

Donald L. Dobbs  
Athlete  
1950-1953

Donald L. Dobbs distinguished himself as an outstanding athlete for the Tigers from 1950 to 1953 in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track. He is part of the Bardstown High School tradition of producing some of the finest players and teams in purple and gold. Donald earned fifteen Varsity 'B' letters in five sports at Bardstown.

A four-year varsity starter in basketball, Donald was leading scorer for the Tigers during his sophomore through senior years. As a senior, he averaged 21 points per game and set a new season scoring mark for his Bardstown squad by collecting 36 points against Mt. Washington. His team won the County Championship Tournament in 1952 with 11 high school

teams competing. He was selected First Team in the competitive South Central Kentucky Conference 1952-53 season.

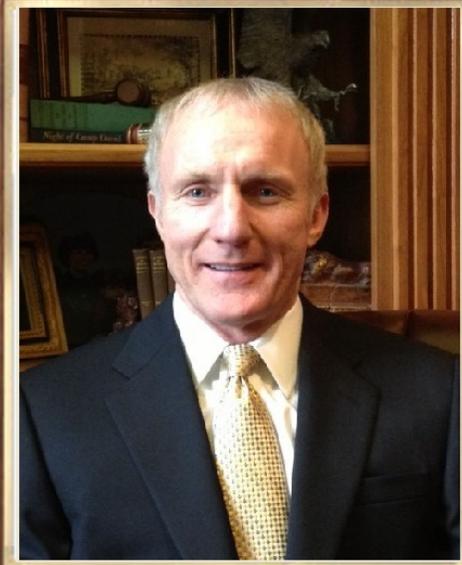
In football, Donald was a varsity starter for each of his four years at Bardstown. He started at quarterback and/or halfback on offence and safety on defense under legendary coaches "Hooks" Harvey and Garnis Martin. Donald quarterbacked the 1950-51 State Champions six-man football team. With his deceptive, quick-cutting moves as a runner and punt returner plus his ability as a passer and receiver, he was a triple threat on the field. Along with Bill Graham, Phil Brawner, Bob Whitaker, and Bill Burba, he was influential in Bardstown High School returning to 11-man football.

As a baseball varsity starter for 4 years, Donald was a consistent winner when he pitched. When not pitching, he played shortstop. His steady ability as a hitter made him the MVP for the team. As a pitcher, Donnie often helped his own offensive cause with his hitting like when he hit a homerun and brought home his teammate Bob Whitaker for a 4-3 victory over Fort Knox. In 1953, he held Fredericktown to six hits for a 5-3 victory to advance his team to the district finals against St. Joe Prep. The team was district runner-up to St. Joe Prep which advanced and won the State Championship. Donald was selected All-South Central Kentucky Conference.

Donald was selected as the "Best All-Around Athlete of 1952-53." He was offered scholarships in both football and basketball to Western Colorado College, but declined as he felt he could best excel at only one of the sports. He enrolled at University of Kentucky and played baseball for one year. He later transferred to Western Kentucky University to pursue a teaching degree. After graduation, Donnie returned to Bardstown to teach and coach for five years at Old KY Home High School. He was head basketball coach for two years and an assistant football coach. Currently, Donald lives with his family in Mt. Dora, Florida.

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**MARK R. MATHIS**  
**ATHLETE/CONTRIBUTOR**  
**1967-1970**



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Class of 2012, Athlete/Contributor  
Mark Mathis, 1967-1970

Mark Mathis graduated from Bardstown High School in 1970, but his love and dedication for Bardstown City Schools did not end then as he and his family has maintained a strong, supportive relationship with the district that exists still today. A multiple sports participant, he was no stranger to team and personal success. During his senior year, his football team was Regional Champion and State Class A Runner-up after a hard-fought championship game. His track team won the Class A State Championship (the first ever for Bardstown High School). Along the way, Mark set a new record for the 880 yard run, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 880 yard run in the state championship meet and was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place mile relay team. By today's track performances, Mark would have been First Team All-State in the 880-yard run and the Mile

