

## **San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame**

### **Recommendation for Preston Davis**

**Before he became a three-time Track and Field AAU All-American and University of Texas Hall of Honor Inductee, Preston Davis was a 1961 three sport All-District athlete at San Antonio Robert E. Lee High School. The following is a summary of his track and coaching accomplishments:**

- \* Two-time Southwest Conference Cross-Country Champion. (1963 and 1965)**
- \* SWC 880 Yard Champion, setting a UT and SWC record. (1966)**
- \* Co-Captain of the 1965 SWC Champion Cross-Country Team and the 1966 SWC Champion Track Team.**
- \* Voted "Outstanding Athlete" at the Texas Relays. (1966)**
- \* Won three AAU Indoor National Championships**
  - 1. 1000 yards (1967)**
  - 2. Two-Mile Relay, ran anchor leg for Pacific Coast Club. (1967)**
  - 3. Mile Run (1968)**
- \* Three-time AAU All-American.**
- \* A member of three USA National Track Teams. (1966, 1967, and 1968)**
- \* Won the 800 Meters at the Australian National Championship's / Olympic Trials. (1968)**
- \* Won the Jerry Thompson Mile Run at the Texas Relays. (1968)**
- \* Won the Wanamaker Mile (the world's most important indoor mile) at the Milrose Games, NYC. (1968)**
- \* Ran a sub-four minute mile anchor leg on the U.S. Army's Distance Medley Relay Team that set a World Record. (1968)**
- \* Finalist in the 1500 Meters at the USA Olympic Trials...suffered leg injury which ended running career. (1968)**

**\* 1973-77 Head Cross-Country Coach, Assistant Track Coach, and Assistant Athletic Director at Long Beach State University. Twice voted Cross-Country Coach of the Year in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (PCAA). During those four years his teams were Conference Champions twice and Runner-up twice.**

**\* Coached Francie Larrieu Smith from 1973 through 1980. During this time the famed Olympian and Track and Field Hall of Fame great made Olympic teams in both 1976 and 1980. She also won eight AAU National Championships (four indoor and four outdoor); won two Gold Medals at the Pan American Games; set the Indoor World Record in the Mile run ; and set the American Record in the 1500 Meters**

**\* Inducted into the University of Texas Hall of Honor. (2012)**