 Bronko Nagurski Award Finalist
- 2009 Lott Award Finalist
- 2009 Jack Tatum Award Winner
- 2009 First-team All-SEC (Coaches, AP)
- 2008 Unanimous All-American
- 2008 National Defensive Sophomore of the Year (Collegefootballnews.com)
- 2008 SEC Defensive Player of the Year
- 2008 Jack Tatum Award Winner
- 2008 First-team All-SEC (Coaches, AP)
- 2008 Vince Dooley Award

#### **College statistics**[\[edit\]](#)

Correct as of the end of the 2009 season.

#### **Professional career**[\[edit\]](#)

Following Tennessee's 37–14 loss to Virginia Tech in the 2009 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Berry announced his decision to forgo his final year of college football eligibility, entering the 2010 NFL Draft.<sup>[20]</sup> He attended the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana and performed all of the combine and positional drills. Berry finished second among safeties in the 40-yard dash and fifth in the bench press.<sup>[21]</sup> On March 16, 2010, Berry opted to participate at Tennessee's pro day, but chose to stand on his combine numbers and only performed positional drills.

"As a rule, safeties aren't talked about going that high. But this guy, I think in everybody's mind, impacts the game. You try to get impact players, and Berry's certainly one."

St. Louis Rams GM Billy Devaney.<sup>[22]</sup>

Berry was regarded as the highest scouted safety since Sean Taylor, whom Berry idolized prior to Taylor's death, and was expected to be selected no lower than No. 7, the Cleveland Browns pick.<sup>[23][24][25][22]</sup> NFL draft experts and scouts projected him to be a first round pick and a possible top ten selection.<sup>[26]</sup> He was ranked as the top safety prospect in the draft by NFL analyst Mike Mayock, DraftScout.com, Bleacher Report, and Sports Illustrated.<sup>[27][28]</sup>

#### **2010**[\[edit\]](#)



The Kansas City Chiefs selected Berry in the first round (fifth overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft. He became the highest drafted defensive back since Sean Taylor in 2004, and the highest drafted Tennessee Volunteer since Jamal Lewis.<sup>[31]</sup> Berry selected number 29 as his jersey number in honor of former Tennessee defensive back standout Inky Johnson, whose career was cut short due to an injury and also as a tribute to his hometown of Fairburn, Georgia, and the main road U.S. Route 29.<sup>[32]</sup>

On July 30, 2010, the Kansas City Chiefs signed Berry to a six-year, \$60 million contract that includes \$34 million guaranteed and made him the highest paid safety in the league history.<sup>[33][34] [35]</sup>

He entered training camp slated as the starting free safety. Head coach Todd Haley named him the starter, alongside starting strong safety Jon McGraw, to start the 2010 regular season.<sup>[36]</sup>

He made his professional regular season debut and first career start in the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the San Diego Chargers and recorded his first career tackle on tight end Antonio Gates after he caught an 11-yard pass in the first quarter of their 21–14 victory. He finished his debut with six combined tackles.<sup>[37]</sup> On October 24, 2010, Berry recorded four solo tackles, two pass deflections, forced a fumble, and made his first career interception off a pass by quarterback Todd Bouman during a 42–20 victory against the Jacksonville Jaguars.<sup>[38]</sup> The following week, he made a season-high ten combined tackles (seven solo), deflected a pass, and intercepted a pass by Ryan Fitzpatrick in their 13–10 overtime victory over the Buffalo Bills.<sup>[39]</sup> In Week 9, he recorded four combined tackles and a season-high two sacks on quarterback Jason Campbell in the Chiefs' 23–20 overtime victory at the Oakland Raiders. It marked Berry's first career sack.<sup>[40]</sup> On December 26, 2010, Berry made four solo tackles, broke up a pass, and returned an interception for a 54-yard touchdown to mark the first score of his career. His interception was off a pass by quarterback Kerry Collins that was originally intended for Nate Washington and occurred in the second quarter of their 34–14 victory against the Tennessee Titans in Week 16.<sup>[41]</sup> He finished his rookie season with a career-high 92 combined tackles (77 solo), nine pass deflections, four interceptions, two sacks, a touchdown, and a forced fumble in 16 games and 16 starts.<sup>[42][43]</sup> He led the team in interceptions (4), and was second only to Derrick Johnson in tackles and solo tackles.<sup>[44]</sup>

On January 24, 2011, it was reported that Berry would play in the 2011 Pro Bowl as a replacement for Troy Polamalu, who was appearing in the AFC Championship with the Pittsburgh Steelers.<sup>[45]</sup> He became the first Chiefs rookie to be selected to the Pro Bowl since linebacker Derrick Thomas.<sup>[46]</sup> Berry helped to improve the Kansas City defense from 29th best unit in the 2009 season in terms of points allowed to 11th in the 2010 season,<sup>[47][48]</sup> In addition to starting every game, Berry was on the field for almost half of Kansas City's special teams plays and was the only Chiefs defender to play every defensive snap.<sup>[49]</sup>

The Kansas City Chiefs finished first in the AFC West with a 10–6 record. On January 9, 2011, Berry recorded ten combined tackles and a season-high four pass deflections during a 30–7 loss to the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC Wildcard Game.<sup>[50]</sup>

**2011**[edit]

He started the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the Buffalo Bills, but sustained a torn ACL on the Bills' second offensive drive during the first quarter of their 41–7 loss.<sup>[51]</sup> He sustained the injury during a seven-yard run by C. J. Spiller and went down untouched while attempting to switch direction in pursuit of him.<sup>[52]</sup> On September 14, the Kansas City Chiefs officially placed him on injured reserve prematurely ending his second season before he recorded a stat.<sup>[53]</sup> On September 29, 2011, he underwent surgery to repair the torn ligament. Throughout the season, Jon McGraw replaced Berry in the lineup. On December 13, 2011, the Kansas City Chiefs fired head coach Todd Haley after they stood at a 5–8 record. Defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel was named interim head coach for the last three games.<sup>[54]</sup>

## **2012**[\[edit\]](#)

Berry returned to training camp in 2012 and reclaimed his role as the starting strong safety. Head coach Romeo Crennel named Berry and Lewis the starting safety duo to begin the regular season.<sup>[55]</sup>

On November 1, 2012, Berry recorded eight combined tackles, a pass deflection, and intercepted a pass by Philip Rivers during a 31–13 loss at the San Diego Chargers.<sup>[56]</sup> In Week 11, he collected a season-high 11 solo tackles in the Chiefs' 28–6 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals.<sup>[56]</sup> On December 16, 2012, Berry tied his season-high of 11 solo tackles and broke up a pass in their 15–0 loss at the Oakland Raiders.<sup>[56]</sup> On December 26, 2012, Berry was announced as one of six Chiefs players to be a voted to the 2013 Pro Bowl.<sup>[57]</sup> On December 31, 2012, the Kansas City Chiefs fired head coach Romeo Crennel after they finished with a 2–14 record.<sup>[58]</sup> He finished the 2012 season with 86 combined tackles (73 solo), ten pass deflections, and an interception in 16 games and 16 starts.<sup>[42]</sup>

## **2013**[\[edit\]](#)

New head coach Andy Reid retained Berry and Lewis as the starting safeties to begin 2013.<sup>[59]</sup>

On September 19, 2013, Berry recorded five solo tackles, two pass deflections, and returned an interception off Michael Vick for a 37-yard touchdown in the Chiefs' 26–16 victory at the Philadelphia Eagles.<sup>[60]</sup> In Week 12, he made a season-high eight solo tackles, broke up a pass, and a sack during a 41–28 loss to the San Diego Chargers.<sup>[61]</sup> On December 15, 2013, Berry collected three combined tackles, two pass deflections, a season-high two interceptions, and a touchdown during a 56–31 victory at the Oakland Raiders.<sup>[61]</sup> During the first quarter, he intercepted a pass by Matt McGloin and returned it for a 37-yard touchdown.<sup>[62]</sup> Head coach Andy Reid decided to rest Berry for the Chiefs' Week 17 matchup at the San Diego Chargers after the Chiefs had already clinched a playoff berth with an 11–4 record.<sup>[61]</sup> On December 27, 2013, it was announced that Berry was one of eight players from the Chiefs to be voted to the 2014 Pro Bowl, marking his third consecutive Pro Bowl.<sup>[63]</sup> Berry attained the second highest overall grade among safeties from Pro Football Focus in 2013.<sup>[64]</sup>

He finished the season with 74 combined tackles (66 solo), ten pass deflections, a career-high 3.5 sacks, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries, and two touchdowns in 15 games and 15 starts.<sup>[42]</sup> On January 4, 2014, Berry started in the AFC Wildcard Game and recorded nine combined tackles and a forced fumble during their 45–44 loss at the Indianapolis Colts.<sup>[61]</sup> On January 26, 2014, he started in the

2014 Pro Bowl for Team Sanders and recorded two pass deflections and an interception during their 22–21 victory over Team Rice.<sup>[61]</sup> He intercepted a pass by Drew Brees in the endzone that was intended for Larry Fitzgerald and lateraled in to Darrelle Revis after a 13-yard gain at the end of the first quarter.

## 2014[edit]

Berry remained the starting strong safety during training camp and was officially named the starter by defensive coordinator Bob Sutton for the season-opener, along with free safety Husain Abdullah.<sup>[65]</sup> He started the Kansas City Chiefs' season-opener against the Tennessee Titans and recorded a career-high 15 combined tackles (14 solo) and a pass deflection during their 26–10 loss.<sup>[42]</sup> On September 14, 2014, Berry sustained a high ankle sprain against the Denver Broncos and was sidelined for five consecutive games (Weeks 3–8).<sup>[66]</sup> On November 20, 2014, Berry recorded five combined tackles and began complaining of chest pains after their 24–20 loss at the Oakland Raiders.<sup>[67]</sup> On December 8, 2014, it was reported that a mass was discovered in Berry's chest and he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.<sup>[68]</sup> Berry was placed on the Chiefs' non-football illness list, ending his 2014 season. Berry's doctor, Dr. Christopher Flowers, a lymphoma specialist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, said of Berry's diagnosis, "This is a diagnosis that is very treatable and potentially curable with standard chemotherapy approaches. The goal of Mr. Berry's treatment is to cure his lymphoma and we are beginning that treatment now."<sup>[69]</sup> He finished the 2014 season with 37 combined tackles (32 solo) and two pass deflections in six games and five starts.<sup>[42]</sup>

## 2015[edit]

On July 28, 2015, the Kansas City Chiefs announced that Berry had been cleared to resume football activities and was declared clear of cancer nearly nine months after his initial diagnosis.<sup>[70]</sup> Head coach Andy Reid opted to bring Berry back gradually and named him the backup free safety behind Husain Abdullah to begin the 2015 regular season.<sup>[71]</sup>

On September 17, 2015, he made his first start of the season and recorded four solo tackles in his return to Arrowhead Stadium as the Chiefs lost to the Denver Broncos 31–24.<sup>[72]</sup> In Week 7, Berry recorded six combined tackles, a pass deflection, and intercepted a pass by Ben Roethlisberger in a 23–13 win against the Pittsburgh Steelers.<sup>[72]</sup> On November 15, 2015, Berry made two solo tackles, a career-high four pass deflections, and intercepted a pass by quarterback Peyton Manning during a 29–13 victory at the Denver Broncos.<sup>[72]</sup> The following week, he made a season-high eight solo tackles in the Chiefs' 33–3 victory at the San Diego Chargers.<sup>[72]</sup> On December 24, 2015, the Kansas City Chiefs announced that Berry was one of five Chiefs players to be voted to the 2016 Pro Bowl.<sup>[73]</sup> He finished the 2015 season with 61 combined tackles (55 solo), ten pass deflections, and two interceptions in 16 games and 15 starts.<sup>[42]</sup> Pro Football Focus gave Berry an overall grade of 87.7, which ranked fifth among all qualifying safeties in 2015. He also received the fourth highest coverage grade among safeties (85.2).<sup>[74]</sup>

The Kansas City Chiefs finished second in the AFC West with an 11–5 record. On January 9, 2016, Berry started in the AFC Wildcard Game and recorded three combined tackles, a pass deflection, and an interception as the Chiefs routed the Houston Texans 30–0.<sup>[72]</sup> The following game, he made seven combined tackles in Kansas City's 27–20 loss at the New England Patriots in the AFC Divisional

Round.<sup>[72]</sup> He was named Comeback Player of the Year and was ranked 55th by his fellow players on the NFL Top 100 Players of 2016.<sup>[75][76][77]</sup>

## **2016**<sup>[edit]</sup>

On March 1, 2016, the Kansas City Chiefs offered Berry a franchise tag.<sup>[78]</sup> He decided to hold out of training camp and offseason activities in the hopes of receiving a long-term contract offer by the Chiefs. On August 28, 2016, Berry signed a one-year, \$10.80 million franchise tag to remain with the Chiefs for the 2016 season after both parties were unable to come to an agreement on a long-term contract.<sup>[79]</sup>

On November 13, 2016, Berry recorded nine combined tackles, two pass deflections, and returned an interception by Cam Newton for a 42-yard touchdown in the Chiefs' 20–17 victory at the Carolina Panthers.<sup>[80]</sup> In Week 13, Berry made two solo tackles, broke up a pass, returned an interception for a 37-yard touchdown, and became the first player to return an interception for a defensive two-point conversion since the rule was enacted in 2015. His two-point score occurred on an interception by quarterback Matt Ryan during the two-point conversion attempt and provided the winning score for the Chiefs' 29–28 victory against the Atlanta Falcons.<sup>[80]</sup> He earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against the Falcons.<sup>[81][82]</sup> On December 13, 2016, he collected a season-high 11 combined tackles (ten solo) during a 19–17 loss to the Tennessee Titans.<sup>[80]</sup> On December 20, 2016, it was announced that Berry was one of four Chiefs players voted to the 2017 Pro Bowl, marking his fifth Pro Bowl selection of his career.<sup>[83]</sup> He finished the season with 77 combined tackles (62 solo), nine pass deflections, four interceptions, a forced fumble, and two touchdowns in 16 games and 16 starts.<sup>[42]</sup> Berry received an overall grade of 87.8 from Pro Football Focus, which ranked seventh among all safeties in 2016. He also received the fourth highest coverage grade among his position group (88.7) and fifth highest run defense grade (85.0).<sup>[84]</sup>

On January 6, 2017, he was selected to be First-team All-Pro, marking his third All-Pro selection in his career.<sup>[85]</sup> He was also ranked 13th by his peers on the NFL Top 100 Players of 2017 as the highest ranked defensive back.<sup>[86]</sup>

## **2017**<sup>[edit]</sup>

On February 28, 2017, the Kansas City Chiefs signed Berry to a six-year, \$78 million contract that includes \$40 million guaranteed and a \$20 million signing bonus, making him the highest-paid safety in the NFL.<sup>[87]</sup> However, Berry would only play four more games for the Chiefs.<sup>[88]</sup>

He remained the starting strong safety, opposite Ron Parker, to start the regular season. He started the Kansas City Chiefs season-opener at the New England Patriots and recorded seven combined tackles, before leaving their 42–27 victory on Thursday Night Football in the fourth quarter after sustaining an apparent Achilles injury.<sup>[89]</sup> The following day, the Chiefs announced he had ruptured his Achilles and that he would miss the rest of the season. He finished his season with seven combined tackles (four solo) in one game and one start.<sup>[90]</sup> On September 9, 2017, the Kansas City Chiefs officially placed him on injured reserve<sup>[91]</sup> and he underwent surgery three days later.<sup>[92]</sup> With only one appearance, he earned an overall grade of 73.6 from Pro Football Focus.<sup>[93]</sup>

**2018**<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

While recovering from the torn Achilles, he had been dealing with a sore heel, which was later diagnosed as a Haglund's deformity, which is a bone spur that digs into the Achilles causing extreme pain.<sup>[[94](#)]</sup> He missed the first 13 games before making his season debut in Week 15. He played in two regular season games and one playoff game, the Chiefs 31–37 loss to the Patriots in the AFC Championship game.<sup>[[95](#)]</sup>

On March 13, 2019, Eric Berry was released by the Chiefs, in order to avoid a portion of his salary being fully guaranteed.<sup>[[96](#)]</sup>

NFL career statistics



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT COACH - WALTER STATE  
(player, coach, official, administrator) BASKETBALL

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**From:** Brack Terry <Brack@terry-lawfirm.com>  
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Scott,

Here is some information on Coach Bill Carlyle who I understand has been nominated for the Tennessee Sports Hall of fame.