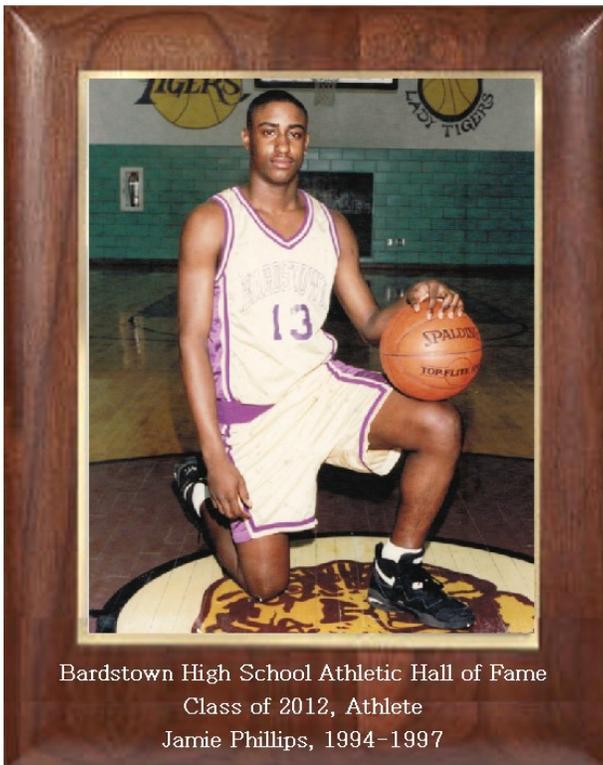
Relay. One of Mark's favorite memories is his team's ability to win the 1970 State Class A Championship with only seven boys. After graduation, he attended the University of Kentucky where he was a member of the cross-country and track and field teams.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1974 with a Bachelor's of Business Administration., Mark continued his education at the University of Louisville School of Law, graduating in 1978. His love for running and competition continued as he ran numerous road races, mini-marathons and marathons in the 1980's. His dedication and diligence to running rewarded him as he qualified and competed in the prestigious Boston Marathon in 1982 and 1984, experiences he will never forget.

A successful businessman in Bardstown, state-wide and nationally, Mark has been a member and officer of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors, the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, and the PlantMix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky. He has served as trustee of the Kentucky Associated General Contractors Self-Insurer's Fund and state director of the National Asphalt Pavement Association. During all these commitments, Mark still has found time to give back to his community by serving as Director on the Joint City-County Planning Commission, a Chairman on the Bardstown Board of Adjustments, a Director of the Wilson & Muir Bank and Trust, all while serving as President of the MAGO Construction Company, the family business.

Mark has always found time to support and contribute his time, talent and resources, especially to Bardstown High School and its sports programs. He consulted and worked with two former BHS track and field coaches, Tom Williams and J.W. Mattingly, who appreciated his support. He consulted, motivated and advised former track and field athletes, especially distance runners. He was instrumental in advising and assisting with design renovations to our exceptional track and field facility. His company, MAGO Construction, donated rock and asphalt materials for the track and field renovation. Mark Mathis personifies the pride of the "Purple and Gold and the Roar of the Tiger."

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Jamie L. Phillips  
 Athlete  
 1994-1997

"He's a very gifted athlete and perhaps the best athlete I ever coached," reported Joey Downs, former Tiger football coach. Basketball Talent Scout Rick Bolus called Phillips "a very athletic swingman who can score points." Statements like these were common during Jamie's athletic career. A four-year starter in football and basketball, he had only time to letter one year in baseball as his participation in post-season teams increased in football and basketball.

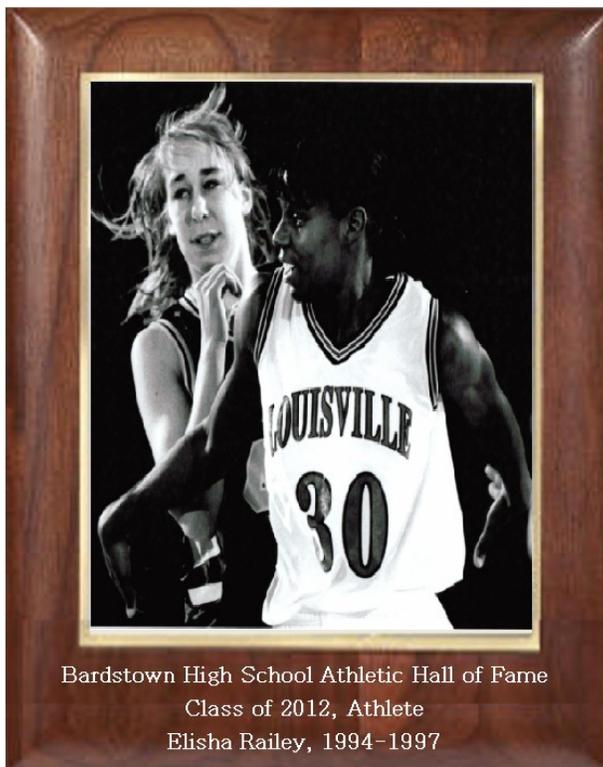
Jamie excelled as a quarterback and defensive player. He was selected for 1995 and 1996 All-District Football teams; 1996 Best Offensive Back; 1995 Papa John's Local Football Player of the Year; 1995 Second Team Defense All-State Squad, 1996 Third Team Defense All-State Squad; and 1996 Kentucky Preps Plus First Team Defense All-State. His team was District Champion and Regional Runner-up. Jamie was selected Most

