

MARION MOTLEY MEMORIAL DEDICATION

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 • 2:00pm
Stadium Park**

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Antonio Hall
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Marion Motley

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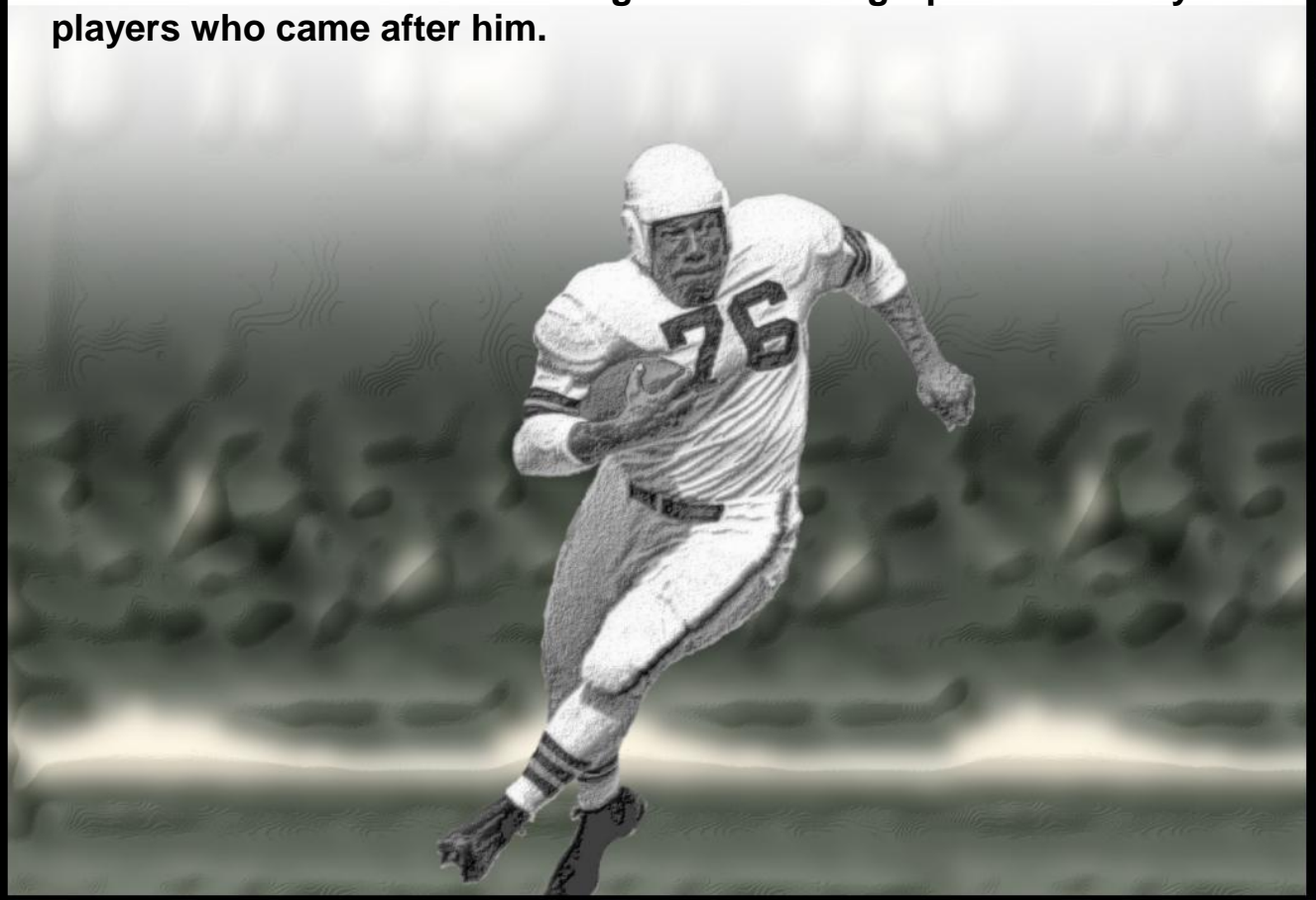
Marion Motley grew up in Canton before going on to become one of the greatest football players of all time. He and three other African American men forever changed society and the landscape of major sports when they broke professional football's color barrier in 1946.

Motley and his Cleveland Browns teammate Bill Willis, along with Kenny Washington and Woody Strode of the Los Angeles Rams, reintegrated professional football. These brave men faced down institutionalized racism daily while also enduring brutal physical and emotional abuse on the field in the All-America Football Conference and the National Football League.

Marion played collegiately at South Carolina State and Nevada before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago and played for the academy's 1945 football team overseen by Lt. Paul Brown, who went on to coach the upstart Browns the following year and sign Motley to the new team. Their paths first crossed 10 years earlier when Motley was a standout for Canton McKinley High and Brown coached the school's archrival.

