

Edward Colson – Edward “Eddie” Colson was born in 1963 in Onslow County. He attended Jacksonville High School and then the University of North Carolina. He was selected Onslow County Co-Player of the Year as a junior. As a senior, he was Player of the Year, gaining 1,184 yards (regular season) and another 624 yards (playoffs). He scored 19 touchdowns and led the team to the State 4-A Championship game against Greensboro Page. He was selected to the All-Conference, All-East and All-State 4-A team. While at UNC he was one of only three fullbacks to catch 20 passes during a season; in 1983 he was one of three running backs who carried the ball for 100 yards in a single game, unique in UNC football history. He was a first round draft choice of the Baltimore Stars of the United States Football League, but signed with the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League. After football, Eddie returned to North Carolina to live a life of service, as part of the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.