



TEXAS TECH ATHLETICS DOUBLE T VARSITY CLUB

Official Newsletter of Texas Tech Athletics Letter Winner Association



SPRING 2020

A Season for Victory

2020 is off to an amazing start! Students are back and the semester is under way. We are only a month into the new year and have already welcomed back over one hundred letter winners between two reunions. This month, we look forward to continuing our momentum and hosting our former Red Raider Basketball players. The month of February means all spring sports will have officially kicked off by the middle of the month. It also means that **2020 Hall of Fame nominations are open!** Make sure you get your nomination submitted by Monday, March 2nd.

Nominate here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v1GKFyCL_0m2VVYkXVwXPLkuWq6ivTZBqrRdvFONFE1UQVFXOURB-MU1KOE9DNkJOE9ZU1hOUOdNUS4u

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/28 Men's Basketball Reunion

3/21 Softball Reunion

4/3 Spring Football Game

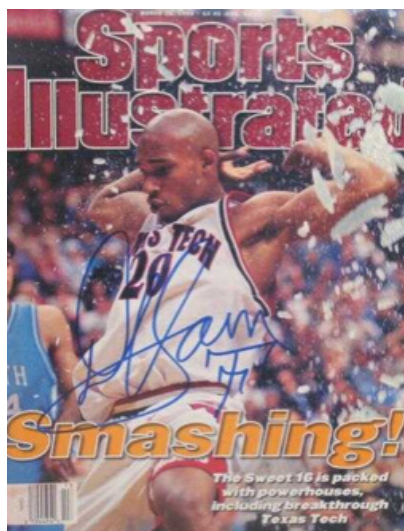
4/22 Inaugural Letter Jacket Ceremony for Fall Sports

DTVC X LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

It is not too late to get involved helping our current student athletes prepare for their futures!! With participation from our Letterwinners, student-athletes will be able to learn from someone who was once in their place that can help give them the tools and skills they need to be successful in the workforce.

LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://DOUBLETVARSITYCLUB.COM/LEADERSHIP-ACADEMY/](https://doubletvarsityclub.com/leadership-academy/)

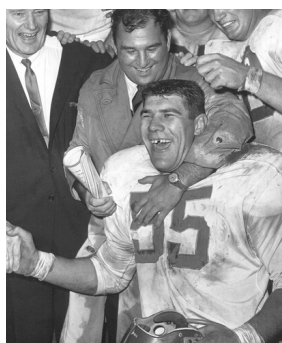


MOMENT IN HISTORY

During the 1996 NCAA Tournament against UNC, Darvin Ham gained national attention by shattering the backboard on a slam dunk and making the cover of Sports Illustrated. The dunk shifted the momentum of the game and helped the Red Raiders finish the game and advance to the second Sweet Sixteen in school history. In the same year, Ham went on to win the NCAA slam dunk contest.

<https://youtu.be/8jrmpQLGK4Y?t=4>

Congratulations to Patrick Mahomes on his Super Bowl victory and Super Bowl MVP title! Mahomes is the youngest youngest player to be named NFL MVP (2018) and win a Super Bowl in their career. Mahomes is also the youngest quarterback to be named Super Bowl MVP, a record previously held by Tom Brady. The first Chiefs Super Bowl Victory in 1970 also featured one of the greatest Red Raiders, EJ Holub. Congratulations, Pat!



Michael Crabtree, pictured here with current Red Raider QB, Alan Bowman, made his first trip back to Lubbock since being drafted in 2009. Crabtree attended the Red Raider's Big 12/SEC Challenge game vs. Kentucky on January 25th. Crabtree is not currently signed to an NFL team.



