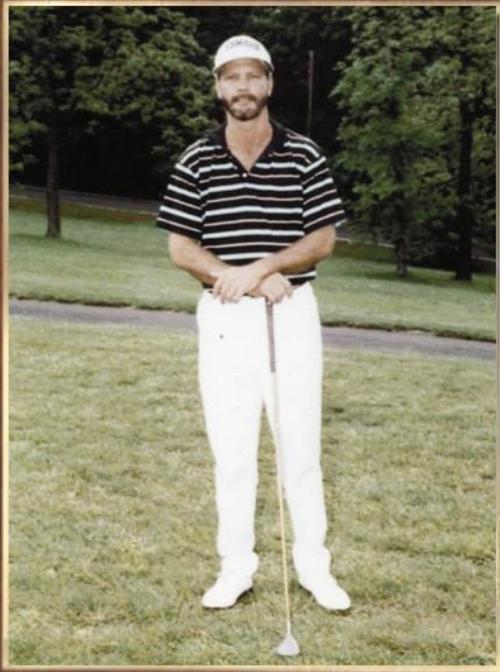


**Joseph A. Judson, Jr.  
Athlete  
1969-1972**



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2014, Athlete  
Joseph A. Judson, Jr., 1969-1972

Joseph A. Judson, Jr. (Joe) spent a lot of time on the golf course but he made every minute count with his relaxed, yet aggressive play. He started playing golf around the age of six. It was reported that Joe would "swing a mean golf club" by the age of ten. He bought his own clubs by saving his allowance and doing odd jobs. The son of Joseph and Norma Judson, his home was conveniently located across the road from the local golf links.

Playing golf for Bardstown High School was always Joe's dream and as fifteen year-old freshman, he got his first experience in high school competitive golf. He missed making the state golf match by one shot. As a sophomore, he was a member of the eighth best golf squad in the state with teammates Bob Edelen, J.I. Greenwell and Ron Schweitzer. Joe finished his sophomore year with an individual regional championship (shooting a 73) and 10<sup>th</sup> in the state. His team was regional runner-up and 8<sup>th</sup> in

the state. During his junior year, Joe was the regional individual runner-up and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the state shooting a 79-73. During his senior year, he was regional individual champion (shooting a 70), but missed the second day cut for the state championship while finishing as 10<sup>th</sup> in the state. Joe led the team in scoring average in 1970-1972. There were no ratings or recognitions in high school golf, but he thinks his record in competition will hold up for a long time as a 4-year letterman in gold. Joe went on to participate in the State Amateur Tournament for several years.

Joe believes that you give back to the community that gave you so much. He coached in every youth sport (baseball, 8 years; basketball, 15 years; golf, 2 years; soccer, 3 years). He would often say, "I'm not the smartest guy around, but to be involved with the youth, helping them grow, learn, and work hard has been important to me. There's nothing better than seeing kids years later and having them remember you for coaching."

His fond memories of Bardstown High School include friends and teachers, especially Principal John Branson; winning the regional in 1970, being favored in 1971 and 1972 and enjoying time with the golf team. Joe sends out a prayer of thanks to Coach George Stephens who passed away several years ago. He credits Coach Stephens with giving him the utmost confidence in not only his golf game, but as a person. "He was very special," says Joe. He also sends up a special prayer for J. I. Greenwell who was the elite youth golfer when Joe first started. J. I. succumbed to cancer at an early age. "He was our leader for two years on the golf team and someone whom I admired greatly," he said.

Inducted September 12, 2014

**Paul "Buzz" Porter  
Alumnus  
1951-1954**



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2014, Alumnus  
Paul "Buzz" Porter, 1951-1954

Paul "Buzz" Porter, the oldest son in a family of eight, was just sixteen when his father left home leaving the burden of supporting the siblings to Buzz and his mother. His responsibilities did not leave much time for recreation or participation in sports. In a 2012, Kentucky Standard article, the reporter stated that, "Almost from the moment Buzz Porter's feet hit the ground, he's been running. Now some 76 years later, he's still chasing his passion, feeding a longstanding competitive fire." With so many time restrictions with his family responsibilities, it was surely providence that Buzz got to participate in track and field for Bardstown High. After prompting from then Coach "Hooks" Harvey, Buzz gathered his shoes and shorts and set the new Bardstown High record of 5:16 in the mile by beating the current record holder by 16 seconds in his first real competition. The next year in the district track and field championship, Buzz set a new record of 5:04 while defeating crosstown rival Press Whelan of St. Joe Prep, who later won an SEC Championship for University of Kentucky. He was 2nd to Franklin Hibbs in the long jump (18' 4"), second in the 880 yard run (2:19.2), and

anchored the 4 x 440 yard relay team to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Whelan later beat Buzz in the regional championship. In those days, only the regional champions went on to compete in state competition.

