

## **2023-2024 Elida Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

### **Kelly Edwards**

1977 graduate, Kelly Edwards, earned nine varsity letters during his years with the Bulldogs. He earned three in football, two in basketball, and four with track. During Kelly's senior year, he earned All-WBL as a kicking specialist.

Track was the sport in which Kelly really excelled. He was an excellent hurdler and made two state appearances as well as setting several Western Buckeye League and Elida all-time records. He competed in the low hurdles, high hurdles, and pole vault.

Kelly held the WBL and Elida records for the 120 yard high hurdles with a time of 14.2 seconds. He also held the WBL and Elida records for the 180 yard low hurdles with a time of 19.9 seconds. In 1976 he broke the school record for most points scored in a season with a total of 207 points. During Kelly's senior year in 1977, he broke his own record by scoring 265 points in a season.

He was a Class AA state competitor during his junior and senior year in the high hurdles. Kelly finished sixth in 1976 and third in 1977. He also competed one time at the state level in the low hurdles.

Edwards was a two-time Western Buckeye League, sectional, and district champion in the high hurdles. He was unbeaten until the state finals during his senior season. He was named All-Western Buckeye League and All-Ohio during 1976 and 1977. He was also named Lima-land Area Chamber of Commerce Track Athlete of the Year his senior year.

Kelly currently lives in Cridersville with his wife Patty. He is retired from the Carpenter's Union, where he spent his last eight years of employment at T&D Interiors.

## **Cindy Baker**

Cindy Baker is a 1990 graduate of Elida. Cindy played softball and basketball in high school, but her true passion was basketball. Sue Skinner, former Elida assistant coach, had this to say, "Cindy was a very important part in the building of the very successful Lady Dawgs basketball program."

Listed below are some of the team accomplishments achieved during Cindy's career at Elida:

- three-year overall team record 56-19 (Sophomore 11-11, Junior 21-5, Senior 24-3)
- three-year WBL record 22-5
- WBL championship 1990
- sectional championships 1989, 1990
- district championships 1989, 1990
- regional runner-up 1989
- regional championship 1990
- state runner-up 1990

During Cindy's three-year varsity career, she scored 1,287 points. She is still the third highest for career points. She is also third for career rebounds with 703. Cindy holds the record for most points scored in one game. She scored 41 points against Bath her senior season which is also when she earned her 1,000th career point.

Cindy earned many honors during her time at Elida. She was named first team All-WBL in 1989 and 1990. In 1990, she was named Western Buckeye League Player of the Year, first team All-City, first team District 8, first team AP Northwest, second team AP All-State, State All-Tournament Team, and Ohio Division II Player of the Year. Cindy was invited to play in the District 8 All-Star game and the North/South All-Star game.

Cindy received a full basketball scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. She transferred to Defiance College for her junior year. While at Defiance, Cindy led the Lady Yellow Jackets to the NCAA Division III Elite Eight in 1994 with a 25-3 record. Her team advanced the second round of the tournament in 1995, going 23-5. Cindy earned the AMC Player of the Year in both seasons. Cindy is in the

Defiance College record books for the following career stats: third in points per game, fifth in rebounding, and fourth in field goal percentage.

Cindy graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1995 and earned a Master of Business in Technology Management (2010). Cindy has enjoyed a career in software technology for over 20 years and is currently a Senior IT Project Manager for a collision and estimating software company.

## **Quentin Poling**

Quentin Poling graduated from Elida in 2013. Quentin was a four-year varsity athlete in football and track and earned a varsity letter during the one year that he wrestled. He also participated on the freshman basketball team. Q earned many outstanding accomplishments and records during his years of competing for the Bulldogs.

### **Football Accomplishments:**

- 200 tackles during 2011 season, school record
- 509 career tackles, school record
- 8 forced fumbles during 2011 season, school record
- 12 career forced fumbles, school record
- 20 career sacks
- 9 career interceptions
- 2013 class had most wins in school history over four-year span
- three state playoff appearances
- one regional championship 2011
- one state final four 2011
- 320 rushing yards allowed by the defense for a season in 2012, school record
- three-time All-WBL award winner: 2010 honorable mention, 2011 first team linebacker, 2012 first team linebacker
- WBL Linebacker of the Year 2012
- Lima News Dream Team 2010 & 2011

- Lima News Dream Team Defensive Player of the Year 2012
- All-Northwest District first team linebacker 2011 & 2012
- Northwest District Defensive Player of the Year 2012
- All-Ohio first team defense 2011 & 2012
- WLIO Athlete of the Week and Lima News Scholar Athlete in 2012
- North/South Ohio All-Star Game

#### Wrestling Accomplishments:

- 2010-2011, sixth place All-District

#### Track Accomplishments:

- WBL third place 400 meter dash 2011
- WBL champion in discus 2012
- WBL third place shot put 2012
- WBL second place 4x400 meter relay 2012
- District champion 4x200 meter relay 2012
- WBL champion in shot put 2013
- WBL second place in 300 meter hurdles 2013
- WBL second place in discus 2013
- WBL third place in 200 meter dash 2013
- District champion 300 meter hurdles 2013
- District champions 4x400 meter relay and broke the school record with a time of 3:21.04 in 2013
- OHSAA state meet eighth place in the 4x400 meter relay 2013

After graduating from Elida, Quentin attended Ohio University where he continued his football career while working on his degree in Exercise Physiology. Q excelled at the collegiate level. He is the all-time leader in solo tackles with a total of 219 and 45 tackles for a loss. In 2015 he earned third team All-MAC. In 2016 and 2017, he earned first team All-MAC. In 2014 and 2016, he was named Defensive Player of the Week twice for the MAC. In 2015, he was named Defensive Player of the Week three times. In 2014, Quentin also earned CFPA National Defensive Performer of the Week, National Linebacker of the Week, and Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week. He was also a four-time Academic All-MAC performer. His team competed in four different bowl games

while he was playing at OU: 2013 Beef O' Brady's Bowl, 2015 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, 2016 Dollar General Bowl, and 2017 Bahamas Bowl.

Poling continued his career at the top level as a seventh-round draft pick for the Miami Dolphins in 2018. In 2019 he went to the Oakland Raiders and then Atlanta Falcons. In 2020, Quentin spent time with the Las Vegas Raiders and the Minnesota Vikings. In 2021, he was with the New Orleans Saints. In 2022 and 2023, he played in the USFL with the Birmingham Stallions, winning two USFL Championships.

Quentin is currently studying at Marietta College to receive his Master's degree and become a physician's assistant.

