

TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME - 2023 PRIMARY BALLOT

*Cast votes for each of the 20 candidates by marking 1 for **your first choice**, 2 for **your second choice**, etc., through 20. Candidates are in alphabetical order. Ballots must be returned to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame by August 15, 2022.*

1. _____ **RANDY ALLEN.** Abilene, Texas native. Played football as a running back at Abilene Cooper High School. After graduating in 1968, he played at SMU for 4 years. He started coaching in 1973 at Bryan High School as an assistant, but his first head coaching job came in 1981 from Ballinger High School. During his time at Ballinger, he would come to a 44-15-2 record. In 1986 Allen would become head coach at Brownwood High School, going for another 43-13-2 record over the next five years there. Allen would return to coach at Abilene Cooper in 1991, where he would lead Cooper to their first State Championship appearance in decades. In 1999, Allen took on a new head coaching position at Highland Park High School in Dallas, TX. . As of 2022, Allen has led Highland Park to 4 State Championships (2005, 2016, 2017, 2018.) Allen is currently ranked 1st All-time in District Championships (29), 2nd all-time in Playoff wins with an overall playoff record of 82-34, and 2nd All-time in Playoff Appearances. As a Head Coach, he also has a current Overall Record of 424-92-6, making him 3rd All-time. in 20126, he received the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year..
2. _____ **CHARLES AUSTIN.** Born in Bay City, Texas, Raised in Van Vleck, Texas. Three-time Olympic high jumper (1992, '96, and 2000), five-time USA Outdoor Champion (1996, '97, '98, '99, and 2000), and three-time USA Indoor Champion (1996, '97, and 2003). Austin went to Van Vleck High School and would jump for Southwest Texas University (known now as Texas State University). Austin, broke school records his senior year and won the 1990 NCAA Outdoor Championship. At the time, he was the number one college high jumper in the country. In 1991, he competed at the World Outdoor Championships and not only won gold, but also set the American World Record.. He would go on to compete in three Olympics, winning gold in the 1996 games in Atlanta. Austin still holds the Olympic record in men's high jump with 6 feet, 9 inches, set at the 1996 games. He was inducted into the USATF Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Texas Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017.
3. _____ **STEVE "STONE COLD" AUSTIN.** Born in Austin, Texas, raised in Edna, Texas. Steve would play football at Wharton County Junior College then later at the University of North Texas. Austin's pro wrestling career began in 1990 with the USWA. A year later, Austin moved to the WCW. He would win the WCW Television Championship. In January 1996, Austin would make his WWE debut at WrestleMania. He is remembered most for his signature double-fisted beer chug, and his rivalry with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. At its peak, Stone Cold and The Rock headlined 3 WrestleMania events between 1999 and 2003. Austin would retire after WrestleMania XIX. Throughout his professional wrestling career, he won six WWE Championships, two Intercontinental Championships, a record three Royal Rumble wins, and becoming a Triple Crown Champion. In 2009, Austin was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame.
4. _____ **JOE BEAVER.** Victoria, Texas native. 1985 PRCA Resistol Rookie of the Year award winner. Youngest tie-down roper at the 1985 National Finals Rodeo at 20 years old. He has qualified for the Wrangler NFR 22 times. Beaver holds 8 World Championship titles. three all-around titles (1995, '96, and 2000), five tie-down roping titles (1985,'87, '88, '92, and '93. He was out of competition for most of 1999, but returned in 2000 to win his third all-around title. Today, Beaver competes in the PRCA with a world standing of 204th as of 2019. He was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2002.
5. _____ **JOSH BECKETT.** Spring, Texas native. While in high school, Beckett posted a 9-3 and 13-2 record his sophomore and junior year. His senior year, USA Today ranked him as the No. 1 overall prospect in baseball, leading him to sign with Texas A&M University. Despite this, he was selected 2nd Overall by the Florida Marlins (now known as the Miami Marlins)in the 1999 MLB Draft. He would start his professional career with several minor league teams,: Kane County Cougars, Brevard County Manatees, Portland's Sea Dogs and Binghamton mets. In 2001 he would make his MLB debut with the Marlins against the Chicago Cubs. Two years later Beckett would become the youngest pitcher in Marlins history to start on opening day, at the age of 22. Despite setbacks in the regular season, the Marlins would advance to the 2003 World Series with the help of Beckett's pitching. He was named the 2003 World Series MVP with a 1-1 record but with a Game 6 shutout to clinch the series against the Yankees. In 2006, Beckett would be traded to the Boston Red Sox in 2007, where he would improve his pitching drastically. He was subsequently named ALCS MVP, played in his first MLB All-Star Game, and helped Boston win the 2006 World Series, his second title. His retirement in 2014, Beckett had a total of two World Series (2003, 2007), three All-Star selections (2007,'09,'11), World Series MVP (2003), ALCS MVP (2007), and was an MLB Wins leader (2007). He has an overall career record of 138-106, 3.88 ERA, and 1,901 Ks.

