

JIMMY L. BOYD

Category: Player

Jimmy L. Boyd has shown a versatility and mental toughness toward sports since grade school. He turned a rejection from the Pop Warner Leagues because of his race into a positive motivating philosophy of life: "In spite of barriers, I can succeed."

Boyd carried his 5'8" frame and 157 pounds into Anderson High School during the mid-sixties and became an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track. The baseball bug also hit him at an early age when Manager, Charles Rice of a local semi-pro team appointed him bat boy. Boyd became skilled enough to play summer baseball to keep in shape for his interscholastic competition.

The little scatback became famous throughout the Negro Westem 3-A NCHSAC because of his game-breaking runs of 50,60 and 70 yards at any given moment. He played flanker in some of Coach Baxter Holman's schemes and was just as dangerous as he pulled in 60-75 yard winners. Once he muffed a kick-off on the three yard line, picked it up and ran unscathed up the middle for a Bulldog victory.

The Bulldogs captured two North Carolina High School Western Championships after Boyd made the team in

his junior year. In the meantime, as Coach Virgil Simpson watched the football team prosper each year with Boyd playing a vital and starring role, he was anxious that his point guard would avoid injury. Boyd played the point and directed Anderson to the Westem 3-A Division Title in his senior year. He was a consistent standout playing with such stars as Davis, McCorkl,e, Oliver and Morrison, Samuels, Foster, Simpson and Hanes.

Boyd showed the athletic community why he was "easy greasy" in football and basketball when the track season cranked up every spring. He specialized in the 100 and 200 yard dashes and there is no docu'mentation that he lost in a dual meet during his track career. It is documented that he ran the 100 yard dash in 10 flat frequently and his opposition' pushed him to a 9.8 on occasion.

This versatile athlete was chosen to several city/county all-starteams in track and football. He was also chosen as a member of the Western 3-A All-Star Team as a running back and flanker.

Boyd says athletics have taught him self-discipline, pride, dignity and self-motivation. He grasped the concept of positive leadership that has helped him professionally and personally.

Presently, Boyd is an, officer with the Winston-Salem Police Department serving as a Recruiter and personal Trainer.





THOMAS L. BOYETTE

Category: Player

SchooJ(s): Children's Home, RJ. Reynolds High School

Thomas L. Boyette was a man who destroyed the myth that a handicap creates a disadvantage. Boyette entered The Children's Home in Winston-Salem at the age of nine and lost his right arm below the elbow in an accident shortly thereafter.

This once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon matured at the Home and lettered in three varsity sports -football, basketball and baseball. "Tom," as he was affectionately called by his coaches and teammates was a powerful guard, place-kicker, safety and kick-returner in football; shooting guard in basketball; and a slugging centerfielder in baseball.

His awards and recognition included: All-State in football (Honorable Mention, 1942 and Second Team, 19431; All-Southern Piedmont Conference (football and basketball, 1943); Winston-Salem Journal & Sential Basketball Tournament (All-Tournament Team; Most Valuable Player Award for the Home's 1943 undefeated and untied football team.) In baseball, he led his team to the 1942 Southern Piedmont Conference Co-championship while ripping a torrid .363.

After Boyette graduated from R. J. Reynolds High and The Children's Home in 1944, he took his exceptional talents to Duke University where he played on the 1945 freshman football team. He realized a dream by being included in Duke's Sugar Bowl preparation that season.

Boyett tranferred to Applachian State University after a season at Duke. At Applachian, he was again allowed to play three sports as he starred in football as an offensive guard and place-kicker; also basketball and baseball. His restless energy also led him to coach area high school sports while earning his degree. "Coach" Boyette began his career as a public school teacher and coach in 1949 at North Wilkesboro High School. He took "time out" In 1950 to marry Betty Anderson. They have four children.

Along the way, Boyette taught and coached at Wilkes Central High School before assuming positions at Mountain Park High School near Elkin through most of the 1950's. He moved to Yadkinville High School in 1959and then on to Forbush High School in the 1960's after consolidation. In addition to coaching at Forbush, he was also the Athletics Director.

Boyette was staunch member of the North Carolina Coaches Association. He coached the North Carolina team in the 1970 Shrine Bowl. After 36 years of teaching, coaching and organizing youth activities, Boyette retired in 1985. The Children's Home bestowed upon him their Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991 citing his outstanding scholarship and athletic accomplishments, for organizing the Yadkinville Recreation Department and for being The Yadkinville Sertoma Club Man of the Year.

Boyette died February 9, 1992.