I have known Coach Carlyle for years and I can tell you Coach Carlyle is one of the winningest coaches at any level of college basketball in Tennessee(I suspect he is the winningest active coach in Tennessee college basketball). He has helped countless Tennessee kids further both their education and basketball careers. I have witnessed Coach Carlyle go out of his way time and time again, to help a kids, some with no family and no support system, become a better basketball player and more importantly a productive member of their community.

Coach Carlyle is a true legend in Tennessee basketball and National Junior College basketball. Here are a few of the notable highlights from his 58 year career as a basketball coach.

- National Junior College Hall of Fame Member
- Tennessee Junior College Hall of fame Member
- NJCAA District 7 coach of the year 14 times (Entire Region 7 times, Eastern division 7 times)

Coach Carlyle has fostered over 175 players to sign with either 4 years colleges or universities, (including NCAA Division 1, Div 2, Div 3 and/or Naia)

[https://wsccathletics.com/information/4\\_year\\_signings - MBB](https://wsccathletics.com/information/4_year_signings_-_MBB)

- *Coach Carlyle ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in active coaches in all time wins with 896 wins (399 losses)*
- Coach Carlyle is in the top 5 in all times wins among all NJCAA coaches. [https://www.njcaa.org/sports/mbkb/Record\\_Book/index](https://www.njcaa.org/sports/mbkb/Record_Book/index)
- Coach Carlyle also won a state girls basketball title with Maury High School before his Junior College coaching career. This would be the Tennessee girls basketball equivalent of the movie Hoosiers.

Coach Carlyle is a true coaching legend in the state of Tennessee he is from Tennessee he has recruited and coached hundreds of Tennessee basketball players. He has been an assistant at Oklahoma State University and East Tennessee State University.

He brought David Kragel with him to Walters State who ultimately took over as head coach of the ladies basketball program as WSCC. Coach Kragel is now a National Junior College Hall of fame member near the top of the leader board in all time wins as well.

He coached Jerry Nichols a two time Junior College all American, Junior College coach at Motlow State, and Shelby State. Jerry is now an Assistant at Tennessee State.

He has coached numerous other players that have gone on to be coaches as well.

Coach Carlyle began his Coaching career at Oklahoma State University where he spent hours learning basketball from Guy Strong and Coach Henry Iba. Coach Carlyle would spend hours talking with and meeting with Coach Iba, who won two Gold Medals as the coach of Team USA in



the Olympics 1964 and 1968. He lost in the final to Russia in 1972 in a infamously controversial game.

Coach Carlyle had planned to Coach at Walters State for a few years and then return to Division 1 basketball. He fell in love with the college and the kids he coached and remained at Walters State to this day.

From the Walters State Athletics directors Derek Creech (who was also an assistant under Coach Carlyle)

Coach Bill Carlyle is in his 44th year as head basketball coach of the Walters State Senators and his 58th year overall.

Coach Carlyle has led the Senators to 14 Eastern Division Championships and played in 9 state title games, winning 6 championships. His 1996 team was Region VII runners-up. His 2002 team won both the TJCCAA State Championship and the NJCAA Region VII Championship. After a very successful national tournament appearance with the Senators finishing 8th in the nation, the Senators also finished 8th in the national rankings. His 2004 and 2005 teams won the TJCCAA Eastern Division, state, and the NJCAA Region VII Championships earning repeat trips to the national tournament.

The 2008 team finished the year with 32-3 record, an Eastern Division Championship, a TJCCAA State Championship, a Region 7 NJCAA Championship, and another trip to the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The team was ranked 12th in the final NJCAA poll. The 2010 team won the NJCAA Regional Championship and the TCCAA State Championship and a fifth trip to the National Junior College Championship. The 2012 team was runner-up in the regular season and Region VII tournament, but with a zone qualification returning them to the National Tournament. The 2013 team won the NJCAA Region 7 Championship and the college's seventh trip to the National Junior College Championship. Coach Carlyle has been honored as Coach of the Year 14 times either by the Eastern Division or the TJCCAA Region VII. He has also been named National Coach of the Year District 7 seven times by the National Junior Community College Athletic Association.

The Senators have averaged winning 20+ games a year over the past 43 years. Carlyle has a record at Walters State of 896 wins and 399 losses. His overall record as a head coach is 1118 wins and 495 losses. Coach Carlyle's record as a head coach and his tenure as an assistant coach combine for a record of 1214 wins and 569 losses. A more important statistic to Coach Carlyle; more than 200 of his players have signed with four year colleges and universities since 1977. He has coached players who have gone on to play professional basketball.

In 1999, Coach Carlyle was inducted into both the Cumberland College Athletic Hall of Fame and later into the Tennessee Junior and Community Hall of Fame. In 2000, he was inducted into the Morristown High School Alumni Hall of Fame. In 2004 he was inducted into the Morristown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. And in 2008, Coach Carlyle was inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame during the National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. He has also been selected as a member of the All-Century Basketball Team at his alma mater Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Before coming to Walters State, he coached high school basketball, baseball, and football. Carlyle was head basketball and baseball coach at Sacramento, Ky., from 1962-1964; assistant coach at Bulls Gap High School 1964-1965; and head boys' and girls' basketball coach at Maury High School

1965-1967. He led the girls to the 1966 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association Girls State Championship and was presented a key to the city of Dandridge upon the team's return from the state tournament. The record that year was 39-3.

In 1967, the boys team of Maury High qualified for Region One tournament for the first time in the history of the school with a record of 23 - 9. The same year his girls' team won the regular season championship, the District 4 tournament championship, and the Region 1 championship, and then were defeated in the state tournament. Both years of coaching the girls earned Coach Carlyle a record of 70 wins and 7 losses. He was voted District 4 Coach of the Year.

After a very successful high school coaching and teaching career, Coach Carlyle moved to the college ranks as an assistant basketball coach at East Tennessee State University (1967-1970). He then moved to Fairfield, Iowa to become head basketball coach at Parsons College. His teams produced the best record in 10 years in 1970-71 and the next year finished the year ranked in the top 20 in the NCAA. In the years 1973-1977 he was the top assistant at Oklahoma State University before moving to Walters State in 1977 as head basketball coach.

Attached are other documents that detail Coach Carlyle's career.

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**Bill Gardner**

1 1972-73	2	-	15
2 1973-74	10	-	15
3 1974-75	5	-	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Years</b>	<b>3</b>		

**A.W. Davis**

1 1975-76	19	-	5
2 1976-77	21	-	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Years</b>	<b>2</b>		

**Bill Carlyle**

1 1977-78	21	-	6
2 1978-79	21	-	6
3 1979-80	21	-	6
4 1980-81	18	-	11
5 1981-82	19	-	6
6 1982-83	25	-	7
7 1983-84	17	-	10
8 1984-85	19	-	8
9 1985-86	18	-	9
10 1986-87	20	-	9
11 1987-88	20	-	8
12 1988-89	12	-	13
13 1989-90	26	-	6
14 1990-91	26	-	5
15 1991-92	20	-	8
16 1992-93	19	-	11
17 1993-94	22	-	9
18 1994-95	23	-	7
19 1995-96	22	-	9
20 1996-97	22	-	5
21 1997-98	15	-	12
22 1998-99	23	-	9
23 1999-00	16	-	13
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29 2005-06	23	-	7
30 2006-07	20	-	11
31 2007-08	32	-	3
32 2008-09	20	-	11
33 2009-10	22	-	10
34 2010-11	17	-	13
35 2011-12	14	-	16
36 2012-13	17	-	16
37 2013-14	24	-	9
38 2014-15	18	-	11
39 2015-16	20	-	11
40 2016-17	24	-	8
41 2017-18	21	-	10
42 2018-19	23		8
43 2019-20	16		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>399</b>

**WSSC**

Bill Gardner	17	-	48
A.W. Davis	40	-	9
Bill Carlyle	896	-	399
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>456</b>

**Total Years = 48**

**Total Years 43**

<u>School</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
<b><u>Head Coach Records:</u></b>		
Sacramento (Ky) High School	4-20	1962-1963
Sacramento High (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	15-1	1962-1963
Sacramento (Ky) High School	5-19	1963-1964
Sacramento High (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	16-0	1963-1964
Bulls Gap High School	16-6	1964-1965
Maury High School (Boys)	23-10	1965-1966
Maury High School (Girls)	39-3	1965-1966
Maury High School (Boys)	16-15	1966-1967
Maury High School (Girls)	33-4	1966-1967
Parsons College (Iowa)	17-7	
Parsons College (Iowa)	18-5	
Parsons College (Iowa)	19-4	
Oklahoma State University (JV)	12-0	
Oklahoma State University (JV)	10-2	
Walters State CC	896-399	1977-2020

**Head Coaching Overall - 1118-495**

**Assistant Coaching Records:**

Bulls Gap High School	23-7
ETSU	19-8
ETSU	13-11
ETSU	16-11
Oklahoma State	12-14
Oklahoma State	11-15
Oklahoma State	12-14
Oklahoma State	13-14

**Total Assistant Coach - 119-94**

**Total Overall Records Combined -- 1237-589**

# Walters State Coach Bill Carlyle of Morristown

Basketball Career				Honors
<b>57 years coaching basketball</b>				Morristown High School Alumni Hall of Fame
	<b>Years</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	Morristown High School Athletic Hall of Fame
Head coach boys 2 high schools	4	48	64	Cumberland (Jr.) College (KY) Hall of Fame
Head coach girls Maury High	X	72	7	Kentucky Wesleyan All-Century Basketball Team
Head Coach Parsons College IA	3	54	16	Tennessee JC & Community Hall of Fame
Head coach college Walters St.	42	869	380	National Junior College Hall of Fame
<b>H. SCHOOL, COLLEGE TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>468</b>	
Coached girls, boys teams same years at Maury 2 years				NJCAA District 7 Coach of the Year 7 times
and Sacramento (KY) High first head job 1962 2 years				NJCAA Region 7 Coach of the Year 14 times
Records to the right includes	1	69	9	
coaching 8 <sup>th</sup> grade team while also coaching varsity for 2 years in first job; 1 year coaching high school junior varsity at Bulls Gap, 2 seasons coaching OKS below while also serving as an assistant as well				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>477</b>	
Assistant ETSU	3	---	---	
Assistant Okla. State	4	---	---	high school-college record 1,086 - 463
<b>COMPLETE TOTALS</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>477</b>	
<b>COACHING HIGHLIGHTS</b>				
28 seasons of 20 or more wins at Senators helm				
2008 season best record of 32-3, next 28-6 in 2004, 27-7				
In 2005 as Senators had nine 20 win plus seasons in row				
1966 Maury High (Dandridge) TSSAA				
<b>Girls State Tournament Champions</b>		<b>(39-3)</b>		
1967 Maury High TSSAA Girls State				
<b>Tournament participants</b>		<b>(33-4)</b>		
<b>At Walters State Community College 1976-2019</b>				Nominated by
1976 - 2019 was 23-8 this past season				<b>Fred Williams Jr</b>
<b>Tennessee JC Athletic Association Eastern Division Championships</b>				Morristown Citizen Tribune Sports Editor of 31 years and long time friend of
13 Times				<b>Bill Carlyle</b>
<b>Tennessee Community College AA State Championships</b>				Bill has already had every award out there that he can have except being put into the
8 Times				<b>Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. I am pleading my case because first, put him in because he is over 80 and still coaching and I am 78 and want to go and see him honored. Second, I am afraid one of us will be dead if the committee waits. No one deserves the honor more than Carlyle with his record and over 1,000 wins.</b>
<b>NJCAA Region 7 Championships</b>				
6 Times				
<b>NJCAA National Tournament</b>				
8 Times				



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

*NAME* Reggie Cobb (POSTHUMOUS)

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*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* Player University of Tennessee/NFL  
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Reginald John Cobb (July 7, 1968 – April 20, 2019) was a professional American football running back who played seven seasons in the National Football League. A second-round selection in the 1990 NFL Draft, he initially played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, registering his best season in 1992 when he rushed for over a thousand yards and scored nine touchdowns. He was later a member of the inaugural roster of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Cobb played college football at Tennessee, where he led the SEC in touchdowns his freshman year.[1]

### High school

Cobb was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was a four-year starter at Central High School. During his senior year, he rushed for 1,141 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 6.7 yards per carry, and returned 13 kickoffs for 305 yards and a touchdown. He was named to the Nashville Banner Elite 11, and was ranked the number three recruit in the state by the Knoxville News Sentinel.[2]

As a member of Central's track team, Cobb won the state long jump title, and placed fifth in the 100-meter dash.[2]

