DICK STAFFORD

Category - 1959 and Before

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DICK STAFFORD, Temple: Dick Stafford was a three-year varsity letterman for the Temple Wildcats from 1953 to 1955, playing fullback and safety. Stafford earned Super Centex selection as a fullback, as well as All-District honors, and honorable mention All-State. As a senior, Stafford was picked as Temple's best all-around player on a District Championship Team. Stafford played one year of college football at Midwestern State, where he was a starter at fullback. He went on to play three seasons at Texas Tech University. He was a two-year starter at fullback and linebacker for the Red Raiders. Following his playing career, Stafford spent 31 years as a high school coach. In 1979 he won the 4A state championship as an assistant coach at Temple, a team that went 15-0 for the season.

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RAY RHODES

Category - 1960s

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RAYMOND EARL RHODES: Ray Rhodes was born and raised in Mexia, Texas. In 1968, Rhodes played a crucial role in integrating Mexia High School, as he and three other black students transferred from Dunbar High School to join Bob McQueen's Black Cats. Although Rhodes played multiple sports and received a letterman in basketball and track and field, his football career started in Mexia. Rhodes was a dynamic running back at Mexia and helped his school earn a district championship and playoff berth. In college, Rhodes played running back at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth for two seasons then transferred to Tulsa University in Oklahoma where he played wide receiver and running back positions. Rhodes was drafted 10th round by the New York Giants in the 1974 NFL Draft. Rhodes played wide receiver for the Giants before switching to the cornerback position. In 1979 he was traded to the San Francisco 49ers. Rhodes played a total seven NFL seasons before beginning his coaching career. From 1981 to 2012, Rhodes coached in the NFL for the following teams: Defensive Back Coach for the 49ers; Defensive Coordinator Coach for the Green Bay Packers; Defensive Coordinator Coach with the 49ers; Head Coach with the Philadelphia Eagles; Head Coach with the Green Bay Packers; Defensive Coordinator Coach with the Washington Redskins, Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks; and Assistant Defensive Coach with the Seahawks, Cleveland Browns and Houston Texans. During his NFL Career, Rhodes received 5 Super Bowl Rings with the 49ers and one championship ring with the Seahawks. Rhodes made history by becoming the fourth African American Head Coach in the NFL. In the 1995 NFL season Rhodes received the NFL Coach of the Year Award, taking the Eagles to the playoffs and ending the season with a 10-6 record. Ray Rhodes was known for his no-nonsense coaching style that proved to be effective in motivating his players. The excellence exhibited by Rhodes in the many facets of his professional life is also a reflection of Mexia High School Football, where his career in football began.

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RODNEY ALLISON

Category - 1970s

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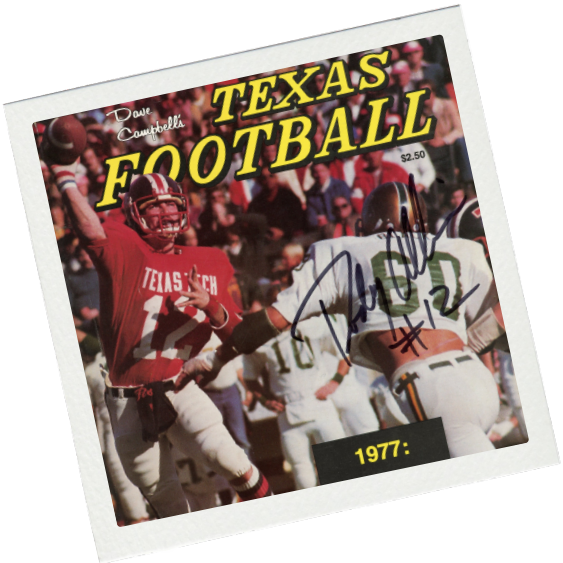
RODNEY ALLISON, Odessa: One of the top quarterbacks to come out of Odessa High, Rodney Allison led the Bronchos in a memorable game versus Permian in 1973 when he passed for 198 yards, 3 touchdowns, and rushed for 140 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown. Allison started for the Bronchos for two years. As a senior, he passed for 1,344 yards and earned first-team All-State at quarterback. As an outstanding high school baseball player, he was drafted by the Houston Astros out of high school, but decided to continue playing football at the college level instead. He made visits to the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and held various other offers. Ultimately, he chose Texas Tech University and started for the Red Raiders from 1975-1977. In 1976, Allison earned Southwest Conference MVP when he led the Red Raiders to a 10-2 record and a share of the conference title with Houston. He led Texas Tech to three consecutive bowl appearances. Allison was inducted into the Texas Tech Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame in 2017. He played two seasons in the CFL with the Toronto Argonauts before joining the coaching ranks. Allison served as an assistant coach at Texas Tech, Duke, Southern Mississippi, where he coached Brett Favre, Auburn, and Clemson before becoming the head coach at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from 2003-2008. He's currently the Executive Director of Texas Tech's Double T Varsity Club, which caters to former men and women athletes from Texas Tech University.