6. _____ **JAMAAL CHARLES.** Port Arthur, Texas native. Being diagnosed with a learning disability, he competed in the Special Olympics at 10-years-old. Later on, he would become a two-time Willie Ray Smith Award recipient for Southeast Texas Offensive MVP out of Memorial High School. In both high school and college, Charles was a dual-sport athlete competing in football and track & field. During his time running track in college, Charles won the 2006 Big 12 Championship in the 100-meter dash for the University of Texas, and was a 4-time All-American. While playing college football, He would be a true freshman on the 2005 National Championship team and end up ranking fifth all-time in single season rushing touchdowns (18), fifth career rushing touchdowns (36), and fourth in career rushing yards (3,328). In 2008, Charles was drafted to the Kansas City Chiefs. By 2012, he led the NFL in rushing touchdowns (12) . Upon retirement in 2019, Charles would rank first in career yards (7,260), fourth in career touchdowns (43), first in rushing average (5.5), and first in single game rushing yards (239).

7. _____ **MARK CUBAN.** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native. Mark Cuban is the owner of the Dallas Mavericks since 2000. Under his leadership, the Mavs competed in the NBA Finals for the first time in franchise history in 2006, and won the NBA Championship title in 2011. As of 2019 the Mavericks are ranked 43rd on Forbes list of World's Most Valuable Sports Teams with a total value of \$2.25 billion. In 1995, Cuban founded Broadcast.com, which sold to Yahoo for \$5.7 billion in 1999. In 2011 he signed on as an investor on the series Shark Tank. He invests in mission-driven companies as well as several start-ups.

8. _____ **PHIL DANAHER.** In 2016, Phil Danaher made history when Calallen defeated Corpus Christi Flour Bluff 31-7. Danaher notched his 427th victory passing Coach G.A. Moore as the all-time winningest high school football coach in Texas history. His 337 wins in 34 years at Calallen are most by a coach at a single school. After a 5-4-1 first season, led the Wildcats to their first playoff appearance in 30 years in 1985 (10-3) and hasn't missed playoffs since. Under Danaher's leadership, Calallen reached two state championship games, the semifinals 11 times (1993-97, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2010-11). 33 straight seasons in the playoffs (2nd longest win streak in Texas history and longest active streak) Wildcats have won 10+ games in 27 of 34 seasons, including a state-record 16 straight (1988-2003). Danaher ranks 2nd all-time in district championships won (24) 1st in most playoff appearances (37) and 1st in all time playoff wins (83) Coached hundreds of all-district players and dozens of all-staters. His national win total ranks 8th all-time and 2nd among active coaches. His current record is 445-109-4.

9. _____ **BECKY HAMMON.** Rapid City, South Dakota native. Hammon was a Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winning Point Guard out of Colorado State who then began her WNBA career with the New York Liberty. In 2007, Becky would be traded to the San Antonio Silver Stars. During her 7 seasons with the Silver Stars, Hammon would be named as a WNBA All-Star 3 of the 6 total times in her career (2007, 2009, 2011.) Then she would be named to the All-Star First-team twice (2007, 2009), and the All-Star Second-team with the Silver Stars in 2008. Hammon would also become the 2007 season assist leader while helping lead San Antonio to the WNBA Finals. In 2011, Hammon also named to the 15th Anniversary WNBA Team. She later retired in 2014 but was named to the 20th and 25th Anniversary team. Hammon was inducted to the WNBA Hall of Honor in 2015, then had her No. 25 jersey retired by the San Antonio Silver Stars. Following her retirement she became the first female coach in NBA history after joining Greg Popovich's San Antonio Spurs. Two years later she would become the first female to coach in the Summer League and to win a Summer League title. In December 2020, following a Greg Popovich ejection, Becky Hammon became the first female active Head Coach in NBA history. In 2021, Hammon became the head coach for the Las Vegas Aces.