### College

Cobb signed with the Tennessee Volunteers in 1986, part of a stellar recruiting class that included future NFL players Alvin Harper, Anthony Miller, Antone Davis, Charles McRae, and Tracy Hayworth.[2] He redshirted his first year as veterans William Howard, Keith Davis and Charles Wilson handled the bulk of the team's rushing duties. Cobb rushed for 90 yards on 15 carries, including a 54-yard touchdown, in the 1987 Orange-and-White Game, and emerged from spring practice third in the running back rotation behind Keith Davis and Vando Davis.[3]

Cobb received considerable playing time in his first game of the 1987 season and made the most of the opportunity, erupting for 138 yards on 25 carries in the Vols' 23-22 win over Iowa.[4] In Tennessee's 38-10 win over Mississippi State, Cobb scored three touchdowns, including a 39-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.[5] Two weeks later, he rushed for 66 yards and scored two touchdowns, including the game-tying touchdown late in the fourth quarter, in Tennessee's 20-20 tie against Auburn.[6] In Tennessee's 38-12 win over California, Cobb rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns, and caught a 25-yard touchdown pass.[7] He rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns in Tennessee's win over Georgia Tech,[8] picked up 127 yards and two touchdowns against Louisville,[9] scored three touchdowns against Ole Miss,[10] and finished the season with 144 and 140 rushing yards, respectively, in close wins against Kentucky and Vanderbilt.[11] In Tennessee's 27-22 win over Indiana in the 1988 Peach Bowl, Cobb rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, to win game MVP honors.[12] For the season, he had a school-record 1,721 all-purpose yards, including a team-leading 1,197 rushing yards. His 20 touchdowns (17 rushing and three receiving) was second in the nation behind Paul Hewitt's 24,[1] and tied an SEC record.[13]



During the 1988 season, Cobb missed three full games and part of two games with an ankle injury, and his production dropped to 547 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 118 carries, and 126 yards and three touchdowns on 17 catches. He rushed for a career-high 182 yards against Duke, and picked up 113 yards rushing against Ole Miss before leaving the game with an injury.[14]

Prior to spring practice in 1989, Cobb was placed on indefinite suspension for failing a third drug test.[15] After completing a drug rehabilitation program, he was reinstated just before the start of the season.[15] He rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown in Tennessee's 17-14 opening win over Colorado State,[16] and added 78 yards against UCLA the following week, sharing time with rising star Chuck Webb to form a running back tandem that became known as "Cobb-Webb." [17] In Tennessee's 28-6 win over Duke, Cobb rushed for 109 yards and three touchdowns, much of his total coming on a 61-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run.[18] The biggest game of Cobb's college career came in Tennessee's 21-14 win over Auburn, when he exploded for 225 yards on 22 carries, including a 79-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.[19] In Tennessee's 17-14 win over Georgia, Cobb rushed for 106 yards on 20 carries, and scored a key touchdown in the fourth quarter.[20]

Cobb was dismissed from the team prior to Tennessee's game against Alabama in October 1989 after he once again failed a drug test.[15] For his abbreviated season, he rushed for 625 yards and six touchdowns on 90 carries.[21] At the time of his dismissal, he was locked in a battle with Florida's Emmitt Smith for the SEC's rushing title.[22] His 6.8 yards-per-carry in 1989 led the SEC.[23]

During his career at Tennessee, Cobb rushed 445 times for 2,360 yards and 26 touchdowns, caught 33 passes for 360 yards and three touchdowns, and returned 16 kickoffs for 326 yards.[24] His 1,721 all-purpose yards in 1987 remained a school single-season record until broken by Cordarrelle Patterson in 2012, and his 17 rushing touchdowns in 1987 remains a modern school single-season record.[25] His 1,197 rushing yards in 1987 remains the 9th-highest single-season total in school history, and his 2,360 career rushing yards is the school's 10th-highest career total.[26]

## NFL

In January 1990, Cobb entered the John Lucas New Spirit Recovery Treatment Center in Houston. He was occasionally visited by Tampa Bay coach Ray Perkins, who became one of his advocates. In spite of his past drug use, Tampa Bay took a chance and made Cobb their second-round pick in the 1990 NFL Draft.[15] He signed with the Bucs in August 1990.[27] In his first NFL game on September 9, 1990, he rushed 11 times for 43 yards and a touchdown in the Bucs' win over Detroit.[28] His first 100-yard game came on November 10, 1991, when he carried 21 times for 139 yards and three touchdowns, including a 59-yard touchdown run. Two weeks later, he ran 22 times for 110 yards and a 27-yard touchdown in a close loss to the New York Giants.[29] Cobb's best NFL season came in 1992, when he registered four games with 100 or more yards rushing, and finished the season with 1,171 yards rushing and nine touchdowns.[30] He did not re-sign with the Bucs after the 1993 season, and became an unrestricted free agent.[31]

Cobb signed with the Green Bay Packers in April 1994.[32] He struggled at the beginning of the season. Green Bay's ground attack ranked 26th in the league at the end of September.[33] In the Packers' loss to Philadelphia on September 18, Cobb scored the team's lone touchdown on a 37-yard pass from Brett Favre. He ran for 66 yards on 13 carries in the Packers' win over Detroit on November 6, and rushed for 78 yards on just 11 tries in the Packers' rout of Chicago on December 11. In his lone trip to the postseason, Cobb had 12 yards on 8 carries and an 18-yard reception in Green Bay's 16-12 win over Detroit on December 31, and was held to just 14 yards on four carries and a 12-yard catch in the Packers' loss to Dallas the following week.[34]

Cobb was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 1995 NFL Expansion Draft. He was released by the team after the first game of the season, however. In May 1996, he signed with the New York Jets,[35] where he played primarily as a reserve. He was cut by the Jets at the end of preseason in August 1997.[36]

#### NFL career statistics

Year	Team	GP	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
1990	TB	16	151	480	3.2	17	2	39	299	7.7	17	0
1991	TB	16	196	752	3.8	59	7	15	111	7.4	21	0
1992	TB	16	310	1,171	3.8	25	9	21	156	7.4	27	0
1993	TB	12	221	658	3.0	16	3	9	61	6.8	19	1
1994	GB	16	153	579	3.8	30	3	35	299	8.5	37	1
1995	JAX	1	9	18	2.0	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	NYJ	15	25	85	3.4	9	1	4	23	5.8	12	0
Career	92	1,065	3,743	3.6	59	25	123	949	7.7	37	2	

#### Post-playing career

Following his NFL playing career, Cobb entered the scouting profession with the help of fellow ex-Vol (and current senior personnel executive for the Miami Dolphins) Reggie McKenzie.[37] Cobb joined the Washington Redskins administration as a scout in 2001, and subsequently worked for six years as Tampa Bay's Southwestern regional scout. He joined the San Francisco 49ers, where he was the team's Western regional scout, in 2009. In 2011, he was named NFC scout of the year by the Fritz Pollard Alliance.[38]

In July 2011, Cobb was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.[37] Cobb died in Santa Clara, California from a heart attack due to one of his arteries being 80% blocked on April 20, 2019, at the age of 50.



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Cosey Coleman earned All-America status his junior year after starting 30 consecutive games at right guard in a three-year span. His 6-foot-5, 315-pound frame helped pave the way for tailbacks Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry in 1999 as the two rushed for 816 and 790 yards, respectively. During Coleman's career on the line, Tennessee rushed for more than 200 yards 11 times and had a 100-yard rusher 19 times when he started at guard. He was part of consecutive SEC Championship teams in 1997 and 1998, including Tennessee's National Championship season in 1998.

#### Career Totals

Games Played: 35

#### CAREER HONORS

1999 First-team All-America

1999 First-team All-SEC

1998 All-SEC (first-team AP / second-team coaches)

1997 SEC All-Freshman Team

#### 1999 - JUNIOR

A 1999 first-team All-America selection

Named first-team All-SEC by the AP and coaches

Played and started in all 12 games

Paved the way for Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry as the two rushed for 816 and 790 yards, respectively

Helped lead the Vols to the 2000 Fiesta Bowl against Nebraska and a No. 9 finish in the AP poll

Vols' offense generated 2,160 yards on the ground, while averaging 30.8 points-per-game

#### 1998 – SOPHOMORE

Served as a force in the trenches for the Vols' 1998 National Championship team

Earned first-team All-SEC honors from the AP and second team honors from the league's coaches

Shared the most outstanding lineman award, voted by teammates, with defensive tackle Darwin Walker

Started 12 games at right guard and one at right tackle

Key figure in the Vols' success in rushing for over 200 yards in seven games

#### 1997 - FRESHMAN

Only true freshman on the offensive line, he became the first true freshman to start on Tennessee's offensive line in years, and was named to Knoxville News Sentinel All-SEC team

Began the year as a reserve, but worked his way into the starting lineup against Southern Miss, starting at right tackle

Started the remaining five games, including the SEC Championship victory over Auburn and the FedEx Orange Bowl contest against Nebraska

#### PRO CAREER

Coleman was drafted in the second round with the 51st overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a rookie with Tampa Bay in the 2000 season, he appeared in eight games at both offensive guard positions, and averaged about six pancake blocks a game. He moved into the starting lineup in 2001, starting for all 16 games and the Buccaneers' playoff game. Looking to improve further, Coleman started 15 games in the 2002 season as well as all three playoff games, which included Super Bowl XXXVII. In that game, the Buccaneers dominated the Oakland Raiders en route to a 48-21 victory

and his only Super Bowl title. Coleman would start all 32 games over the 2003 and 2004 seasons and continued to cement his reputation as one of the league's best offensive linemen.

Following the 2004 season, Coleman moved on to the Cleveland Browns and was promptly inserted into the starting lineup for a young Browns team. He would play for the Browns for two seasons from 2005-2006.

Over his seven-year career, Coleman has played in 85 games, of which he started 77. Coleman announced his retirement from professional football in 2007 after seven years in the league due to bad knees, which not would allow him to pass a physical.



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## Hall of Fame Home

Through his participation in the Knoxville Track Club Youth Athletics Program, Tony Cosey began to lay the foundation for his professional running career. In 1991, Tony was the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Nationals (Young Men's Division) runner-up in the 1500 meters (3:59). Also in the 1991 AAU Nationals, Tony anchored KTC's National Championship 4x800 relay (7:52).

At Central High School in Knoxville, Cosey was state champ in Cross-Country in 1990-1991 and state champ in the 1600 meters in 1992 and 3200 meters in 1991, and earned two state records: 1600 meters (4:11), cross-country (14:54). He was 12-time Knoxville Scholastic League (KIL) champion between cross-country, 800 meters, 1600 meters, and 3200 meters. On the national level, Cosey was a Footlocker Cross-Country National All-American in 1991, while representing the KTC Youth Athletics Program.

Cosey was a 7-time All-American for the University of Tennessee track and cross-country team in the indoor 3000m, outdoor 5000m, outdoor 10,000m, and the outdoor 3000m steeplechase. At the NCAA Cross-Country Championships, he placed 28th in 1994 and 7th in 1995. In the SEC Cross-Country Championships, Cosey was 4th in 1993, 3rd in 1994 and 3rd in 1995. At the NCAA Championships, Cosey twice finished 4th in the indoor 3000m, finished 5th in the outdoor 10k and 9th in the 5k and 4th in the steeplechase. Cosey was Mt. SAC Relays Champion and Penn Relays Champion, both at the 3000m steeplechase, as well as an SEC and USATF National Champion in the distance medley relay.

After his UT career, Cosey competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials and became a professional athlete after signing his first contract with Adidas. He represented the United States in three World Cross-Country Championships. In 1997, he competed in the World Goodwill Games, and in 1998 he represented the US in the World University Games. In 1998, Cosey took 3rd place in the 3000m at the US Indoor Track Championships.

Cosey's personal best in the steeplechase came when it mattered most - he ran 8:21.41 in the 2000 Olympic Trials, where he finished 3rd and qualified for the 2000 US Sydney Olympic team. In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Cosey finished 10th in the semifinals with a time of 8:35.25 and 24th overall. He is the only Knoxville-born track Olympian.



Cosey was on the KTC Board of Directors for two years and has served on numerous civic and national boards. He was a member of the Board of Directors for USA Track and Field for five years and served on their Audit Committee, Budget Committee, World and Olympic Coaches Selection Committees, and Ethics Committee. He was Vice-Chairman for the Athletes Advisory Council, and served on the Road Runner Council, Long Distance Executive Committee, and Cross-Country Executive Committee.

Cosey coached the Christian Academy of Knoxville cross-country team to their first Tennessee state title in 2012 and second place in 2013, and a fourth place for CAK in the state track & field finals. Cosey is the head coach for the CAK men's and women's program in both sports.

Cosey is also the current TSSAA A-AA Regional Director for both track & field and cross-country. He is the meet director annually for the TSSAA A-AA Sub-Sectionals and the Sectionals held at CAK.

Cosey was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. He and wife Kathryn have three children, Taylor, Mason, and Baker (two of whom have participated in the KTC Youth Athletic Program).



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Antone Eugene Davis (born February 28, 1967) is an American former professional football player who was an offensive tackle and guard in the National Football League (NFL) for seven seasons during the 1990s. He played one year of football for Peach County High School in Fort Valley, Georgia, and was recruited out of high school by the Tennessee Military Institute, for whom he played one year of college football. He earned a full scholarship to play for the Tennessee Volunteers the following year and started at left guard during his sophomore year in 1988. He was moved to right offensive tackle before his junior year and earned unanimous All-American honors as a senior in 1990. He finished as a finalist for the 1990 Outland Trophy as well, and was drafted by the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles as the eighth overall selection in the 1991 NFL Draft.

Davis played for five seasons with the Eagles, who traded two first-round draft picks to pick Davis. In his rookie season in 1991, he started in fifteen games, missing one start in week seven due to his benching. He started in fifteen games again in 1992, missing one game due to a knee sprain. Davis started in every game for the Eagles in 1993 at right tackle, but was moved inside to left guard in 1994 following the team's pick of tackle Bernard Williams in the 1994 NFL Draft. Davis struggled at his new position and was benched again for the final two games of the season. He began the 1995 season as a backup, but injuries forced him to start in the final thirteen games of the season. Considered a draft bust in Philadelphia, Davis signed with the Atlanta Falcons in 1996 and spent two seasons with the team. After his retirement from football, he worked in the food industry as a restaurant owner and manager. He finished as the runner-up on the twelfth season of the reality television show *The Biggest Loser* in 2011.

