

ANTHONY “AMP” PARKER

ANTHONY “AMP” PARKER WAS BORN IN JASPER, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 26, 1966, TO ALICE FAYE PARKER STEELE AND

L.A. Parker. Anthony is the oldest of three children. Anthony attended Dora High School, where he flourished as a star running back for the Bulldogs. Anthony grew as an accomplished runningback under the tutelage of Coach Don Flippo, and in 1982, Anthony’s career accelerated to new heights. After his junior year, he was named honorable mention All-Metro Birmingham Post Herald, honorable mention All-State Birmingham Post-Herald Second-Team All-Metro, Birmingham Post-Herald Second team All-State, Birmingham News honorable mention All-State, Alabama Sports Writers honorable mention All-State, Anthony was named first-team All-County, and also Anthony set a single season touchdown record for Dora High with 22 rushing touchdowns.

In 1984 Anthony received a scholarship to play football at Jacksonville State University and played for the legendary Bill Burgess. After a short stint with the Gamecocks, Anthony enrolled in the military, where he served for fourteen years.

While serving in the United States Army, eleven years later, he was back into sports at 29 years old. In 1995, Anthony became a United States Army boxing team member stationed in Schofield Barracks Hawaii. In less than a year of being involved in competitive boxing, Anthony competed at the Aloha State Games, where he was the Super Heavy Weight Champ and ranked 2nd in the state of Hawaii.

During his boxing career, Anthony won several tournaments and placed runner-up in the prestigious Indy Black Expo tournament honoring Mohammad Ali. One of his career highlights was fighting on ESPN in front of Ali as he sat at ringside. After suffering a devastating wrist injury due to boxing, Anthony became the Head Coach United States Boxing team stationed in Hawaii. Under his tutelage, Anthony was honored to coach two of his fighters, ranked 2nd and 9th in the nation.

After his military career concluded in 2000, Anthony enrolled at California Sam Bernardino Valley College and studied Aeronautics, where he received his Airframe and Powerplant technician certification. While attending school at San Bernardino Valley Junior College at forty-year-old and two years of eligibility, he decided to try out for the football team.

After successfully making the team, Anthony was primarily used in short-yardage situations, and during his playing days at San Bernardino Valley College, Anthony tilted the scales at 285 lbs. He also impressed the coaching staff and much younger teammates with an impressive bench press of 525 lbs. As if that was not impressive enough, Anthony, ran his best forty yards time at 4.85. He was deemed the fastest and strongest lineman on the team. While playing for San Bernardino Valley College, Anthony was named player of the week twice and was heavily recruited by the UTEP Miners and Div. 3 Boston Univ. He was featured as a cover story in the Los Angeles Times and was contacted by Sports Illustrated because they wanted to tell his story if he signed with a D1 school. Due to Anthony having a wife and two small children, he could not move to Texas and play for the Miners.

During Anthony’s JUCO campaign as the noseguard, he finished the season with 24 tackles and 4.5 sacks.

Anthony is the proud father of three boys, four girls, and one grandson.

His youngest son Jo Parker was a standout D-Lineman at Pinson Valley High School, where they won two back-to-back state championships. He was the state sack leader in all classifications his junior year; he was an ESPN 3 star and signed with D1 FCS power Kennesaw State where he’s a 3rd-year defensive captain and has set several school records.

His daughter, Nola, was a standout female wrestler in the state of California with only two years of experience, she ranked 4th in the state her junior year and 9th in the state her senior year.

Nola was rewarded for her efforts and signed with D3 Lindenwood University in Missouri.

Anthony currently resides in Jefferson County, Alabama.