After high school, Buzz enlisted in the Marine Corps and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division champion in the 880 yard run and 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment champion in the 880 yard run in 1955. After the Marines, Buzz enrolled at Bellarmine College (University), tried out for the team and received a scholarship after his second track meet. He became the number one runner in the mile, 880, two-mile and mile relay in 1958-1959. He was Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion in the mile and set the school record for cross country during his freshman year.

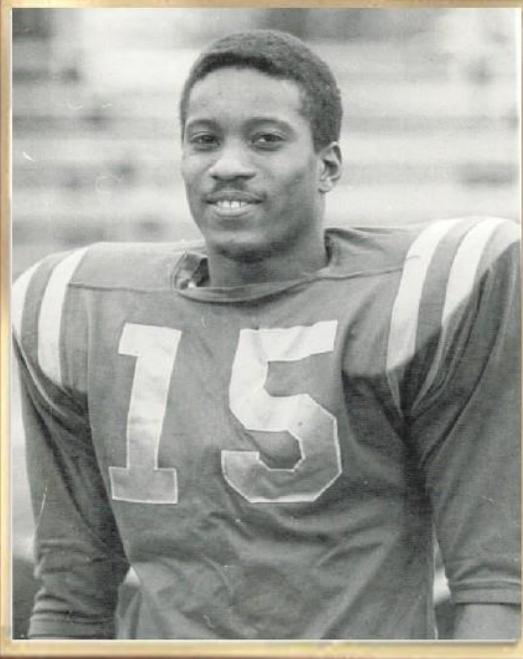
With his outstanding college career, Buzz started down a path of competition, which he continues today at the age of 78. He was 3-time winner of the Cross Ohio River swim, 1<sup>st</sup> team All-American in the National Softball Championship in 1991, Pentathlon winner in the Southeast Masters and All-Around Best Athlete in 2012. He is presently an All-American in 11 different track and field events and holds records in several events in his age categories. He has four world records in the 110 meter hurdles and the 400 meter hurdles beating former world record holder and 1956 Olympic Bronze Medalist, Joshua Culbreath. He has now amassed over 1000 medals, trophies, ribbons, and plaques – much too many to list in this biography. Buzz definitely has made Bardstown High School proud of his sports accomplishments – Go Tigers!

Inducted September 12, 2014

## **Donnie Rogers**

### **Athlete**

**1965-1968**



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2014, Athlete  
Donnie Rogers, 1965-1968

In the fall of 1967, a Louisville Times reporter wrote, "Not often in the muscle game of football is the smallest in stature the biggest in performance." He continued, "Darting in, out, and around the giants trying to catch him, (Donnie Rogers) the halfback gained 133 yards in 14 carries and scored three touchdowns in leading his team into the next week's semi-final game with Tompkinsville." Donnie Rogers was 5' 5" and weighed 135 pounds soaking wet but Coach Garnis Martin called him "one of the fastest boys on the squad." Opposing coaches would say that "Bardstown has a small team, but we must contain its speed. They have five or six boys who can run the field in 11 seconds – especially have to watch Larry Donald, Phil McKay, and Donnie Rogers."

During his senior year, Donnie had 14 touchdowns and five conversions for 89 points; 1,127 yards on 8.9 yards a carry, was the leading ground gainer with over 100 yards per game and had some outstanding

personal performances over his career. He had 15 carries for 142 yards vs Old Kentucky Home, received a kickoff from Millersburg Military Institute and ran 87 yards to score a touchdown. He ran for 155 yards and a touchdown of 80 yards versus Tompkinsville in the semi-state.

