

## **PHILIP (PHIL) BRAWNER**

**ATHLETE/ALUMNUS**

**1951-1954**



**Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2012  
Phil Brawner, 1951-1954**

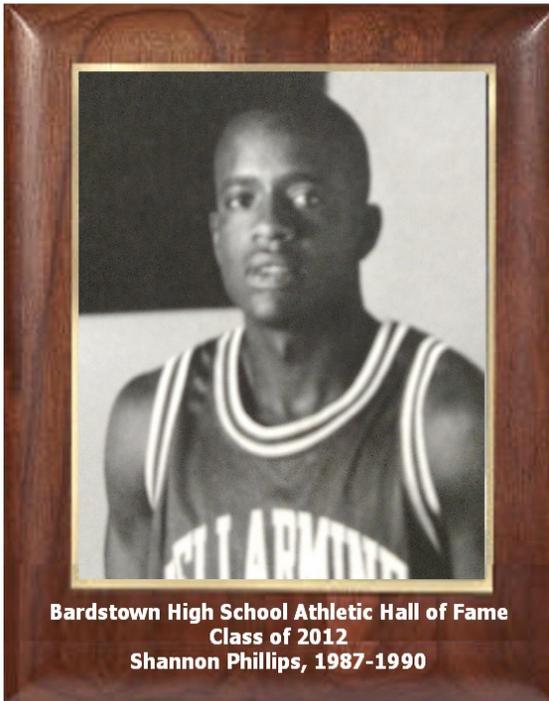
An outstanding athlete, Phil Brawner was a four-year letterman in four sports: football, basketball, baseball and track. His numerous contributions, honors and accomplishments were highlighted in the Kentucky Standard story about the '54 Athletics Banquet: "Farewell for the TD (touchdown) Twins." Billy Graham and Phil's feats have been written into the Tiger books. He earned 14 varsity letters over his four years at Bardstown High.

Remembered for his size, strength, speed and aggressive athleticism, he was a starter on the Bardstown's Six-Man State Championship Team in 1951, coached by "Hooks" Harvey. Other team members included Kenneth Riley, Bill Nally, Ernest Turner, Bill Graham and Donald Dobbs as quarterback. The team used the St. Joe Prep football field. In 1952, when Garnis Martin was hired as Coach Harvey's assistant, they organized the eleven-man teams which played in the 1952-53 season. Before the 1952-1953 season began, Coach Harvey stepped down as coach and was succeeded by Coach Garnis Martin. Phil earned All-State Honorable Mention and All Conference in football. He was awarded a four-year football scholarship to the University of Kentucky by renowned coach Blanton Collier, quite an accomplishment for a Bardstown athlete.

His 1953 baseball team was district runner-up to a St. Joe Prep squad that advanced and won the Kentucky State Championship. Phil was a strong hitter and a varsity outfielder. In track, he was a 'miler' and a relay team member obtaining wins in numerous races as well as the South Central Kentucky Conference Championship. In basketball, he missed his junior year due to a knee operation, but came back strong in his senior year as an outstanding rebounder, defensive force and double digit scorer. His basketball team won the 1954 District Championship. His teammates stated that "Phil's desire, drive, physical prowess and work ethic to be the best were far greater than anyone with whom they ever participated."

At the University of Kentucky, Phil played linebacker and running back, completed a bachelor's degree with a major in chemistry and minor in mathematics as well as flight training and earning both a private and commercial aircraft license. Through the University of Kentucky Reserved Officers Training Corp (ROTC), Phil received a commission in the United States Air Force. For fifteen years, he flew a KC135 refueling tanker. After discharge from the Air Force, Phil flew for Continental Airlines and obtained the rank of Captain. He later ended his career with the Federal Aviation Administration as the Aviation Safety Officer for Air Carriers and General Aviation.

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## **SHANNON PHILLIPS**

**Athlete/Alumnus**

**1987-1990**

A Bardstown High School graduate in 1990, Shannon Phillips distinguished himself on the local high school basketball court and later on the court for Bellarmine University. In high school, Shannon was a prolific scorer and holds the school and county single game scoring record when he scored 58 points against Zelphry Hills High School in the 1989 Arby's Classic at Bethlehem High School. He also was named the MVP for the prestigious tournament. Shannon received many regional and state honors for his prowess on the basketball court. He was named Top Class A Region Player in 1990, Region Five All-State in 1990 and All-State Honorable Mention by the Courier Journal in 1990.

College basketball was natural for Shannon. After receiving a full basketball scholarship to Bellarmine University, he set out to prove to his Coach that he made a great choice with Shannon. Aside being a great teammate and stellar young man, Shannon ended his college career at Bellarmine in the Top 10 in rebounding and scoring. He made the Great Lakes Conference Team. Shannon received professional basketball opportunities overseas but chose to further his education opportunities at the University of Louisville.

His success on the court was matched as well by his success in the classroom with Shannon making the Dean's List his last two years in college and the President's Honor Roll in 1994. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Bellarmine University in 1995 and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Louisville in 2004.

Shannon felt his strongest memories of high school were his opportunities to play and interact with all the great players who have come through Bardstown High School. He so values the people with whom he developed relationships during high school and still to this day. He says it is great to remember those great moments whether about sports or just a great time being around those people whom he holds close to his heart.

Shannon feels such an honor to be inducted into the Bardstown High School-Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. It is a great honor and a humbling experience to be a recipient of the Athletic Hall of Fame for Bardstown High School. He thanks all his teammates, coaches, teachers and mentors who helped to make this honor possible for him.

