

## TOMMY COLE

**TOMMY WAS BORN IN BOLDO, ALABAMA, THE SON OF CHARLES & SHIRLEY CALLOWAY COLE. TOMMY HAD**

a great career at Walker High School where he lettered 4 years in football and was the leading tackler both his junior and senior years. He was voted Most Valuable Defensive Player both years and was selected as the team captain his senior year. He received the Daily Mountain Eagle Defensive Player of the Week numerous times during his career.

He was arguably the quickest big man to every play at Walker High School. He was selected to the All-County team, All-Birmingham Area team, and Alabama All-State football team. He was then chosen to participate in the Alabama High School Athletic Association All-Star Game and following an outstanding performance in that game, he was selected as Most Valuable Player of the All-Star game.

After a stellar high school career, he was recruited by Alabama Football Coach Ray Perkins to play for the Crimson Tide. Tommy lettered 4 years (1985-1988) where he played along side of legendary LB Derrick Thomas. He was blessed to participate on the first Alabama team to ever defeat Notre Dame. During Tommy's career at Alabama, they won 35 games and lost 13.

One of the great honors shown to Tommy was on August 8, 1988, when the City of Jasper proclaimed "Tommy Cole Day." Mayor Penn Woods honored his accomplishments and presented him with the keys to the city.

Tommy is married to the former Tracey Posey of Jasper and they have two children: a son Chris and a daughter Caitlyn.

He is currently employed as the Operations Manager with Viking Transportation of Jasper and Tuscaloosa.

Tommy always looked after younger and weaker players when he was in high school and that carried over into his adult life as he, along with Kim Hall, organized the EASI equestrian school for handicapped children. This organization has helped numerous challenged children across Walker County to deal with and overcome both physical and emotional problems by gaining confidence in their life through horseback riding.

