

## Columbia-Brazoria Athletic Booster Club Hall of Honor 2014 Induction

The 2014 induction will honor the 1969 Roughneck football team. This season marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1969 Roughneck team playing in the State Championship.

### Regular Season 10-0.

Palacios 33-0, Pearland 14-0, Bay City 21-13, Dickinson 41-0, Beaumont French 14-0, Wharton 24-14, Edna 40-7, Sweeny 8-6, Dulles 47-14, Angleton 12-7

### Playoffs

- LaPorte 43-12
- Tied Brenham 6-6, Columbia advanced on penetrations
- Belton 10-6

### State Championship

Lost to Brownwood 34-16.

### Coaches:

Head Coach – **JACK HAYS**

Varsity Assistants – CHARLIE BRAND (D), CHARLES FOREHAND (D)

JV – ED DERRICH, JIM BATSON

9<sup>th</sup> – WAYNE HAY, DON GIPSON

Jr High – GLYNN SCHMIDT, JAMES COUSER

### Student Managers:

LARRY WRIGHT (D),

**BILL URBAN**

BILL CARIKER

10 – TROY WILLIAMS (D)

**11 – MIKE ELLISOR (D)**

12 – DANNY DENSON

**14 – GENE HERNANDEZ**

**19 – DONALD BROWN**

21 – RALPH CALDWELL

**22 – STEVE LE BLANC**

23 – HERMAN FIELDS

24 – LEONARD TOLBERT

**31 – BUBBA AUTREY**

32 – GERALD DICKEY

**40 – CHARLES DAVIS**

41 – BILL BURKE (D)

**42 – ABE MC BETH (D) – represented by sister Carolyn Simple**  
44 – CHARLES JOHNSON  
50 – ROBERT BROOKS  
51 – DARRELL REED (D)  
**53 – LONNIE BENGE**  
60 – PAGE REYNOLDS (D)  
61 – VLADIMIR LISTAK  
**64 – JOE WEATHERS**  
65 – CARL RABICKOW (D)  
**66 – BRUCE GOTCHER**  
**67 – RANDY STANFORD**  
70 – JOHN DOBBS  
**71 – MARK KELLY**  
**72 – RUSTY BUSH**  
**73 – RANDY POWELL**  
74 – DANIEL FORTENBERRY  
75 – EDWIN DOMEL  
76 – JACKIE SANDERS  
**81 – MARK KIRKSEY**  
**82 – NATHAN MORGAN**  
83 – LEROY GREEN  
**84 – DONALD BOGY**  
**85 – WILLIE MYLES**  
**86 – NEAL ANDERSON (D)**

It's not easy trying to describe this fine football team of 1969 in a few lines or in a few minutes.

Their accomplishments were outstanding, being undefeated through 13 games—they were District, Bi-District, Quarterfinals and Semi-Final champions, meeting Brownwood in the State finals at Baylor's stadium in Waco.

Their team and individual abilities were fine defense, a strong rushing offense and being able to win the tough, close games such as Bay City by 8 points, Wharton by 10 points, Sweeny by 2 points, Angleton by 5 points, Brenham by 4-3 penetrations and at Kyle Field, in the Semi-Finals game, defeated Belton by 4 points in front of 10,000 fans.

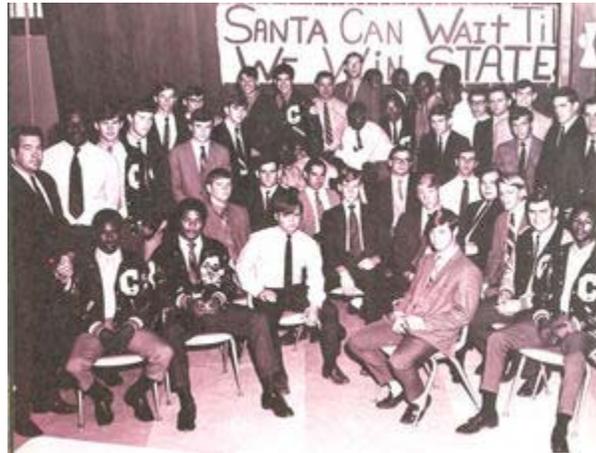
The team of 1968, led by Coach Bonner and his staff, gave this team a good incentive and they worked long and hard to show their team and individual efforts and as a result, they received super support from our communities, student body, administration and faculty.

As is present today, this support still exists and we hope it continues.

We thank the Honors' Committee for selecting this outstanding 1969 team for this high honor and feel Coach Brand and Coach Forehand are looking down and enjoying this event very much. Thank you all again.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Hays". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.

# Almost champs of 1969 honored, share Roughneck memories



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Members of the 1969 Roughneck football team, which went to the state championship game, are inducted into the Columbia Hall of Honor during halftime of Friday night's game at Griggs Field.



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**WEST COLUMBIA** — Memories flowed as members of Columbia's 1969 state finals football team gathered together Friday to reminisce about that almost championship season.

Members of the team were honored with a reception before they were inducted into the Columbia-Brazoria Athletic Booster Club Hall of Honor during ceremonies at halftime of the Roughnecks' game against Stafford.

"This is one of the greatest things we could do is get together and reminisce a little bit," team member Donald Brown said.

The 'Necks were unbeaten through 13 games that season before losing to Brownwood, 34-16, in the state finals that year.

"I'm very excited about seeing all these ex-players," defensive and offensive lineman Randy Powell said. "They did a phenomenal job to say the least."

The camaraderie among the players from that season is what Powell remembered most.

"It just brought us so close together," he said. "The whole town was united in the effort to win state."

Perhaps the most memorable game on their run to the state finals was the quarterfinal matchup against Brenham.

The game ended in a 6-6 tie, but Columbia advanced by virtue of a 4-3 advantage in penetrations inside the Brenham 20.

Offensive guard Vladimir Listak said the field conditions at Tully Stadium in Houston, where the game was played, were terrible. It had rained and made the field sloppy.

"They had put down Christmas tree needles on the field to make like grass," Listak said. "That was the toughest game we had that season."

The big star for Brenham that season was running back Roosevelt Leaks, who went on to become an All-American at the University of Texas.

Powell said they held Leaks to 29 yards in the contest.

After beating Brenham, the Roughnecks went on to beat Belton, 10-6, in the state semifinals to get a spot in the state championship game.

"The most memorable game for me was in the state semifinals," Brown said. "I remember I got hit so hard, I think I'm still feeling it."

Steve LeBlanc said there were a lot of tough games that season.

“We made the most of the opportunities we had,” LeBlanc said. “I wish we could have made it through all the way and won the state championship. We were fortunate to win the games we did. We were able to get breaks at the right time.”

Getting a chance to see old teammates again after 45 years perhaps was even better than being recognized for what they did that season.

“I like seeing these guys again,” running back Charlie Davis said. “They are all great.”