

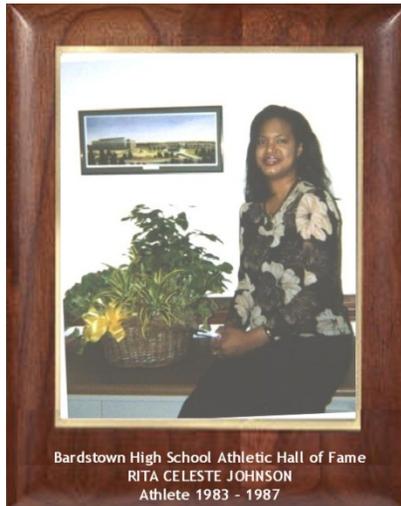
TOM "BIG DADDY" ELLIS

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL/COACH, 1929 – 1944

While at Bardstown, Coach Ellis taught aeronautics, served as principal, and was football and basketball coach. Prior to coming to Bardstown, he became one of Western Kentucky University's all-time great athletes lettering four years in football, basketball, and baseball. In addition, he played baseball in the minor leagues. He began his teaching and coaching career at Bardstown serving the school for 15 years and producing many outstanding teams. Included in his accomplishments is a mythical state football championship in 1941. It was a special team in that it was undefeated, untied, and did not give up a single point all season outscoring its opponents by 285 – 0. At Bardstown, his coaching record was 84 wins, 14 losses, and two ties in football. His basketball teams had 187 wins and 34 losses. The *TIGER TIMES*, January 1941, printed " 'Big Daddy' lends to Bardstown High the aura of the celebrity, the crown of the consistent winner, and the clean spirit of the fair fighter."

Coach Ellis left Bardstown to go to Holmes High School in Covington, Kentucky where he assumed the position of athletic director and its head football, basketball, and baseball coach. He retired from education in 1973. His overall coaching record was 207 wins, 98 losses, and 6 ties in football. In basketball, his record was 608 wins and 184 losses. His baseball teams won approximately 300 games. He was named coach of the year twice and coached in several all-star games. In addition, he was elected to the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame in 1984, the Kentucky High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, and the Greater Cincinnati Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. Covington Holmes High School football field is named Tom Ellis Field in his honor.

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RITA CELESTE JOHNSON

Athlete

1983 – 1987

While at Bardstown High School, Rita Johnson starred for the Lady Tiger basketball teams. She was a member of the 19th District all tournament team from 1984 through 1987. In addition, she was named to the All-5th Region Teams in 1986 and 1987. She received in recognition of her attitude, hustle, desire, leadership abilities, and determination the prestigious Coach's Award in 1985, 1986, and 1987. She received All Mid-Kentucky Conference awards in 1984 –

1987 and was Honorable Mention All-State in 1985 and 1986. Rita was named Third Team All-State in 1987. She scored over 1500 points in high school and is one of the leading scorers in the history of Bardstown Lady Tiger basketball.

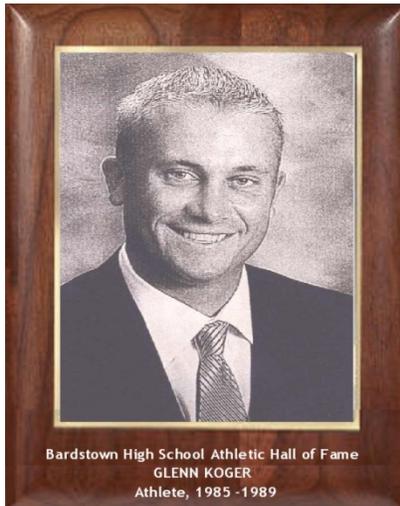
Beyond high school, she was invited to and participated in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star tryouts in 1987. Rita attended Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky. There, she was a member of the women's basketball team from 1988-1991. As a starter, she helped the "Belles" to advance to the NCAA Division II Tournament in 1990 and 1991.

She received the Coach's Award in 1991.

Rita was "silky-smooth" on the basketball court and had a keen sense of court awareness that allowed her to be an outstanding player. She played with determination and worked hard to reach the elite level of achievement. Coupled with her athletic ability, she exhibited class and dignity.

Rita is an agent with the State Farm Insurance Company.