Improved Player for the team for 1995. A stat sheet stuffer, Jamie finished a game with 148 yards, and three touchdowns on eight carries against Etown. He received recruiting letters from sixteen universities including Nebraska, Louisville, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Michigan, Colorado, Iowa, and Georgia.

Jamie was a basketball statistics machine and garnered many performance awards. His personal team awards included Most Rebounds in 1994 and 1995; 1000 Point Club during his Sophomore Year (first Bardstown player to join this elite club this early in a career); and Highest Field Goal Percentage for 1994 and 1995. His post-season local and regional performance awards included his selection as All-District each year for 1993-1996; 5<sup>th</sup> Region All "A" Classic All-Tournament in 1996; 5<sup>th</sup> Region Coaches' All-Region Team 1995 & 1996; and Papa John's Local Player of the Year for Basketball in 1996. On the state level, Jamie was selected for Honorable Mention All-State Basketball for 1995 and 1996. In addition, he was selected as one of Eddie Ford's Kentucky Junior All-Stars who competed in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. Jamie later played for the West Team in the annual Kentucky East-West Senior Game. He received recruiting letters from basketball programs at seventeen universities including Nebraska, Kentucky, Auburn, Tennessee, and Western Kentucky.

Jamie suffered a traumatic knee injury during football in 1994, a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Then, he injured the other knee in 1995. Jamie returned to football and basketball during his senior season in 1995-1996. However, his athletic became a struggle in his athletic performance preventing him from pursuing collegiate competition after graduation from high school.

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Elisha Railey  
Athlete  
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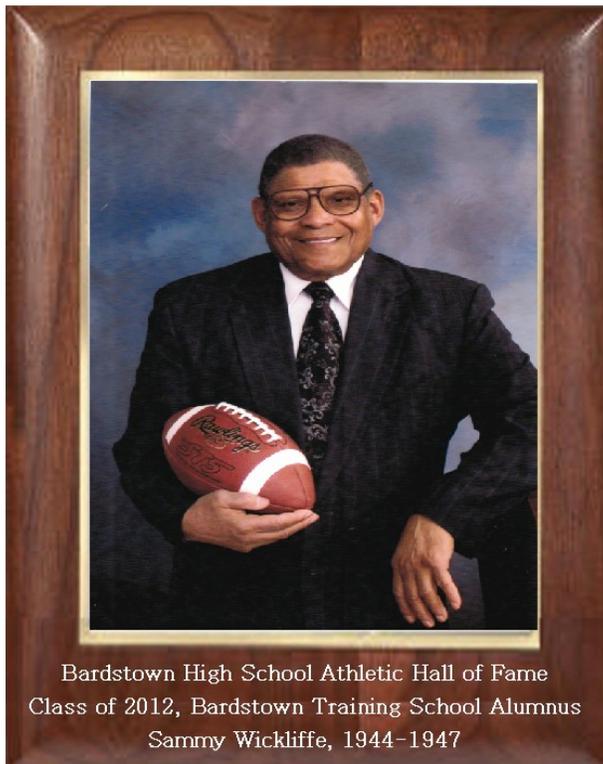
While at Bardstown High School, Elisha Railey starred on the Lady Tiger basketball, softball and track teams. She was a five-year letterman in basketball and softball. She also lettered in track, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 meter dash at the state championship and became the State Class A 200 meter champion her senior year. By today's track and field performance awards, she would have been First Team All-State in the 200 meter dash and Second Team All-State in the 100 meter dash. A very gifted athlete, she received repeated recognition for her attitude, hustle, desire, leadership abilities, and determination to win.

