

## STEPHEN HARRIS

**S**TEPHEN HARRIS WAS BORN TO MR. HERMAN AND MRS. ESSIE HARRIS OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA.

While attending Cordova High School, Stephen participated in three different sports: baseball, basketball and football.

During Stephen's senior year of baseball, he only lost one game as pitcher and that way in the state playoffs. He was voted the team's MVP, chosen as a member of The Daily Mountain Eagle All County Team, and played in Area All Star games as pitcher, catcher and a center fielder.

Harris was a three year letterman in basketball under three different coaches. He made The Daily Mountain Eagle All County team for three years, All County Tournament Team for three years, and All Area Tournament Team. He led his team in scoring and rebounds his junior and senior years. During junior year, under Coach Mickey Barrentine, his team was the first in school history to win twenty games. Voted by his teammates as Captain and MVP, he started for the North Team in the Alabama All Star game in Tuscaloosa. Stephen signed a scholarship to play basketball and baseball at Wallace State.

Stephen Harris only played football his senior year under Coach Bobby Russell, of Cordova, who is also a Walker County Hall of Fame inductee. He is thankful to Coach Russell for the opportunity to play wide receiver and defensive back. He was voted the team's MVP, and made All County as well as All State. Even though he signed a scholarship with Tennessee State University to play football for Coach Big John Merritt as wide receiver, he opted to transfer to The University of North Alabama under Coach Wayne Grubbs, where he played defensive back on the first University of North Alabama team to win the Gulf South Conference Championship in 1980.

In 1982, Stephen signed a free agent contract with the Denver Broncos. He now lives in Seattle Washington and has four daughters, Stephenie, Arryonna, Ella, and Gracie.

