



Black History Month All-Star: Bucky Godbolt



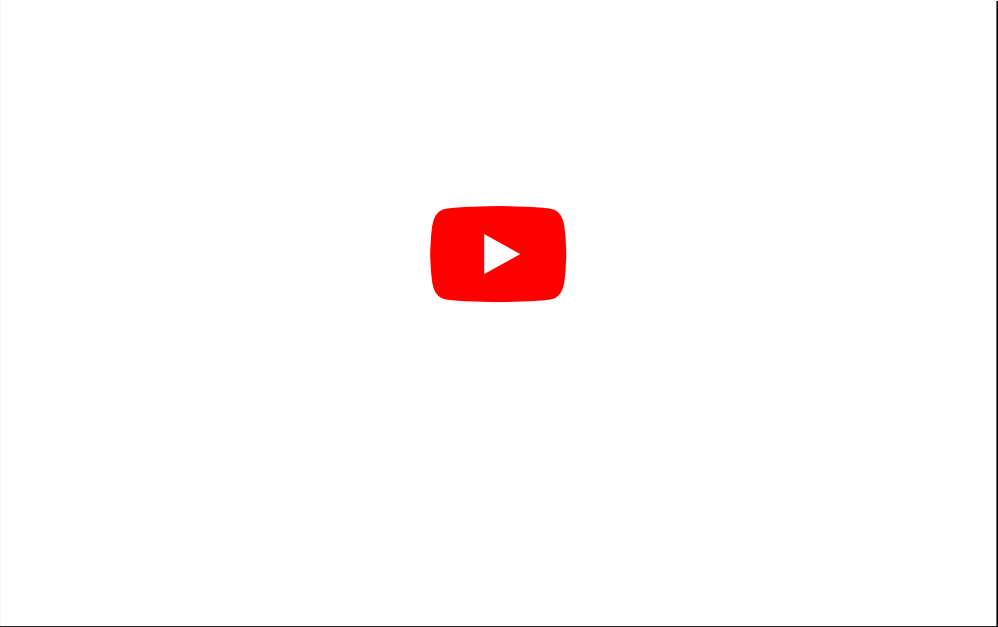
Michael “Bucky” Godbolt started playing football at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, Virginia. After that, he would begin his college career at Boston College, playing wide receiver from 1974-77. His senior year, he would establish himself as a deep threat catching 34 passes for 711 yards, 6 touchdowns and averaging 20.9 yards a catch.

Bucky Godbolt vs Texas 1976

After graduating college, he would prepare for his coaching career at Dartmouth in 1978 as a graduate assistant. In 1981 he would receive a job at Boston College as the running backs coach. In 1988 he would find himself part of John Mackovic’s coaching staff under the same coaching position where they would play at four straight bowl games. Soon After, in 1992, Godbolt would follow Mackovic to the University of Texas, dominating recruiting the running backs positions. He brought in names like Priest Holmes, Shon Mitchell, and Ricky Williams at Texas.

Ricky Williams admired Godbolt while playing on the 40 acres. He viewed him as not just his coach but a lifelong friend. While playing at Texas, Williams changed his number from 34 to 11 Bucky’s number at Boston College.

Bucky even brought out a home full of athletes three playing soccer. His son Aaron played for Austin Lightning in the USL Premier League in 2004 -05. He played for the Austin Aztex Under 23 team in 2008 and the senior team in 2009. His daughters Veronica and Jordan played soccer in college and Jordan as a midfielder at LSU and Veronica a defender at Texas. His son Kyle was part of the Travis High School team as a wide receiver and free safety graduating in 2008.



Bucky enjoys poetry, gardening and playing golf. In 2004 The Creative Pulse of Austin highlighted one of Bucky’s poems, The Beast, supporting a missing girl in Arlington, Texas. In 2018 the Austin American-Statemen did a showcase on his garden. He also holds an annual golf tournament, The Mullet Open, which raises money for Burke Center of Youth, which helps young boys rebuild their lives by ending negative behaviors. Refuge Ranch provides long-term holistic care for underage girls rescued from sex trafficking.

Bucky is shining host of the morning show with longtime partner Erin Hogan on the B&E show on 104.9 The Horn. He is a strong advocate for the fight against battling alcoholism and in 2020, he celebrated 20 years of sobriety. Bucky is a mentor for those fighting against the disease and wants to build a hotline to help others continue the fight.

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