10. _____ **PRIEST HOLMES.** Born in Fort Smith, AR. raised in San Antonio, Texas. All-state running back at San Antonio Marshall, where he scored 26 touchdowns and rushed for 2,031 yards as a senior. Holmes also led his school to its first appearance in a state championship game, a 27-14 loss to Odessa Permian in 1991. The three-time all-district selection and *San Antonio Light* Player of the Year rushed for 4,080 yards during his high school career. At the University of Texas (1992-1996) Holmes split time at running back and earned MVP honors in the 1994 Sun Bowl with 161 yards rushing and four touchdowns in a 35-31 victory over North Carolina. Although his junior season was lost to an ACL tear, he rebounded in the first Big 12 championship game (1996) with 120 yards and three touchdowns in Texas' upset win over Nebraska. During a brilliant 10-year NFL career with Baltimore Ravens (1997-2000) and Kansas City Chiefs (2001-2006), Holmes was a three-time Pro Bowler who rushed for 8,035 yards and scored 86 touchdowns. In 2001 he became the second player in Chiefs history to lead the league in rushing (1,555 yards). The next season he was named the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year by the AP. In 2003 he topped the 1,000 rushing mark for the third consecutive season and set the NFL record for touchdowns in a season with 27. In 2005 his career was cut short by an injury. He has been inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, University of Texas Hall of Honor, Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, and the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Honor.

11. **TOYA JONES.** Born in Victoria, Texas, raised in Refugio, Texas. Toya Jones was a track & field star at Refugio High School who won three state championships.. Jones collected a total of 17 medals at the University Interscholastic League State Championships while in high school, 13 of them being gold medals. He was a two sport athlete while at Texas A&M (1995-'98) playing football and running track and field. For track and field he was a sprinter and long jumper and a defensive back for football. Jones was a part of the 4x100 meter relay that won a gold medal at the 1997 NCAA Championship and would also win gold at the Texas Relays, Penn Relays, and the Big 12 Championships. After graduating he went on to play in the Canadian Football League for the British Columbia Lions (2001-2002) and the XFL for the Birmingham Thunderbolts (2001). He was inducted into the Texas Track and Field Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.
12. **WES KITTLEY.** Native of Rule, Texas. Kittley's coaching career began at Abilene Christian University (1983-1999). Since 2000, Kittley has been the Director of Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country at Texas Tech. In 23 seasons has produced 30 NCAA Champions, 264 First Team All-Americans, 191 Big 12 Champions, nine Big 12 Team Championships, 20 Olympians, eight Olympic Medalists, seven Top-5 NCAA Team Finishes, 16 Top-10 NCAA Team Finishes, and one Men's Outdoor Team National Championship in 2019.
13. **COLT MCCOY.** Born in Hobbs, NM, raised in Tuscola, Texas. Two-time All-State QB Jim Ned HS while setting the record for most yards by a 2A QB. McCoy went 45-8 as a starter at University of Texas (2005-'09) and holds 47 school records, including the marks for career passing yards (13,253), touchdowns (112), and completion percentage (70.3). Ranks 2nd in all-time wins behind Kellan Moore of Boise State. Two time All-American in 2008 & 2009. His #12 jersey was retired by UT in 2010. McCoy won the Walter Camp Football Foundation award in 2008 and 2009 and won the Maxwell Award in 2009. He was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the third round of the 2010 NFL Draft. He has also been a member of the San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins, and New York Giants and currently with the Arizona Cardinals.
