

To paraphrase Hall of Fame Coach Jock Sutherland, Greg Austin is the perfect athlete because of his drive, dependability, disposition, and discipline. Coach Sutherland remarked that the most versatile athlete in the state could be Lexington Lafayette's Greg Austin. Although shy, Greg was very competitive, coachable, and did whatever he could to make everybody better. He could get a scholarship to any college in the US in any sport – football, basketball, baseball, and track. Jock obviously knew what he was talking about, because Greg was recruited by over 70 colleges in 4 different sports. Even the Dallas Cowboys expressed an interest in him.

By the time Greg Austin graduated in 1968, he had earned more letters than anyone in the history of Lexington Lafayette High School. He participated in football, basketball, and track. He also played baseball in the summer. For 8 years, he had no break between seasons. Greg ran the 440 in :50:03 seconds and his 42' 8 ½" triple jump earned him a state championship. When the team needed points, Greg even volunteered to pole vault. Although baseball was his best sport, basketball was his first love, because it was something an introvert could do by himself. His senior year, he earned 3rd team honors. Greg was Lafayette's football quarterback and was named 1st team AP during his senior year.

Although he was considered the perfect athlete, Greg believes that he would have benefitted from one more year, since he was one of the younger athletes and graduated when he was only 17. Always unassuming, Greg really didn't think he was athletically gifted until the college offers started coming his way.

Greg shocked many when he turned down an offer to play basketball at UK for Coach Adolph Rupp. Although he had listened to UK basketball on the radio for years, Greg chose to take his talents to Auburn University, where he played basketball for 2 ½ years. After 3 knee surgeries, his college career ended, and his very successful music career began. Greg lives in his beloved hometown of Lexington, continues performing, and mentors young musicians.

With all his accolades and accomplishments, Greg is still seen as a man of no airs or pretense--someone smarter than he projects, a voracious reader, and a very sharp guy.



GENERAL QUARTERBACKS — Expected to handle the quarterbacking duties for Lafayette this year are sophomore Roy Mays (16), junior Dick Baxter (11), junior Greg Austin (15) and senior Scottie Johnson (14). (Staff Photo).

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State's Top Football Prospects

ENDS

Jim Grant, Butler; Mike Bernard, Dixie Heights; Mike Young, Bishop David; Mike Schmitt, Flaget; Jim Maddox, Owensboro; Mark Pride, Union County; Jerry Rantfo, Male; Paul Mattingly, DeSales.

TACKLES

Rick Board, Flaget; John Maxum, Seneca; John Britzline, Owensboro; Paul Puckett, Owensboro; Steve Collett, Covington Holmes; Danny Featherston, Henry Clay; Larry Carter, Daviess County; Mark Topp, Daviess County; Bill Bushong, Tompkinsville; Larry Ford, Tompkinsville; Harry Gray, DeSales; Chuck Anderson, Butler; Richard Smith, Valley; Tim Roberson, Male; Larry Johnson, Ashland; Bill Johnston, Caldwell County; Joe Wooley, Bishop David; John Beth, Erlanger Lloyd; Wayne Orshood, Lafayette.

GUARDS

Joe Federspiel, DeSales; Godfrey Kelly, Owensboro; Jim Hill, Thomas Jefferson; Jimmy Shelton, Mayfield; Curtis Smith, Male; Jack Jacobs, Seneca; Paul Reynolds, Berea; Mike Higdon, Flaget; Mike Eimas, Harrison County.

CENTERS

Joe (Butch) White, Carbon; Rick Reynolds, Manti; Mickey Fowler, Hopkinsville; Scotty Lewis, Owensboro Catholic; Dan Feldhaus, Ludlow.

QUARTERBACKS

Paul Karem, St. Xavier; Gornet Scott, Caldwell County; Steve Tingle, Pleasure Ridge Park; David Asher, Pineville; **Greg Austin, Lafayette;** Tom Donahoff, Trinity; **Clay Green, Berea;** **Bill DeSaena,** Flaget; Tom Crews, Daviess County; Alan Bottom, Bardonia; Paul McKee, Covington Holmes; Gary Isaman, Elizabethtown.

Rideout, Henderson City; Mike Cowheard, Donville; Jim Eddle, Bellevue; Jim Brooks, Valley; Herb Eddy, Dayton; Bill Casson, Bourbon County; Jim Brown, Flaget; Gary Thaller, DeSales; Kenny Hart, Butler; Larry Brock, Dunnett; Ron Thomas, Thomas Jefferson; Herb Wiesnes, DeSales; Steve Scott, Ashland; Lynn Garry, Daviess County; Joe Welsh, Elizabethtown; Brian Foster, Bryan Station; Wayne Lee, Garrard County; Dudley Hilton, Washington County.

FULLBACKS

Bobby Wilson, Seneca; Vernon Edwards, Mayfield; Bill Schneider, Dunnett; Lee Lynn, Ashland; Danny Neal, Atherton; Doug Pride, Union County; Larry Donahoo, Daviess County; Bob McGrath, Flaget; Gayle Gains, Bowling Green.

Namath Told Not to Practice Because of Twisted Ankle

NEW YORK (UPI)—Quarterback Joe Namath, who led the New York Jets to a 30-23 victory over the Boston Patriots despite suffering a twisted right ankle during the second period of Sunday's game, has been ordered to sit out practice until Wednesday.

After examining Namath's ankle yesterday, team physician Dr. James Nicholas told the quarterback not to engage in practice until Wednesday at the earliest.

"I darn near got killed out there," Namath remarked.

He said someone stepped on his ankle



Bound For Auburn

It was decision night for **Greg Austin** (center) who last night signed a Southeastern Conference letter-of-intent to attend Auburn University on a basketball scholarship. Seated next to him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Elbert Austin Jr. Standing are Auburn coach Bill Lora (left) and Austin's high school coach a Lafayette, Jock Sutherland. (Staff Photo).

Lafayette's Austin Signs SEC Grant With Auburn