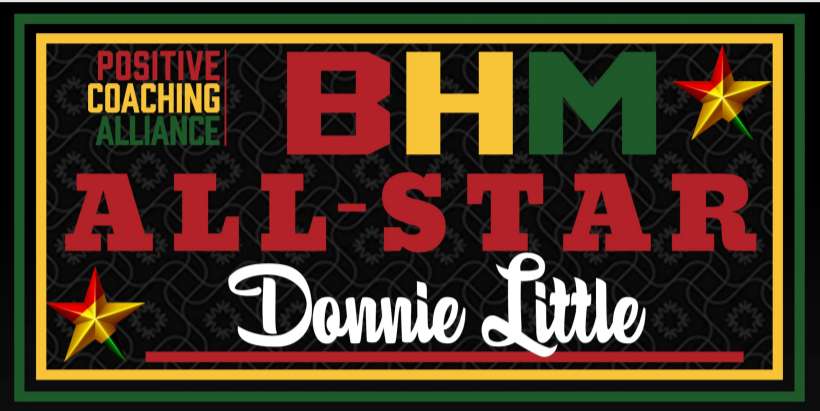




Black History Month All-Star: Donnie Little



Donnie Little is the first African American quarterback to play at the University of Texas and played from 1978 through 1981. He is credited with opening doors for future star Longhorn African American quarterbacks James Brown and Vince Young.

Little was born in Dickerson, Texas, where he eventually played football at Dickerson High School. He took over as the starting quarterback after the previous season when the Gators went 0-10 in 2A Division football in 1975. The following season Little was part of a triple-threat quarterback unit that went 14-0. In 1977, Little as the starter, his senior season led the Gators to win the 3A

Division State Championship, rushing for over 200 yards defeating Brownwood 40-28.

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In 1978 he signed with the University of Texas in Austin, becoming the first black quarterback to play and eventually start. He led the team to win 16 games in two seasons as a starter and bowl games each year. Little’s senior year, he switched positions to wide receiver to increase his draft status and led the team in receiving. He was a deep threat scoring three touchdowns averaging 18.8 yards a catch.

Little would not get drafted and he signed to play with the Ottawa Roughriders in the Canadian Football League in 1982. He played four seasons in the league before injuring his knee, ending his career. He caught 46 receptions for 753 yards and a touchdown playing for the Roughrider. He only threw five passes, but he went 4-5 passing, completing 80% of his passes for 70 yards.

In 2013 Little was inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame. After ending his football career, Little took a job at UT, where he spent 24 years as a fundraiser for Longhorn Foundation. He is involved in the car sales business and lives in Round Rock, married with two sons.

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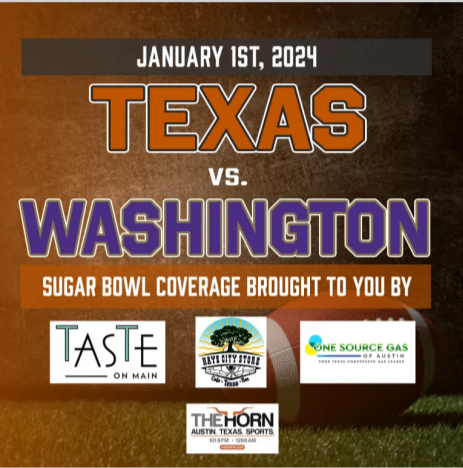
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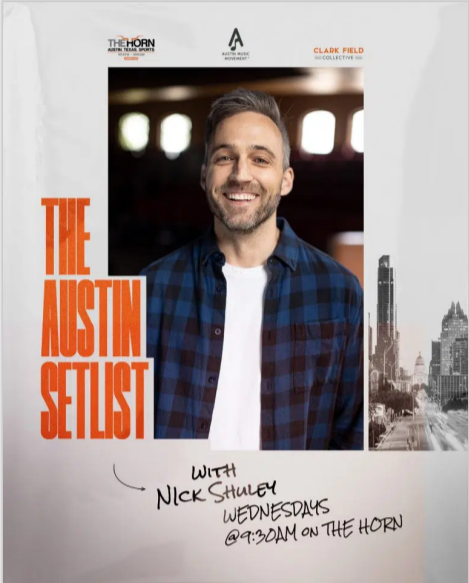


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