

Scott Chisholm

Scott Chisholm, #65 on the 1963, 1964 and 1965 Vero Beach High School football teams mastered the positions of defensive tackle and nose guard and dominated his area of play while on the field. He was All-State in his sophomore, junior and senior years.

His superior play for Vero led to a full scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi where he again played defensive tackle and nose guard and received an education, which would serve him well as he served his friends and neighbors in Vero Beach.

Upon returning to Vero Beach Scott served as the Assistant Director of Recreation for the City of Vero Beach and among his many sports related activities he helped to get soccer established in the City.

In 1974, Scott bought Fairlanes Sporting Goods which became the now iconic Scott's Sporting Goods store. Scott's became one of the centers of athletic activity in Indian River County as thousands of young men and women passed through the store and were helped in many ways to develop their own athletic skills.

Also in 1974, when Coach Billy Wilson was trying to get youth baseball established in Gifford. Scott gave the Coach all the equipment needed for the teams. Later he again worked with Coach Wilson to help get youth football established.

Scott did not limit his activity to Indian River County. He generously gave of his time and expertise helping to establish and improve sports programs in communities to our north and south.

Scott served on the original County Recreation Board where he was regularly elected to be Chairman by his fellow board members.

At the core of Scott's service to our Community is an appreciation for the education he received in Vero and the ability to play on the Vero football squad, which led to his scholarship and the education he received at Southern Miss. Because of this he has always wanted to give back to the community. And he has. He has helped thousands of children realize their athletic dreams with advice in the store, advice on the field and by sponsoring 100's of teams in almost all leagues in the County becoming the go to person for whatever team could get no other sponsor. Long after his two daughters grew up, Scott continued to help budding athletes, assistance he still provides for the youth of Indian River County.



William H. "Chicken Shack" Wilson, Jr.

William "Chicken Shack" Wilson, Jr. is a native of Tallahassee, Florida. He graduated from Lincoln High School (1957). Earned both his bachelor's (1961) and master's (1967) degrees from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. He accepted a position as physical education teacher and assistance football coach at Carter Parramore High School in Quincy, Florida, in 1962. During his tenure at Carter Parramore High, he organized the school's first track and field team and was appointed the Head track coach.

In 1969 he was recruited and relocated to Vero Beach, Florida and served as Head football coach, and assistant basketball coach at Gifford High School, while at Gifford High School, he once again organized a track and field team and was the team's first head coach.

"Coach" Wilson", as he is affectionately called by hundreds of former students, athletics and peers, was reassigned to Vero Beach High School in 1969 and there he served as the Chairman of the Physical Education Department, Assistant Football Coach, Head track and field coach and Driver Education teacher, he continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1997. After retiring from teaching he continued his coaching career at Sebastian River High School as an assistant football and track coach and fully retired in 2013.

Coach Wilson is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. He was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1992. Received fifteen (15) Track and Field Coach of the Year awards. Thirteen (13) Track Conference Championships. Twenty-Two (22) District Track Championships. Seven (7) Regional Championships. Two (2) Track State Championships, he was inducted in

the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame (1984), the USA –Florida Track Hall of Fame (1994), the FACA Hall of Fame (1995), and the FHSAA Hall of Fame (2001). Sebastian River High Bill Wilson Invitational Track meet and the Vero Beach High School track were both named in his honor. He received The Jimmy Carnes Lifetime Achievement Award (2011).

He organized and developed the Indian River County Elementary annual track meet which attracts over a thousand participants each year. Coach Wilson was responsible for providing over 100 student athletes the opportunity to attend a college or university on athletic and academic scholarships.

He has traveled extensively throughout the United States including Hawaii and Alaska as well as, Spain, Italy, Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Porto Rico, Jamaica, and Mexico.

Coach Wilson is married to the former Kathryn Armstrong. He is the father of one son, William H. Wilson, III the Assistant Principal Sebastian River High School and one daughter, Yolanda L. Lucas, physical education teacher Osceola Magnet school, Vero Beach and three grandchildren, William IV, graduate of University of North Florida, Wesley, Senior at University of North Florida and Brandi sophomore at University of South Florida.