### Early years

Davis grew up as the youngest of eight children in Fort Valley, Georgia, and attended Peach County High School in Fort Valley. His father, Milton Trice, was raised in North Philadelphia, and moved when he was seventeen years old to Georgia. Davis worked many jobs in high school, including work in the high school cafeteria. He had attendance issues that caused him to be held back in ninth grade. He weighed about 300 pounds (140 kg) at the age of fourteen. Unable to play football as a sophomore because of his grades, Davis refocused and brought his grades up. He played football as a junior, but could not play as a senior due to his class graduating the year prior.[1]

### College career

Davis played college football for one season in 1986 at the Tennessee Military Institute, a preparatory school near Sweetwater, Tennessee, that recruited him out of high school after graduation. He received a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee the next year.[1] Following the 1987 season and the graduation of the Volunteers' two starting offensive guards, Harry Galbreath and John Bruhin, Davis was expected to start for the Volunteers at left guard in 1988 as a sophomore.[2] An ankle injury suffered during the season-opener against Georgia on September 3[3] caused him to miss the next four games, before he was able to return against Alabama on October 15.[4] Before the start of the 1989 season, Davis was moved to right offensive tackle.[5] In the 1990 season, he helped running back Tony Thompson lead the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in rushing with 1,261 yards.[6] He was named as a finalist for the Outland Trophy in November 1990 as a senior,[7] but lost out to defensive tackle Russell

Maryland from Miami.[8] Davis earned unanimous All-America honors, receiving first-team honors from the Associated Press, United Press International, Walter Camp Football Foundation, American Football Coaches Association, Football Writers Association of America, Scripps–Howard Newspapers, Football News, and The Sporting News.[9] He also earned All-SEC honors.[10] Following the 1990 season, Davis won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in January 1991, as the best blocker in the SEC.[11] He played in the Hula Bowl on January 18, 1991, for the East squad.[12]

Davis earned the University of Tennessee's Chancellor Citation for his community service efforts during his college career, including his contributions with the "Just Say No" campaign, the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the Knoxville Community Parks Association. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in urban studies in December 1990.[1]

Professional career

Philadelphia Eagles

1991 season

At the NFL Scouting Combine in February 1991, Davis arrived weighing 338 pounds (153 kg) (25 pounds (11 kg) overweight).[13] He ran a 5.2-second 40-yard dash, but received criticism for weight issues and his up-and-down personality.[14] He had 26 repetitions in the bench press.[1] Before the draft, analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. said, "Davis has slipped a bit. He's still a Top 10 pick, but his recent workouts haven't been good." [14] John Butler, the Buffalo Bills' director of player personnel said Davis was "a blueprint tackle, with size and everything else." [1]

Davis was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles as the eighth overall selection in the 1991 NFL Draft, one pick after former Tennessee teammate Charles McRae was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It was the first time in NFL history that two former college teammates who played the same position were drafted back-to-back.[15] Davis was the first draft pick by new Eagles head coach Rich Kotite. The Eagles traded up from the 19th pick with the Green Bay Packers to select Davis, giving Green Bay the 19th selection (which was used on cornerback Vinnie Clark[16]) and a first-round pick in the 1992 NFL Draft.[17] The pick in 1992 ended up being the 17th selection, and the Packers traded it to the Atlanta Falcons for quarterback Brett Favre on February 10, 1992. The Falcons then traded the pick to the Dallas Cowboys (who used it to select cornerback Kevin Smith) and received the 19th selection (used to select running back Tony Smith) and a fourth round pick (used to select cornerback Frankie Smith).[18]

After holding out for 21 days,[19] Davis was signed initially to a contract designed as a temporary compromise in order to get him into training camp on August 5, 1991. It was speculated that the reason behind Davis' holdout and the temporary compromise was that Davis and his agent wanted to see what McRae, who also held out with the Buccaneers, signed for first.[20] Davis was not allowed to practice with the team until he was under contract, thus the compromise contract enabled him to practice while still work to get a long-term deal done. The compromise was a one-year contract with an option for a second year, and Davis received US\$600,000 in signing the first contract. He was able to play against the Cincinnati Bengals in the Eagles' third preseason game on August 10. Davis was projected to be the

Eagles' starting right offensive tackle for the 1991 season.[21] Davis suffered a sprained ankle while running laps around JFK Stadium and tripping over a goal post support on August 19.[22] Due to the injury, he was taken out of the preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts on August 23 at halftime by Kotite.[23] The Eagles and Davis finalized a five-year contract worth \$4.6 million on September 6 following the first week of the season. Davis changed his jersey number from 77 to 78 after signing the contract.[24] He had his best game of the season in week four against the Pittsburgh Steelers on September 22, as Kotite called more run plays to the right side towards the end of the game.[25] Davis had a key block on a Jim McMahon quarterback sneak touchdown and McMahon gave Davis the ball immediately after to spike in celebration. The Eagles were given a five-yard penalty for the spike, however.[26] In a week five game against the Washington Redskins on September 30, Davis gave up two sacks against defensive end Charles Mann, who received Pro Bowl honors after the season.[27] Davis gave up a total of ten sacks in the first five games of the season.[28]

Against the Buccaneers in week six on October 6, Davis was benched in the third quarter after he was called for three holding penalties and was replaced by Bruce Collie. Collie suffered a knee injury in his second play, and Davis re-entered the game.[29][30] The day after the game, Kotite said about Davis: "He certainly played poorly yesterday without question. If you've got eyes you could see that." [31] Ron Heller moved from left tackle to replace Davis at right tackle the next week against the New Orleans Saints. Daryle Smith, after being waived in training camp, was re-signed to play left tackle.[32] Due to a groin injury suffered by Smith, Davis regained his starting job at right tackle with Heller moving back to left tackle against the San Francisco 49ers in week nine.[33] Davis gave up two sacks against Charles Haley in the game and was called for holding once, but Kotite said Davis improved from his previous start.[34][35] Davis started in every game at right tackle after his benching in 1991.[36] Kotite praised Davis after the Giants game on November 4, saying that he "played very well." [37]

#### 1992 season

Davis improved as a blocker in his second season with the Eagles.[38][39] At the start of training camp in 1992, Davis vowed to refuse all requests for interviews by the media in an attempt to focus on getting better. In the season-opener against the New Orleans Saints, Davis helped the Eagles lead the NFC in rushing for the week with 186 yards.[40] Against the Washington Redskins in week seven on October 18, 1992, he suffered a knee sprain after quarterback Randall Cunningham ran into him.[41] He was listed as doubtful before the following game against the Phoenix Cardinals,[42] and did not play in the game.[43] He was listed as doubtful again before the game against the Dallas Cowboys in week nine. Otho Davis, the team's head athletic trainer, said Davis was not working hard enough to rehabilitate his knee.[44] Antone Davis was upgraded to questionable two days before the game,[45] and started against the Cowboys on November 1.[46] In the wild card playoff game against the Saints on January 3, 1993, Davis gave up a sack against Rickey Jackson, which caused a Cunningham fumble.[47] Davis started in all 15 games he played during the regular season, and started in both of the team's playoff games.[36] Pro Football Weekly rated Davis as the 26th-best offensive tackle in the league for the season.[48]

## 1993 season

Davis played through a shoulder injury early in the 1993 season.[49] Defensive end Reggie White, who signed with the Green Bay Packers following the 1992 season after spending eight seasons with the Eagles and earned seven Pro Bowl selections, said that he believed he destroyed Davis' confidence as a rookie and second-year player, as Davis had to go up against White in practice every week. White said "there are some guys who get very discouraged because they can't block you. I think that was the situation at times with Antone." Davis, however, disputed White's statements as the Eagles played against the Packers in the second week of the season.[50] Dave Goldberg, a writer for the Associated Press, named Davis to his "all-unsung" team after his performance against White.[51] Davis started in every game for the Eagles at right tackle in 1993.[36]

## 1994 season

With the Eagles pick of offensive tackle Bernard Williams in the first round of the 1994 NFL Draft, Davis moved inside to play left offensive guard in the 1994 season.[52][53] Davis was ejected from a week thirteen game against the Atlanta Falcons on November 27, along with Lester Holmes, for fighting on the field with defensive tackle Pierce Holt of the Falcons.[54] Davis was benched in favor of rookie Joe Panos before a week sixteen game against the New York Giants after committing seven penalties in his previous fourteen starts.[55] Davis played in the final two games of the season.[36] Head coach Rich Kotite was fired after the season.[56]

## 1995 season

Under new coach Ray Rhodes, Davis was moved back to right tackle in 1995. Rhodes said that after looking at the 1994 season's game footage, he determined Davis' "best position for [the Eagles] is at tackle." [56] The Eagles signed former Packer Joe Sims on April 14, 1995, to compete with Davis for the starting right tackle job.[57] The team reportedly tried to trade Davis in order to move up in the first round of the 1995 NFL Draft, but no team would take their offer.[58] Due to left tackle Bernard Williams' six-game suspension from the NFL, Sims moved over to the left, with Davis staying at right tackle before the preseason.[59] However, due to his performance in training camp, Davis was benched before a preseason game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on August 24, in favor of Lester Holmes.[60] Holmes suffered a knee injury during the second week of the season and was replaced by Davis.[61] Davis replaced him in week three against the San Diego Chargers[62] and started in the remaining thirteen games of the season and two playoff games thereafter.[36] In a week fourteen game against the Seattle Seahawks, Moe Elewonibi played in place of Davis for two series in a move, as Rhodes explained, aimed at giving reserve players experience in case of injury.[63] Davis gave up three sacks against Alonzo Spellman of the Chicago Bears in the final regular season game. He gave up seven total sacks in his fourteen regular season starts.[64] Davis suffered a mild concussion in a wild card playoff game against the Detroit Lions after he was kicked in the head.[65] He gave up two sacks against Tony Tolbert in a divisional round playoff loss to the Cowboys.[64] His rookie contract expired following the season[66] and he made \$1 million for the season.[64] He was considered a draft bust after being taken in the first round in 1991.[67][68][69]

## Later career

Davis was not re-signed by the Eagles following the 1995 season and became an unrestricted free agent.[70] He worked out for the Atlanta Falcons on April 25, 1996.[71] After initially disagreeing on the terms of the contract,[70] Davis signed with the Falcons on May 13 and agreed to a two-year contract worth \$1.9 million. The contract contained a \$200,000 signing bonus and a \$300,000 workout bonus to go along with a \$1.4 million base salary, and up to \$300,000 in incentives based on playing time.[64] He began the 1996 season as a backup[72] behind David Richards at right tackle, Davis started in place of the injured Richards for a week five game against the San Francisco 49ers on September 29.[73] Richards came back from his injury in week six, but he and Davis split playing time in weeks seven and eight against the Houston Oilers and Dallas Cowboys, respectively.[74] Richards was waived on October 23 by the Falcons, who decided to go with Davis at right tackle for the remainder of the year.[75] Davis suffered a right ankle sprain in a week sixteen game against the St. Louis Rams on December 15.[76]

The Falcons proposed a restructured contract to Davis, reportedly worth \$3 million for three years in March 1997.[77] After starting the first three games at right tackle in 1997, Davis was benched in favor of backup Matt Willig on September 18.[78] Davis did not play in the remaining thirteen games of the season,[36] and was waived by the team on February 11, 1998.[79]

The Green Bay Packers signed Davis on January 22, 1999, reuniting him with new Packers coach Ray Rhodes.[80] His tenure with the Packers was short-lived, however, as Green Bay released him in June.[81]

Davis finished his seven-year NFL career with 87 starts in 97 games and recovered a fumble in the 1997 season.[36]

## After football

Davis owned a restaurant called "Gridiron Grill" in Clermont, Florida, for a short time after his career ended.[82] He worked as a manager of a Chili's restaurant prior to going on *The Biggest Loser* in 2011,[83] but was fired after his boss requested that he go back to work immediately after returning home for an interim period.[84]

Davis was a contestant on the twelfth season of *The Biggest Loser*, which premiered on September 20, 2011, and ended on December 13, 2011. He struggled with his weight after his football career ended,[85] and he weighed 476 pounds (216 kg) before he decided to go on the reality television show. Additionally, he saw several former college and professional teammates die due to their weights, including Reggie White and Harry Galbreath, and wanted to change his lifestyle.[86] He began the show weighing 447 pounds (203 kg),[82] and he weighed 245 pounds (111 kg) in the season finale, for a total loss of 202 pounds (92 kg), or 45.19 percent, and finished as the runner-up behind John Rhode.[87]

The University of Tennessee announced on August 28, 2012, that Davis had been hired as the Vol for Life (VFL) Coordinator for the school's football program.[88] Five years later, on October 31, 2017, he submitted his two-week notice to resign from that position.[89] During his tenure with Tennessee, he resided in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.[88]

Davis moved to Delaware to work for JPMorgan Chase with his wife after leaving the University of Tennessee in 2017.[90] Davis' oldest son Dakota played college football for the Chattanooga Mocs as an offensive lineman before his career ended prematurely due to concussions.[90] His younger son Braden was a highly-recruited quarterback for Middletown High School (Middletown, Delaware) and Lake Minneola High School (Minneola, Florida),[90][91] and committed to play college football for South Carolina in April 2021.[92]





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Joetta Clark Diggs (née Clark, born August 1, 1962 in East Orange, New Jersey) is a retired American track and field champion, specializing in middle distance running. She ran for more than 28 consecutive years never missing an indoor or outdoor season, with her races being in the 800 meters and 1500 meters. A 4-time Olympian in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000,[1] she competed in every outdoor USA Championships or Olympic trials between 1979 and 2000, winning five outdoor championships.[2] Indoors, she was in the national championship race in 18 of the last 19 years, winning seven times.[2] Clark Diggs was ranked in the top 10 in the world since 1991. Moreover, in 1998 at age 36, she was ranked number four in the world. This was her best ranking out of six such appearances.[3]

Coached by Terry Crawford at the University of Tennessee, Clark Diggs left Knoxville with nine collegiate titles (including relays) and a degree in public relations.

Clark Diggs was coached by her brother, J.J. Clark, who is the women's coach at the University of Tennessee. J.J. also coached two other 800m runners: his wife, Jearl Miles-Clark, and his younger sister, Hazel Clark. Hazel, Jearl and Joetta were all ranked #1 in America at one point in time. This Clark Team is known as the First Family of Track & Field because of their 800m dominance. At the 2000 Olympic Trials the family pulled off a remarkable sweep of the three Olympic qualifying positions with Hazel winning, Jearl second and Joetta making her final Olympic team at age 38 in third. She was the second oldest female Olympic track team member that year and the fifth oldest of all time.[4] She was the team captain in 2000.[5][6] She is the oldest ever to qualify in a track running event.

