

Dallas Robinson is a former track and field and football player at Oldham County High and graduated in 2001. He later was a track athlete at ECU. Dallas finished 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state of Kentucky in the 2001 200m dash. Although a good high school athlete in his own right, no one expected he would work as hard as he did and rise to such heights as an athlete and coach. During his tenure at ECU under Tim Moore (myself) and Rick Erdman he earned sixteen top 3 finishes at the OVC championships and nine gold medal finishes. He also received athlete of the championship honors, athlete of the year honors as well as athlete of the week six times in the OVC. He is still a ECU school record holder in the indoor 200m dash, on three other All-time top 5 performance lists and the winningest sprinter in ECU track and field history. He is also the Bluegrass state games 100m-200m, 4x100m and 400m all time state record holder. During his time at ECU he was very active in campus groups being the FCA, CRU and BCM and even spent an entire summer in Spain doing mission work.

Since graduating from ECU he has become ECU's only 1st nationally ranked professional track and field athlete in ECU history (2008 USA track and field national rankings 55m dash- 1st World ranking (2008 55m dash in ECU history). ECU's only three sport Team USA athlete 2009-2011 Team USA Rugby Sevens and Fifteens and 2011-2014 USA Bobsled two man and four man national team. In fact he is the States only ever three sport Team USA qualifier and the states only Soldier/ Olympian as well as the states sole representative in Sochi Russia.

During his tenure as a bobsled athlete he broke 5 Olympic Training Center testing records being the Bench Press Record, 30m sprint time, 60 m sprint times, Mid-Thigh Pull total weight lifted and Mid-thigh pull total rate of force. Additionally, he became the 2012 Team USA Brake Push Champion, 2011-2014 National Team Member, 2012-2014 World Championship Team member, earned three world Cup medals, 2014 Olympic team selection, two man and four man bobsled.

He competed three years as a team USA bobsled athlete and an Olympic team competitor as a US Soldier. Of the 232 Olympic athletes chosen to compete for the USA in Sochi Russia he was one of only six who were also full time active duty soldiers. Additionally, he was one of three soldiers who competed in the 2014 Olympics in more than one sport.

In his military career he earned 9 U.S. Army medals including graduating first of his training class of 1,200 soldiers in 2011 Fort Jackson South Carolina. His highest medal is the coveted Meritorious Service Medal the highest non-combat medal a soldier can receive; earning a visit to the White House. He became a Staff Sergeant (E-6) in four years and one month the fastest a soldier can receive that rank and the fastest a soldier in the Kentucky National Guard has ever achieved it and at year 5 of service was direct commissioned to be an officer.

In conclusion he is the highest decorated sprinter in ECU history, the state's first ever Soldier- Olympian, The state's first ever two sport Olympian, the state's first ever to be selected to three National teams in different sports. In 2008, was the fastest indoor sprinter in the world in which my 55m. I say all of this above but what truly is remarkable is his desire to help others, lead others and serve others. He is truly a Kentucky treasure and although not the best athlete in High School State history he became one of the greatest athletes, coaches and people, through sheer determination and desire to be better. The first thing he did when he returned from Russia was have dinner with his grandmother and then donated his

Olympic uniform to the Special Olympics of Kentucky. Dallas has already been inducted into Lexington Christian Academy athletic hall of fame as coach in just 4 seasons. He continues to inspire and serve now a Dean and an Athletic Director at Marion County High. His contact information is [robinsonusa@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsonusa@hotmail.com) and 859-361-7709.

As a proud former coach I would very much appreciate him being recognized for his achievements.