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## **BILL SHECKLES**

**Athlete/Alumnus**

**1969-1972**



Bill Sheckles has lived the majority of his life in Bardstown, Kentucky. In 1972, he graduated from Bardstown High School and later attended Western Kentucky University on a four-year athletic scholarship, where he lettered four years on the University's baseball team. He graduated in 1976, with a BS degree in Business Administration. After managing an insurance company in Bowling Green for seven years, Bill moved back to Bardstown with his beautiful wife Linda with whom he has been married for 30 years. They have two grown children, Megan and Wesley, both Bardstown High School graduates and multiple sport successful athletes.

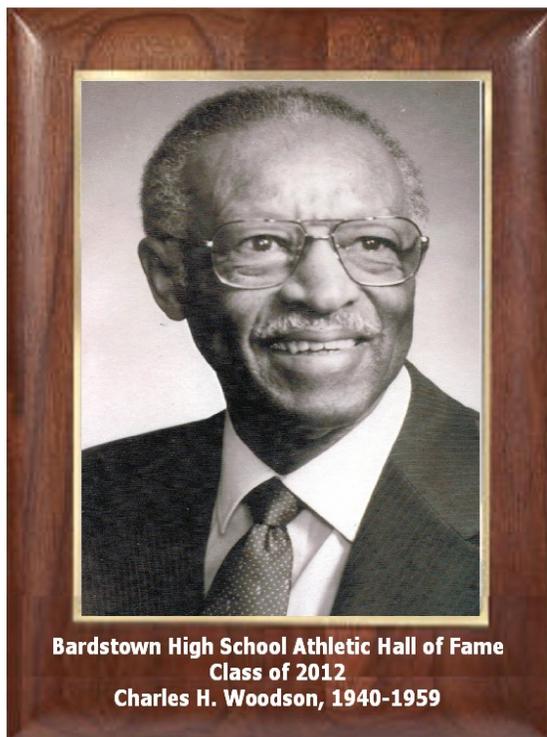
During his high school athletic career, Bill was a multiple sport athlete, participating in baseball and basketball. However, being a baseball pitcher was truly Bill's calling. He was a 4-year letterman in baseball and maintained an 18-15 high school pitching record. He was named MVP of the district baseball tournament in 1972. He made the All-Region Baseball Team after 15 scoreless innings of a 16 inning tough loss to Bowling Green High School. Tiger Baseball Coach Walker Ferry said, "There were three major league scouts down there and they agreed it was the guttiest performance they had ever seen by a high school player and compare him to Bob Gibson when he (Bob) was in high school." He pitched 30 innings in his last three games in high school career.

At Western Kentucky, Bill fit the baseball program like a new soft-leather glove. Western Coach Jim Pickens stated that "Bill's just so effective because he throws with such an easy motion." Pickens further says, "He simply has more velocity than what he looks to have. And he has a good sharp breaking ball." His first three victories in college were 1-hit, 2-hit, and 3-hit shutouts. Bill graduated in four years at WKU – never failing or dropping a class in college. His WKU pitching record was outstanding with 13 victories and only 6 losses.

In the November 2010 General Election, Bill was elected as the first African-American Mayor of the City of Bardstown. Bill feels two of his greatest assets as Mayor are his knowledge of the city, having been both an employee and an employer here and his 12 years' experience as a Bardstown City Councilman, where he has developed a great understanding of the inner workings of our local government. But most importantly, Bill feels his common sense approach to problem-solving will be his greatest strength in tackling the challenging issues that the City of Bardstown faces today and the future.

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**CHARLES H. WOODSON**  
**COACH, BARDSTOWN TRAINING**  
**1940-1959**



Charles H. Woodson, a native of Bardstown, Kentucky, earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Louisville Municipal College (University of Louisville) and was awarded a Master's degree from Indiana University. In 1940, Woodson was appointed Principal of Bardstown Training School, which was established in 1903 to provide public elementary and secondary education for the community's black population. During his tenure as Principal at Bardstown Training School, Woodson served as an Instructor in English and English Literature and as basketball coach for 20 years.

Basketball, the only sport offered at Bardstown Training High, was highlighted by many individual, team accomplishments and substantial community support. With meager resources, Coach Woodson organized the school's first basketball program and ultimately led the school to championship level efforts. With no gymnasium of its own and no budget for sports, basketball thrived as a result of Coach's persistence in extending education beyond the classroom through sports. Of particular note is the 1953-54 squad which featured the high-scoring duo, Carl Greene and Joe Dodson, each who had games scoring over 50 points. Several members of that team went on to play at the collegiate level, in the military and with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Bardstown Training School showcased its final team during the 1958-59 season, finishing with a 21-6 record. In 1958, the team won a Christmas Tournament Championship in Campbellsville, defeating Glasgow Bunche High 74-60. On its way to winning the District title, Coach Woodson's team defeated Bardstown St. Joseph and Bardstown High, but lost in the Regional tournament. Members of that team included Nelson Reed, Benny Stoner, Frank Phillips, Charles Cotton, Russell Woodson, William Brewer, Dennis Litsey, Joe Lancaster, Lee Douglas, and Bennie Downs. The following year, Bardstown Training School was closed and integrated with Bardstown High School.

Through his leadership, Charles H. Woodson was more than a Principal at Bardstown Training School. He undertook continuing efforts to ensure that his students were grounded equally in academics and in life skills. His impact was exhibited in the accomplishments and achievements of the graduates of Bardstown Training School. Through his experiences as basketball coach, he impacted the lives of a number of players who achieved beyond high school and college to lead productive and memorable lives in the Bardstown community and beyond.

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