Later she added a graduate degree in recreation administration. Like her father, she now works the lecture circuit.

#### Personal life

Raised in the South Ward of Newark, New Jersey, she lived there during the 1967 riots.[7] Living in South Orange, New Jersey, she attended Columbia High School, where she started her career in track and field, winning the state Meet of Champions in all four years.[8]

She has a husband, Ronald Diggs, who is a successful businessman, and a daughter, Talitha LaNae Clark Diggs, who was the 2014 USATF | Hershey National Champion in the long jump and 2019 Pennsylvania State Champion at 200 and 400 meters as a high school junior.[9]

#### Career

She added a graduate degree in recreation administration.

In June 1997, she was appointed by a Governor as one of eight commissioners of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, where she is responsible for helping to ensure that the Meadowlands Sports Complex continues to serve as a national and international model for sports, racing entertainment and exposition industries.[10]

Clark Diggs was chosen as Sports Illustrated Hometown Hero for her work with youth, and in 1998 she also received the Visa Humanitarian award for her involvement with children.[11] In October, Clark Diggs received the New Jersey Pioneer Women of the 90s Award. Moreover, because of her longevity, and consistency, she is considered by sports enthusiasts as "America's most successful middle distance runner" ever.

A motivational and personal inspiration speaker, Clark Diggs is the daughter of Jetta Clark and noted educator Dr. Joe Clark. Joe Clark was the subject of the movie Lean on Me. Clark Diggs has continued to use her talents and experiences in sports, marketing, consulting and public speaking to provide services to her community, state and nation. As President of Joetta Sports & Beyond, LLC, Clark Diggs delivers messages of health, fitness and empowerment to corporations, colleges, medical programs and civic organizations on the lecture circuit. She is the author of Joetta's "P" Principles for Success, Life Lessons Learned From Track & Field[12] and the Executive Director of the Joetta Clark Diggs Sports Foundation, which promotes involvement with physical activities for school-aged children and provides opportunities for children in the sports and entertainment industry.[13]

#### Honors

Inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

Author, Joetta's "P" Principles for Success: Life Lessons Learned from Track & Field

Selected by the Star Ledger, which is NJ State's Paper

As the Women Athlete of the Century

2000 Women Olympic Team Captain

Inducted into the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame 2009[14]

Inducted into Penn Relays Hall of Fame – 2004

Inducted into the University of Tennessee's Hall of Fame

Chosen as Sports Illustrated Hometown Hero

Received the VISA Humanitarian Award

Undefeated in the 800m all four years while at Columbia High School

15- time All American

9-Time NCAA Champion

11-Time USA National Champion

Selected to Who's Who of American Women – 2000

Received New Jersey Pioneer of the 90s Award

Inducted into Millrose Games Hall of Fame at Madison Square Garden – 2002

Featured on MSNBC News Broadcast

Featured on CNN

Featured in Jet Magazine

Featured in Women's Sports and Fitness Magazine

Featured Documentary on Madison Square Garden Network

Distinguished Honoree Award-Somerset County Commission on Status of Women – 2001

Received Key to the City of Newark – 1990

New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Distinguished Award – 2001

Rolling Hills Girl Scouts Women of Achievement Award

Board Member of the Raritan Valley Community College 2001

Board Member of the Business Partnership of Somerset County



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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

*NAME* Shaun Ellis

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*SPORT* Football

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

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

*NAME* Phillip Fulmer

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MeShaunda "Shaun" Pizarrur Ellis (born June 24, 1977),<sup>[1]</sup> nicknamed Big Katt,<sup>[2]</sup> is a former American football defensive end who spent the majority of his career with the New York Jets of the National Football League (NFL). He played college football for the University of Tennessee. Ellis was drafted by the New York Jets in the first round (12th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft, and also played for the New England Patriots. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

### College career

Ellis enrolled in the University of Tennessee, where he was a stand-out defensive end for the Tennessee Volunteers football team under head coach Phillip Fulmer. In the 1998 season, he was part of the undefeated Volunteers team that won the National Championship over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona. At the end of his collegiate career, he had 105 tackles, 12.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, and one interception which he returned for 90 yards to score a touchdown.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Professional career

#### New York Jets (2000-2010)

Ellis was selected by the New York Jets in the first round with the 12th overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. He was the first of four first round draft picks that the Jets had that year, and was the compensation pick from the New England Patriots for hiring Bill Belichick away from the Jets as their head coach. The other players drafted were defensive end John Abraham (13th overall), quarterback Chad Pennington (18th overall), and tight end Anthony Becht (27th overall).<sup>[4]</sup>

Ellis was an immediate impact player. In his rookie season, he recorded 8.5 sacks. Only defensive end Hugh Douglas, with 10 sacks in the 1995 season, ranks higher in Jets history for most sacks by a rookie. After 2001 and 2002 campaigns which saw his overall numbers drop, Ellis rebounded in the 2003 season with an impressive 12.5 sacks. Ellis followed up his 2003 season with 11 sacks in 2004.<sup>[5]</sup> Ellis anchored a strong Jets run defense which contributed to a 10-6 season and a wild card berth. In Week 17, he recorded three sacks in the final game of the 2004 regular season against the St. Louis Rams.

On December 14, 2008, in a home game against their AFC East divisional rival Buffalo Bills, Ellis recovered a fumble from quarterback J. P. Losman and ran it for a touchdown in the final two minutes, giving the Jets the lead and the eventual 31-27 win.

On December 23, 2008, Ellis was fined \$10,000 for tossing snow at opposing fans when the Jets played the Seattle Seahawks at Qwest Field the previous Sunday. Ellis claimed that it was "all in good fun."<sup>[6]</sup>

In 2009, Ellis became the longest tenured player on the Jets roster.<sup>[7]</sup> Under new head coach Rex Ryan, Ellis helped lead the Jets to the postseason where the Jets made the AFC Championship for the first time in 11 years but lost to the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 30-17.

Ellis helped lead the Jets to the AFC Championship for the second consecutive season in 2010 as they lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers by a score of 24-19. On January 26, 2010, Ellis was named to the 2010 Pro Bowl as a replacement for Indianapolis Colts defensive end Robert Mathis.[8]

#### New England Patriots (2011)

Ellis signed with the New England Patriots on August 7, 2011, ending his 11-year tenure with the New York Jets.[9] During the 2011 season, Ellis played in 14 games with 14 total tackles and one sack. The Patriots would finish the regular season with a 13-3 record and advanced to Super Bowl XLVI, which was Ellis's first career trip to the Super Bowl. The Patriots lost to the Giants by a score of 21–17. Ellis was released by the Patriots after the 2011 season ended.

#### Free agency and retirement

Ellis spent most of the 2012 season on free agency and eventually announced his retirement from professional football.

NFL statistics

Year	Team LNG	GP TD	COMB PD	TOTAL	AST	SACK	FF	FR	FR YDS	INT	IR YDS	AVG IR
2000	NYJ 1	16 0	53 3	39	14	8.5	1	2	0	1	1	1
2001	NYJ 0	16 0	39 2	27	12	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2002	NYJ 0	16 0	40 4	30	10	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2003	NYJ 0	16 0	69 0	47	22	12.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2004	NYJ 0	15 0	57 3	38	19	11.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2005	NYJ 0	13 0	38 0	30	8	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006	NYJ 0	16 0	58 3	37	21	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	NYJ 0	16 0	49 0	32	17	5.0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	NYJ 0	16 0	60 0	41	19	8.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2009	NYJ 0	15 0	53 0	35	18	6.5	1	0	1	0	0	0
2010	NYJ 0	15 0	36 1	26	10	4.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
2011	NE 0	14 0	14 0	7	7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	1	184 0	566 16	389	177	73.5	13	5	0	1	1	1





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*SPORT* Golf

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

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

*NAME* Phillip Fulmer

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James Thomas Gallagher Jr. (born March 24, 1961) is an American professional golfer and sportscaster.

Gallagher was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. His father, a career club pro, started him in golf at age 6. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Gallagher turned pro in 1983 and joined the PGA Tour in 1984.

Gallagher won five events on the PGA Tour. His first win came in 1990 at the Greater Milwaukee Open. In 1993, he won twice: the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic and The Tour Championship. He repeated his two-win performance in 1995 by winning the KMart Greater Greensboro Open and the FedEx St. Jude Classic. Gallagher's best finishes in a major championship were a 3rd-place finish at the 1991 PGA Championship, and a T-2 at the same tournament the following year.[2] He was a member of the victorious 1993 Ryder Cup team and the 1994 Presidents Cup team.

Gallagher, who works as a golf analyst for Golf Channel, has appeared in a limited number of events on the Champions Tour since reaching age 50 in 2011. He had two top-10 finishes in this venue in both 2011 and 2013.

Gallagher comes from a golfing family: his father a career club pro in Marion, Indiana, his wife Cissy is a former LPGA Tour player, sister Jackie and brother Jeff are both touring professionals. He and Cissy have four children, Mary Langdon, Thomas, Kathleen, and Elizabeth, and live in Greenwood, Mississippi. Kathleen plays golf at LSU.[3]

Professional wins (9)

PGA Tour wins (5)

Legend

Tour Championships (1)

Other PGA Tour (4)

No. Date Tournament Winning score Margin of

victory Runner(s)-up

1 Sep 1, 1990 Greater Milwaukee Open −17 (69-70-66-66=271) Playoff United States  
Ed Dougherty, United States Billy Mayfair

2 Jul 11, 1993 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic −15 (66-68-70-65=269) 2 strokes United  
States Chip Beck

3 Oct 31, 1993 The Tour Championship −7 (63-73-72-69=277) 1 stroke South Africa  
David Frost, United States John Huston,

Australia Greg Norman, United States Scott Simpson

4 Apr 23, 1995 KMart Greater Greensboro Open -14 (69-70-69-66=274) 1 stroke  
United States Peter Jacobsen, United States Jeff Sluman

5 Jul 2, 1995 FedEx St. Jude Classic -17 (65-62-68-72=267) 1 stroke United States  
Jay Delsing, United States Ken Green

PGA Tour playoff record (1-1)

No.	Year	Tournament	Opponents	Result
1	1990	Greater Milwaukee Open	United States Ed Dougherty, United States Billy Mayfair	Won with par on first extra hole
2	1991	NEC World Series of Golf	United States Davis Love III, United States Tom Purtzer	Purtzer won with par on second extra hole

Other wins (4)

1983 Indiana Open

1985 Magnolia State Classic (PGA Tour Tournament Players Series), Charley Pride Golf Fiesta (PGA Tour Tournament Players Series)

1990 Jerry Ford Invitational (tie with Donnie Hammond and Andy North)

Results in major championships

Tournament	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	1999	2000	2001	2002							
Masters Tournament					T17	T25	CUT	CUT		T29	
U.S. Open	CUT	CUT CUT	T33	T11	T57	CUT	T47	T62	T67		
The Open Championship							CUT	CUT	T47	T55	
PGA Championship			T12	CUT	3	T2	CUT	CUT	T44	T52	

Top 10

Did not play

CUT = missed the half-way cut

"T" indicates a tie for a place

### Summary

Tournament	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top-5	Top-10	Top-25	Events	Cuts made		
Masters Tournament	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	
U.S. Open	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	6		
The Open Championship			0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
PGA Championship	0	1	1	2	2	3	8	5		
Totals	0	1	1	2	2	6	27	16		

Most consecutive cuts made – 6 (1995 U.S. Open – 1996 PGA)

Longest streak of top-10s – 1 (twice)

U.S. national team appearances

Four Tours World Championship: 1991

Ryder Cup: 1993 (winners)

Presidents Cup: 1994 (winners)



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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

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*SPORT* Football

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* Player University of Tennessee/NFL  
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Deon D'Marquis Grant (born March 14, 1979) is a former American football safety who played 12 seasons in the National Football League. He played college football for the University of Tennessee, was a member of Tennessee's national championship team and earned All-American honors. He was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft, and also played professionally for the Jacksonville Jaguars, Seattle Seahawks and New York Giants of the NFL. He won a Super Bowl ring with the Giants against the New England Patriots.

#### College career

Grant attended the University of Tennessee, and played for the Tennessee Volunteers football team from 1997 to 2000. He was selected as a consensus first-team All-American in 1999 after he tied for the NCAA lead with nine interceptions for 167 return yards. He finished the 1999 season with 69 tackles and eight pass breakups. He had two picks in three different games and earned SEC Defensive Player of the week after intercepting three passes versus Auburn. His leaping interception in UT's overtime win over Florida in 1998 was a crucial play in the Vols' march to the BCS National Championship. Grant left Tennessee and declared for the NFL Draft following his junior year.

#### Professional career

##### Carolina Panthers

Grant was drafted in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft with the 57th overall pick by the Carolina Panthers.

##### Jacksonville Jaguars

After playing for four seasons with the Panthers, Grant was sent to the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he played for three seasons.

##### Seattle Seahawks

Grant was picked up in free agency by the Seattle Seahawks in 2007. He was cut March 15, 2010 mostly because of his large contract. He finished his tenure in Seattle with 224 tackles, eight interceptions, and one fumble recovery.

##### New York Giants

Grant signed with the New York Giants on April 1, 2010. After one season with the Giants, he became an unrestricted free agent, however he re-signed with the Giants on August 16, 2011 to a one-year, \$4 million contract. He won a Super Bowl ring in Super Bowl XLVI.<sup>[1]</sup> Following the season, he became an unrestricted free agent.

On August 7, 2013, Grant retired as a member of the New York Giants.<sup>[2]</sup><sup>[3]</sup>





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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

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*SPORT* Football \_\_\_\_\_

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

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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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

Jaguars' lone playoff game and recorded 5 tackles and 1 sack. On March 21, 2006, Henderson signed a new 6 year, \$34 million contract extension with the Jaguars through 2011. The contract also contains \$13.4 million guaranteed.[3] Henderson responded with 51 tackles (38 solo and 6 for loss), 3.5 sacks, 6 pass deflections, and 7 QB pressures, as well as his 2nd Pro Bowl selection. He was also named an AP 2nd Team All-Pro. He was filmed by the NFL Network getting pumped up for a game by having a team trainer slap him in the face.[4] In 2007, Henderson finished with 38 tackles (28 solo), 2 sacks, 3 pass deflections, 1 forced fumble, and 13 QB pressures in 15 starts, marking the first time in his career he did not play all 16 games. Henderson started both playoff games for the Jaguars, finishing with 9 tackles and 2 sacks. In March 2008, Henderson's good friend and fellow defensive tackle Marcus Stroud was traded to the Buffalo Bills. Henderson finished the 2008 season with 44 tackles (34 solo), 2 sacks, and 2 pass deflections in 14 games. In the 2009 off-season, Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio was critical of Henderson for pulling out of OTAs, claiming he was faking a shoulder injury to avoid having to participate. Although many believed Henderson would be released, he met privately with Del Rio and claimed that he had "bought in". Henderson finished the 2009 season with 36 tackles (26 solo), 3 sacks, 3 pass deflections, and 2 forced fumbles.

