

# JACKSON TOUCHDOWN CLUB

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**JACKSON TOUCHDOWN CLUB TO CELEBRATE 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMED 1959 OLE MISS/LSU GAME;  
SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY LSU COACH PAUL DIETZEL,  
BILLY CANNON, AND OLE MISS TEAM MEMBERS**

**(JACKSON, MS) The Jackson Touchdown Club will present its 8th meeting of the season on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 6:00 PM at the River Hills Tennis Club located at the intersection of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in Jackson. The Club will host a special program commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the famous Billy Cannon run in the October 31, 1959, Ole Miss/LSU game played in Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA, won by LSU 7-3 on the strength of the legendary 89-yard punt return for a touchdown. The play is considered to be one of the most famous in college football history.**

**The following speakers will address the Club:**

### **LSU TIGERS:**

**PAUL DIETZEL—former head coach of LSU, Army, and South Carolina. Led the Tigers to National Championships in 1958 & 1961. Inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.**

**BILLY CANNON**—1959 Heisman Trophy winner and All-SEC, All-American running back who lettered for LSU from 1957-59. Born in Philadelphia, MS, and two-time UPI College Player of the Year. Played pro football for 11 seasons for the AFL's Houston Oilers, Oakland Raiders, and Kansas City Chiefs. Named to the All-Time AFL team and played in 6 AFL championships. Inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1976 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008. He is the only player in LSU history to have his number retired.

#### **OLE MISS REBELS:**

**JAKE GIBBS**—Native of Grenada and a two-sport All-SEC & All-American in football and baseball who lettered for the Rebel football team from 1958-60. Played pro baseball for 10 years with the New York Yankees. Inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1976, the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989, and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1995.

**WARNER ALFORD**—McComb native who played left guard and lettered for the Rebels from 1958-60. Served as Ole Miss athletic director from 1974-1994. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

**CHARLIE FLOWERS**—Native of Marianna, Arkansas, who lettered as an All SEC, All America fullback from 1957-59. Captain of the 1959 Rebels. Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1959 Heisman Trophy voting behind Cannon. Played in the AFL with the San Diego Chargers and the New York Titans. Member of the Ole Miss Team of the Century. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997.

**BOBBY RAY FRANKLIN**—Clarksdale native who played quarterback and lettered for Ole Miss from 1957-59. Played for the Cleveland Browns and then entered coaching where he led the Northwest CC Rangers to 2 National JUCO titles. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988, the National JUCO Hall of Fame in 2005, and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

**BUTCH KEMPINSKA**—Hails from Natchez and played right guard and tackle for the Rebels. Lettered from 1957-59. He is one of the Ole Miss players featured prominently in the famous magazine photo of Cannon's Run.

**ROBERT KHAYAT**—Moss Point native who lettered for Ole Miss from 1957-59. All SEC performer as a tackle, guard, and placekicker who played for the Washington Redskins. Member of the Ole Miss Team of the Century. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. Recently retired as Chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

**RICHARD PRICE**—Vicksburg native who played left guard for Ole Miss and lettered for the Rebels from 1958-60. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. The annual J. Richard Price Courage Award is named in his honor at Ole Miss for a deserving player during spring drills.

**MARVIN TERRELL**—Native of Indianola who was an All-SEC guard and lettered for Ole Miss from 1957-59. He was later named to the All SEC decade team for the 1950's. Played professional football for the AFL's Dallas Texans and Kansas City Chiefs and the CFL's Toronto Argonauts. Member of the Ole Miss Team of the Century. Inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

The admission fee for non-members and guests for this meeting is \$100.00 per person. *Space is limited at Club meetings this season with priority seating reserved for Club members.* For ticket information and reservations, contact Dwight Young, Treasurer, at 601-953-6813. For more information, contact Glen Waddle, Secretary of the Jackson Touchdown Club, at 601-506-3186 or visit the Club's web site at [www.jacksontouchdownclub.com](http://www.jacksontouchdownclub.com)

**SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL MEDIA:**

The players and coaches will be available to the media for interviews and photos from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the Jackson Touchdown Club/Cellular South Media room (to the left of the main banquet room) at the River Hills Tennis Club prior to the start of the meeting.