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GLENN KOGER

Athlete

1985 –1989

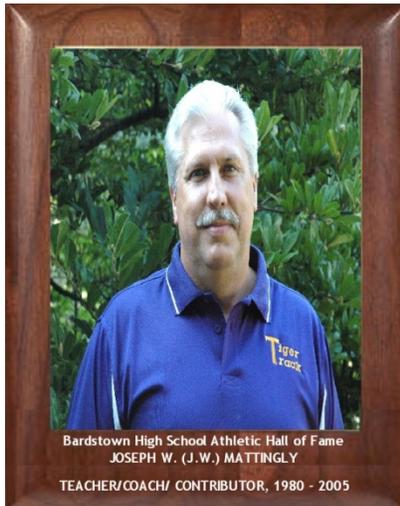
Pound for pound, Glenn Koger has been called “one of the best athletes to ever wear the purple and gold of Bardstown High School.” He was a four-sport letterman in baseball, football, basketball, and track. In baseball, he lettered five times making All-State in his junior and senior years of high school. In addition, he was a three-time All-Region player and a four-time All-District player. As a pitcher in baseball, his statistics were outstanding recording 19 strikeouts in a seven-inning game, averaging 12.8 strikeouts per game, 6 no hitters during his career, and a 6 – 1 postseason pitching record. He was a member of the 1988 Regional Baseball Championship team, the only regional baseball championship in school history, and was named to the East/West All-Star team in 1989.

In football, Glenn was a two-time letterman and was named All-State Defensive Back in 1988, recording 11 interceptions in his senior year and 15 interceptions in his two year career. He was named to the All-District basketball team in his senior year and was a member of the 1988 All A Classic Championship team. His senior year he was a letter winner in track participating in the sprints and long jump.

He received an athletic scholarship to Morehead State University where he participated in baseball and lettered four times making the All-OVC Freshman team and the All-OVC Academic Baseball team from 1990-1993. In addition, he broke four pitching records while at Morehead [Most Career Appearances (70), Most Season Appearances (28), Most Career Saves (14), and Most Season Saves (8)]. He participated in the Jayhawk (Kansas) Semi-pro wooden bat league with the St. Joseph Cardinals baseball team from 1991 – 1992. Glenn signed as a free agent with the Kentucky Long Rifles, a part of the professional baseball Frontier League in 1993. He had a career record of 4 wins and 2 losses with 6 saves.

He is an agent with the State Farm Insurance Company and has been awarded the President’s Club and Chairman’s Circle honors which are the highest achievement awards the company offers.

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JOSEPH W. (J.W.) MATTINGLY
TEACHER/COACH/ CONTRIBUTOR,
1980 – 2005

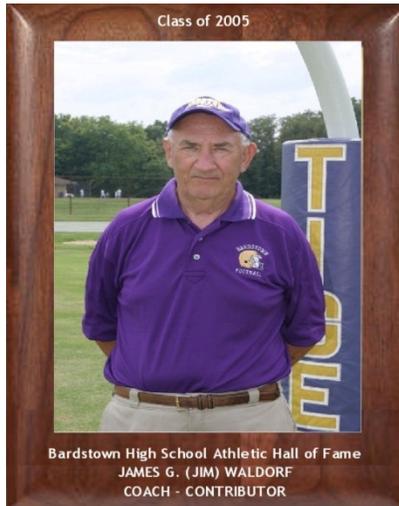
Coach Mattingly coached high school sports for 13 years. Included in his coaching career are boys soccer, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls track and boys track. J.W. coached at Bardstown from 1980 through 1988. As Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at Bardstown, he compiled a record of 84 wins and 30 losses. As Head Girls Track Coach, he had a regional runner-up. In 1986 and 1987, as Head Boys Track Coach, his team won the Class A State Championships. In addition to the state championships, his teams won three sectional championships, four regional titles, and three regional runner-ups. He was Class A "Track Coach of the Year" on two different occasions and coached nine individual state track champions. His coaching career began at Bethlehem High School where he had similar successes coaching girls basketball and boys soccer.

J.W. is a dedicated supporter of "Tiger" athletics. He assists the athletes and coaching staffs by taking pictures of the sporting events, maintaining the school system's athletic web site by posting current photos and articles, and promoting the athletic programs in any way possible. In addition to his teaching and coaching achievements at Bardstown, he has had a tremendously strong influence in the educational environment of Bardstown City Schools, serving as assistant principal at the high school for six years and Supervisor of Instruction since 1990 working with curriculum, preschool education, federal programs, and technology.

