

1983 INDUCTEE



Jack Blaylock

East Forsyth High School
Kernersville Jr High School

Jack W. Blaylock firmly established his athletic reputation as a coach at Kernersville Junior High School from 1951-52. He coached his way to five state finals, with 185 wins and 60 losses. His teams traveled to the state playoffs for seven of his 11 coaching years and won the state championship in 1957 and 1958. He was also nominated as Forsyth County Coach of the Year five times.

Blaylock's greatest years were 1962-1971 when he coached at East Forsyth Senior High. He compiled a record of 299 wins and 158 losses and was named Coach of the Year five times. He also coached his way to the district playoffs 11 times. Along with his coaching duties, Blaylock also served as athletic director for East Forsyth.



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Daniel Bowen

Northwest High School

Daniel Bowen, formerly a player at Northwest High School, received athletic honors beginning as a varsity player during his freshman year in high school.

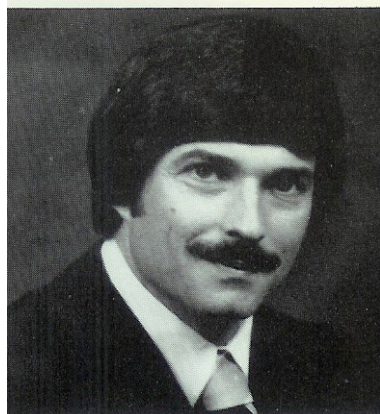
He made All-Tournament in Forsyth County, and All-County and Conference teams while in his sophomore and junior years. As a senior, he was elected captain by unanimous vote of the All-City Team as well as captain of the All-Conference Team. In addition, he was elected to play in the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro, NC.

Coach Earl Parker of Walkertown High School says Bowen "could score from *any* angle and had an excellent touch." Herman Griffin from Parkland Sr. High saw him as an excellent shooter. His former coach, Charlie Giles of Northwest, cites Bowen as a player "with a good eye for the basket, a good competitor, a fellow who gets better as the game goes on."

He scored 500 points in a single season while averaging 22 points per game. His career total was 1463 points with an average of 18 points per game.



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Drew Buie

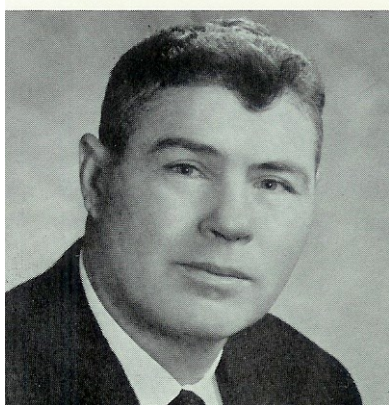
Parkland High School

Drew Buie, a football player from Parkland High School, was chosen All-Conference in football, basketball and baseball in 1963-64. In 1965, he received a football scholarship to Catawba College in Salisbury. There, he was chosen All-Conference in football and track from 1966-68.

A wide receiver, Buie was the ninth round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders in 1969. His NFL career carried him to the Cincinnati Bengals and the New Orleans Saints before he signed with the World Football League in 1974. As a starting player for the Jacksonville Sharks, he caught 30 consecutive passes in nine games before fracturing his right hip. Buie retired from professional football following the injury.



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Wilburn Clary

Sports Official / Coach

Wilburn C. Clary has worked for 35 years as a collegiate official in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He is consistently rated as the number one referee in the conference as well as one of the best in the country.

He has traditionally called the toughest games during the season, such as the Carolina- Duke match-up. He has also refereed the Cotton, Orange, Peach, Liberty and Blue Bonnet Bowl games. At the time of his retirement, he held the national record for officiating the most college football games.

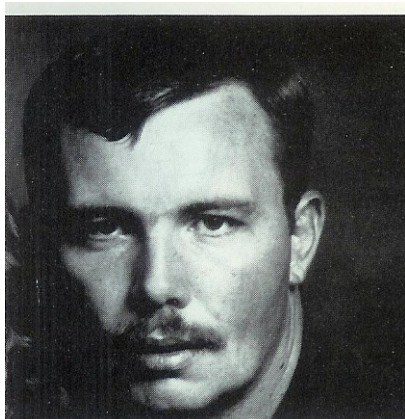
During his college years, Clary was an All-American football player at the University of South Carolina and was drafted by professional football and baseball teams. An all-around athlete, he was also a state boxing champion and captain of his basketball team. In addition, he was a city champion in tennis for several years.

