

D.C. Nobles

Football



D.C. Nobles attended Lufkin Dunbar HS where he was an all-around athlete lettering in basketball, track, and football. In the latter sport, he was named All-State three times and All-American as a senior.

In 1971, Nobles became the first black quarterback in University of Houston history and was Most Valuable Offensive Player in the Cougars 47-7 win over Tulane in the 1973 Bluebonnet Bowl. That season, Nobles led the Cougars to an 11-1 record, the most wins in a season ever for UH, and a No. 9 national ranking.

Nobles earned a degree in education, then played professionally in Canada with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, in the World Football League (Houston Texans and Shreveport Steamers) and ended his career in 1976 as a receiver for the Dallas Cowboys.

He has three sons – Eric, Deric, and Dmitri, two daughters – Bridgette and Taylor, and seven grandchildren.

Larry Vernon Priestley

Football



Larry Priestley attended L.C. Anderson HS, graduating in 1964. He was a starting quarterback and team captain in 1962 and 1963 receiving All-District honors as a junior and senior. He also played safety and returned kicks. Priestley lettered in track (All-District) and basketball and received a football scholarship to North Texas State where he majored in economics. In 1965, he led North Texas with five interceptions.

Drafted to the Army in 1968, Priestley served in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal.

Priestley worked as a salesman and supervisor at Hueblein Corp. in Houston for 20 years then 3P-Performance Plastics Products. There, he developed new automated machine procedures, trained new employees, and was recognized for meeting quotas and maintaining excellent quality.

He has been married to his college sweetheart, Brenda, for 42 years and the couple has a daughter, Tasha Danielle, and two grandchildren. He spends time with his family, cooks, and gardens.