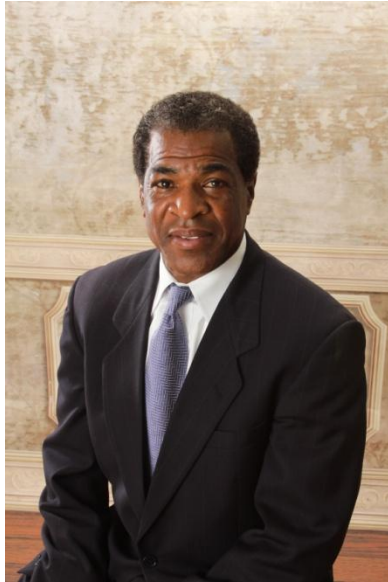


## **No. 82      LARRY BRUNSON, Kick Returner/Wide Receiver**



**Birthdate** – August 11, 1949

**Birthplace** – Little Rock, Arkansas

**Residence** – Centennial, Colorado

**How Acquired** – Free Agent, 1980

**College** – Colorado

**High School** – Cortez HS, Cortez, Colorado

**Height** – 5'11"

**Weight** – 180

**Pro Year** – 8<sup>th</sup>

**Year with Broncos** – 2nd

Joined the Broncos as a free agent just prior to the fourth game of the regular season (New England), wound up the season as the team's leading kickoff returner, and third in the AFC, with 40 returns for a total of 923 yards and a 23.1 average. Appeared in 13 games after joining the club, but very rarely in the role of wide receiver. He caught one pass for 15 yards. Originally drafted by the Broncos in the 11<sup>th</sup> round in 1972, he was released prior to the regular season, was signed by the New England Patriots in 1973, released, then signed by Kansas City in 1974. Played with the Chiefs as a wide receiver and kick returner (both punts and KO's) from 1974 through 1977 before being traded to Oakland. Played two years with Oakland, primarily as a KO returner. Led the NFL in KO returns as a Raider in 1979 with a 25.9 average. Has a career mark of 87 KO returns for 2,022 yards and a 23.2 career average, but 40 of those returns and 923 of those yards came in 1980.

Larry is on the Board of Directors of the Denver Broncos Alumni Association and an advocate for Denver charities, Mesa College football and children's sports programs. He is on the board of the non-profit organization STRIDE and Capitol Hill Community Services. Colorado High School Activities Association, Hall of Fame (2007) member

**COLLEGE:**      Starred in football and track at the University of Colorado, where he was a wide receiver and kick returner and a consistent 9.5 sprinter in the 100-yard dash. Attended Mesa College before attending Colorado.

**PERSONAL:**      Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, but attended Cortez High School in Colorado where he was named All-Conference as a defensive back and running back. Was All-Conference as a guard in basketball. In track and field, ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes, a leg on the 440-yard relay and

competed in the broad jump. Married and he and his wife, Susie, have three children, sons Matthew and Jeffrey and daughter Stacey. Family lives in Centennial, Colorado

