

## **WILLIE EUGENE GOLDSMITH, SR. - BIOGRAPHY**

Born: September 16,1941, Miami, Florida

High School: Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach, Florida 1960

College: Arkansas A.M. & N College (presently known as University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff) Bachelor's in Health, Physical Education and Recreation 1964

Barry University Master's Degree in Sports Management ... 2001

Barry University – Educational Leadership Specialist Degree Institution 2004

Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida presently pursuing a Doctoral Degree in higher Education

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Football - four-year starter for Roosevelt High School Maroon Devils 1956-1960.
- 1959-1960 Captain of the Football Team.
- First Team All-District & All State Quarterback 1959.
- First Team All-District at Wide Receiver 1960.
- 1960 Named All Conference and All-State as a wide receiver.
- Considered one of the most versatile and talented All-Around Football Players in the history of Florida football: Quarterback, Wide Receiver, Defensive Back, Punter and Punt returner, Kick Off & Kick returner.
- Basketball – three-year starter at Point Guard Roosevelt High School Maroon Devils 1957-1960.
- 1959-1960 Member of the District Championship team
- 1960 Member of the State Championship team

### **COLLEGE**

- Played quarterback and defensive back, defensive back 1960 - 1964.
- 1960-1961 Vice President of Freshmen Dormitory & Freshmen Personality
- 1962 Football First Team Academic All American
- 1962 Kicked 44-yard Field Goal, which was the fourth longest in the nation.
- 1963 First coaching job was as head coach of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Intramural Basketball Championship Team.
- 1961-64 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity & Pan-Hellenic Council- Parliamentarian
- Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities 1964

## PROFESSIONAL

He was a basketball official for many years. He coached football, basketball and track at the Age Group, Junior High school, and High School levels for forty-four years. He won championships in football, basketball, and track & field. He had to struggle to get his first head coaching job. After being bypassed for several head coaching jobs and after three lawsuits over 13 years, he finally fulfilled his dream of being a head football coach of a high school team.

- 1968 -1973 Head Football/Track/Basketball at Hayes Jr. High School
- 1973 won Albuquerque Junior High School Basketball City Championship (Hayes Jr. High)
- 1977 First black head football coach in Albuquerque, NM history (Valley High School) 1978 - 1982 ...
- 1978 First head coach to represent Albuquerque in a game in another country (Chihuahua, Mexico). The Mayor of Chihuahua presented Willie with an Honorary Key to the City during halftime.
- In 1980 the football team had their first winning season in 15 years.
- 1981 Won District Track and Field Championship (Valley High School) \*
- 1989 – 1996 Head Football Coach Miami Northwestern High School, Miami, Florida.
- 1995 First black head coach of a team to win a 6-A Florida High School State Football Championship, leading the Miami Northwestern High School “Bulls”.
- Coached ten high school All-Americans.
- Won 5 District 19 Championships
- Won five Regional Championships – 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996.
- Served on the coaching staff for the 1994 Florida Vs. Georgia High School All-Star game. Georgia featured Kirby Smart (Head Football Coach University of Georgia of 2020/2021 NCAA National Champions) and Hines Ward (All Pro and Super Bowl Champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers)
- Served on the coaching staff for the 1994 Florida Vs. California All-Star Game. The game featured: Devin Hester (All Pro punt and kick returner Chicago Bears) Santonio Holmes (MVP 2006 Super Bowl – Pittsburgh Steelers) and Elvis Dummerville – (All-Pro Linebacker Baltimore Ravens)
- Featured Guest Speaker:
  - 1996 University of Miami
  - 1996 University of Florida
  - 1996 Florida State Univ
  - 1996 Nike Sports Convention Clinic
  - 1996 Miami Dade Correctional Center
- Head Coach for Nike Sponsored – Miami Dade vs Ft. Lauderdale (Broward) All Star Game
- 1996 Head Coach for Florida North All Star Team (North vs South)

- Many of his players went on to play in the NFL
  - o Marvin Jones – Middle Linebacker – Butkus Award Winner (FSU) / Detroit Lions & New York Jets
  - o Marvin “Snoop” Minnis – Wide Receiver – Kansas City Chiefs
  - o Nate Webster – Linebacker – Cincinnati Bengals & Tampa Bay Bucs
  - o Santonio Holmes, MVP 2006 Super Bowl – Pittsburgh Steelers
  - o Torrie Cox – Defensive back – Tampa Bay Bucs
  - o Vernon Cary – Offensive Lineman – Miami Dolphins
  - o Gary Harrell – Wide Receiver, New York Giants / Asst. Football Coach Univ. of Colorado
  - o Olrick Johnson – Linebacker, New York Jets & New England Patriots
  - o William Bell – Running back – Washington Redskins
  - o Vernand Morency – Running back – Green Bay Packers

## **HONORS**

- 1977 Recipients of the “Service to Mankind Award” by the Sertoma Club of Albuquerque for unselfish devotion to the service of others.
- 1996 Honored by the National Football League as one of the top five best high school coaches in the United States.
- 1996 Miami Dade County All-Sports Coach of the Year
- 1996 Jack Harding Hall of Fame National Football League “Coach of the Year” presented by Miami Dolphin great, Bob Griese.
- 1996 Commendation by City of Miami, Florida for winning the state football title.
- 2012 Inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame. Members include Hank Aaron and Burt Reynolds.
- 2012 Awarded the “Certificate of Support” by the United States Olympic Committee for his support of the 2012 Road to London and Team USA.
- 2014 Inducted into the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff Sports Hall of Fame (Football).
- Founder of the Roosevelt High School Sports Hall of Fame (West Palm Beach Florida)
- Awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Paralyzed Veterans of America for his support of Americas’ paralyzed veterans.
- Featured Articles in Jet magazine (1973) Ebony magazine (1974) and Sports Illustrated (1973/1991).

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 1966 One of the eight founders of the Albuquerque Young American Football League (YAFL). There were eight teams in two divisions. Willie coached one of the four heavyweight teams.
- 1975-1977 Founded the Supremes AAU Track and Field Team.
- Coached the Supremes 9-Under, 10-11 and 12-13 divisions to undefeated seasons three straight years. This group of young men were the most dominating team in the history of New Mexico AAU Track and Field – Boys or Girls.
- 1977 Supremes sponsored the first and only Boys AAU Track and Field National Championships ever held in the State of New Mexico.
- 1977 Coached the Mighty Supremes Boys Track and Field team to Albuquerque's only AAU Boys or Girls National Championship.
- Mentored 150 young men to serve as Role Models to youth.
- Special Olympics two years.

## **FAMILY**

- Doris, wife married in 1986-Present.
- Children:
  - Dwayne – Retired, City of West Palm Beach, Florida
  - Guinevere – Teacher/Ex Parole & Corrections Officer – Ocala, FL, Albuquerque, NM, Atlanta, GA.
  - Daphne – Journalist, Riviera Beach, Florida,
  - Willie, Jr – Owner Goldsmith Graphic Designs / President Agape Christian Enterprises.
  - Fred – Manager of Diligent Delivery Systems, Atlanta, Georgia
  - Danny – Personnel Bodyguard of Gladys Knight
  - Dino – Butcher – Publix Supermarket West Palm Beach, Florida
  - Ronald – Retired from Cincinnati. Correctional Ctr, Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Angel – Retired Veteran, Fruitland, Florida, Las Vegas Nevada
  - Brett – Deceased