ELVITA ARCHIE-HUNT

Category: Player

School(s): Paisley High School

Elivita Archie-Hunt was literally born with a tennis racket in her hands. The seventh of nine children was not only encouraged by her parents to play on the Kimberly Park courts across from thier home. but to use regular-size rackets, when available from siblings, as opposed to paddle-tennis rackets and ping-pong paddles.

As a youngster playing with the Kimberly Park Recreation Center - under the tutelage of Roscoe Anderson. Hunt became a Midget Doubles Champion with her twin, Conita, in the 1959 City Recreation Tournament By 1960. "Vee" had won another Doubles crown and garnered !?avvy to also be crowned the Singles champion.

Hunt was exposed to the very best of instruction as a youth. In addition to Anderson, David Lash ("The Godfather of Negro Tennis in Winston-Salem"). herskilled sisters and brothers, she was also fortunate enough to have been picked for tour and summer camp with Dr. R. Walter "Whirlwind" Johnson of Lynchburg, VA who was the famous director of the lunior Development Program of the American Tennis Association. Dr. Johnson is credited with developing the "embryonic" skills of Althea Gibson. Arthur Ashe and John Lucus, among others.

Hunt has played with and against the **best** in North Carolina and other regional cities. The Who's Who of her world included Bonnie Logan. Carrie Riley, Harriet Wheeler. Sandra Wright. Thelma Bradshaw, Jackie Malone and Gloria Corbin.

Paisley High School welcomed Hunt with opened arms during the middle 1960s. Coach William Bryant knew he had a sure thing as he pitted Elvita and Con ita against any and everybody in the Western Conference. plus North Carolina State High School Competition -including boys'.

"Vee" has won too many tournament matches to mention on the local level as she teamed with "Co" to destroy most doubles opponents. She was invited to attend the 15th National ATA Interscholastic United States Lawn Tennis Association qualifying tournament at Winston-Salem State University in 1966 Of course, Elvita and Con ita prevailed to capture the Doubles crown 6-2, 6-1 from Sandra Wright and Thelma Bradshaw of Hampton. VA.

The Southeastern Racquet Association recognized the Archie family in 1980 as the top family of tennis. The family made Kimberly Park a perennial city of Recreation Champion and dominated the Paisley Tennis Team which dominated North Carolina High School Athletic Conference Tennis. and did very well in State and National play.

The Archies. spearheaded by Ed. Elvita Conita. Desma James McWillis. George Johnson. Thomas David and Coach Joe Williams founded the Kimberly Park Tennis Club in 1968 to increase tennis awareness and to focus primarily on the development of junior tennis.

The trophies. plaques, certificates, racquets and balls are mostly laid aside these days as Hunt purses her career as Executive Receptionist at Winston-Salem State University and performs as homemaker to her husband. James L. E. Hunt and children, Jimmy, Reggie and Robin Jamese.

She sums up her athletic career on the tennis courts: "What you learn early... you learn deep! is true with me because being a runner-up in most final matches of tennis - having to play my twin 9 of 10 times and being a winner with heron the local. state and regional level-I have learned to take defeat and make something positive of it and take winning and recognize that somebody else will share the experience as time goes by."





GLORIA INGRAM

Category: Coach

School(s): North Forsyth High School, Anderson High School, Kennedy High School

Gloria Ingram has become known as "Miss Volleyball" in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. She started her road to fame in 1973 by coaching Kennedy High School (9-10) to two City Championships (1974-75 and 1977-78). Each championship team was undefeated with 10-0 records.

After spending a successful five years at Kennedy, Ingram moved on to Anderson High School (9-10) for six years. Her first squad at Anderson became City Champions as did her 1981-82 and her 1982-83 teams.

North Forsyth Senior High School beckoned Ingram in 1986 to guide the fortunes of its team through the tough Metro-4A Conference. Ingram and her girls have destroyed the competition from 1986-91. The team won the Metro-4A Championship in 1987, 1988. 1989 and 1990. They slipped to runners-up in 1991. Each year of the school's championship, Ingram was selected Coach of the Year.

The NCHSAA, the governing body of athletics in North Carolina High Schools, cited Ingram in 1988: "In recognition of coaching successes through the years, instruction of the game and making a lasting impression on the lives of student athletes, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association recognizes GLORIA INGRAM as being one of the top twelve active volleyball coaches in the State of North Carolina as reported by the NCHSAA member schools."

"Miss Volleyball's" current record is 250-70 (.780). She has coached for 18 years.