Henderson was released by the Jaguars on April 26, 2010.[5]

#### Oakland Raiders

On June 11, 2010, Henderson signed a one-year contract with the Oakland Raiders.[6] On February 24, 2011, he signed a two-year, \$8 million contract with the Raiders. Following the 2011 season, he was released on March 14, 2012.[7]

NFL statistics

Year	Team Lng	GP TD	Comb PD	Total	Ast	Sck	FF	FR	Yds	TD	Int	Yds
2002	JAX	16	53	44	9	6.5	1	2	0	0	0	0
	0	0	6									
2003	JAX	16	56	45	11	3.5	3	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	7									
2004	JAX	16	75	62	13	5.5	0	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	4									
2005	JAX	16	70	52	18	3.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	7									
2006	JAX	16	51	38	13	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	6									
2007	JAX	15	38	28	10	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	3									
2008	JAX	14	44	34	10	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	2									
2009	JAX	15	36	26	10	3.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	3									
2010	OAK	9	30	24	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	3									
2011	OAK	13	36	25	11	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	4									
Career	146	489	378	111	29.0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0
	0	45										

[8]

## Personal life

Henderson met his wife Aleviar Cloe' Henderson while attending the University of TN in 2001. They were married on March 10, 2007. Together they have six children: Ja' Mari (20), Anaiya (17), Talia (deceased), Ayden (13), and Asa (6) and Ari (2) Henderson. To their dismay, on May 29, 2011, the Lord called their daughter Talia home to rest, she died peacefully in her sleep. Talia was born with Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy and was wheelchair bound and tube fed her entire life. When she was born, the doctors said that Talia would only live 7 days, but to God's glory, she blessed the lives of all who encountered her beautiful smile for 7 years. The Henderson's had just discovered the medical advances of Advanced Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, and the amazing benefits the procedures have on children suffering from brain injuries, autism, cerebral palsy etc. However, Talia passed before they could utilize such treatments. In Talia's honor, the Henderson's have made a commitment to help improve the quality of life of other children that have cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other forms of debilitating issues that leave them handicapped through their LUVTHEKIDZ Inc. and the LIA's LEGACY endowment fund.

John and Aleviar founded their 501-C3, Luvthekidz Inc in 2014, it was established to give life options to children and adolescence across the world. Their Mission is to give homeless and at-risk youth a chance for a better life by displaying the love of Jesus (Yeshua). Their vision is to provide homeless and at-risk children in West Africa and the Americas; permanent and secure housing, adequate meals, health care, education, and life-skills training through a community of family support, counseling, mentoring, and other extracurricular activities. We aim to help each person discover their strengths and talents by exposing them to a variety of programs with emphasis on arts, academics, nature, and athletics which will include sports camps endorsed by its Co-founder, Big John Henderson. The Henderson's are taking a stance and joining the fight to break the cycles of disparity and poverty that plague over 10 million children in America and over 18 million children (about the population of New York) in West Africa, in addition to another 150 million street children not accounted for (UNICEF).

The Henderson's have successfully owned and operated several businesses in the US. In 2007, Henderson opened a clothing store in Jacksonville called "4 Big Men by Big Hen" that sold big and tall clothing.[9] In 2011 the Hendersons opened Aleviar's VIP Lounge and Jazz Bar in Jacksonville FL, In 2011 They opened Coast2Coast Trucking in Los Angeles CA, where they successfully contracted with companies such as Fed-Ex Custom Critical

In 2012, Henderson opened a multiple restaurant locations in Jacksonville called "Big John's Crumpy's Wings & Things" The menu features whole wings, burgers and a large selection of southern fare. However, the restaurant closed in 2015. The franchise hails from Memphis, Tennessee.

The Henderson's are currently dedicating their resources to the funding of their LuvTheKidz Inc's "House of Hope" 300+ acre facility they are looking to build to permanently house and educate homeless children.



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**SPORT** NHRA Drag Racing – Top Fuel

**CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT** Team Owner, Driver, Crew Chief and sponsor  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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In 2018, NHRA inducted Donnie into the Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2017. He received the Don Garlits Pioneer award. Don made the call himself to inform Barbara of Donnie's induction.

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- 14 - National Records for ET and/or MPH
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- 23 - Event championships
- 30 - Event runner ups
- 20 - times #1 qualifier
- 16 - times Low ET
- 11 - times Top MPH
- 14 - times finished in Top 10 in points
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### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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**SPORT** Baseball

**CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT** Player  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Huffstetler was sent to Korea from 1955-1956 and continued his baseball career. He set the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Lake 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 .377 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 .452. 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.

Jun 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 \$29,000 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.

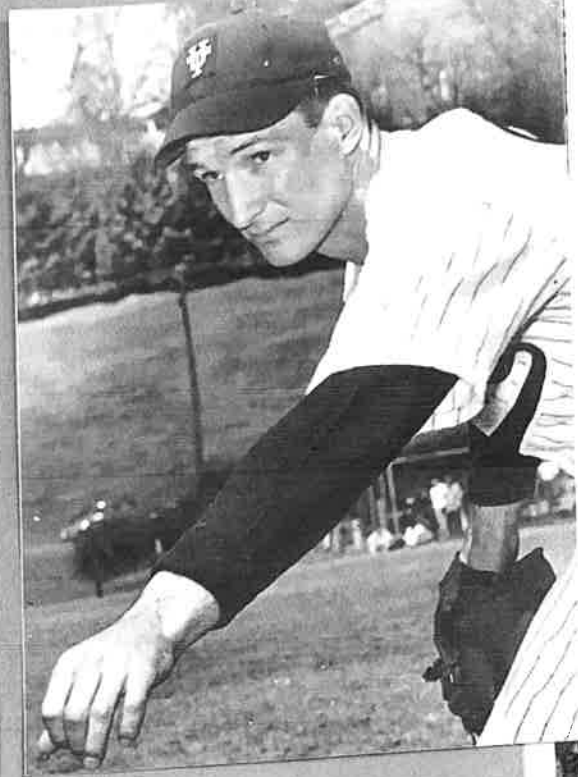
"John was a good student. He had about a 3.5 (of a possible 4.0) average," Asbury said.

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 46s, 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 1-2. 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 College 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 4-0 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 in 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 Dossie 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 .345, 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 1977 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 Mercetta 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 3-4. 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 Jessie Jennings of Lebanon, Dr. Juliet Merrifield of Knoxville, Bonnie Thomas of Maynardville, and Har-

vey R. Wetherington of Covington.

The Administrative Service Awards were presented to Ossi Circle of Knoxville and CRR Industries of Winchester.

Special Awards were presented to 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 1821, 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 Wnora, approximately 10 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-Service 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, lb; 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. I 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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## 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 Bunry 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 steps 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 Rideour from Hall's High, and Don Dallow. He will also have three right handers. Dwin 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. Randy Archer, a freshman from

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

B. H. Hopkins, of Oak Ridge, who hit .307 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 Muncie, 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 Bogout, 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, 2b; Huffstetler, 1b; Davis, rf; Dodd, 3b; Blackstock, lf; Archer, ss; Frye, c, and either Rideour or Williams, p.

"Our hitters 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 Urm, 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 Urm 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 Urm won, defeating a team which had shut them out 17-0 with a no-batter early in the season. Huffstetler's finger is improving and he has continued to pitch.

In his second outing he beat league leading Fairmont, 5-3, 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 Bryson, 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 (Left) 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 1933 season.

### SOUGHT BY ATLANTA

The Blount Cavalier was signed by Manager Pat McGlothlin in the third young hurler obtained in this area. Huffstetter 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 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 finale of the national tournament at Omaha.

The 1931 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 1932 won five games and lost one and turned in a .439 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.



**IMPRESSER**—Johnny Huffstetter (above) is being counted on by Manager Pat McGlothlin as a starting pitcher when the Knoxville Smokies open their 1934 baseball campaign. The former UT Vol has been impressive in all drills at the Smokies, Douglas, Ga. base.



**JOHN HUFFSTETTER**  
Knox with Smokies



**SHIRLEY BURGIN**  
Smokies pro career

## Smokies Get Three Area Boys

### John Huffstetter Signs as Hurler

By NON 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 Leap

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

In 1933, his sophomore year, Huffstetter won 8 and lost 10 in Southeastern Conference competition. He hit .455. To date, he won 3 and lost 1 in SEC games, and batted .425. 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 Game

Because of his long experience in a pro game, Huffstetter may be given a trial at first base.

"Huffstetter has had considerable experience in high school college and pitching his strong semi-pro teams," said McGlothlin. "I see no reason why he should make us a valuable hitting man."

Burgin, who is considered one of the finest young athletes produced at Powell High, is a crackerjack UT football star. However, he dropped out of school and has elected to try a baseball career.

### Played With Pete Hodge

He has gained a lot of usable baseball knowledge as a result of forming a league combination with Burino (Hodge), a former major Southern Association, as his manager. They played together on a strong semi-pro team. McGlothlin said Hensley's contract was purchased from Big Stone Gap team.

"Though he was a star for Big Stone, we plan on getting him into an outfield position because of his hitting," said McGlothlin. "He hit 25 home runs last season, batted in 115 and finished the season with .444 batting mark." McGlothlin said he and Smokies coaches are checking Hensley, major league club baseball player.

Grading work on the playing field and excavation to deepen 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 Smoky Skipper said. "The boy has tremendous batting power." Last year at Big Stone, Hensley a product of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrison, hit 26 home runs at .430, and 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.

## 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 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 13 hits to lead the Vols in this department. But, the remarkable thing is that nine of the 13 have been for extra bases—six doubles, two triples and a home run. He also has nine runs batted in—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 eluded 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	ERA
Huffstetler	20 1/2	21	0	0.00
Bowman	21 1/2	19	14	5.88
McClain	15 1/2	20	21	4.11
O'Neil	7 1/2	4	2	2.40
Williams	8 1/2	8	8	8.57

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.

Tennessee's offensive records:

Player	PA	AB	R	H	RB	Ave
Huffstetler, P	11	11	5	7	2	.727
O'Neil, P	2	1	0	0	0	.000
McClain, 2B	28	24	11	12	4	.500
Rechichar, 2B	25	21	11	12	4	.500
Hopkins, 3B	42	41	9	33	3	.805
Payne, 2B	28	24	13	13	3	.542
Anderson, C	28	24	9	27	3	.875
Dyer, 1B	24	24	7	23	2	.958
Payne, 2B	28	24	13	20	3	.833
Hatchell, 1B	27	24	7	19	2	.792
Asbury, 2B	40	37	4	17	3	.459
Williams, P	6	5	1	2	1	.400
Bowman, P	2	1	0	1	0	.500
Blackstock, 2B	11	10	0	8	0	.800
Dyer, 1B	24	24	7	23	2	.958

Huffstetler not only is Tennessee's leading hitter, but he also is the leading hurler in victories and innings pitched. "Buff" has hurled 30.20 innings, allowed 23 hits and won three while losing one. A pair of infield singles, an error and an outfield fly handed

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 getting a double to right-center that enabled Huffstetler to bubble across with the winning tally.

### RHINO IS TECH STAR

Chappell Rhine, Tech's great safety man for the underdog '52 team, hit 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. Rhine 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 on 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 23 for the afternoon with Hopkins and Rechichar leading in this department with seven and six. Two of these "errors" were on pick-off plays getting him out of the box.

### NO HARD HITTING

The Vols could get but one extra base hit off Rhine, Joe Anderson by Hopkins. However, Huffstetler's a sily could have pitched singles into doubles had he been able to run. As it was five-innings was tops for the day. Many of the Vols hits were of the infield variety.

Catcher Andy Anderson combined with Herky Payne and Bert Rechichar to save the game in the seventh. Bobby Studette slapped a fast ball over Rechichar's head in centerfield. Bert recovered rapidly, tossed to Payne who made a clothes line throw to Anderson in the plate. Andy blocked home and scored Henderson 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 third. Billy Asbury singled. Asbury moved to second and Sid Hatchell was safe on Shortstop Charles Brannon's error. Hopkins forced Asbury at third. Billy Joe McClain singled Hatchell 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 Anderson singled Dyer home. Brannon singled and was forced at second by Henderson. A passed ball and single to

### 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 McCasley's glove, two runs coming across.

That was all of the scoring until the 15th.

In that frame Huffstetler let off with his fifth successive by. Asbury rolled to the infield and Huffstetler was safe at second when Brannon dropped the third. Hatchell popped out and Hopkins came up. He lined the first base to deep right-center and that was the ball game.

GA. TECH

Player	AB	R	H	PA
Henderson, 2B	4	1	4	4
McCasley, 2B	4	0	1	4
Anderson, C	4	0	1	4
Rhine, P	4	0	1	4
Payne, 2B	4	0	1	4
Rechichar, 2B	4	0	1	4
Williams, P	4	0	1	4
Starnes, 1B	4	0	1	4
Joyce, 2B	4	0	1	4

TENNESSEE

Player	AB	R	H	PA
Asbury, 1B	2	1	1	2
Hatchell, 1B	2	0	1	2
Hopkins, 3B	2	0	1	2
McClain, 2B	2	0	1	2
Anderson, C	2	0	1	2
Payne, 2B	2	0	1	2
Dyer, 1B	2	0	1	2
Williams, P	2	0	1	2
Huffstetler, P	2	0	1	2

Two out when Asbury run scored. Home for Brannon in thirteenth. Field out for Blackstock in seventh. Williams awarded base on catcher's interference.

Runs by innings:

Inning	Tenn	Tech
1	0	1
2	0	0
3	1	0
4	0	0
5	1	0
6	0	0
7	1	0
8	0	0
9	0	0
10	0	0
11	0	0
12	0	0
13	1	0
14	0	0
15	0	0

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

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*Raymond Dument*  
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Raymond Dument

PRESIDENT

## 17th Beats 31st In 7th Div. Play

HQ., U.S. 7TH DIV., Korea—John Huffstetter powered a grand slam homer in the eighth inning to shatter a 2-0 deadlock and gave his 17th Inf. team a 7-3 victory over the 31st Inf. Beavers 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 winner DivArty 6-5 to slip into a second spot tie with idle 32nd Inf. Both now hold 2-1 records.

