

JOHN W. ADAMS, JR.

ATHLETE

1945 – 1949

Known for his spirited fight and sportsmanship, John Adams, Jr. was a standout basketball and baseball player for the Bardstown Tigers.

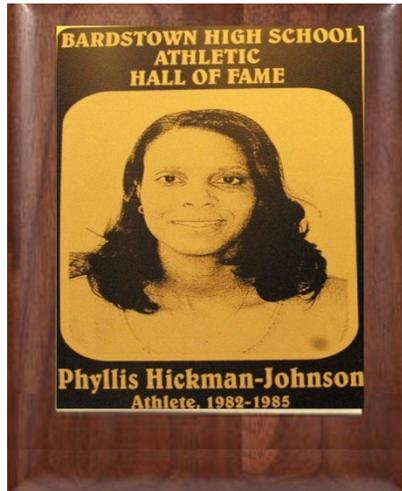
He was a five-year starter and letter winner in basketball. Most of his scoring in basketball came in the form of tip-ins and a deadly left-handed one handed push shot. From his sophomore year to his senior year, he was named to the all conference teams, all district teams, and all region teams. In addition, as a senior he was named to the all-state team.

His senior year, the basketball team won the Sixth Region basketball crown defeating Fort Knox 36 to 34. This was the first regional basketball title for Bardstown. The team played in the 1949 state high school basketball tournament at the Louisville Armory. After graduation, he received a basketball scholarship to the University of Florida. In addition to basketball, while at Bardstown he played on the baseball team as an outfielder, pitcher, and first baseman.

After graduation, he had a distinguished career in public service. He obtained the rank of Major in the Army National Guard. In addition, he served 35 years as an Army Civil Service employee. In 1970, John was elected and served as the Kentucky State Commander of the American Legion. From 1975 – 1976, he was the National Vice-Commander of the American Legion. Also, he served as the Kentucky Director of Veteran Affairs for nearly ten years.

It has been said that he played "bigger" than his 6-foot ½ inch height and was a spirited, consistent athlete that personified the values of Bardstown High School athletics. He and his wife Nancy, also a graduate of Bardstown High School, have three children: Frances, John III, and Constance.

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PHYLLIS HICKMAN-JOHNSON

ATHLETE

1982 – 1985

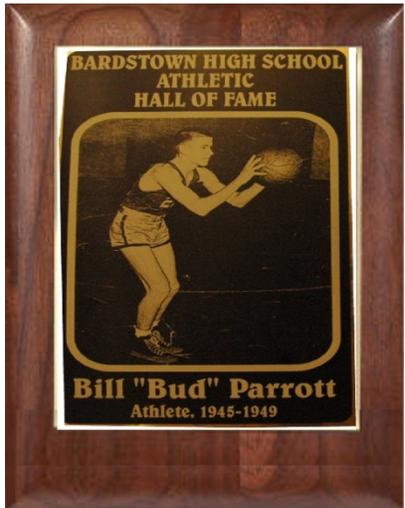
While at Bardstown High School, Phyllis Hickman-Johnson was a standout athlete participating in track and basketball. In basketball, she lettered two years. During her basketball career she made the all tournament team in the Bethlehem Invitational in 1983 and All-19th District in 1984.

In addition to her stellar basketball career, she was a standout in track and field. She lettered four years specializing in the long jump and high jump events. In addition to three third place finishes in the high jump, she won the KHSAA State Class A high jump event in 1984. She set a regional and school record in the high jump in that same year with a jump of 5'5".

During her high school career, she received All Mid-Kentucky Conference honors on two occasions. Between her sophomore and junior years in high school, while competing in an Amateur Athletic Union USA Junior Olympic meet in Huntington, West Virginia, she high jumped 5'9". She went on to place 2nd in the high jump event in the 15-16 year old competition in the national meet.

Poised, articulate, and confident of her abilities, Phyllis was named Miss Nelson County Fair in 1985. Family values and loyalties to coaches, teammates, and friends was a motivating force in her many achievements.

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BILL "BUD" PARROTT

ATHLETE

1945 – 1949

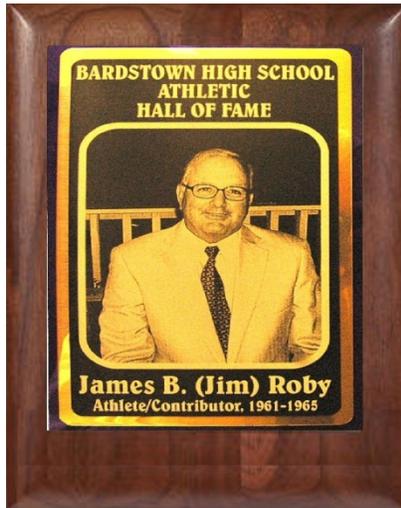
A Bardstown High School graduate in 1949, Bill Parrott distinguished himself on the basketball hardwoods. A five foot eight inch and 140 pound guard, he was a prolific scorer. He was known for his uncanny "dead-eye" accuracy both from the field and the free throw line.

He was instrumental in leading the Tigers to 59 wins and only 8 losses during his junior and senior years in high school. Included in this span was a Sixth Region title and a trip to the State Basketball Tournament in 1949. "Bud" as teammates and fans knew him, was named Second Team All-State in 1949. During that same year, he was second in the state in scoring with an average of 24.1 points. From the free-throw line, he was almost automatic. In his senior year in a game against Springfield, he hit 18 of 18 free throws. This was during a span of 30 consecutive made free throws in game situations. In addition, in the State Basketball Tournament, he made 11 of 11 free throws while scoring a total of 25 points. Adding to his legacy in Tiger basketball lore, he tallied almost 100 points in just three games scoring 32 points against Greensburg, 32 more against Mt. Washington, and 34 against Lebanon.

He played college basketball at Morehead State University and David Lipscomb (Tennessee) University. He continued his "eagle-eyed" shooting at Lipscomb. He was named to the 1953 Volunteer State Athletic Conference All-Star team. He led the nation in free throw accuracy for small colleges, in 1954, with an average of 87.6 per cent that included a record setting 16 of 16 made free throws in a game against Middle Tennessee State University. In addition during the 1954 basketball season, he set and held for a period of time an all-college record of 38 made free throws in a row.

"Bulls –eye Bill", as one newspaper journalist called him, continued his success after college by advancing up the corporate ladder in the business world. He co-founded and led several different companies before semi-retiring from Kenway Distributors in 1993.

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JAMES B. (JIM) ROBY

ATHLETE/CONTRIBUTOR

1961 – 1965

Loving Bardstown High School and specifically its athletic programs, Jim Roby is one of a few individuals who can claim that he has been associated with the school for the majority of his lifetime. He attended Bardstown City Schools for 12 years and graduated from Bardstown High School, as did his wife and children. As an athlete he participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track. As a football player, he lettered three years making All Mid-Kentucky Conference as a quarterback his senior year, while leading his team to a record of eight wins and one loss.

As a basketball player, he was on teams that consistently had great success. In 1965, he played third base on one of the first district championship baseball teams that Bardstown High School produced.

After graduation, his love for the Bardstown School System did not stop. He served on the Bardstown Independent School Board for sixteen and one-half years. In addition, he works tirelessly as a statistician for the football and basketball programs of the school. In addition, he is involved in volunteer work with many of the other athletic programs. His work is supportive of the players and coaching staff and is vital to the success of those programs. It has been said that Jim bleeds "purple" rejoicing in each Tiger victory and agonizing each loss. Jim Roby is a strong advocate for Bardstown athletics.

His leadership abilities and tireless work has been a tremendous asset for Bardstown City Schools.

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