MARGARET F. PILCHER

Category: Player

School(s): Southwest High School

Margarent F. Pilcher, according to her former principal. Harold E. Simpson, at Southwest High School, did much to bring out the best in girls' basketball when the sport was at a low ebb. "Margaret helped the sport to develop into an important part of the athletic program in our school system as we know it today."

Pilcher, after playing junior varsity ball her freshman year (1958-59), won a starting position on the varsity her sophomore year and kept it during the next three years. She had a wide variety of shots and was virtually unstoppable with her long sets, hooks and driving lay-ups.

In her sophomore and first varsity season, the 5'3" wizard made the Forsyth County All-Conference Team, Honorable Mention All-Northwest and was voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) at Southwest High. By her junior year, she was still recognized as MVP at Southwest, First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention, All-Northwest North Carolina.

Pilcher did not let up her senior year. Southwest High School won the County Tournament that year (1961-62) and expectedly, she was voted All-Tournament. She was again voted First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention, All-Northwest North Carolina. She scored in double figures in every contest her senior year and finished her career with a 21.4 scoring average. Her highlight of the year was and still is, a 40-foot hook shot she made against Glenn High in the 1962 Forsyth County 2-A Tournament.

Pilcher suffered some knee problems during her last varsity season, thus limiting her career on the court as she matriculated at Appalachian State University. She played in intramurals and some community league games while pursuing her degree.

Professionally, she has coached the eighth grade girls' team at Yadkinville Elementary School and assisted with several girls' sports at West Forsyth High School. She most recently coached the varsity girls' basketball beam at Edgewood Christian School.

Margaret Pilcher has indeed lived up to her expectations as predicted by her yearbook senior superlative section - MOST ATHLETIC.





ROBERT D. DEATON

Category: Administrator

School(s): RJ. Reynolds High School

Robert D. (Bob) Deaton steered R. I.Reynolds High School through some glorious days when it was known as the "school on the hill" and some not so illustrious times when school desegration afforded strife and diverse opinions of all levels of the community.

A testimony to Deaton's character, integrity and leadership abilities lies in the fact that he spent 25 years at the helm of RJ. Reynolds - with all of its multi-cultural and ethnic characteristics - still called in most quarters, "Society Hill:"

Bob, as his family and friends call him, has involved himself in many and varied facets of professional activities to assure R., Reynolds High School of its rightful place for student athletes and the general student body.

He served 20 years (1969-1989) as Chairman of the local High School Prinicipals Association; President. Central 4-A Athletic Conference (19761; President. North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA - 1977 and 1978); President. Central Piedmont Athletic Conference (1988). Deaton was selected by the NCHSAA as the principal contributing the most to high school athletics in Norh Carolina in 1990. He was chosen for the 1991 Wachovia Award for Prinicipal for the Year.

In the community, Deaton has been involved with and given leadership to Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football. the Winston-Salem Kawanis Club, the Ardmore Community Club, the NAASP, AASA, ASCD and the Tar Heel Principals Association.

Presently, Bob teaches an adult Sunday School class and finds time in his recent retirement to golf, bowl and play bridge.





JOHN A. CARTER

Category: Administrator

School(s): Atkins High School

John Allen (JA) Carter, who served as the exalted and revered principal of Atkins High School, from the day the school opened its doors until his death some 27 years later, was conceived by every student who walked "his" halls as the most innovative, unique and uncommonly thorough principal that they had come to fear love and hate at the same time

"King," as he was affectionately called by his students, seemed to have been a man ahead of his time. He instituted the famous "Disc" (Discipline Room) where students were sent for the standard "two" (2 weeks) for disruptive behavior or school violations. The school system not calls this program C.D.C. (Classrooms for Developmental Change) or In-School Suspension.

Carter had a penchant for organization and consistency in administering the institutional process. He ran a "tight ship" and was basically recognized as the director, chairman, coordinator and treasurer of all activities. The unique feature, however, was that Atkins High School was by comparable demographics the prototype Negro high school in the southeastern United States.

To support his athletes, he fed them before and after games. Be it ever so humble, they had plenty of vegetable soup, beans, hot dogs, milk, oranges and cheese sandwiches. Bag lunches were packed for out-of-town trips. All uniforms were kept in A-I shape by the sewing class. Football shoes were repaired before each game in the auto mechanics shop, using brakeshoe rivets. lust as significant. he insisted that the athletes have plenty soap, towels, and hot water after practices and games.

Each spring, Carter afforded all varsity athletes an awards day banquet called "Block A Day." Certificates, trophies, varsity letters and recognition were presented by "the man."

