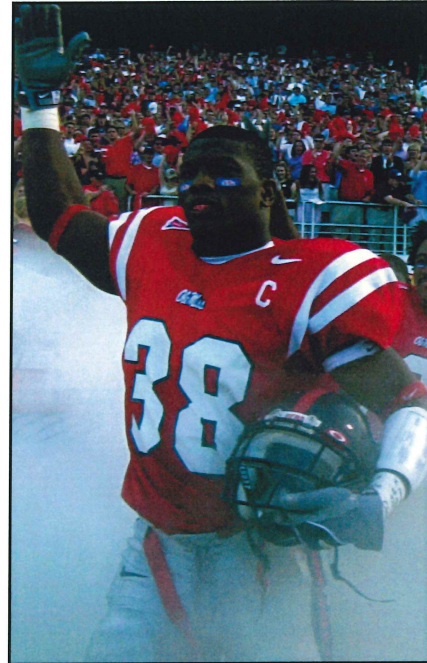


ERIC E. OLIVER

ERIC E. OLIVER WAS BORN TO BARBARA WALDROP OF JASPER, AL AND GENARD OLIVER, OF PARRISH, AL, DECEMBER 25, 1982. HE WAS RAISED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS, THE

late Reverend Charles and Ruby Waldrop.

Eric Oliver has been a lifelong Viking. He started school at T.R. Simmons Elementary School and graduated from Walker High School in 2001. Oliver was coached by Vincent Medlock, Sr. (basketball), Bubba Davis (football), and Kerry Williams (football) as a Viking and received several accolades over the course of his high school career. Oliver earned four letters in football, four letters in basketball, and 3 letters in track. Eric was a Super All State selection, which recognized him as one of the top 12 players in the ALL classifications in the State of Alabama. He was a member of the 5A All State team and played in the 2001 Alabama-Mississippi All Star Classic. He helped lead the Vikings to a 12-1 record and Area Championship his junior year and a 11-2 record his senior year. During his senior season, he had over 1,600 all purpose offensive yards. Defensively, he had 90 tackles, 60 solo hits, 2 pass interceptions, 8 knockdowns, 1 tackle for a loss, 2 forced fumbles, and 1 fumble recovery. Most recently, Eric was named to Jasper High School's Team of the Century, recognizing the top 100 players over the last 100 years.



Eric was a 2001 signee for the Ole Miss Rebels, under the leadership of Coach David Cutcliffe. In his freshman season at Ole Miss, he was named to the SEC All-Freshman team. He earned his spot as starting free safety for his sophomore season. During his career at Ole Miss, Eric saw action in ALL 37 games. He led the team in tackles for 2 consecutive years (sophomore and junior seasons) and had a total of 168 solo tackles. Eric's best game, statistically, during his time as an Ole Miss Rebel, was a 14-tackle performance against Florida in 2002, to upset the 6th ranked Gator team in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium,. A key interception by Oliver led to back-to-back upsets for the Rebels against Florida in "The Swamp" in 2001. Eric earned 4 letters while at Ole Miss.

In 2004, he was awarded The Chucky Mullins Courage Award to start his senior season. This award goes to a rising senior defensive player at Ole Miss and honors the late Chucky Mullins of Russellville, AL, who had his Ole Miss career come to an end in 1989 against Vanderbilt. This award is presented each year to a player who exemplifies courage, grit, and embodies Chucky's "Never Quit" attitude. Eric's head coach, David Cutcliffe expressed that "Eric Oliver exemplifies courage on the field and has all the characteristics Chucky possessed." Eric earned a Bachelor of Science from The University of Mississippi.

Eric attributes much of his athletic success to the coaches, youth through college, who influenced his life and served as examples of perseverance and integrity. He currently resides in Jasper, AL with his wife of 14 years, Tiffany, and their children Eric Jr. (EJ) and Marleigh. Eric's daughters Alex (University of West Florida) and Mikayla (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff) will be starting their junior year of college Fall 2023. He served as a law enforcement officer with the City of Jasper for 8 years under the leadership of Bobby Cain and State Representative Connie Rowe. He is currently a lineman for Alabama Power company, out of Fayette, AL. He spends most of his time watching his children compete and grow through their passion for athletics, right where it all started for him.