

FOOTBALL BIOGRAPHY: LAWRENCE C. BARRETT

HT: 6'1"

WT: 265

**POS: LEFT GUARD
LONG SNAPPER**

During his 17 year career, Larry has played a total of 19 complete seasons of football including 17 with the Cleveland Falcons and two with the Canton Bulldogs of the AFA Summer League.

His career with the Falcons began in 1972 after a successful collegiate career at Ohio Northern University where he was a three year varsity starter at left tackle and earned several honors. He was also a long snapper for four years in college. He began as a left tackle with the Falcons and held down the starting job there until 1980 when he moved to left guard, holding that starting spot through the 1989 season. He also handled all of the long snapping for the Falcons for 17 years.

Larry's list of personal and team accomplishments is extensive. In 1972, he was named Rookie of the Year" and in later years earned three "Offensive Lineman of the Year" awards. One Offensive MVP" award, three "Coaches Awards", and was named to fourteen ALL-LEAGUE teams. While leading the Falcons as a Co-Captain for sixteen of his seventeen seasons, Larry played on teams that won twelve Division Championships, eight League Championships, and Six State of Ohio Semi-Pro Championships. Longest winning streaks were 23 games ('74-'75), 23 games ('77-'78-'79), and 26 games ('83-'84-'85). The Falcons were also ranked 4th in the nation by Pro Football Weekly.

Larry played with the Canton Bulldogs in the summer leagues in '82 and '83. This allowed him to play with the Falcons in the fall league. In those years of '82 and '83, two complete seasons were played each year (28 games/year). He played left guard and long snapped for the Canton Bulldogs.

Larry was inducted into the MINOR-PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME in 1990. He was the first player from Ohio to receive this honor. He was also named to the American Football Association "ALL DECADE TEAM 1980's" as FIRST TEAM LEFT GUARD.

In addition to his activities on the field, Larry also served as the team Treasurer and Business Manager. He was a team representative for the Falcons for 10 years, attending league meetings. He was also responsible for establishing the Edward M. Lynch Memorial Game, which benefits the Cleveland Ronald McDonald House. In 1987 he appeared in a segment on Minor-Pro Football featuring the Cleveland Falcons on the nationally syndicated CBS show, PM Magazine.

As a first year HEAD COACH of the Cleveland Falcons in 1991, Larry posted a 9-4 record. The team won the Mid-Continental Football League Championship and won the Great Lakes Regional Bowl Game. The Falcons finished SEVENTH in the NATION out of over 200 teams. Larry was named "1991 COACH OF THE YEAR" in the MCFL. As he second year HEAD COACH of the FALCONS in 1992, the team again won the MCFL Championship with an 11-3 record. Larry was name "1992 COACH OF THE YEAR" in the MCFL. The FALCONS finished THIRD in the NATION.

Larry has been a part-time football coach for Ohio Northern University since 1996. He helps out with the offense and offensive line.

Please note that Larry was inducted into THE CLEVELAND FALCONS HALL OF FAME in 1991 and The BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME in 1997. He was inducted into The OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME in the fall of 2004.