Obviously, Carter's influence and leadership have been the overriding determinants as Atkins has established a tradition and has become an institution whose heritage is unchallenged.

The high school and college track star; the World War I lieutenant; the college professor from Fayetteville and Winston-Salem Teachers' College influenced hundreds of future teachers, social workers, doctors, lawyers. engineers. nurses, health professionals. tradesmen, professional athletes and thousands of diversified citizens who have made worthy contributions to society. All of them remember the positive admonishment: "No, No, not in my school!"

Along the way, through three decades of Carter's administration, Atkins was the team to immulate and beat. The Camels won a State basketball championship in 1959. The 1960 football team was undefeated and untied. basketball district championships belonged to the Maroon and Gold in 1958, 1959 and 1960.

Carter is survived by his son, John; daughter, Lois; and devoted nephew Clement Neely.





WILLIAM A. BRYANT JR.

Category: Coach

School(s): Paisley High School

William A. Bryant. Jr. has always relished the thought of taking small parts and molding them to become an immense, finished project.

Bryant observed as a student at tiny Mary Potter Memorial High School in Oxford, NC that small parts make the whole. The Presbyterian Church, USA sponsored institution consistently graduated ranking scholars while remaining highly competitive in athletic endeavors.

After receiving a BS degree from Fayetteville State University and a Master's degree from the University of Iowa, Bryant became a faculty member at Winston-Salem State University in 1946. He taught at Fayetteville State during 1950-52.

"Pint." as his close friends and associates call him, decided to change directions in 1952. He ventured to Dunbar High School in Lexington, NC to revitalize its sagging football program. After four years, Dunbarwas crowned the Western North Carolina Double A Champions with an 11-0-0 record. They became the 1956 CO-M State Champions by virtue of a 6-6 tie.

When the Winston-SalemIForsyth County School System added Anderson High and Paisley High Schools to the high school network, Bryant was a natural for Paisley's original 3-A competition.

Bryant grabbed some young, talented assistant coaches such as Otis Hawkins and Bill Hayes and went to work. By 1967, Paisley had become feared by all. They knocked off 4-A Second Ward and handed arch-rival Atkins (4-A) a setback.

Paisley was crowned the Western District 4-A football champion in 1967witha 10-0-0 record. In the State Championship game against E.E. Smith of Fayetteville, the Paisley Panthers had to settle for runners up as the Golden Bulls prevailed. The Panthers. however, had made history as the last all-black high school to represent the Western Conference for the State title.

Bryant not only coached football and taught classes at Paisley but he found time to coach and teach tennis, referee football and to serve a term as President of the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club. As President of the Sportsmen, the contributing membershi p numbered fifty men. He guided the promotion of the Youth Bowl All-Star Football Game sponsored by the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Several of Coach Bryant's players preceded him into the Hall of Fame, including quarterback John Polite and the tennis-famous Archie sisters.

Bryant presently enjoys retirement as a real estate consultant while relaxing with his lovely wife.





TOM BURKETT

Category: Player

School(s): Parkland High School

Tom Burkett has been called "Grizzly Adams:" "Rolling Rock" and everything in between, as he has roamed football fields from Parkland High School, UNC-Chapel Hill to the Clev.elandBrowns of the National Football League.

Burkett started his athletic career at Parkland by participating in football, basketball and baseball. His height, weight and speed - 6'5", 2251bs, and 4.9 seconds in the 60 yard dash -made him ideal for coach Homer Thompson's power attack.

Burkett was all-City/County Lineman of the Year in 1973; All-District, 1972-1973; All-State, 1973; played in the 1973 Shrine Bowl and the East-West All-Star Game; he was presented the Thorn McCan Award and the Coca-Cola Golden Helmet Award, symbolic of the student who has top achievement on the field and in the classroom.

Coach Bill Dooley of the Tarheels - a proponent of knock down and drag out football-liked Burkett's potential and signed him up immediately after the 1973 season. Burkett grew 40 more pounds by the time he arrived in Chapel Hill. He was tested at Tight End, but his 272 pounds were best suited for offensive tackle.

Burkett struggled and learned. He found that the lightest opponent he played against was 255 pounds. His high school foes did more running and ducking from "Grizzly," thereby making his blocking skills rusty.

Notably, by his senior year, Burkett had helped carry the Heels to the Sun Bowl and had received wide acclaim for destroying Steve Neihavs, Notre Dame's All-America Tackle, in a 21-14 loss for the Tarheels. Neihavs was held to one tackle.