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SHEA WALKER

Category - 1980s

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SHEA WALKER, Port Arthur Jefferson: In two seasons of high school football, as a wide receiver and safety for Port Arthur Jefferson, Shea Walker caught 85 passes for more than 1,200 yards, 9 touchdowns, and 7 interceptions. As a senior, he had 64 receptions for 923 yards and 8 touchdowns earning him 1st Team All-State honors, District 22-5A Offensive Player of the Year, and recognition as a Houston Chronicle Super 60 player. Walker went on to play at Texas A&M University, where he was a 4-year letterman for the Aggies and a 2-time Southwest Conference Champion. He finished his career at Texas A&M with 98 receptions and a school record of 1,411 receiving yards. Walker has done color analyst work at both the high school and collegiate level working with Westwood One, The Southland Conference, the UIL Texas High School State Championships, Fox Sports Southwest, and Bally Sports Southwest.

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TONY BRACKENS

Category - 1990s

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TONY BRACKENS, Fairfield: Tony Brackens was one of the hardest hitters of the 1990s. Brackens earned that reputation while at Fairfield earning him a place on the UIL All-Century team. (Brackens' nomination did not include any high school statistical or awards information.)Brackens signed with the University of Texas and played three seasons for the Longhorns from 1993-1995. During that time, he was a three-time All-Southwest Conference selection and an All-American defensive end in 1995. He finished his career at Texas with 24 sacks. Brackens was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the second round of the 1996 NFL Draft. He played eight seasons in the NFL, all for the Jaguars. Brackens is the all-time sack leader for the Jacksonville Jaguars with 55 sacks, and he compiled 362 total tackles.

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COLT McCOY

Category - 2000s

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COLT McCOY, TUSCOLA JIM NED: Colt McCoy finished his high school career as the all-time passing leader in Class 2A history with just shy of 10,000 yards and 116 TDs. He was twice the AP All-State 2A Offensive MVP. He led Jim Ned to the 2003 Class 2A D1 State Championship game. Colt excelled as a 4-sport standout competing in track, golf, and leading Jim Ned to the Texas State Basketball finals as well. As a Texas Longhorn, McCoy passed for 13,253 yards and 112 TDs. He went 45-8 in 53 career starts earning first-team All-American honors in 2008 and 2009, and became the all-time winningest QB in NCAA history. He was a two-time Walter Camp National Player of the Year and a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist. He won the Maxwell Award, AT&T Player of the Year, the Davey O'Brian Award, the Manning Award for the nation's top QB, and the Unitas Golden Arm Award. McCoy is one of only 6 players in Texas history to have his number retired. Along with those accomplishments, McCoy was the winner of the Bobby Bowden Award (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, three-time Academic All-Big 12 selection, and was selected to the Allstate AFCA and Big 12 Good Works team for his leadership in community service. Colt will be entering his 13th season in the NFL as member of the Arizona Cardinals. He has passed for 7195 yards and 33 TDs as a pro.

