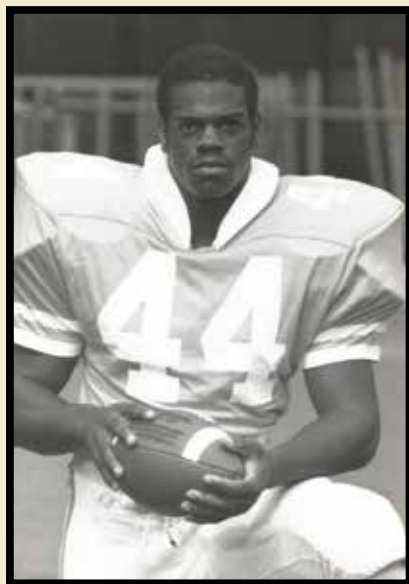


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# Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

## *Alvin Toles*



Alvin Toles played high school football at Mary Persons High School in Forsyth under Coach Dan Pitts. As a fullback he rushed for 1,663 yards during his Senior season in 1980, leading the Bulldogs to the Class AA Championship and a 15-0 season, and rushing for 149 yards and 2 touchdowns in the Bulldogs 34-6 victory over Duluth in the title game. Earning All-State honors and the All-Middle Georgia Player of the Year award, he was ranked among the top 33 recruits in the State of Georgia by The Atlanta Constitution. He signed a football scholarship (through recruiting efforts of Bobby Jackson, also an MP alum and assistant Coach at Tennessee) with the University of Tennessee Volunteers, and was a fullback in his first two years in Knoxville, before switching to linebacker at the request of Head Coach Johnny Majors. In his Junior season Toles had 135 tackles (72 solo) and in the 1983 Florida Citrus Bowl against Maryland he had a fumble recovery, an interception, and a key tackle at the one yard line to prevent a Maryland touchdown, and was named the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Bowl. Toles suffered a season-ending ankle injury as a Senior, yet still finished his defensive career at Tennessee with 178 tackles (98 solo). Drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the first round (24th overall pick) in the 1985 NFL draft, Toles played in 55 games on defense over four seasons for the Saints, and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against San Francisco on October 25, 1987, before suffering a knee injury in 1988 to end his career. Toles' son, Andrew Toles, is an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