After college, Clary went to the Children's Home (1937) where his teams built out-standing records. His teams were known to have lost *only* three games. He also had two strings of undefeated seasons-39-0 and 46-0.

Clary was the executive secretary for the now dissolved Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association. He remains active as booking agent for the Southern Athletic Conference-8. A member of the NCAA rules committee, he wrote the national test for all college officials. During this time-1943-49-he also began to call high school games.



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Michael Cowan

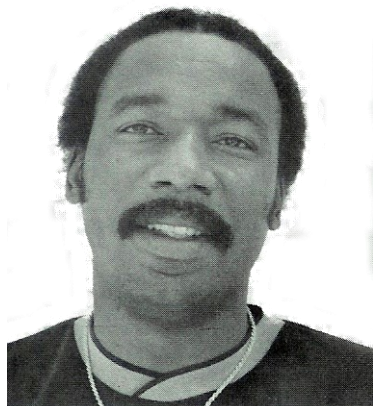
Parkland High School

Michael Cowan, a graduate of Parkland Sr. High, was a Central 4A All-Conference football player. The Greensboro Daily News and Charlotte News and Observer named him All-State in the 1967 Shrine Bowl. In 1968 Cowan was an All-Star guard for the West squad and a 197-lb. state championship wrestler.

Cowan received a football grant-in-aid to NC State. The NC State Football guide noted Cowan for his strength and ability and rated him as a strong inside tackler. "He was especially effective," says Jerry Kirk, a Wolfpack defensive coach, "as a goal-line defensive player."



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Harrison Davis

Anderson High School

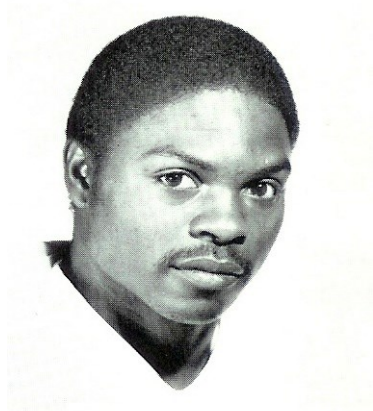
Harrison Davis was not only known as an outstanding quarterback for Anderson High School, but he participated in basketball and baseball as well.

He was All-City and County in football and basketball in 1967, 1968 and 1969; All-State in basketball and football in 1967, 1968 and 1969; Sportsmen's Athlete of the Year in 1968; and Forsyth County Athlete of the Year in 1968-69.

Davis set several school records including: most points in one basketball game-46 in 1968-(during the same year, he tied the former record of 45); most touchdowns in one season-25, and most yards gained in one season 2,300.



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Kenneth Duckett

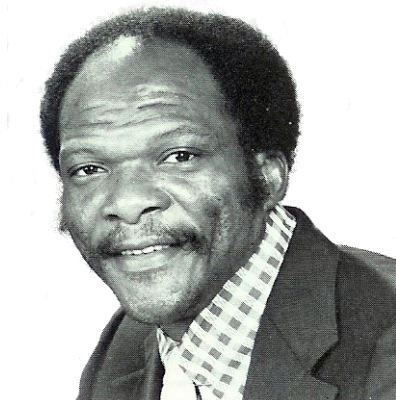
R.J. Reynolds High School

Kenneth Wayne Duckett, a former running back at R. J. Reynolds High School, was the 1976 Player of the Year. He was also known as the most outstanding player in Forsyth County, winning the Tom McAnn Trophy in 1976. He was the winner of the 1977 4-A conference Player of the Year in baseball. He played on the All-City and All-County team in 1976.

After high school, he went on to Wake Forest University where he won the 1981-82 Arnold Palmer Award for the Most Outstanding Athlete. In 1982, he was chosen as Team Captain and during this same year received the Brian Piccolo Award for Most Courageous Athlete. He is also the recipient for the "Most Touchdowns" in one season.



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Carl Eller

Atkins High School

Carl Lee Eller was a star football and basketball player at Atkins High School from 1958-60. He made the All-City, All-Conference and All-State teams as a high school tackle. He also participated in the track program.

