



# THE GOALPOST



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### Shrine Bowl Teams Return to 44 Players

Ronnie Blount, Chairman of the Shrine Bowl Board of Governors recently announced that the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas will revert back to 44 player teams. This means there will be a total of 8 more players, 4 from North Carolina and 4 from South Carolina, in the 2014 game.

Blount said, “The Shrine Bowl of the Carolina’s decided to give more schools and players the opportunity to participate in this all-star event.”

The Shrine Bowl Head Coaches will present their selections of the 2014 squads to the Shrine Bowl Athletic Director on October 6th.

The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas is an all-star football game played between North and South Carolina high school seniors. The game has been played every year since 1937 to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 medical facilities across North America

that are committed to providing the best pediatric orthopedic, burn, spinal cord injury, cleft lip and palate care to children.



Ronnie Blount  
Chairman, Board of Gov-  
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#### Important Dates:

- September 18** – Shrine Bowl Board of Governors Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC
- October 6** - Head Coaches Announce 2014 Selected Players
- October 11**— Shrine Bowl Golf Tournament in Wagner, North Carolina
- November 22** - Game Committee Meeting in Rock Hill, SC
- December 13-20**— Game Week in Spartanburg, SC
- December 19** — Shrine Bowl Board of Governors Meeting, Spartanburg, SC
- December 20** – 78th Shrine Bowl Game in Spartanburg, SC
- February 28** - Annual Meeting and Board of Governors Election in Dunn, NC

## Coaches' Blazer Presentations



Shrine Bowl Vice-President Brack Wilson and members of Sudan Shrine present a Shrine Bowl Coach's blazer to Coach Barry Honeycutt at Corinth-Holders high School.

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Saturday, October 11, 2014

# Shrine Bowl Golf Tournament



Deercroft Golf Club  
30000 Deercroft Dr.  
Wagram, NC 28396

Saturday  
October 11, 2014

Cost: \$60 per player  
Registration: 12pm  
100 Golfers - 25  
Teams

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), dinner, door prizes, and gift pack.  
All for just \$60 / player

- Putting challenge on the practice green
- Mens/Womens longest drive contests
- And the \$10,000 for Hole-in-One

Tel: 910-624-7113  
Jocelyn Blount



This year's event will be held **Saturday, October 11th** at the well-manicured Deercroft Golf Club. Captains choice format.

Registration begins at 12 pm, with tee-off at 1 pm.

Dinner to follow at the club.

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by contacting Jocelyn Blount 910-624-7113 [shrinebowlgolf@gmail.com](mailto:shrinebowlgolf@gmail.com)

*Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.*



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for Children**



## Legendary Shrine Bowl Alumni



**William Anthony Perry** (born December 16, 1962) is a former American professional football player who was a defensive lineman in the National Football League (NFL) for ten seasons during the 1980s and 1990s. Perry played college football for Clemson University, and was recognized as an All-American. He was selected in the first round of the 1985 NFL Draft, and played professionally for the Chicago Bears and Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL. In reference to his large size, he was popularly known as "**The Refrigerator**" or, abbreviated, "**The Fridge**". He played on the South Carolina Shrine Bowl Team in 1980.

Perry was born in Aiken, South Carolina. He has stated in an interview that "Even when I was little, I was big"; by the time he was 11 years old, he weighed 200 pounds. Frequently ridiculed for his weight while growing up, Perry took advantage of his athleticism to silence his critics. He attended Aiken High School and played as a 295-pound nose guard on the school's football team. During an exercise in which his coach instructed all of his fastest players to line up for a 100-yard dash, Perry joined the group of running backs, wide receivers and defensive backs and eventually was timed as the 6th fastest runner on the entire team. He could also execute 360-degree dunks on regulation basketball hoops and perform complicated dives into the swimming pool.

