

Ellis Dillahunt was born November 1964 in New Bern, North Carolina. Dillahunt was a standout defensive back and running back for the Jacksonville High School Cardinals from 1980-1983. During that time, the Cardinals were ranked #24 by USA Today for High School Football teams and the State 4A Football Champions in 1982. During his last season, he rushed for 901 yards with an average of 5.5 per carry and 14 touchdowns. He was also an outstanding member of the track team and won the State Championship in the 110 M Hurdles in 1983. During his senior year he was named the Track and Field MVP. After high school Dillahunt went on to East Carolina University where he was the starting Defensive Back from 1985-87. He was then drafted number 4 in the 10th round by the Cincinnati Bengals. In 1988, with Cincinnati Bengals he made it to the Super Bowl playing against the San Francisco 49ers. Ellis Dillahunt played from 1988 to 1991 with the Cincinnati Bengals and New York/New Jersey Knights.