# korea

# 1955-1956

## John Huffstetter Paces 7th Division Baseball League

John Huffstetter, former U-I baseball player now with the Army in Korea, is setting the 7th Division Baseball League on fire with a sparkling .571 batting average.

The 6-foot three-inch first baseman has collected 42 hits in division competition, 13 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 strong 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 Huffstetter, Rt. 7, Maryville.



*Always remember* 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 Huffstetter, Ace Adams, Fergy Payne, Bill Asbury, Amy Anderson, B. B. Hopkins, Bert Rechichar, Watson Bell, Sid Hatfield, Julian Dease, Dale Powell, Billy Joe O'Lain and Billy Joe Bowman.

Huffstetter, 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 Huffstetter  
*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.



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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*SPORT* Football

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

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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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(player, coach, official, administrator)

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**Here's why Joey Kent should be in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and to try and do this within 300 words disrespects his achievements and how beloved he is within the Vols community and the state. It's not merely the stats, but they're impressive enough on their own. As one of Peyton Manning's favorite targets, Joey was responsible for 183 catches for the Vols, totaling 2814 receiving yards and 25 touchdowns... with outstanding junior and senior seasons that helped Tennessee in an era when Vol Football was approaching National Championship form. He still holds the all-time career receptions record for Tennessee, ranks both fifth and sixth in school history for single season receptions, is tied in single-game receptions with 13 against Arkansas in 1995, and the 2814 receiving yards... you guessed it, that's nearly 400 more than anyone else has ever accomplished in Knoxville.**

**He had a short stint in the NFL, lasting four years in the league, but the one constant was the University of Tennessee, and the state he's called home ever since. He may be from Alabama, but he's a Volunteer. Just ask him. Once he arrived here, he never left.**

**Successful in pharmaceutical sales today, Joey couldn't "quit" Tennessee athletics and continues to faithfully represent the best of Volunteer Football. He switched from the player side to the media world and has served as the likable and popular host of the Tennessee Tailgate Show for nearly a decade on WGFX-FM 104.5 The Zone. The program either directly precedes or follows Vol Network coverage every Saturday during the regular season and also airs before bowl matchups. On the show, Joey has brought on many Volunteer legends, past and present, and he has quietly kept in communication with his teammates and current players. Just this past offseason, Joey sought out and spoke with Vol WR Josh Palmer, helping him understand how to become a leader in the receiving room.**

**More than anything he did on the field, which included enormous, memorable plays against Alabama, Florida, and all of the school's most formidable rivals, more than the bowl wins and the one-loss season in 1995, the reason Joey stands out most is the impressive and humble gentleman, husband, and father he's been and continues to be. To say he's a credit to the sports community in Tennessee is a massive understatement. Without hyperbole, I have never met anyone in this industry I hold in higher regard as a human being than Joey Kent. Watching how he treats everyone in his orbit, watching how he always has time for fans when we've done the show on location, and just watching how he conducts his life, he's not just a Hall of Fame talent, he's a Hall of Fame person. It's a pleasure to call him a friend, a true blessing, and I believe the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame NEEDS Joey Kent, because everything he touches is better for having been associated with him.**

**My name is Jason Martin. I currently host JMart and Ramon on 104.5 The Zone alongside Vol legend and 11-year NFL veteran Ramon Foster. The show airs 6-10 AM CT Monday through Friday and is also available via all podcast locales. I've been with the station since 2012 and have worked with Joey on the Tennessee Tailgate Show for the past five years. I also host The Jason Martin Show, syndicated for two years nationally on Fox Sports Radio and heard in over 400 markets across the country. I've also served as Fox's primary fill-in**

**morning host since 2017 and have worked on other shows for the network. I've written for SB Nation, for Outkick, for 104.5 The Zone, and other outlets, and have been a television broadcaster both for the KHSAA and TSSAA in high school football and basketball since 2013.**

**I appreciate you taking the time to read this and considering Joey for induction. This is one of the easiest letters I've ever written. Nominating Joey couldn't possibly feel more right or more proper. Thanks for the opportunity to place his name at your table. I believe with all my heart that Joey Kent belongs in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.**



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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## Andy Landers bio

Maryville native Andy Landers was an ultra-successful college coach before becoming one of the most prominent voices for ESPN's coverage of women's basketball.

Landers recorded 944 career victories, including 862 in 36 seasons at Georgia. In 2014, he became the seventh basketball coach with 850 victories at one NCAA Division I school, joining Pat Summitt, Geno Auriemma, Mike Krzyzewski, Dean Smith, Jim Boeheim and Adolph Rupp.

After graduating from Tennessee Tech, Landers became the head coach at Roane State and posted an 82-21 record from 1975-79.

In 1979, Landers was hired as UGA's first full-time women's coach and quickly turned the program into a powerhouse. Georgia won the 1981 WNIT title. The Lady Bulldogs played in the first NCAA Tournament in 1982 and advanced to the Final Four in 1983. Two years later, the Lady Bulldogs were NCAA runners-up.

When Landers retired, the Lady Bulldogs ranked No. 2 nationally in NCAA Tournament appearances (31) and weeks in the AP poll (522). Under Landers, Georgia advanced to 20 "Sweet 16s," 11 "Elite Eights," five Final Fours and finished as NCAA runner-up twice.

Landers was named National Coach of the Year four times, while his players include three National Players of the Year, three National Freshmen of the Year, one National Defensive Player of the Year and 31 All-Americans.

Equally impressive, all 67 of Landers' four-year letterwinners earned degrees from UGA.

All told, 41 Lady Bulldogs went on to play professionally. Landers' players own eight WNBA Championship rings. Georgia teammates Teresa Edwards and Katrina McClain became the backbone of virtually every U.S. national team for a decade and combined to win six Olympic Gold Medals.

Landers was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2009, Landers, the state of Georgia's winningest college basketball coach at any level, was inducted into the State of Georgia's Sports Hall of Fame.

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# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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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





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]



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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*SPORT* Football \_\_\_\_\_

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* Player University of Tennessee/NFL  
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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

[22]

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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## Hall of Fame Nomination Bio for Doug Mathews

### Playing Career:

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M:

Led Northeastern Oklahoma A&M to National Championship 1967  
Offensive MVP in national championship game  
1967 -NJCAA All American  
1967- NJCAA Player of the year  
2008- NJCAA Hall of Fame Induction

Vanderbilt University:

1968:

- Started at defensive back for the commodores.
- Led Nation in punt return average.

1969:

- Started at tailback for the commodores.
- SEC rushing champion
- Rushed for 214yds against Tulane (still third highest rushing total in Vanderbilt History)

### Coaching Career:

1971 Montgomery Bell Academy – Assistant Coach  
1972 Northeast Louisiana University – Assistant Coach  
1973-1976 Weber State University – Assistant Coach  
1976-1978 University of Louisville – Assistant Coach  
1979 – Virginia Tech University – Assistant Coach  
1980 – 1989 University of Tennessee – Assistant Coach , Defensive Coordinator  
1990 – Vanderbilt University – Assistant Coach, Defensive Coordinator

At University of Tennessee, Doug was charged with heading up the recruiting of Middle Tennessee. Forging hundreds of relationships with high school coaches in the state, recruiting their players and helping them as coaches. During this time Doug signed countless young men to stay in state and play for Tennessee. From 1980 – 1988, Doug served as Coach Johnny Majors running back coach. A member of the epic 1985 SEC Championship and 1986 Sugar Bowl teams. In 1988 the Vols started the season 0-5. Prompting Coach Majors to move Doug from Running Back coach to Defensive Coordinator. After these changes the volunteers lost to Alabama the following week, and then won the remaining games in the 88' season. Doug remained the defensive coordinator for the 1990 season which brought the Vols the 1989 SEC Championship, his second at Tennessee, as well as the 1990 cotton bowl championship. Finishing the season 11-1 and the #4 national ranking.

At Vanderbilt in 1990 while serving as defensive coordinator for Watson Brown, Doug signed Shelton Quarles and Robert Davis in his one recruiting class.

**Post Coaching Career:**

**1991 – Served as the color commentor for Vanderbilt Football**

**1992 – Founded Doug Mathews All American Athlete sporting goods company. Which would go on to become Doug Mathews' Team Sports, serving numerous area high schools and middle schools with their team athletic needs. During this time Doug mentored countless area coaches during their careers. Mathews' served the community in this role for 20 plus years.**

**For the past 25 years, Doug has been a staple on the radio airwaves in the Midstate. Starting at WLAC 1510 and then moving to his current home at 104.5 the zone. Known for fair and honest broadcasting on his shows Big Orange Sunday, Forklift Systems Sports Saturday, Coach to Coach, as well as Titans Radio he has developed a large and loyal audience.**

**He has served as color commentator on several Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl Broadcasts.**

**All the while Doug has served his community in many behind the scenes roles with numerous middle Tennessee charitable organizations. Including time served as President of the MNPD Police Athletic League, and President of Brentwood Civitan.**

## Hall of Fame Nomination Bio for Doug Mathews

- Led Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in becoming NJCAA champions in 1967
- Was Offensive player of the game in national championship game
- 1967 NJCAA All American
- 1967 NJCAA Player of the Year
- 1968 Started at defensive back for Vanderbilt Commodores & led nation in punt return average
- 1969 Started at tailback for Vanderbilt Commodores
- 1969 SEC league rushing champion (Only Vanderbilt Back To Ever Lead SEC)
- 1969 Rushed for 214 yards against Tulane (Still the third highest rushing total in Vanderbilt history)
- 1971 Assistant football coach at Montgomery Bell Academy
- 1972 Assistant football coach at Northeast Louisiana University
- 1973 – 1976 Assistant football coach at Weber State University
- 1976 - 1978 Assistant football coach at University of Louisville
- 1979 Assistant football coach at Virginia Tech University
- 1980 – 1989 Assistant football coach at University of Tennessee
  - From 1980 until 1988 Doug served as Coach John Majors' running back coach
  - Part of the 1985 SEC Championship and 1986 Sugar Bowl Championship teams
  - In 1988 after a 0 – 5 start Doug moved over from offense to become defensive coordinator
  - The Vols lost the next week to Alabama then closed the 1988 season by winning out.
  - In 1989 Doug was the defensive coordinator for the 1989 SEC Champion Vols and 1990 Cotton Bowl Champions. Tennessee finished the season 11 -1 and #4 in the nation

While at the University of Tennessee Doug was in charge of recruiting middle Tennessee. Doug signed countless young men from the state of Tennessee to play for the Vols

- 1990 Defensive coordinator for Vanderbilt University under Watson Brown. Signed Shelton Quarles and Robert Davis in his one recruiting class at Vanderbilt
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- Doug has given his time to numerous charitable organizations through the years in middle Tennessee including time served as president of the MNPD Police Athletic League and Brentwood Civitan



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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
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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
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2015	NE	16	47	35	12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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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]



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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*CITY* \_\_\_\_\_ *STATE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_

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*SPORT* Football \_\_\_\_\_

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

### NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Charles Edward McRae (born September 16, 1968) is Senior VP Operations<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[2]</sup>

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

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

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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Place 10.35
- Outdoor All-American 1979 4X100 meters relay 5<sup>th</sup> Place 40.35
- Indoor All-American 1980 60 yard dash 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Place 6.26
- Indoor All-American 1981 Mile Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 3.16.24
- Outdoor All-American 1981 4X100 meters relay 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 10.11
- Outdoor All-American 1982 200 meters 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Football / martial Arts

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Defensive Hand Drill Coach UT Football  
(player, coach, official, administrator) Under John Chavius / 1970 South eastern Black Belt Champion

### NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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## United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame

Grandmaster Pete Mills is not only an accomplished martial artist. He is a man of great faith, character, insight, passion and conviction. Since 1967, he has operated the Pete Mills School of Karate and trained several hundred students to Black Belt in Isshinryu over the years. He has appeared on TV, travelled extensively throughout the United States and abroad, teaching martial arts, defensive tactics and self-defense. He is a staff member of the Martial Arts University, serving as the Senior Advisor for Isshinryu Karate. He is also an instructor with the International Krav Maga Association, teaching defensive tactics to law enforcement, government agencies and the military here and abroad and credentialed as a VIP security specialist with Tactical Training Options. He holds a 10th Dan in the art of Isshinryu under Tatsuo Shimabuku, and has ranked in Small Circle Jiu-Jitsu, BJJ, and Eskrima.

GM Mills is an Army Veteran, serving in Vietnam where he trained with the Korean Ranger Division. He received five campaign stars as a decorated soldier and also received the Army Commendation Medal for his service. He has also been previously associated with Chuck Norris in the "Kick Drugs Out of America" Campaign, and is known for his service to his community and to his church, traveling as a missionary on multiple occasions to help those less fortunate. GM Mills is a long-time member of the International Martial Arts Council of America, and has served on the IMAC Grandmasters Council for many years. He is a regular instructor at the IMAC National Training Camp and has been inducted into 11 Hall of Fame organizations. GM Mills is well-loved by his family, his students, and to all who have had the privilege to get to know this amazing man.



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He has been a regular instructor at our IMAC National Training Camp and has taught in many of our schools as a guest instructor over the years. GM Mills has served on the IMAC Grandmasters Council for well over a decade. He is well-deserving of this honor and I hope you'll take a few moments of your time to help us honor a man who means so much to so many of us. Thank you for your support.



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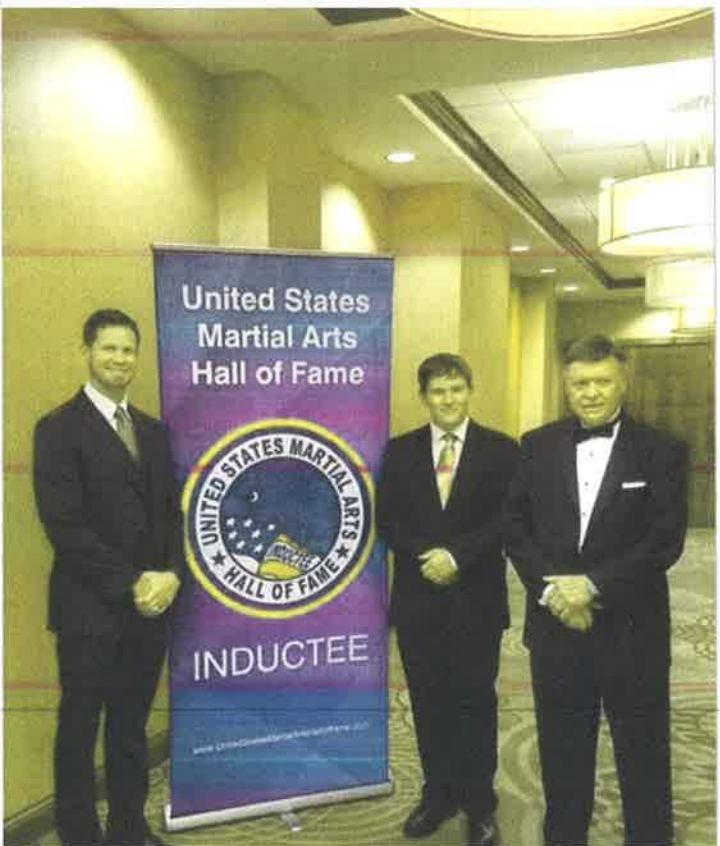
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Grandmaster "Pete" Mills' distinguished career in practicing, training, teaching, mastering, and elevating the martial arts has spanned more than a half century and continues to propel forward.