14. **ADRIAN PETERSON.** Native of Palestine, Texas. Peterson was a tri-sport athlete at Palestine High School competing in track & field, football, and basketball. In track, Peterson would end his high school career with several medals including Gold at the 2004 Junior World Championship for the 100 meter dash. He would only play football during his final two years in high school and would quickly garner attention for D1 schools his junior year, ending as a 5-Star, Overall No. 1 recruit for the Class of 2004. While at the University of Oklahoma, Peterson would end up ranking fourth all-time in career rushing yards (4,045), as a true freshman would set the single season rushing yards record (1,925), seventh all-time in career rushing touchdowns (41), and would finish in the Top 15 all-time for single season touchdowns (15). Peterson would also help the Sooners to 2 Big 12 Championships (2004, 2006), 1 BCS National Championship Appearance (2004), three Bowl Appearances (2 BCS), one Bowl Win (2006). In the 2006 NFL Draft, he was selected 7th Overall by the Minnesota Vikings. Peterson would be given the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Award, be named a Pro Bowler, Second-team All-Pro, Pro Bowl MVP, named the FedEx Ground Player of the Year, and lead the NFC in Rushing Yards all for the 2007 season. By 2022, Peterson would come to a total (including '07) 7 Pro Bowls, 4 First-team All-Pro selections, 3 Second-team All-Pro selections, become a 3x NFL Rush leader, 4x NFC rush leader, NFL Offensive ROTY, 2x Bert Bell Award recipient, and be named the 2012 NFL MVP and Offensive Player of the Year. Peterson is also currently 1st all-time for Career Yards (11,747) and Career Touchdowns (97) for the Minnesota Vikings. Adrian Peterson currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks as of 2022
15. **CHRIS PLONSKY.** Born in Pittsburg, raised in Greensburg, PA. Chris Plonsky has worked in college athletics since 1976 and is completing her 35th year at The University of Texas. She served as UT women's athletics director from 2001-2018. Since 2001 women's teams at Texas have won 64 conference championships and three national championships. From 1993-2018, she supervised revenue areas in sponsorship, licensing and television. Plonsky now serves Texas as chief of staff, executive senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. She supervises student-athlete services staff leaders in academics, career/leadership development, and compliance/risk management. She also oversees staff leaders in sports medicine/performance, including nutrition, behavioral health, strength and conditioning, and applied sports science. Plonsky is a USA Basketball board member, a USOC Collegiate Advisory Council member and an emeritus board member of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame. She is past president of NACDA, NACMA and Women Leaders in College Sports (formerly NACWAA). She is a past member of the LEAD1 board of trustees (formerly Division 1AD Association) and has served NCAA committees on Academic Performance, Women's Basketball Competition, and NCAA Commercialization activities. She chaired the NCAA Division I Management Council in 2003.