He is a graduate of Washington County High School, where he was an outstanding basketball player. He went on to play collegiate basketball at St. Catherine College (named as an Outstanding College Athlete in America [1973]) and Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

J.W. is married to Barbara D. (Dick) Mattingly and they are the proud parents of Megan, Barrett, and Elliot. He takes pride in having been able to celebrate the athletic championships that each of his three children has helped achieve at Bardstown High School.

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JAMES G. (JIM) WALDORF

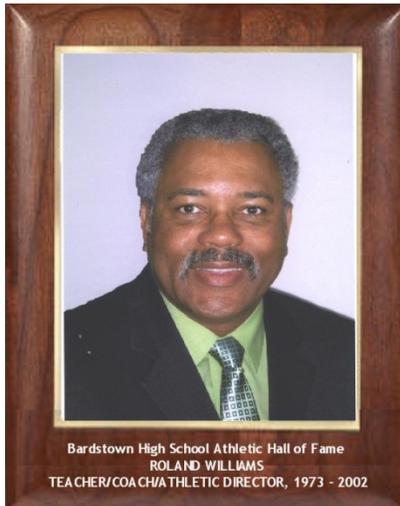
COACH – CONTRIBUTOR

Mr. Waldorf is affectionately known as “Coach” to the many athletes that he assisted to during his tenure as consummate team volunteer for the track and football teams of Bardstown High School. He volunteered his services for the track teams for over 20 years starting in 1983 with former track Coach J.W. Mattingly as volunteer coach and continues today with Coach Tom Williams. Jim’s contributions were integral in capturing four Class A State Championships. Jim’s service with the football team started in 1990 and continues with Coach Joey Downs in 2006. During this 15-year time span, Jim has served the football program as Assistant Coach for the kicking game, equipment manager, statistician and whatever needed to support the athletes and program. During this span, the football won a Class AA State Championship in 2001. Jim is often seen in Bardstown team pictures celebrating major victories and is considered a vital part of the athletic staff, not only by the coaches but also by the athletes.

Mr. Waldorf, a native of Bridgeport, Ohio, played college basketball at Penn State University in 1945 and later 1947 after his college career was interrupted by military service. He transferred and played for Muskingum College in 1949-50. After graduation from Muskingum College in 1950, Jim was employed by Joseph E. Seagrams and Sons for 32 years. He retired as Plant Manager at Athertonville, Kentucky in 1983. Jim has been married to Jo Ann since 1949 and they have seven children.

One of his many favorite memories of Bardstown High School has been “seeing young people work hard and achieve championship status.” He states that he “feels so fortunate to have been involved with coaches and people who are dedicating themselves to help young men and women reach an achievement level.”

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ROLAND WILLIAMS

TEACHER/COACH/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, 1973 – 2002

Coach Williams came to Bardstown High School in 1973 as a social studies teacher and assistant football coach. During his time in the Bardstown School System he was successfully involved in many athletic endeavors. He served as an Assistant Football Coach from 1973 through 1990. He coached tennis from 1974 to 1977 serving as Head Coach in 1976 and 1977. He was Head Girls Basketball Coach from 1976 through 1986. His teams reached the regional tournament on two separate occasions. In 1998, "Coach Ro", as the students affectionately knew him, became the Head Softball Coach. He served in this capacity until 2003 developing an outstanding program in both Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch. During his tenure, his teams won a regional championship, a regional runner-up, a district championship and four district runner-ups. His combined record was 208 wins and 161 losses. In addition, he was Head Boys Soccer Coach from 1991-1998. His teams had a 64-56-8 record that included two district runner-ups. He was named the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Outstanding Male Regional Coach of the Year in 1998.

Coach Williams distinguished himself as Bardstown High School Athletic Director from 1990 – 2002. He was a 1991 Kentucky High School Athletic Director Association Director of the Year Nominee. In addition, in 1990, he was elected to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control where he served on that board until 2001. During that time, he was elected Vice President of the Board of Control in 1999, and President of the Board in 2000.

In 2002, he was hired as Assistant Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. His duties and responsibilities with the KHSAA include the state swimming, slow pitch softball, fast pitch softball, and soccer championships, as well as the coaches' medical symposiums and the coaching education programs.

Through his hard work and dedication, Coach Williams has become a champion for the young people of not only Bardstown High School but also the State of Kentucky.

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