Having built his foundation of knowledge and skill from the original grandmasters of Isshin-Ryu itself, Tatsuo Shimabuku and Harold Long, and cross-training in other genres such as Ju-Jitsu, Grandmaster Mills continues to build his acumen martial arts like no other. He clearly is a trailblazing leader across the United States, with emphasis in the Southeast, and greatest concentration in the East Tennessee area for promoting and cultivating the study and practice of his craft.

He continues to be honored for his accomplishments by the most dynamic organizations in the martial arts community including the International Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame, International Federation of Ju-Jitsuans Hall of Fame, DePasquale Hall of Fame, Gary Alexander IAMA Hall of Fame, United Karate Systems Hall of Fame, and the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame just to mention a select few. The list of champions with whom he has trained and worked alongside is equally as long and renowned.

Martial arts training and instruction is not just a way of life for Grandmaster Mills, but also a passion. His deep desire to share his knowledge and talents with others and nurture their development gives him the greatest joy. He continues to travel the world to gain additional skills himself, as well as sharing those gifts with those under his advisement and supervision. His work is his fervor, his mission, and his ministry. He gives freely of himself and his abilities much more than anyone will ever know. Much of his bestowal will never be known except to himself and those to whom he bequests the gifts. His zeal and commitment to martial arts and educating others is surpassed only by his love of his family and his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pete Mills' gifts, talents, and skills continually grow along with his commitment for sharing that discernment. He is a living legacy that has already, and will continue to, touch and change the lives of thousands of individuals in beneficial and lasting ways. He has been honored by the top organizations that set the bar for excellence in the martial arts; however, for him, the greatest achievement is the difference he has made in the lives of people. Gerald Frank "Pete" Mills is a gentleman, a Sensei, a beacon for the martial arts, a missionary, a published author of eight books, and the pinnacle for personification of the word Grandmaster, yet his humility is far too great to draw attention in his own direction. The more he promotes and touts the achievements of others, the more clearly his own mastery shines paramount.

## The journey of a Grandmaster

In 1959 my father, who was a former Golden Gloves boxer, started teaching me to box. I subsequently spent time training and boxing at the Knoxville Golden Gloves gym at Chilhowee Park. I was training under such legends as John Forgety, who was in charge of the training facility. Ace Miller was also there, a young man only nineteen years old at the time.

In 1962, I began studying Savage "French Foot Fighting" as well as pressure point systems. In 1963 I met Harold Long, a young Marine, who was teaching an Okinawan style of karate called Isshinryu at the Continental Health Spa in Western Plaza. After I graduated from high school, I started studying on July 17, 1965. By this time, I had a car and was able to train regularly. There were some great fighters there that have gone on to become legends today: Cas Cox, Glen Webb, Don Rackard, Maurice Msarsa, J.C. Burris and many more. I attended Carter High School where I played football, ran track and wrestled. I did a lot of weight training so with the boxing and other sports background I took to karate tournament play immediately. It was because of the tournament competition that I stayed in the martial arts initially. In those days we all fought without any padding except a groin cup.

In October 1966, Mr. Long brought his instructor, Tatsuo Shimabuku, to America to be a house guest at the Long home for about four months. I remember the excitement of training under the highest-ranking karate instructor in the world, and the honor of being tested on all my empty hand katas by Master Shimabuku.

It was in 1966 that Master Long allowed me (brown belt at the time) to start a class at Carson Newman College. I gave a number of demonstrations in the area. One of them was at Horace Maynard High School in 1967. As a result, I picked up a new student, James Maples, who later became a great tournament player and a member of the IJKA Hall of Fame. When I left to enter the military in 1968 I turned that dojo over to James Maples and suggested that he train with Master Long. From that day on Master Long claimed him as one of his students.

I was already a black belt before I went to Vietnam in 1968, but it was there that I got my first chance to cross train in another system. I trained with the Korean Ranger Group out of Cam Ranh Bay. I had done some breaking classes before and since I was the only Black Belt from the US military in class I was called upon to break some bricks first. I didn't know their bricks were not cooked as long in the kiln as they are in America. They were very easy since there was not much iron ore or heat in them. To my surprise, I hit three solid bricks and they shattered.

I returned to training and tournament style fighting in 1970. I also opened the first Pete Mills Karate School on Merchants Road in Knoxville. The many returning Marines helped Isshinryu Karate to really grow. Mr. Long, with Master Shimabuku's blessing, started the International Isshinryu Karate Association. I was privileged to serve on that board.

I was promoted to Master Rank, Roku-Dan (6th degree), on February 1, 1979. I received my Ku-Dan (9th degree) on August 26, 1994. This has a Red Belt to denote a Grandmaster's rank. I have several endorsing agencies for my organization and system; Pete Mills Karate System and The Universal Isshinryu and Ju-Jitsu Association. The major one is The International Sokeship Association who promoted me to 10th Degree Rank, the highest rank for all of karate.



In my career I have been fortunate to have many fine champions to train under my supervision: James Maples, James Ogle, Mike Acuff, Harrison White, Leo Cooper, Jim Phillips, my Son Todd Mills, Gregg McMahan, Michael Garner and many more. Our group has produced over 300 black belts.

Of course, everyone enjoys winning in the ring, but my greatest joys have been the ability to travel and do more than 35 foreign trips to perform the martial arts and tell folk about Jesus. My son, Todd now organizes most of my foreign mission trips and leads them with all the details and teaching our system. He is a great Christian and believes Jesus Christ is God's Son and the Savior of the world, and I do also. That is our real mission now.

I also enjoy traveling with one of my chief instructors who is also a great Christian, Chris Hawkins. He has traveled with me all over the United States, Europe and South America. I also train with Renso Gracie, Michael Depsquale, Bill "Super Foot" Wallace and we participated with the Chuck Norris Foundation, "Kick Drugs out of America" campaign.

Grandmaster Mills has the distinguishing background of being the longest teaching dojo owner in Tennessee and is still actively teaching in the dojo everyday. There are 22 karate schools (dojos) that look to him for rank and guidance with about 300 black belts and several thousand students. He is the founder and CEO of the Universal Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu Karate Association.

Even after 55 years, his own martial arts continue to evolve as he continues to research other martial art systems. The area of Knoxville is a great area for the martial arts. There are many, many dojos, and training facilities. His son, Todd and master Mills teach at several National Fitness Center locations six classes a week. Todd also has his Master Instructor certificate in Krav Maga, an Israeli Defense System, where he teaches self defense and combative fighting at several local locations. They also do demonstrations for Camp Ba-Yo-Ca and many other groups. There are more athletes doing the martial arts than any sport in America and there are many great instructors that I hope we get a chance to recognize in the future.

In addition to teaching the martial arts Grandmaster Mills has also taught hand drills to many football teams. These drills were primarily for the defensive line to legally get rid of the blockers from the offense. Some of the schools he has worked with in the strength and condition department are: Coach Johnny Long at University of Tennessee (now at Carson Newman), Coach Evan Barr at Western Carolina, Coach Cory Robinson Duke University. Also Knoxville Central High school who has a tradition of playing in the state play offs each year.

Grandmaster Mills has authored six books: Isshinryu and jiu jitsu for students, Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu for master instructors, A student curriculum manual for students to track tournaments, testing and seminars they participate in, Ground Fighting Katas for beginners and advanced ground fighters and cage fighters, Small circle stand up Jiu Jitsu and Thoughts and Meditations on Scripture, by Pete Mills.

Grandmaster Mills is a member of eleven Martial Arts Hall of Fames including the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. In all of the years of recognizing special athletes the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame has never recognized a Martial Artist. Grandmaster Mills' involvement as a point sport fighter, (1970) Southeastern Black Belt Champion, tournament promoter, Association Official, Football coach, world traveller experience

certainly would be a great first Martial Art inductee into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. He is still traveling to several foreign countries, (35 trips) to Russia, Ukraine, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and most European countries. He has been involved with Chuck Norris and the kick Drugs out of American program. He still does hall of fame speaking and training seminars all over America.



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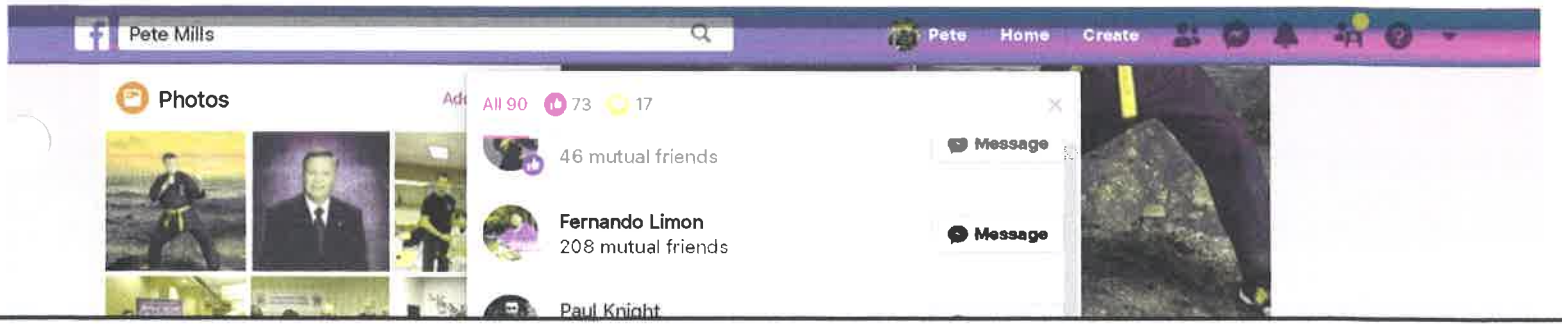
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# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination

## 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.



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

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*SPORT* \_\_\_\_\_

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT – Student-Athlete at UTC (1992-95) – Pro Football Hall of Famer* \_\_\_\_\_

(player, coach, official, administrator)

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Terrell Owens (1992-95) compiled 144 receptions and 2,320 receiving yards with 19 touchdowns during his UTC career. He ranks second in school history in both catches and receiving yardage. He caught at least one pass in 20 consecutive games from 1994 to 1995.

Owens, who also earned two letters in basketball, was a third-round draft pick by the San Francisco 49ers in 1996. He has earned the reputation as one of the top pass-catchers in the NFL and has made three straight Pro Bowls.

- 2018 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
- Six-Time Pro Bowl
- Five-Time All-Pro
- 1,078 Catches - 5th in NFL History
- 153 receiving TDs - T2nd in NFL History
- UTC 1992-95



# Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

*NAME* Carl Pickens \_\_\_\_\_

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*SPORT* Football \_\_\_\_\_

*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* University of Tennessee/NFL  
(player, coach, official, administrator) \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

*NAME* Brad Lampley \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS* \_\_\_\_\_

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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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SPORT Men's Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Coach / Administrator / Athletic Director  
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## George Samuel Pitts

George S. Pitts was a TSSAA High School Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director from 1970-2006. Prior to his coaching career, George graduated from Young High School, and went on to play freshman basketball at ETSU. His freshman team beat UTK that year and AW Davis was the star on the UT team. George transferred to UTK graduating in 1970. His overall High School coaching record over 36 years was 820 wins 211 losses. During that time, he coached at Young High School, South-Young High School, and Bearden High School all in Knoxville; Science Hill High School in Johnson City; and Brentwood Academy in Nashville.

His High School teams won a total of seven TSSAA State Championships, which is the most in TSSAA boys basketball history. He won three titles while coaching at Science Hill High School in Johnson City (1990, 1994, and 1995); four while coaching at Brentwood Academy (2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006), becoming the only boys basketball program in TSSAA history to win four Championships consecutively. He also finished Runner-Up when coaching the Bearden Bulldogs in 1983.

Following his career in the High School scene, Coach Pitts served as Head Coach of the King University, Bristol, TN, Men's Basketball Team from 2006-2019. During his years at King, the Blue Tornado, won three ACC Championships and qualified for three NAIA National Tournaments. Coach Pitts notched seven 20-win seasons during his tenure at King. He was named Conference Carolina Coach of the Year three times. He retired as the winningest coach in the history of King University.

In March of 2020, Providence Academy, Johnson City, TN, announced his hiring as the school's new Athletic Director.

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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;<sup>[3]</sup> he excelled in a 35–29 loss to the University of Florida early in the season.<sup>[4]</sup> 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<sup>[5]</sup> and helped guide the Volunteers to an SEC Championship.<sup>[6]</sup> 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<sup>[17]</sup> and a crucial touchdown in a low-scoring game against the Minnesota Vikings.<sup>[18]</sup>

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

On February 14, 2008, the Bills released Price.<sup>[20]</sup> 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<sup>[21]</sup>

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.<sup>[22]</sup> On February 3, 2021, Tennessee State University announced that Price had joined the Tigers football team as a volunteer coach for the spring season.<sup>[23]</sup>

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  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

### 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, Roberts had a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds to help the USA team defeat Mexico. Roberts 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 to "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.<sup>[29]</sup><sup>[30]</sup> 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).<sup>[1]</sup>





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**CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT** Coach  
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835 career coaching victories at Daniel Boone at Boones Creek combined  
66-game conference winning streak in the 1960s  
Three straight regional titles in the 1990s  
Team reached Class AA state tournament in 1999  
Coached basketball for 45 years, baseball for 11  
Ten-time conference coach of the year in basketball  
Baseball teams went 130-61 with two Washington County League titles  
Member of ETSU Athletic Hall of Fame  
Member of TSSAA Hall of Fame  
As a player, Snyder led the Washington County League in scoring with 21.6  
points per game in 1954-55.



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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