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JOHN PARCHMAN

Category - Eddie Joseph Texas HS Football HOF Coach

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JOHN PARCHMAN, Midland Lee: John Parchman guided the Midland Lee Rebel's to a three-peat of 5A state championships (DII in 1998, DI in 1999 & 2000). Parchman's 1999 team was named National High School Football Champions. That same year, he was selected to coach the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game. He compiled a 152-73-1 record in 20 years as a head coach at Frenship, Cisco, El Paso Socorro, Llano and Midland Lee. In 2000, Parchman was named USA Today National Coach of the Year. He was elected to the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Honor in 2020.

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JOEY McGuire

Category - Eddie Joseph Texas HS Football HOF Coach

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JOEY MCGUIRE, Cedar Hill: Joey McGuire began his coaching career at his alma mater, Crowley HS. Two years later, he took an assistant coach's position at Cedar Hill coaching varsity secondary, tight ends, and outside linebackers. McGuire was promoted to head coach in 2003, inheriting a program that had never won a playoff game. In 2005, CHHS won its first district championship in 25 years, made its first playoff appearance in school history, and McGuire was named 7-5A Coach of the Year.

The Longhorns had a perfect season in 2006 going 16-0 and winning the first ever Division II 5A State Championship. That same year, McGuire was awarded the Dallas Cowboy High School Coach of the Year and Dave Campbell's 5A Coach of the Year. He would go on to lead the Longhorns to 3 state championships in 14 seasons, including back-to-back state titles in 2013 & 2014, and 12 straight playoff appearances. McGuire's teams amassed a 141-42 record, won state in 2006, 2013 & 2014, made 4 title appearances (runner up in 2012), won 9 bi-district championships, and 7 district championships. During his 14 years as head coach, he coached 95 Division 1 athletes, 6 NFL players, and saw close to 20 million dollars in athletic scholarships earned by players.

His numerous awards include: two-time District Coach of the Year (2005, 2006), Dallas Coach of the Week for MaxPreps (2013), Dallas Morning News Area Coach of the Year, Taco Bell North Texas Coach of the Year, National Football Foundations Dallas Club 5A Coach of the Year, MaxPreps 2013 Texas High School Coach of the Year, Padilla Poll 5A Division 2 Coach of the Year, the 63rd Annual Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association's All State Football Teams Class 5A Coach of the Year (2013). He coached the Under Armour All-American games nine times, and was the head coach of the Semper Fi All-American Bowl (2013). In 2014, he coached the THSCA All-Star North Team and was the Padilla Poll 6A Coach of the Year. McGuire served on the THSCA Board of Directors from 2011-2014, and was a Regional Director and a 2-time nominee for President.

After his legendary run at Cedar Hill, McGuire spent five seasons at Baylor before accepting the head coaching position at Texas Tech University. He and his wife Debbie have been married 28 years and have two children. Raegan, 26, is the Senior Designer at AMUR in NYC. Garret, 23, is an Offensive Analyst for the Carolina Panthers. Their Blue Lacy, Charlie Dog, is 6 years old and runs the house.

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JOEY McGuire

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ROBERT WILCOX

Category - Dave Campbell Contributer to the Game

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ROBERT WILCOX, stadium announcer, Iowa Park: Robert Wilcox served as the Iowa Park stadium play-by-play announcer for 72 years. In 1947, Mr. Wilcox was a high school senior and played fullback for Iowa Park at a whopping 130 pounds, but he was tough as nails. Unfortunately, it was this toughness that led to the end of his football days. In the seventh game of the season, he dove through the line and came out with a broken knee cap. After deciding his knee was too badly injured to return to the game, the superintendent went to him on the sideline and said, "Son, we have a new public address system that we haven't used yet and we need someone that recognizes the numbers on the jerseys and who they are. Do you think you could manage that for us?" The team carried him up to the top row of the bleachers and thus began his 72-year journey of announcing Iowa Park football games. Wilcox finally retired as the stadium announcer in 2019 at the age of 91. Since his retirement as announcer, at 92, he still readies the press box for all Thursday and Friday night games at Iowa Park.

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