Ronnie Baynes

Early Life-

- 1. Born and raised in Talladega. Graduated from Talladega High school.
- 2. 4 sport letterman.
- 3. Turned down pro baseball offer to sign football scholarship to Auburn.

Auburn –

- 1. Played 4 years of football. 1 year Freshman ball. 3 year letterman on varsity. All SEC 2nd team defensive end.
- 2. Played 2 years as starter on baseball team that won SEC East championship.
- 3. Played and started as freshman on freshman basketball team.
- 4. Played in 1965 Blue-Gray game.
- 5. Signed a pro football contract after Auburn with Dallas cowboys. Knee injury ended career and began coaching in high school.

Coaching

- 1. Coached 35 years at Various high schools in Alabama.
- 2. Blessed to have coached 5 State baseball championships teams in HS.
- 3. Last two years of coaching was at Central Alabama Community College. Last year in 2001 team won the State Junior college championship, Southeastern region, and then finished 3rd in the JUCO College World Series in Grand Junction Colorado.

Officiating

- 1. Began officiating high school football in 1971 as a sideline to coaching.
- 2. Accepted into the SEC where officiated for the next 13 years.
- 3. Worked 7 bowl games including college national championship between Oklahoma and Washington in the Orange Bowl.
- 4. Accepted into NFL in 1987. Officiated on the field for 14 years. Worked 2 Super Bowls, the Pro Bowl, 5 NFC-AFC championships, and 11 playoff games.
- 5. In 2001 gave up coaching and on the field officiating to go to NYC and accept a position as Supervisor of NFL officials. Held that position until my

- sons came into the NFL. Accepted the position as Director of Scouting, Recruiting and Training of potential officials. Held that position until retirement in 2015.
- 6. Currently work for the SEC and CUSA as trainer and evaluator of their officials.

Awards, Honors

- 1. Selected to Alabama Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame
- 2. Selected to Alabama High School Coaches Hall of Fame
- 3. Selected to Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
- 4. Awarded the Art McNally award given by the NFL to the official that has contributed to officiating in a positive manner on and off the field.