Perry's athletic performances earned him a full-ride scholarship to attend Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, where he played for coach Danny Ford's Clemson Tigers football team from 1981 to 1984. He was a member of a national championship team in 1981, and was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American as a junior in 1983. As a freshman in 1981, he earned his "refrigerator" nickname when a fellow player could barely squeeze into an elevator with Perry and their laundry which they were taking to be washed. The player, Ray Brown, said "Man, you're about as big as a refrigerator."<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1985, he was selected in the first round of the 1985 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears; he had been hand-picked by coach Mike Ditka, however defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, who had a highly acrimonious relationship with Ditka, called Perry a "wasted draft-pick". Perry soon became a pawn in the political power struggle between Ditka and Ryan.

Perry's "Refrigerator" nickname followed him into the NFL and he quickly became a favorite of the Chicago Bears fans. While Ryan refused to play Perry, Ditka decided to use Perry as a fullback when the team was near the opponents' goal line or in fourth and short situations, either as a ball carrier or a lead blocker for star running back Walter Payton. Ditka stated the inspiration for using Perry as a fullback came to him during five-yard sprint exercises. During his rookie season, Perry rushed for two touchdowns and caught a pass for one. Perry even had the opportunity to run the ball during Super Bowl XX, as a nod to his popularity and contributions to the team's success. The first time he got the ball, he was tackled for a one-yard loss while attempting to throw his first NFL pass on a halfback option play. The second time he got the ball, he scored a touchdown. About halfway through his rookie season, Ryan finally began to play Perry, who soon proved that he was a capable defensive

## Legendary Alumni (continued)

lineman.

His Super Bowl ring size is the largest of any professional football player in the history of the event. His ring size is 25, while the ring size for the average adult male is between 10 and 12.

Perry went on to play for ten years in the NFL, retiring after the 1994 season. In his ten years as a pro, he regularly struggled with his weight, which hampered his performance at times. He played in 138 games, recording 29.5 sacks and five fumble recoveries, which he returned for a total of 71 yards. In his offensive career he ran five yards for two touchdowns, and had one reception for another touchdown. Perry later attempted a comeback, playing an unremarkable 1996 season with the London Monarchs of the World League of American Football (later NFL Europa).

## Shrine Bowl Coach Blazer Presentation



Shrine Bowl Secretary Emeritus John Davidson, Jr., members of Avery County Shrine Club and Jamil Shrine present the Shrine Bowl Coach's Blazer to Coach Darrell Brewer of Avery County Shrine Club.

## Article From NC Student Correspondent



Noah Thomas

The 78<sup>th</sup> Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas is fast approaching. In fact, before we all know it the next five months will fly by and the busy, fun-filled week in Spartanburg, South Carolina will be upon us. Obviously, there's still a ways to go before then—mainly the roster selection for both states' football teams.

But what happens once everything is in place and it is time for the fun to begin on December 13<sup>th</sup>? How can two teams filled with forty-four rambunctious football players and their coaches keep on a tight, seven-day schedule? To answer my question, I had a chat with North Carolina's Team Escort Chairman Mike Stanford.

Stanford, a native to the Charlotte area and twenty-two year member of the Oasis Shriners of Charlotte, comes from a long family line of Shriners. Stanford has been the NC Team Escort Chairman for the Shrine Bowl Committee since 2004 when the game moved from Charlotte to Spartanburg. Recruited by former chairman Jim Black in the early 1990s, Stanford was recommended for the position by Black when the latter retired years ago.

He leads a team of Shrine Bowl volunteers dedicated to keeping the players, coaches, and other volunteers on track with an air-tight schedule that includes all Shrine Bowl-related activities. "We're like the coaches that don't do any football coaching," he joked. Some of the many responsibilities the team escort team is tasked with include the upkeep of players during game week so that the coaches can focus on their jobs—coaching. "You could compare us to the players' mothers throughout the week," Stanford continued, "we're there to keep everyone on track; to make sure everyone is in the right place at the appropriate time and not the other way around."