16. **JORDAN SPIETH.** Dallas, Texas native. Played golf at Dallas Jesuit where he would win three consecutive 5A State Championships (2009-11.) After graduating, Spieth attended the University of Texas where he would be named Big 12 Freshman of the Year, be named to the All-Big 12 Tournament team, and help Texas win the NCAA National Championship as a team in 2012. Spieth would also become only the second golfer in history to win the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship twice (2009, 2011) following Tiger Woods. He would also be named as an AJGA All-American three times (2008-10) and AJGA Junior Player of the Year in 2009. Spieth would turn pro in 2012, later becoming the PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in 2013. Jordan would join Team USA in the Ryder Cup for the first time in 2014 and again three more times after that (2016, '18, '20.) A year later Jordan would go on to win the 2015 Masters and U.S. Open. He was named PGA Player of the Year, PGA Tour Player of the Year, and won both the Vardon Trophy and Byron Nelson Award in 2015. In 2017, Spieth would win the Open Championship as well as the Vardon Trophy and Byron Nelson Award again. As of June, 2022, Jordan Spieth has 13 PGA Wins, with 16 total career Wins.
17. **MATTHEW STAFFORD.** Born in Tampa, FL, raised in Dallas, TX. Three-time All-State QB Selection for Highland Park High School. Named Gatorade Player of the Year and EA Sports National Player of the Year in 2005. Led his team to a 15-0 record and helped clinch the 2005 4A State Championship title. At the University of Georgia (2006-'08) he threw for 7,731 total passing yards and set a record for the most touchdown passes in a single season with 25 in 2008. He finished 27-7 overall through his three years after forgoing his senior season. Playing for the Detroit Lions from 2009-2020, he has thrown for a total of 45,109 yards and 282 touchdowns. In 2012 he was awarded an ESPY for Best Comeback Player of the Year after being out due to a shoulder injury the previous season. Selected as a Pro-bowl alternate in 2013 and 2014 and was selected for the 2015 Pro-bowl. In 2021, Stafford was traded to the Los Angeles Rams and led the Rams to the Super Bowl LVI victory.
18. **WES WELKER.** Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 12 years as an NFL wide receiver. Played at Texas Tech University (2000-'03). Led the Big 12 conference and finished 2nd in the NCAA in total punt return yardage (2002). Led the Big 12 with 97 receptions (2003). In the 2003 Houston Bowl, his final collegiate game, he had 7 receptions for 107 yards. Over his college career he had 259 receptions for 3,019 yards, 21 touchdowns, 79 rushes for 456 yards and 8 punt-return touchdowns (tied for 2nd place for the NCAA record). Signed with the San Diego Chargers in 2004 after going undrafted before signing with the Miami Dolphins (2004-'06). Named on the NFL All-Rookie Team (2004). Played for the New England Patriots (2007-'12). Caught at least 1 pass in every game played as a Patriot (franchise record). Appeared in the 2014 Super Bowl with the Denver Broncos. In 2015, he was traded to the St. Louis Rams and retired from playing after that season. Honors included: Five Pro Bowl appearances (2008-2012), two-time First-Team All-Pro (2009, 2011), and three-time NFL receptions leader (2007, 2009, 2011). Began his coaching career in 2017 as an offensive assistant and special teams assistant coach with the Houston Texans. Currently the wide receivers coach for the Miami Dolphins.
19. **CHRISTA WILLIAMS.** Born in Houston, raised in Pasadena, Texas. Softball pitcher who was a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist (1996, 2000) and two-time ISF World Champion (1995, 1998). After transferring from UCLA (1997), Williams landed at the University of Texas (1998-'99) where she was Big 12 Newcomer of the Year and NCAA Regional Tournament MVP (1998). She was a three-time NCAA All-American (1997, UCLA and '98 and '99, UT). She helped lead Texas to the 1998 NCAA WCWS. Honors included: Gold medalist at Pan American Games Qualifier (1994) where she threw a perfect game and no-hitter and finished with 3-0 record, 0.00 ERA and 45 strikeouts, Gold medalist at ISF Junior Women's World Championship (1995), Gold medalist at Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia (1996), Gold medalist at ISF World Championships (1998), Gold medalist at U.S. Olympic Cup (1999), where she pitched a complete game shutout against Australia in Championship Game.
20. **ANN WOLFE.** Austin, Texas native. Grew up in Oberton, Louisiana before moving back to Texas. She started her career and competed in the 1998 U.S. National Championships, compiling a 3-1 amateur record. Her professional career began in October 1998, where she would beat Brenda Drexel (then Brenda Lee Bell.) Wolfe would suffer her only loss two years later to future champion Valarie Mahfood by Knockout. In 2001, Ann Wolfe would gain her first Championship belt, beating Vienna Williams by Unanimous Decision, to win the IFBA Light Middleweight title. In November of 2001 she would simultaneously retain her IFBA belt and win her second belt, WIBA Light Middleweight, after defeating Gina Nicholas by Technical Knockout. The following year, Wolfe would win both the IFBA Super Middleweight and WIBC Super Middleweight by defeating Marsha Valley in both fights by TKO. Wolfe would fight Mahfood for a second time, this time for the NABA Super Middleweight belt where she would win by UD. 2004 would prove to be a monumental year for Ann Wolfe, as she would go on to win both WIBA and IBA Light Heavyweight titles by KO over Vonda Ward, matching Henry