As a five-year letterman in softball, Elisha distinguished herself at the local, district and regional level. She was selected as the Most Improved Lady Tiger Player in 1993 as an eighth grader. At that point in her softball career, she started gathering many more awards like the 1994 Hart County Invitational All-Tournament Team, 1995 Slow Pitch Slugging Award, 1995 3<sup>rd</sup> Region Slow Pitch All-Tournament Team, 1997 Fast Pitch Highest Slugging Percentage, 1997 Slow Pitch Highest Slugging Percentage, 1997 19<sup>th</sup> District and 5<sup>th</sup> Region Fast Pitch All-Tournament Team and 1997 Region 2 Slow Pitch All-Tournament Team.

With all of Elisha's impressive performances in other sports, basketball was her outstanding sport at Bardstown High School. As a five-year letterman, she garnered numerous awards over her five years. She was selected as the 1993-94 Most Improved Player; 19<sup>th</sup> District All-Tournament Team – '94, '95, '96, and '97; 5<sup>th</sup> Region All-Tournament Team - '94 and '95; Class A 5<sup>th</sup> Region All-Tournament Team - '95, '96, and '97; 5<sup>th</sup> Region Coaches Association Team - '94, '95, '96, and '97; Two-Time Papa John's Player of the Year; Best Field Goal Percentage '93, '94, '95, '96, and '97; Most Rebounds – '94, '95, '96, and '97; Nelson County Holiday Festival All-Tournament Team – '94; and 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Time Bardstown Leading Scorer for Bardstown High School. Elisha was selected as the 1997 Female Athlete of the Year by all her coaches.

Two of her post-season awards included the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Region All-Star Team and a 1996 Kentucky Junior All-Star. Bardstown Hall of Fame coach Libby Burr stated, "Elisha exhibited a personality you would want as a student, athlete, daughter and citizen. She was a plus for the Lady Tigers as well as Bardstown High School." Following graduation from Bardstown High School, Elisha was awarded an athletic scholarship from the University of Louisville to become a member of the Lady Cardinal basketball team.

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Sammy Wickliffe, 1944-1947

## Samuel Vanleave Wickliffe Alumnus 1944-1947

Samuel (Sammy) Wickliffe attended high school at the Bardstown Training School from 1944-1947. Home basketball games were held in the old Opera House on Broadway until 1946-47 when the Bears began playing at the St. Joe Prep gym. Sammy remembers he averaged around sixteen points per game and recollects that he got his share of rebounds. He made All-District Tournament Team in 1945, 1946, and 1947 and was awarded an athletic scholarship to Winston-Salem Teachers' College (NC), where he graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

After college, Sammy joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Lackland Air Base in Texas. He was later shipped to Lawson Air Base in Fort Benning, GA, and then to Brady Field in Japan as a radio operator of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Squadron. After receiving his flight wings with more than 500 hours in the air in Japan, he was stationed at the James Connally Air Force Base (Texas), where he continued flying. In July, 1955, he received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded a testimonial certificate for Honest and Faithful Service.

Sammy was hired as teacher and coach at the all-African American Durham High School in Campbellsville in 1956 and later at integrated Campbellsville High School in 1963. He continued to teach and coach at Campbellsville High School until his retirement, having coached and taught for 31 years. While at Durham High School, Sammy coached the Hornets to the Regional final. His Campbellsville High School "Eagles" were South Central Kentucky Athletic Conference Division Champions, District-Regional Champions and State Semi-Finalists. Later, he became an assistant football defensive line coach for Campbellsville College for 11 years and was named the Assistant College Coach of the Year in NAIA as Defensive Line Coach, given by the American Football Coaches Association.

Sammy received numerous awards like the Outstanding Service Award for Excellence in Teaching and Meritorious Service to Education (5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Kentucky), Grateful Appreciation Award (Durham High School), 5<sup>th</sup> Region Athletic Director's Association Hall of Fame (Campbellsville High School), Purple and Gold Eagle Award (Citizens of the 5<sup>th</sup> District), and the Campbellsville University Football Hall of Fame Award. A Commissioned Kentucky Colonel, Sammy received the Humanitarian Award (Taylor County Civic League), the Past Master Award (Euclid Lodge #13, Bardstown, KY), the Fannie Chapel C.M.E. Church Award, the African-American Community Leadership Award in recognition for outstanding leadership in racial reconciliation (Campbellsville University), the Jacob Grove Baptist Church Award, the Meritorious Certificate (Euclid Lodge #13, Bardstown, KY) and the Fannie Chapel C.M.E. Church "Man of the Year."

Sammy Wickliffe epitomizes the true spirit of the Purple and Gold through his military service, teaching and coaching, as well as his community service.

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