

TERRY “COTTON” CLARK

COTTON CLARK WAS BORN TO THE LATE HAROLD AND MARY CLARK ON

May 27th, 1941 in the Kansas community. Cotton was a standout in football, basketball, and baseball. In his junior and senior seasons at Carbon Hill, Cotton rushed, returned, or passed for 30 touchdowns and was an all-county selection. In 1958, he helped lead Carbon Hill to an undefeated season and the Birmingham News selected them as a State Champion. Individually, Cotton was selected 2A 1st Team All-State, All-Southern team by the Orlando Sentinel, and also played in AHSAA All-Star game in Tuscaloosa. Upon graduation from Carbon Hill in 1959, Cotton accepted a football



scholarship to Alabama. At Alabama, he was 3 year lettermen as a halfback, fullback, safety, and punter. In 1962, he led the SEC and was second nationally with 92 total points. Most of these points were from 15 touchdowns which was an Alabama team record. He was also third nationally in punting at 42.5 yards per attempt and seventh in punt returns at 15.2 yards per return. After this great season, Cotton was selected to play in the Southwestern Challenge Bowl All-Star game in Corpus Christi, TX and the following week he signed a contract with the Oakland Raiders. After a short stint with a semi-pro team in Tuscaloosa, Cotton desired to get into coaching. For five years he was the secondary coach at Jacksonville State under Charley Pell, and then he took over as head coach at Jacksonville High for four seasons. After leaving the coaching profession, Cotton had a successful career in the trucking and vegetable industries. Cotton resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Louise, and they have one son, Jeff.