Armstrong's record of three belts in different weight classes. She would retain her IBA Light Heavyweight belt by defeating Marsha Valley again by TKO. In her third match against Mahfood, Wolfe would again retain both her WIBA and IBA Light Heavyweight belts with another UD. Wolfe would retire in 2006, leaving a record of 24-1-1 in 26 fights, with 16 KOs, with 7 total world titles. Ann Wolfe was inducted into the International Women's Boxing Hall of Fame in 2015.

#####

End of Primary Ballot

TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME - 2023 VETERANS BALLOT

Cast votes for each of the 15 candidates by marking 1 for your first choice, 2 for second choice, etc., through 15. Candidates are in alphabetical order. Ballots must be returned by August 15, 2022.

1. _____ **ROBERT BRAZILE.** Born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. Played at Jackson State University, nine year NFL career with the Houston Oilers. 7-time Pro Bowler, 5-time first-team All-Pro, 8-time First-Team All-AFC, NFL 1970s All-Decade Team, NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. In 1978 and 1979, Brazile was a key member of the Oilers teams that went to back-to-back AFC Championship Games. Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018 and Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. Credited with 1,281 tackles which is the second highest total in Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans history. Member of the Bancorp Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.
2. _____ **JOSE CRUZ.** As an outfielder, the two-time All-Star had an 18-year Major League career, playing for the Cardinals (1970-74), Astros (1975-87) and Yankees (1988). Cruz is an Astros icon and held franchise records in games, at-bats, hits, total bases and triples at the time of his retirement after the 1988 season. His 80 career triples remain the franchise record. Jose holds the distinction of being involved with nine of the Astros postseason appearances, including three as a player (1980, '81 and '86) and six as a coach (1997-99, '01, '04-05). He was the Astros Team MVP four times and hit .300 six times in his career while stealing 317 bases. Jose's uniform No. 25 was retired by the Astros on Oct. 3, 1992. He currently works for the Astros as a Community Outreach Executive.
3. _____ **CHRIS GILBERT.** Houston, TX native. Gilbert played for Spring Branch High School before joining the University of Texas where he became the first person to record three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Three time All-SWC and consensus All-American in 1968, Gilbert rushed for 1,080 as a sophomore, 1,019 as a junior, 1,132 as a senior, totaling 3,231 yards in just 29 games (28 TDs). His best individual games included 245 yards against Baylor in 1966, 213 against Baylor in 1968, and 202 against Texas Christian in 1966. Selected by the New York Jets in the 1969 NFL Draft, Gilbert never played in the NFL, instead launching a business career in Houston as president of Gilbert Investment. Still fifth on the Longhorn's all-time rushing leader list, Gilbert was the first UT player to have over 1,000 yards in a season.
4. _____ **CARLETTE GUIDRY-WHITE.** Houston, TX native. Track and field athlete from the University of Texas where she collected a total of twelve NCAA titles, and was named Southwest Conference Athlete of the Decade in indoor track and outdoor track and field for the 1980s. Represented the United States at the Olympics in Barcelona and Atlanta where she received 2 gold medals in the 4x100 relay and was a member of the 1995 World Champion 4x100 relay team. Honored as Indoor Track and Field Most Outstanding Student-Athletes in Honor of the 25th Anniversary of NCAA Women's Championships, and Inducted into the Texas Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame.
5. _____ **JOHNNY "LAM" JONES.** Jones earned all-state honors for the Lampasas Badgers after running for 45 TDs in 1974-75, and became a legend with his performance at the state track meet in 1976. After sprinting to wins in the 100- and 200-yard dashes, Jones broke off a 43.8-second anchor leg in the mile relay to pass six runners and win the race, clinching the team title for Lampasas almost single-handedly. Later that year he won a gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the Montreal Summer Olympics, then embarked on a dazzling four-year career at Texas, first as a running back before earning all-America honors as a wide receiver in 1978 and '79. Dubbed "Lam" (for Lampasas) by coach Darrell Royal to distinguish him from teammate Johnny "Ham" Jones of Hamlin, he went on to set UT track records at 100 yards (9.21), 100 meters (10.14) and 220 yards (20.14). Selected by the New York Jets with the second overall pick in the 1980 NFL draft, Jones signed a \$2.1 million contract, the first million-dollar deal in NFL history. He caught 138 passes for 2,322 yards and 13 TDs in five injury-plagued seasons before retiring.
6. _____ **CHARMAYNE JAMES.** Born in Amarillo, TX. Raised in Clayton, New Mexico. 10-time World Title holder in 10 years and 10-time champion at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Astrodome. She

holds the most Average Titles (6) won in Barrel Racing at the NFR. At just 13 year old she entered her professional career and qualified for the National Finals Rodeo in 1984 and earned WPRA Rookie of the Year. In 1987, she earned the number one back number at the NFR which signifies earning more money than anyone in rodeo. In 1996, her horse, Scamper, would be inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and James would follow in 2017. Together they would be featured in Sports Illustrated as one of 25 Amazing Animal Athletes. Scamper was a five-time award winner for the AQHA/WPRA Horse of the Year.