LETTER WINNER SPOTLIGHT DAN IRONS

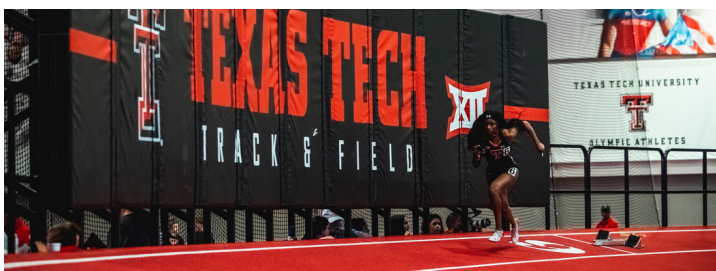
TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL 1975-1977

Dan Irons football career started in Lubbock, Texas at Monterey High School in 1970. After earning multiple accolades for his accomplishment as a high school athlete, Dan earned a scholarship to Texas Tech to play football under Coach Jim Carlen and later, Steve Sloan. As a 6'7" sophomore, Dan started on the offensive line that led the Southwest Conference in total yards. Dan also played a key part of the 1976 team that rose as high as No. 4 in the nation with a 10-1 record in the regular season. During his time as a student athlete, Dan was named All-American first-team as an offensive tackle in 1977, and two-time All-Southwest. He also helped his team earn a spot at the Bluebonnet Bowl and Tangerine Bowl, and secure invites to the Hula Bowl & Japan Bowl. After college, Dan was drafted in the 12th round of the NFL Draft to play for the San Francisco 49ers, knee problems ultimately prevented him from playing. He later became a member of the 1999 Texas Tech Athletic Hall of Fame class, joining his father Ed Irons and being the only father & son combo in the Texas Tech Hall of Fame. In 2015 he was inducted into the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. Dan has lived in Midland for the last 35 years and works as a sales rep for a school furniture company.



Martin Zeno, Jason Sasser, & Tony Battie were among some of the MBB Alumni that attended the Red Raider's Big 12/SEC Challenge game vs. Kentucky on January 25th. Dub Malaise, Brandon Francis, & Zach Thomas were also in the crowd. We are glad they made the trip to cheer on our Red Raiders!

VARSITY CLUB REUNION RECAP



DTVC X LADY RAIDER BASKETBALL - LADY RAIDER ALUMNI WEEKEND

On January 31st & February 1st, with the help of the Lady Raider Basketball staff, we hosted our former Lady Raider Basketball Letter Winners in Lubbock for a weekend of re-connection. We had roughly 40 Lady Raider alumnae and their families, join us and the Lady Raider Basketball staff in reconnecting & cheering on the Lady Raiders to a 30 point victory over OSU. Over the weekend, former Lady Raider's were able to get to know our current team, support staff, and coaching staff. Players, past and present, were able to share what it means to be a Lady Raider. We want to say THANK YOU to all who came and even those who could not attend. Thank you for paving the way for Lady Raider Basketball! Special thanks to Coach Marlene, Leslie Hartline, Tiffanie Coutts, Judy Henry, Vicky McKenzie & all of our Lady Raider's for helping us make this event a success!



2020 TRACK & FIELD REUNION - 3RD ANNUAL CORKY CLASSIC

On January 17th we kicked off the third annual Corky Classic with the 2020 Track & Field Reunion. We had over 50 letter winners join us over the course of the weekend. On Saturday, all former Track & Field athletes were recognized on the track by Coach Kittley before the running events.

NCAA Compliance 101

RECRUITING RULES TO REMEMBER FOR FORMER TEXAS TECH STUDENT-ATHLETES

Recruiting Basics

- A Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA) is a student who has started ninth grade and remains such until they attend classes or participate in official team practice at Texas Tech.
- All recruiting is done by designated Texas Tech head and assistant coaches.
- NCAA Rules preclude social media interactions, telephone and electronic communication and any interaction off TTU's campus.

Exception: A PSA's On-Campus Visit

- A former student-athlete MAY have on-campus contact with a PSA during the prospect's visit to campus.

After the Visit

- Additional contact with the PSA is not permitted.
- Once TexasTech.com officially announces the PSA's signing, you are permitted to have contact with the PSA. PSA's may not be provided with benefits at any time.



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