Motley was instrumental in Cleveland's success as the Browns won four straight titles in the short-lived AAFC (1946-49) and then won the 1950 NFL championship after joining the league that year. The fullback averaged an astonishing 5.7 yards per carry during his nine-year professional career, earning selection to both the NFL's 75th Anniversary and 100th Anniversary All-Time Teams.

Thirty years after he starred for Canton McKinley at neighboring Fawcett Stadium, now the site of Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Motley stood on the steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a 1968 enshrinee. His strength and courage paved the way for players who came after him.



The Marion Motley Memorial Fund Committee

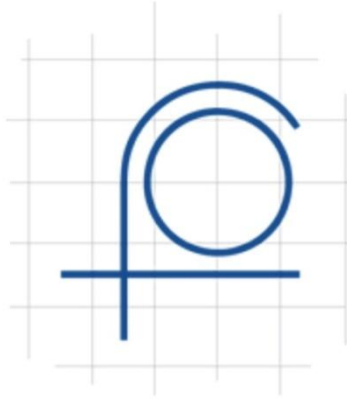
Mike Hairston • Mike is an Akron, Ohio native. He is an Army Veteran and graduated from ETI with a degree in electrical engineering. Now retired, Hairston formally worked for Lawson's, Coen Oil and Freshmark. A resident of Canton for 45 years, Mike gives back to his community in many ways, primarily focusing on the youth. He coaches baseball. Hairston is a former president of the Canton McKinley Bulldog 100 Booster Club. He was especially proud to watch his grandson win the Marion Motley Award (an annual award given to the best McKinley athlete in the backfield or at the end position). Mike spends his free time with his eight grandchildren and volunteering.

Antonio Hall • Antonio was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. He was an exceptional athlete who excelled at football, basketball and baseball. He was a star for Canton McKinley's back-to-back 1997 and 1998 state championship football teams. The '97 Bulldogs were also crowned National Champions. He attended Kentucky University where he studied music and history. He continued his football career as a Wildcat and was 3-times All-SEC. After graduating from Kentucky, Hall played for the Indianapolis Colts. He then spent several seasons in the CFL winning a Grey Cup with the Calgary Stampeders in 2008. Upon retiring from professional football, Antonio remained close to the game coaching high school kids and teaching history. He is currently the head football coach at his alma mater, Canton McKinley. He is passionate about helping young athletes and students grow into extraordinary women and men. Antonio leads by example and is known to inspire the kids through historical references. "Know your past and set your future".

David Jingo • Dave grew up in Canton, Ohio. His love of history and football drew him to the Pro Football Hall of Fame where he could be found reading about and studying the game. After graduating from Canton McKinley High School, Jingo attended The Ohio State University. He majored in film and television production. His company, Jingo Media, has produced and collaborated on several documentary films including; *Thirteen and O, Misunderstood: The Cookie Gilchrist Story*, *Timeless Rivals*, *I'm a Buckeye: The Earle Bruce Story* and *Broken Lines: The Marion Motley Story*. The intersection of sports and social justice has been a theme in many of his films. Dave recently moved back to his hometown and is active in community work. He utilizes his skills to create positive messaging through media.

Jill Thomas • Jill is a native of Canton, Ohio and a graduate of Canton McKinley Senior High School. Her dedication to community service has been made evident throughout her career and volunteer endeavors. Jill's commitment to community has led her to work with various organizations always striving to leave a positive impact. "Together we accomplish more but, we accomplish most when it doesn't matter who gets the credit – Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do".

R.J. Van Almen • R. J. Van Almen is in his 25th year serving on the Board of the Greater Canton Amateur Sports Hall of Fame which serves as the fiscal agent for the Marion Motley Memorial Fund. A former 11-time State Qualifier and 2-sport All-Ohioan that graduated from Canton McKinley in 1994, R. J. has continued his involvement in sports through officiating and service to local athletic boards. Officiating in nearly 2-dozen State Championships (Swimming & Diving and Track & Field, R. J. has also been selected to officiate over 40 NCAA Championships and in 2021 was a member of the Olympic Trial Meet Deck Committee in Omaha, NE. R. J. Has been inducted to 3 local Hall of Fames, has been named National Federation of High School Officials - Official of the Year. He serves as the Director of Development for the O.H.S.A.A. and State Rules Interpreter. In 2017, R. J. was named President of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Luncheon Club and currently serves as the Chairman of the Speaker Committee as well as The Pro Football Hall of Fame's Representative on its Board of Directors. He currently resides in Hartville with Abby Geiselman and their children: Romy (18), Rowan (11) and Roman (8).



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