7. **DAVE MARR (deceased)**-. Born and raised in Houston, TX. Won five events in a 22-year pro golf career, including 1965 PGA Championship at Laurel Valley, where he beat Jack Nicklaus and Billy Casper by 2 strokes in route to PGA Player of Year honors. Later that year, spearheaded U.S. Ryder Cup team's 19 1/2-12 1/2 win over Great Britain at Royal Birkdale with a 4-2 record. Also captained the U.S. squad to an 18 1/2-9 1/2 win over Europe at Walton Heath in 1981. From 1964-66, posted Top 10 finishes in all 4 majors: second at Masters in 1964, first in PGA in '65, and fourth in U.S. Open (Olympic) and eighth in British Open (Muirfield) in 1966. Spent 22 years (1970-91) with ABC as TV golf analyst, then with BBC and NBC. Inducted into Texas Golf HOF (1978) and Metro PGA HOF (1980). Briefly attended Rice and Houston before turning pro at 19 in 1952.

8. **KEITH MORELAND**. Born and raised in Dallas, TX. Three-time All-American 3B at the University of Texas After (1973-75) playing at R.L. Turner High School. While there he led the Longhorns to three NCAA College World Series berths and was the co-captain of the national championship team in '73. He hit .410 over in the season of 1975. He would be inducted into the University of Texas Hall of Honor in 1985. Drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1975, he debuted with them in 1978 and stayed there until '81. He played for the Chicago Cubs (1982-'87), the San Diego Padres (1988), the Detroit Tigers (1989), and the Baltimore Orioles (1989).

9. **BILLY NICKS**. Born in Griffin, raised in Atlanta, GA. Played football, basketball, baseball and track at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, GA. After playing for Morris Brown College, he coached the football team in the years 1930-'35, '37-'39, and '41-'42. His record while coaching there was 66-22-13 during his 11 years. He moved onto Prairie View A&M and was the head football coach from 1945-'47, assistant coach in '48-'51, and head coach again from '52-'65. In those 17 years his record was 127-39-8. Nicks racked up eight Southwestern Atlantic Conference Championships and five black college national championships (1953, '54, '58, '63, and '64). He was named Prairie View's Director of Athletics and some years coached basketball and baseball. From '66-'73 he was the special assistant to the University president. In 1975, he left the college atmosphere and traded in for a position of Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Houston, TX. Prairie View honored him by naming its athletic complex after him in 1988.

10. **DOUG RUSSELL**. Born in New York, NY. Raised in Midland, Texas. Swimmer for Midland High School, Russell swam in the butterfly, backstroke, and individual medley events. He then swam for the University of Texas at Arlington (1965-'70). During his years at UTA, he competed at the Pan American Games in '67 earning a gold medal in the 200-meter individual medley and the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City earning two gold medals, first-ever, in the men's 100-meter butterfly and swimming the butterfly in the 4x100 meter medley. He won the NCAA National Championships in the 100-yard butterfly in 1968 and won the Amateur Athletic Union National Outdoor title in the 100-meter butterfly. Russell still holds four World Records (100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, and 2 relays) and six American Record (100 yd backstroke and 5 relays). Inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an "Honor Swimmer" in 1985 and a building was named after him, Doug Russell Park.

11. **IRA TERRELL** Born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, SMU, Phoenix Suns, New Orleans Jazz, and Portland Trail Blazers Power forward/Center. Referred to as one of the greatest basketball players in SMU history. At SMU, he became the 1976 Southwest Conference Player of the Year, one of two players in SMU history to finish with 1,000 career points and rebounds, and averaged a double-double in each of his three seasons. Received All-Southwest Conference Recognition in 1973, 1974, and 1976. Member of the SMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. In 2019, SMU retired his jersey #32.

12. **WILSON WHITLEY**. (deceased). Brenham, TX native. Three-time all-state, twice all-America at Brenham HS. University of Houston defensive tackle won Lombardi Trophy, led Cougars to 10-2 record, win over Maryland in 1977 Cotton Bowl. Named SWC Player of Decade for 1970s, taken in first round (8th overall) of 1977 NFL Draft by Cincinnati. Spent 7 seasons in the NFL, helped the Bengals win the AFC title in 1981. Inducted into College Football HOF in 2007.

End of Veterans Ballot