

DARYL JOHNSON

DARYL JOHNSON WAS BORN OCTOBER 7, 1977 TO DAVID AND BONNIE JOHNSON. HIS PASSION FOR SPORTS

became apparent early on and was cultivated through the unwavering support of his entire family and community. Although he played many sports, he still is most proud of his football and basketball careers all while maintaining high academic standards.



Daryl started playing football at Curry High School as an offensive tackle on the Junior Varsity team while also playing as a running back and free safety on the Varsity team. During his Sophomore year he was moved to wide receiver. He was an All-State Honorable Mention and named to the Eagle Elite Team by the Daily Mountain Eagle. During his Junior season, he earned All-State Honors from the Alabama High School Athletic Association and the Birmingham News. He was also selected to the Eagle Elite Team for a second consecutive year. During his Senior season, he led the state in receiving touchdowns which was instrumental in leading Curry High School to the third round of the state playoffs. He earned All-State Honors from the Alabama High School Athletic Association for the second consecutive year. In addition, he was also named to the All-Metro and Super All-Metro Team on behalf of the Birmingham News and The Birmingham Post Herald. He was also selected to the Eagle Elite Team for the third consecutive year.

Daryl also achieved success on the basketball court. During his Sophomore year, he helped lead Curry High School to the state playoffs with an average of 14 points and 9 rebounds per game. He was subsequently named to the Area 11 All-Tournament Team and Walker County All-Tournament Team. During his Junior year, he led the team in scoring and rebounding, increasing his average to 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. He was named the Walker County Tournament MVP after leading Curry to the Walker County Tournament championship and was named to the Northwest Regional Section 5 All-Tournament Team. During his Senior year, he helped lead Curry High School to the area champion with an average of 20 points and 11 rebounds per game and was recognized as the Area Tournament MVP. In the sub-regional victory against Hanceville. Daryl scored a career high 40 points to lead Curry back to the state playoffs for the second time in three seasons. In addition, during his 1995-1996 Senior basketball season, he was named to the Walker County All-County Team for the third consecutive season, a permanent team captain for the Curry Yellow Jackets, and was honored for scoring 1,000 points in his varsity career.

Post high school success came in the form of a full football scholarship to UAB where he was a four-year starter from 1996-1999 under the leadership of Coach Watson Brown. He was named UAB Special Teams Player of the week against The University of Cincinnati and the UAB Offensive Player of the week against Wake Forest.

Daryl received numerous distinctive awards for his excellent academic performance off the field as well that overall contributed to his lifetime achievements. He was named to the Birmingham News Academic All-State Team in 1995. He also served as a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. During his Senior year, he was nominated for the Birmingham Post Herald's 10th Annual Scholarship Athlete of the year award. He also represented Curry High School at the Alabama Boys State Conference in 1995. While at UAB, he was named to the Conference USA Commissioners Academic Honor Roll while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology as well as a degree in Accounting.