

TOMMY BLINCOE

ATHLETE/CONTRIBUTOR

1968 – 1971

Tommy Blincoe was often called the “ace” of the pitching staff for the Bardstown High School Tiger baseball team. Known for his toughness, he would often get the call to pitch when it was one of the most important games or the opponent was one of the most difficult on the schedule. He was at his best when there were runners on base, for he would just bear down and get the next runner out.

He threw a fastball and a curve ball that was said to make hitters look “silly.” He graduated with a 1.40 earned run average for his career at Bardstown. Tommy held the school strikeout record of sixteen strikeouts in a single seven inning game for more than eighteen years. He lettered three years in varsity baseball while at Bardstown. Additional accomplishments include pitching the winning game, while only a sophomore, against Washington County in the district finals in 1969. In his senior year, he had a four win and three loss record while only giving up twelve earned runs the entire season. One of the strong points of his pitching was his control. In his senior year, he gave up only twenty-two bases on balls while striking out sixty-three batters. His pitching exploits earned him a baseball scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University where he played one year.

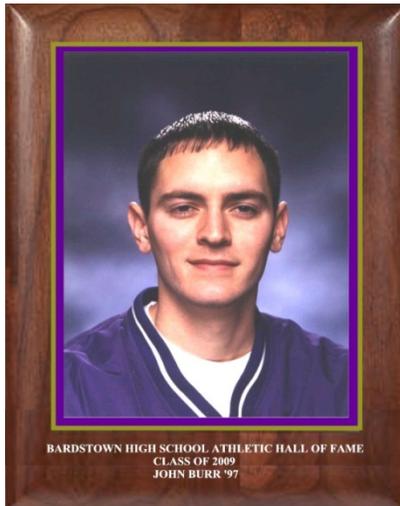
In the summer baseball in 1971, Tommy played in the Senior Babe Ruth League and led the team to a second place finish pitching and winning several key games against the defending state championship team. He was selected to the Fort Knox All Star team and played in the Senior Babe Ruth Southern Sectional in Mobile, Alabama. In addition, he played in the Tri County Baseball League and the Derby City Baseball League in Louisville.

He graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and is President of Buzick Construction Company. He and his wife, Donna, have raised three children, Donald, Karl, and Laura, all graduates of Bardstown High School. In addition to his five grandchildren, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

He has made many outstanding contributions to Bardstown High School sports facilities. Listed among those contributions are the rebuilding and renovation of Garnis Martin Field, the practice football field, and the baseball field. Tommy wants all Tiger athletes to have the great experience he had while an athlete at Bardstown High School.

Tommy Blincoe is a true Tiger Hall of Famer.

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JOHN BURR

ATHLETE

1993 – 1997

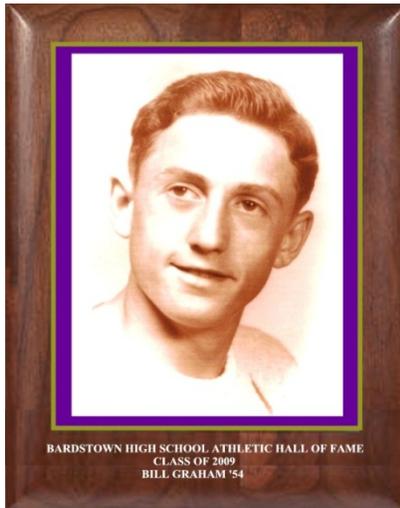
John Burr is one of the most, if not the most, decorated athlete in the history of Bardstown High School athletics, having earned seventeen varsity letters in five different sports. It is as rare an accomplishment as one will ever find in high school athletics. John was a starting forward on the basketball team, the starting goalie on the soccer team, a reliable kicker on the football team, a member of a very successful doubles team in tennis, and a state champion high jumper in track and field. He earned two letters as a freshman and then five letters in each of his sophomore, junior, and senior years. The amazing part of his accomplishments is that he received honors in each of the sports in which he participated. In soccer, he received the best defensive player award in 1995 and the academic award in 1996. In addition, he made the 1995 All District Tournament and All Region Teams. In football, he was the kicker and received the team academic award. In basketball, John received the award for best field goal percentage in 1996 and 1997. He also received academic awards from the All "A" Regional Tournament in 1996 and 1997, as well as the team academic award in 1997. He made All District Tournament in 1997. In tennis, John and his partner won the boys doubles championship in

the District Tournament and in 1996 received the most valuable player award. He was a member of the Region Four tennis tournament championship team. In track and field, John was a two-time state champion in the Class A State high jump event with a winning jump of 6'04" in 1996 and a winning jump of 6'06" in 1997. He received, in 1996, the award for the Most Field Event Points and also won the team academic award in 1997. He received First Team All State honors in track in 1996 and 1997. In 1997, his senior year, he was named the Outstanding Male Athlete at Bardstown High School. Along with all these athletic accomplishments, he was an outstanding student belonging to the National Honor Society and Science Club.

John Burr received a track scholarship to Lindsey Wilson College for the school year 1997 – 1998. He participated in track at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois from 1998 – 2001. In 1999, he qualified for the NAIA National Outdoor meet, in the high jump event, with a personal best jump of 6'09". He finished in sixth place in the NAIA National Outdoor meet and received All American honors.

John Burr was in the truest sense a "student-athlete" who personified the qualities of hard work and dedication in becoming an elite athlete in the history of Bardstown High School athletics.

