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FORSYTH-MONROE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

RICKY WILSON



Ricky “Hot Dog” Wilson was a Mary Persons football star from 1974-77. Wilson’s Bulldogs’ squads won three region championships in his four seasons on varsity, including a pair while he was the starting quarterback in 1975 and 1977, respectively. As a sophomore starter in 1975, Wilson led the Bulldogs to their first ever state semifinal appearance, beating third-ranked Early County 14-13 in the quarterfinals before losing 16-15 at Irwin County in the semis on the controversial penetration rule. As a junior in 1976, Wilson set a new program record for touchdown passes in a single season with 15, a record that would stand for the next 42 years. Wilson finished his MP career with 31 passing touchdowns and 5 rushing touchdowns while being named to the Georgia Athletic Association All-Star team as a senior. Wilson, a member of both the National Honor Society and Beta Club, received offers from several junior college football programs but instead decided to stay home and attend Gordon College before embarking on a 25-year career operating his family’s dairy business. Wilson has spent the past decade-plus working in the Monroe County Tax Assessors’ office. Wilson is also currently MP’s football color commentator for the SportsMic radio network. Wilson, who is the son of Marvin and Eloise Wilson, has been married to wife Melody since 1980, and the couple has one daughter, Amber, and two grandchildren, Wilson and Aubrey Grace.