Due to a senior year injury, Burkett was not picked until the tenth round by the Cleveland Browns. Coach Rod Humenik liked his blocking skills and strength, plus his 6'5", 285 lbs. size was certainly no problem.

After Burkett said adios to a brief career with the Browns; he headed back to North Carolina where he continues to enjoy hunting, fishing and playing golf.





DARRELL N. NICHOLSON

Category: Player

School(s): North Forsyth High School

Darrell N. Nicholson, North Forsyth High School's All-City/County (1976 and 1977), All City-County Player of the Year (1978), All-District 8 Player of the Year (1977), All-State Player of the Year (1977), Shrine Bowl MYP (1977), All-Southern (1977), is widely acclaimed by most sports enthusiasts as the best ever of his Linebacker position.

Nicholson, a solid 6'3", 2251bs. block of granite was the terror of the state during his (1977-78) senior year. He was credited with 88 primary tackles and 151 assists. He had two interceptions and three fumble recoveries. For fun, as an offensive tight end, Nicholson had nine receptions for 108 yeards and a score. He was chosen for the Coaches Award.

To keep in shape and fine-tuned so he could "destroy the hated offensive players:' Nicholson wrestled on the school team. He was the Sectional Champion and State Runner-up in 1975. He was crowned Heavyweight Champion in 1976. He was the Parkland Invitational Champion in 1978.

Upon graduation, "Nick" received calls from all of the ACC schools except Virginia, plus Penn State (linebacker heaven), Michigan State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Kansas and Indiana. He chose UNC-Chapel Hill because he thought he could fit in and feel comfortable. Nicholson said, "I like to think of myself as being an animal when I get on the football field." Along the way, Nicholson got to line up with Buddy Curry and one (L.T.) Lawrence Taylor. Animals indeed!

Nick was furious at Carolina He became the first All-Rookie of the Year as a freshman, started the last eight games of the year (as a freshman) and was named ACC Rookie of the Week twice. He was selected First-Team Freshman All-America.

By 1982, Nicholson's senior year, he had commanded center stage by himself. He was recognized by many as the best player in the Atlantic Coast Conference as well as its top pro prospect. He had improved his pass coverage, became a natural leader and was calling defensive signals.

The New York Giants of the National Football league, with newly acquired Lawrence Taylor, could not find enough space for a clone such as Nicholson. The Toronto Argonaunts of the Canadian Football League beckoned, and Nicholson went across the border and starred until a sudden career-ending injury forced him to retire.

Nicholson presently resides in Winston-Salem with his family and is a Sales Representative.





RAY WHITLEY

Category: Player

School(s): Gray High School

Ray H. Whitley was a three-letterman at Gray High School during the 1949 through 1952 seasons. Whitley played quarterback for the Greyhounds during the 1950-1952 seasons and was selected to play in the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro, NC.

In basketball, Whitley was chosen All-City in 1952. He was All-Conference (District 5) in 1951 and 1952. He led the city in scoring in 1952.

Whitley chose to play in the 1952 East-West basketball game since it would have been too taxing to participate in the football exhibition held on the same day.

Whitley received a basketball scholarship to Elon College where he eventually became a two-year starter at guard. He was chosen captain of the 1956 team which he captured the Carolina Conference Championship. The 1956 team advanced to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

Whitley was the first all-star to later return as the Head Coach in an East-West All-Star contest. He coached the 1965 West team in Greensboro after guiding R. J. Reynolds High School on the hardwood from 1956 to 1965.





TEDDY L. EAST

Category: Player

School(s): Atkins High School

Teddy Lee East was an All-City/County basketball player at Atkins High School during the school's heyday of the late 1960's. During his senior year, the 1968-69 season, East was a vital cog in the Atkin's machine that captured the North Carolina 4-A Championship. He was Honorable Mention on the All-Northwest North Carolina team.

East bypassed offers from Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina A & T and Shaw University to hook up with Coach Jack Jensen at Guilford College. In 1970, he was offered a basketball goodwill tour of Africa and France. By 1973, East had become co-captain of the Guilford Quakers and led them to an NAIA Championship.

Since East's graduation from Guilford (B,S. Physical Education; minor, Biology), he worked with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department. RJ. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and presently for the State of North Carolina as a Parole Officer.

Voluntarily, Teddy is the Head Basketball Coach of Carver High School's junior varsity team and is involved in the YBA Program at the Winston Lake YMCA and their AAU Basketball Program.

Teddy is married to Pateah Maharajh East, and they are the proud parents of Andrew Lee Davdharnj, Andrea Pateah and Alicia Marcia. The family attends St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