He furthered his athletic career at the University of Minnesota where he received All American honors, played in the East-West Shrine game and was the Vikings No.1 draft choice in 1964. He also was selected as an NFL All-Pro as a member of the Minnesota Vikings.

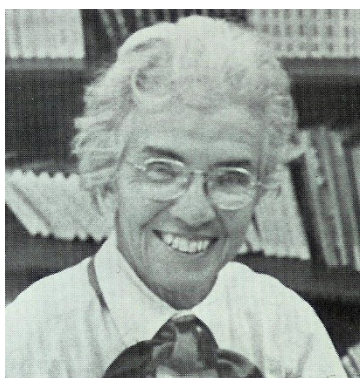
A former defensive end for the Vikings, Eller says, "defense is the key to success in the NFL, and that their game (the defensive squad's) is just as important as the offense."

He was honored at the 1966 Sportsmen Banquet of Champions and received the "Bicentennial Award" for his outstanding contributions to athletics.

Carl Eller has been enshrined into Pro Football's Hall of Fame.



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Mary Garber

Sports Writer

Mary Ellen Garber was an American sportswriter, who was a pioneer among women sportswriters. She received over 40 writing awards and numerous honors in a sports-writing career that spanned seven decades, the most prestigious of which was the 2005 Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) Red Smith Award. Garber, the first woman to win the APSE award, also became the first woman to be inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2002. Mary Garber was born in New York City in 1916, but relocated to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with her family in 1924. At the age of eight, she had two passions: journalism and sports. She not only read the sports page, she played tackle football for the Buena Vista Devils. As she matured, her five-foot, ninety-pound frame limited her to softball and tennis, but her love of sports never slackened. Garber graduated from Hollins College in Virginia, in 1938, with one goal: to become a newspaper reporter.

In 1940, the aspiring reporter entered journalism as the society editor at the *Twin City Sentinel*. America's entry into World War II created a vacuum in the newspaper that enabled her to become a general assignment reporting. Later in 1944, when the high school sports stringer at the paper graduated and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Garber filled his slot. At the end of the war, she moved back to general assignment reporting but not for long. After a year of dogging sports editor Carlton Bryd for sports assignments, both Bryd and managing editor, Nady Cates, agreed that Garber belonged on the sports beat.

In 1946, Garber joined the sports department and never left. Two things distinguished her career. For 30 years, she was the only female sportswriter in the Winston-Salem (ACC Conference) region and one of the few in the country. Also, when she entered sports journalism in 1946, she started covering the two black high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County region, Atkins High School and Carver High School. She also covered Winston-Salem State University, a black university. Her appearance at those schools launched her as an advocate for black athletes and coaches in the segregated region. As a woman, Garber was not allowed into team locker rooms and had to wait outside the door, hoping to get quotes from coaches and players. At North Carolina State games, a security guard named John Baker hauled athletes out of the lockers to make sure she got her quotes.

A girls' high school basketball tournament, called the *Mary Garber Holiday Tip-Off Classic*, is named in Garber's honor and has been held annually in Winston-Salem since 1989.

In 1990, the Atlantic Coast Conference established the Mary Garber Award, to honor the top female athlete in the ACC each year.

In 1998, Garber received the Mel Greenberg Media Award.

In 2002 Garber became the first woman to be inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame.

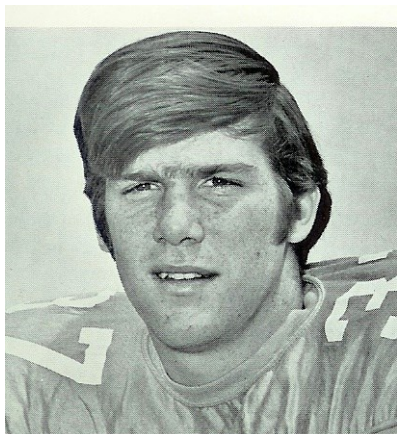
In 2005 Garber became the first woman to receive the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) Red Smith Award.

In 2006, the Association of Women in Sports Media (AWSM) renamed its *Pioneer Award* the *Mary Garber Pioneer Award*.

In May 2008, Garber was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.



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Conrad Graham

R. J. Reynolds High School

Conrad C. Graham, a former player for R. J. Reynolds High School, played in the North - South All-Star game in 1969. Voted All-City and All-County in 1969, he was considered the best defensive cornerback in the state.