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BILL GRAHAM

ATHLETE

1950 – 1954

Bill Graham was one of the most outstanding and diverse Bardstown High School athletes in the annals of the school's sports. Al Wathen wrote for the Kentucky Standard, "Graham's feats have been written into the Tiger book, records which will long be remembered." "Billy is the first athlete in Tiger history to make the All-State football team." In 1953, he was named to the Louisville Courier-Journal first team All

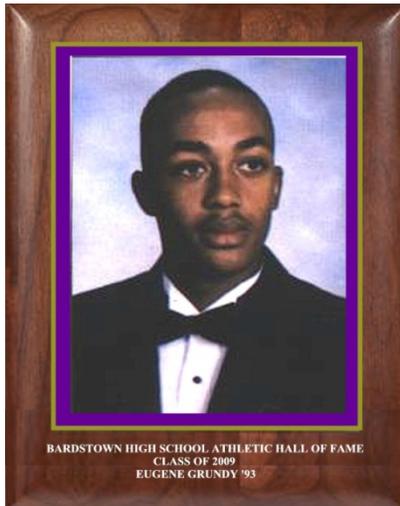
State football team.

Bill Graham earned fourteen letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track. In basketball, he was a steady scorer averaging fifteen points per game in his senior season and was considered a strong defender and rebounder. His team won the 24th District Tournament, a district of twelve teams, in his senior season. In baseball, he played second base, shortstop and batted clean-up. In track, he participated in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. He won conference and regional competitions in his events. He ran the 100 yard dash in 10.3 seconds and 220 yard dash in 22.7 seconds. He led his team to the South Central Kentucky Conference (SCKC) track championship in 1953.

As good as Bill was in basketball, baseball, and track, he was even better in football. He was a "key" player in football and probably one of the major reasons that influenced Bardstown High School's decision to renew playing eleven-man football. He began his career in his freshman year, 1950, by playing six-man football as a running back and leading the Tigers to an undefeated season and a mythical State championship in six man football. It is said that he was so big, fast, and quick that he dominated the six man game. In 1952, Bardstown resumed playing eleven-man football with Coach Garnis Martin as the coach. In a first game win (24 – 0) against St. Augustine, Bill scored a touchdown and gained 85 yards on ten carries. This was only the beginning of a career where it was not uncommon to see him gain over 100 yards in a game. It is said that the only thing that slowed him down was injuries, often received because he played so relentlessly and hard. In his senior season, he gained over 100 yards in five games and scored eleven touchdowns. He carried the ball 95 times and averaged 7.6 yards per carry earning him the nickname "Workhorse William." Due to injuries, he was only able to play in a little over five games. In addition to his offensive abilities, he was said to be an outstanding defensive player. He was a linebacker known for vicious tackling. His football abilities earned him a football scholarship to the University of Kentucky where he was a starting defensive back on the freshman team, his only season at Kentucky. His scholarship was the first Division I scholarship earned by a Bardstown High School athlete. It is believed that, had he remained at Kentucky, he would have been a defensive fixture on the varsity for the remaining three years, but he chose instead to enter the Air Force.

Bill was a winner and inspired his teammates. A champion, he gave 100 percent and expected all around him to do the same. It is believed that he never played on a team with a losing season record while attending Bardstown High School.

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EUGENE GRUNDY

ATHLETE

1989 – 1993

Eugene Grundy gained state and national recognition as a Bardstown High School athlete by becoming the first Kentucky high school track athlete to high jump seven feet in a KHSAA sanctioned meet. In his Bardstown High School career, he was a multi-sport athlete earning letters in baseball, basketball, and track.

Track became the sport that catapulted Eugene to prominence. In his sophomore year, he won the sectional high jump event with a jump of 6' 04" and then finished fourth at the KHSAA Class A State meet with a jump of 6' 04," a glimpse of what was to come. In his junior season in the Class A Region 5 meet, he won the regional high jump event with a jump of 7'00." He went on to win the sectional meet which qualified him for the Class A State meet at the University of Kentucky, where he won his first state championship with a jump of 6' 08."

Eugene's regional jump qualified him for the 1992 TAC/USA Junior National Track and Field Championship which was held at Buckeye Stadium on the campus of Ohio State University, where, competing against outstanding collegiate athletes, he performed quite well. In addition to the Junior Nationals, in the summer of 1992, Eugene competed in and captured the AAU/USA State Youth Games and the State TAC/USA Junior Olympics state titles in the high jump event. He also competed in the TAC/USA Junior Olympics Regional at Wilberforce, Ohio where he finished second in the high jump event.

Eugene's senior season (1993) was spectacular. He never jumped lower than 6' 06" in a meet. He won the Class A Region 5 meet with a measured jump of 7' 02". At the KHSAA State Meet, he won his second consecutive state title with a jump of 6' 08 3/4", barely missing a jump at 6'11 3/4", which would have been a new state record for any classification. For his efforts, Eugene was named All-State and Class A Male Runner of the Year by the Kentucky Track Cross Country Coaches Association. In addition, he was named the State Winner of the prestigious Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year, his second consecutive Gatorade award, having also received it in 1992.

He received a track and field scholarship to the University of Kentucky to run track. In 1996, while competing at UK, he set a Nutter Fieldhouse record in the high jump with a jump of 7' 04.50". He holds one of the top UK outdoor high jumps with a jump of 7'04.5" set at Auburn University in the spring of 1997. In addition, he qualified for and participated in two NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships. He was named All-American in the high jump event in 1997. In addition, he received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kentucky.

Eugene Grundy set the bar high in the record books of Bardstown High School athletics.

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