I asked Stanford what he looks forward to most during game week, "The camaraderie," he replied, "It's fun to catch up with friends you don't see the rest of the years and to meet players from both states, but the biggest joy is having a week of fun." Stanford also spoke highly of the Adopt-a-Player program in place during game week. The program allows local families to sponsor players during their time in Spartanburg. "I'm ready for a busy week."

## Game DVDs and Photos are Available

DVD's of the ESPN broadcast of the 2013 Shrine Bowl Games are available for sale. To order; send a check for \$15.00, made payable to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and send to 377 Rubin Center Dr. Suite 106, Ft. Mill, SC 29708. Game Programs are also available—\$5.00. There are also a limited number of pre-2013 game videos available. Call or email the office for information.

The player portraits and game photos are also available by contacting Carolina Sports, Inc. at sports-banner.com or 800-951-3686, ext. 4

## Looking for Old Game Programs

The Shrine Bowl Office is looking for old game programs to add to our collection of game memorabilia. If any one has any programs from the games listed below and would like to donate them to the office, it would be appreciated. Just mail them to the Shrine Bowl Office, 377 Ruben Center Drive Suite 106, Fort, Mill. SC 29708.

Looking for game programs from 1937 to 1955 and from 1957, 1961, 1962, 1966, 1986 and 2012.

The staff for the Shrine Bowl Thanks you in advance!



**Were you or a friend  
a former player,  
coach, student as-  
sistant or official in  
a Shrine Bowl?**

**Why Not Join us!**



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for more information.

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## Shrine Hospital Information

Patient Stories

### Giving Hope and Healing to those We Care For *Unlimited Aspirations*

Since 1922, the Shriners fraternity has supported Shriners Hospitals for Children, and given hope and healing to more than 1 million children. These children amaze us every day with their courage and resiliency. We are proud to celebrate in their successes.

#### PATIENT TAKES FIRST STEPS WITH HELP OF CUSTOM PROSTHETIC

As new parents of infant daughter Kynnli, the Ellis family envisioned the day their daughter would take her first steps. That dream, however, would be difficult to achieve. Kynnli had fibular hemimelia, a condition that resulted in a missing fibula, a shortened tibia and underdeveloped foot on her right leg. Following the suggestion



Working with her physical therapist, Vicki Su, Kynnli is making great progress learning to walk.

of a friend, who is also a Shriner, the family promptly sought a consultation with Shriners Hospitals for Children — Shreveport. After that meeting, Kynnli, at 7 months of age, underwent surgery to prepare her leg for a prosthetic device.

In the months after Kynnli's surgery, the Ellis family worked closely with the medical staff and prosthetists at the Shreveport Shriners Hospital, who monitored Kynnli's recovery and began making

preparations to fit her with her first prosthetic device. After several sessions to customize her prosthetic, the Ellis family returned to Shreveport for Kynnli's fitting and intensive physical therapy.

With her parents and hospital staff standing by, Kynnli took her first independent steps at 13 months of age, aided only by her walker and the encouragement of onlookers. This milestone came after uncertainty, struggle and determination, as well as tremendous effort from Kynnli, and will always be treasured by her family.

#### ASPIRING WITHOUT LIMITATIONS

Twenty-year-old Megan Webb became a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington in 1993 when she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a neuromuscular condition affecting her gross motor skills. Now a junior at Georgetown University, Megan hopes to use her education and personal experiences to advocate for social equality for people with disabilities.

During her school years, Megan felt she was not allowed to participate in activities due to her disability. "I felt pushed away and not capable of doing what others did even though I knew I could," said Megan. In 2006, she received a letter from the National American Miss organization, a program developed to empower girls. "In this competition you are judged on your



inner beauty, interviewing skills and the ability to introduce yourself in front of an audience. I knew I could do this."

Three years later, Megan was crowned National American Miss Kentucky Junior Teen and realized this was the perfect opportunity to help change the perception of a person with a disability. "I am not disabled; I am completely able in a different way," said Megan. "I want those who face challenges to pursue their dreams because your limitations should never get in the way of your aspirations. I never forget what Shriners Hospital has helped me accomplish!"