

Johnny Harper

Football



Johnny Harper was a starting guard and middle linebacker for the Fairview HS Dragons in Linden from 1959-1962. He was team captain as a junior and senior and for both seasons was named All-District offensive and defensive lineman and All-State as a senior. He also lettered for two years in basketball and baseball, three years in track.

He attended Wiley College graduating in 1969. At Wiley, he lettered in football from 1963-1966 and was team captain in 1966.

He retired from Red River Army Ammunition Company in 2011 and enjoys fishing, hunting and caring for his farm. Harper is a member of St. John Divine Missionary Baptist Church in Kildare and serves on the Board of Trustees. His other activities include the Kildare Male Chorus, the Kildare Community Center Association the Tri-State Antique Car Club, the Wiley College Football Club and the Fairview High School Reunion Corporation.

He is the father of two daughters, Denise and Monica, and has two grandchildren.

Nate Henderson

Football



Nathaniel "Nate" Henderson attended Dunbar High School in Livingston. In 1966, he graduated as Valedictorian of his class and was also president of the student council. He competed in football and track, excelling in both; however, football was his first love. He started as varsity quarterback and safety for four years (1962-65) and was voted All-District and most valuable player in the district in 1964 and 1965 under Coach James "Big Jim" DeWalt.

Henderson is enshrined in Dunbar's Hall of Fame, The Best of The Best, and The Fighting Leopard. He attended Texas Southern University as well as the Metals Engineering Institute for the Heat Treatment of Steel and worked for Hughes Tool Co./Baker Hughes as a metallurgical technician/supervisor for 40 years before retiring in 2008.

His post-retirement activities include giving back to the community by mentoring and coaching at the neighborhood boys and girls club. He has three children, Quinn Cedric, Sonja Monique, and Natalie Shanae; three grandsons, Jaren, Paden Quinn, and Anthony Nathaniel. He is the proud brother of PVILCA inductee, Arthur Ray "Big Arch" Henderson.