After his high school years, he earned a grant-in-aid to the University of Tennessee. At U. T., he made the All-Conference team and the All-American squad. Drafted by the Chicago Bears, Graham played in the NFL until he was forced to retire because of a knee injury.



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Hildred "Spunky" Hill

Carver High School

Hildred "Spunky" Hill, a former football athlete for Carver High School, is regarded as the greatest running back in Carver football history. He was named to the All-City and All-4A Western District championship conference teams. "Spunky" was a member of the team that defeated P. W. Moore (34-2) of Elizabeth City, NC for the first and only high school championship in 1962. He averaged 1,000 yards rushing for his junior and senior year campaigns.

Known as the speed demon, Hill was clocked at under 10 seconds for the 100-yard dash. In one season, he scored 13 touchdowns, gained 490 yards rushing and caught 11 passes for 324 additional yards. An undeniable threat as a running back, Hill was also considered an excellent passer.



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Baxter Holeman Jr.

**Anderson High School
Mt Tabor High School
North Forsyth High School**

Baxter Doyee Holman, Jr., a former head coach at Mt. Tabor High School, began his athletic career in 1953-54 as an All-City offensive and defensive tackle during his high school years. At N. C. Central University, he was selected as an All-CIAA tackle and made the Pittsburgh Courier All-American team his senior year.

He went on to play professional ball for the Montreal Allouettes in the Canadian Football League.

Holman was assistant coach at Anderson High School from 1961-1965, and became head coach in 1966-67. He later became head coach at Mt. Tabor High School and earned Coach of the Year honors in 1970.

He became an assistant coach for Winston-Salem State University in 1971-72. From 1973-78 Holman was head coach at Livingstone College.

In 1974, the CIAA honored him as its Coach of the Year. He went back to become head coach at Anderson High School in 1979, moved to North Forsyth High School the following year. He resigned shortly thereafter due to his health. Holman died in 1982.



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Harold Hairston

Atkins High School

Harold "Happy" Hairston was a star athlete at Atkins High School. An outstanding forward for the 1959 State Championship basketball team, he also played end on an undefeated football team in 1960. In addition, he was the first baseman on the Western District championship baseball teams in 1958, 1959 and 1960.

The 6'6" Phenom accepted a four-year basketball scholarship from New York University where he had an outstanding career. After leaving NYU, he went on to the pro ranks, playing professional ball with the Los Angeles Lakers and the Cincinnati Royals.

Several years ago, Hairston was a recipient of the Sportsmen Club "Bicentennial Award," delivered the main address for the banquet and was given a key to the city of Winston-Salem by Mayor M. C. Benton



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Claude "Pop" Joyner

R.J. Reynolds High School

Claude R. "Pop" Joyner served as principal for R. J. Reynolds High School from 1933-1962.

Joyner began his career, however, as a baseball coach, a role he filled from 1920-1933. He made his greatest contribution to high school athletics through the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). He is credited with writing the constitution and by-laws for the Association.

He became the first president of the NCHSSA in 1946-47, member of the Executive Committee in 1948 and a member of the first Board of Control. He continued to be re-elected until his retirement in 1962.

Joyner chaired the Reclassification of Schools, Finance, Rules and Regulations, and Personnel Committees. He has served as a member of the State Basketball Tournament Committee and the Policy Committee on Play-offs.



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Sarah Kirby

Bishop McGuinness High School

Sarah Kirby is the girls' basketball coach for Bishop McGuinness High School. For more than 20 years. She has coached various sports including tennis and softball. She initiated most of the girls' sports at Bishop McGuinness and has had very successful teams. Her teams have captured numerous district championships with her most recent district victory during the 1981-82 school year. Kirby has also been very active in the community tennis program and has participated in several clinics.



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John Tandy

R.J. Reynolds High School

John W. Tandy, head football coach at R. J. Reynolds High School for 10 years (1948 -- 58), won 80 games and lost *only* 22 for a winning percentage of 80%. His teams won five championships and Western 4A District Titles in 1950 and 1952. Tandy's teams also captured Central Conference championship titles in 1950 and 1952 and the NC State 4A championship in 1952.

An innovative coach, Tandy was a pioneer in the practice of having large squads. He dressed 65 player in the high school varsity football program. In 1952 he was named the Coach of the Year. Tandy was respected as a leader in the school and the community as well as being a coach and teacher.

