

DAVID BROWN

David Brown's introduction to sports occurred in Dixie Youth Baseball, when he was a first baseman. At Amherst Junior High School, he was a multi-talented athlete, participating in football, basketball, baseball, and track. His play on the Cougars football team earned him the award as the leading tackler.



When he entered Amherst County High School, he developed a real love for football because he readily admits an affinity for the physical contact of the sport. Brown played defensive end or linebacker, and was on the punt return team. He was especially adept at tackling, having a "nose for the ball", and averaging more than twenty tackles per game. Playing football under Hall of Fame Coach Tom Berry, Brown helped anchor the defense on some very successful Lancer football teams in the mid-1970s.

Coach Berry recognized Brown as a talented athlete with limitless potential, and Coach Berry introduced him to another future Hall of Famer, Coach John Seal, who led the wrestling program. Not only would he become an outstanding wrestler, but he would develop more strength and agility for football. Ultimately, his wrestling prowess surpassed his accomplishments on the football field. The first year, as a sophomore, he finished first in regional competition and third in the state. His next two seasons, as a junior and senior, he won the state title at 184 pounds, and finished with a 60-2 record. Brown was named a High School Wrestling All-American in 1978.

His success as a high school wrestler had caught the attention of Liberty University, where he wrestled for two years. During those years, he achieved a district, regional, and national title, at 192 pounds. He was named All-American at Liberty during his tenure there. His prowess in wrestling was enough to gain a letter of invitation to the Olympic wrestling trials in 1982.

After his years as a participant had concluded, he served for several years as coach in youth sports, in Dixie Youth baseball and softball, as well as recreation department basketball, for both boys and girls.

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth: Dixie Youth Baseball – state championship
- Junior High School: Football (most valuable player), Basketball, Baseball, Track
- ACHS: Wrestling (1976-78) – regional champion, third place in state (1976), district, regional, and state championships (1977, 1978), high school All-American wrestling; Football (1975-78)
- Liberty University: Wrestling – All-American (1979, 1980, 1981), district, regional, and national championships (1980, 1981), Olympic trials invitee (1982)
- Coaching: Dixie Youth (baseball softball – 4 years); Amherst County recreation league (basketball, 4 years)