

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Mozell E. Ellerbe

Class of 1936

MOZELL E. ELLERBE - athletic achievements began at the W. E. Harris High School, Hasting, Florida, where for three successive years he made All-State in football and basketball. From Hasting he entered Florida A & M University, where he lettered in football, basketball and track.

In 1936, Ellerbe transferred from Florida A & M University to Tuskegee Institute. The first year he was not able to play football but was on the track team. In 1937 he won the 100 yard dash in the Tuskegee Relays. In 1938, he really came into his own--starring on the football field and excelling throughout the country in track.

In the 1938 Tuskegee Relays he won the 100 yard and 200 yard dash. He also anchored the 440 and 880 relays. His record in the 100 yard dash of 9.5 seconds stood for 24 years. This same year he won the 100 and 200 events in the Prairie View National Collegiate Championship, and was selected to tour Europe on the U. S. Track Team. In 1939, "Mule" won the 100 and 200 events in the Tuskegee Relays, Prairie View Relays, National Collegiate Championship, Kansas Relays, National Indoor Championship. In 1940, another illustrious season was completed, and he was selected for the All-American Track Team.

His other activities include professional football and coach of the 92nd Division Track Team.

For 32 years Ellerbe worked as a recreational specialist general in Veteran Administration services. Ellerbe assisted in Geriatrics where he developed many simple games to meet the patient's needs. He was elected to the National Helm Hall of Fame in 1955.