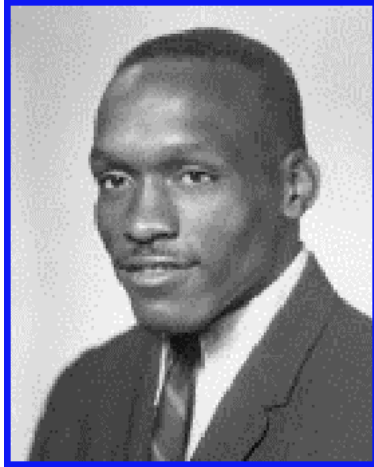


Eppie L. Barney Jr.

Sports



Eppie Barney graduated from Collinwood High School in June 1962. He was a star athlete in basketball, football and track. He regularly set school records in track events as he was an exceptionally gifted runner. His crowning achievement was in 1962 when he, Mike Cavotta, and Theo Morrow captured the State title in track. Following graduation, Eppie received a scholarship to Iowa State University, located in Ames, Iowa. At 6'2" and weighing 203 pounds his coach said he had the size and great natural athletic ability for track and football. In 1965, he caught 35 passes for 495 yards good enough to lead the league in receiving while earning first team all-Big-Eight accolades. He did even better in 1966 when he broke Iowa State school records and Big-Eight receiving records. He had 56 receptions and tallied 782 yards to earn first team all-Big-Eight and second team All-America honors. In total, Eppie had 97 receptions at ISU that ranks 10th highest at that school. Barney participated in the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl games before getting selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Eppie played for the Cleveland Browns as a flanker from 1966 to 1968. He played on teams that included Frank Ryan, Paul Warfield, Leroy Kelly, Gene Hickerson, and Jim Houston. He caught 18 passes for 189 yards and scored one touchdown in 1968.

Eppie was inducted into the Iowa State University Hall of Fame in 2010.