2014 EMCC SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ORLANDO BOBO

The late Orlando Bobo is hailed as one of four East Mississippi Community College football players to have been affiliated with Super Bowl teams, along with former EMCC teammate Antowain Smith, Virgil Seay and Tim Johnson. Having passed away in 2007 at just 33 years of age, Bobo’s five-year National Football League career as an offensive lineman was highlighted by being a member of the 2000 Baltimore Ravens ballclub that claimed a 34-7 victory over the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV played in Tampa, Fla. An all-state product from West Point High School, Bobo also had the distinction of being a member of former EMCC head football coach Tom Goode’s first two EMCC football teams in 1992 and 1993. After receiving honorable mention all-state laurels as a collegiate rookie, Bobo developed into a second-team NJCAA All-American as a sophomore in helping lead the Lions to a second straight .500 season at 5-5. Bobo then ventured to Northeast Louisiana University (now Louisiana-Monroe), where he continued to progress as a versatile offensive lineman. After starting the last nine games of the 1994 season at offensive tackle for the then-NLU Indians, Bobo made the move to offensive guard for his senior season. Having started all 11 games at left guard as a senior, he capped his collegiate career by being named All-Louisiana First Team and Division I-A All-Independent.

Bobo’s NFL career kicked off in 1997 as a two-year member of the Minnesota Vikings. A one-year stop with the Cleveland Browns preceded his two-year stint with the Ravens. Bobo made 38 career NFL appearances, including a start at right guard in nine games played with the 1999 Browns expansion squad and a dozen outings with the 2001 Ravens club. He revived his professional football career in 2004 by appearing in 16 games for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. Bobo died on May 14, 2007 in Dallas.