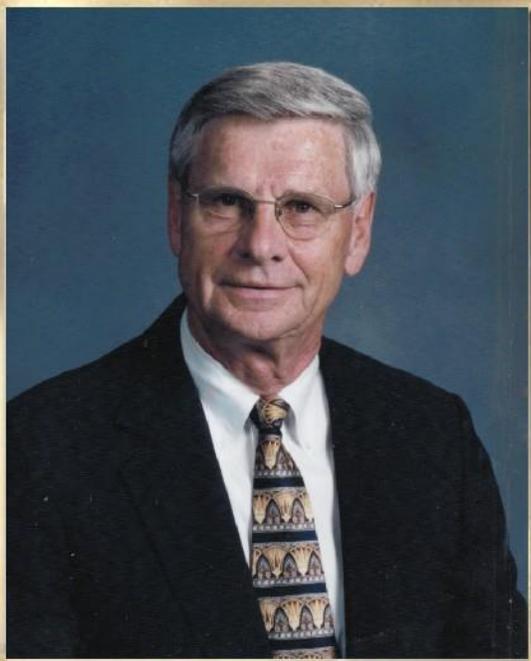
Donnie led his team to a 26-20 victory over Garrard County in the Class A Second Region championship gaining 133 yards in 14 carries and scored 3 touchdowns – one a 63-yard sprint. "The little man's 18 points came against a team that hadn't given up but 37 points all season and 19 in the last nine games. The pint-sized Rogers knocked Garrard's 200 pound halfback out of bounds on the Bardstown 25 late in the game to preserve the victory." The Kentucky Standard headlines read "Bardstown Region Champs 1967" and the "Rampaging Tigers Rake Up Garrard County 26-20 (11<sup>th</sup> ranked)" told the story of the excitement. The 1967 Class A Football Title came to Tigertown - down 13-0 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the Tigers came back to win 20-13 over Mt. Sterling. Donnie, suffering an ankle injury in the game against Tompkinsville, saw limited action with 23 yard on 5 carries in the state championship game.

The whole town was 'agog' over the Tigers. Buddy Arnold placed a Tiger Den sign on the lawn of every player's home; plate glass windows were chalked with slogans: Kill the Trojan; Tigers are the Best; Victory for the Tigers; Sock it to 'em, Tigers. The Bardstown football coaches and players were recognized by their hometown fans and their out-of-town fans as the best in their class in the state of Kentucky.

Donnie was selected All "A" All-State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team by the sports writers and was selected as All Mid-Kentucky Conference by the conference football coaches. A multi-sport athlete, he could run the 100 yard dash in 10.3, long jump over 22 feet and play basketball with fearless defensive pressure. Donnie "Mighty Mite" Rogers was a big gun for Bardstown High and is considered one of many great running backs in Bardstown history. He was a tremendously talented athlete and considered a great teammate who took great pride in the Purple and Gold.

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**Jude Talbott**  
**Coach**  
**1966-1971**



Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame  
Class of 2014, Coach  
Jude Talbott, 1966-1971

Jude Talbott, a hometown boy, returned to Bardstown to teach and coach at Bardstown High in 1966, after a six-year coaching stint in Webster County. He became assistant coach with Coach Garnis Martin in multiple sports. Jude knew what it took to be a championship athlete from his high school athletic performance at cross-town rival St. Joseph Preparatory School (St. Joe Prep). He received All-District honors in basketball three years, All-Region basketball two years and Honorable Mention All-State two years. He averaged 30 points per game his senior year. When he wasn't playing basketball, he was playing baseball and his team won the state baseball championship in 1953. He was later inducted into the St. Joe Prep Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jude received a basketball scholarship to Western Kentucky University and played for the Hilltoppers from 1956-1960 under legendary Coach Ed Diddle. During his senior year at Western, the team won the first game of the NCAA tournament. However, his team lost the second round game to eventual national

champion Ohio State University. Highlights of his college career included playing against two of the greatest all-time players, Jerry West of West Virginia and Jerry Lucas of Ohio State.

The high level of his high school and college performances prepared him to coach and mentor Tiger athletes to seek championships and glory for their school. During the six years that he coached with Coach Martin, Tiger athletics achieved great accomplishments starting with the 1967 State Class A football championship. In 1969 and 1971, the basketball team was Region 5 Champions and played in the Sweet 16 state tournament. In 1970, the Tigers were again the State Class A football champions. The success of the 1970-1971 Tiger teams was so impressive that the school year is referred to as the "Year of the Tiger." Jude helped coach many of the current Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame members: Amos Martin, Joe Lee Phillips, Jim Biven, Alan Bottom, Joe Buckman, Donnie Rogers, Mark Mathis and Bill Sheckles – quite an impressive list of athletes to coach. Former players reported that Jude was an excellent X's and O's coach but his coaching strength came from his ability to break down what opposing coaches and players were doing and giving the players strategies to counter opposing players' strengths.

Jude became Assistant Principal at Bardstown High School in 1969, and was later promoted to Principal in 1972. He served as principal for 19 years. During his tenure, Jude brought leadership prominence to the school and the district. He was elected and served as President of the Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals. At the national leadership level, Jude served a four-year term on the National Association of Secondary School Principals' Board of Control.

He considers it a great honor to be inducted into the Bardstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. He feels it was a great privilege to be associated with such outstanding athletes and impressive young men. He cherishes the memories at Bardstown High School coaching, working and being a close friend with legendary Garnis Martin, HOF Class of 2004.

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