Buddy Anderson

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Buddy Anderson Becomes State's Winningest Prep Football Coach With 311th Win

Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson, is a part of the second father-son combination in the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame as his father Dovey Fair Anderson was inducted in the Hall of Fame's first class in 1991.

His record as a head football coach for the past 38 years at Vestavia Hills High School is 311-132 with two state football championships. His 311 wins are the most in state prep history and all came at Vestavia – in the largest division of the AHSAA.

Anderson's father Dovey Anderson coached 31 seasons from 1931-61– all at Thomasville High School where he compiled a 180-82-27 record. The state football playoffs didn't begin in Alabama until 1966.

Anderson's Vestavia teams have won 16 area and region championships, and have made 29 state playoff appearances – most of any school in the Metro Birmingham area.

His playoff record is 46-27 while his region record stands at 128-46 which is the most region wins in state history.



Anderson and his wife Linda are drenched by players after 311th win during the 2014 football season.

Under his tenure as athletic director of the Vestavia Hills High School athletic program the sports teams have won 43 state championships, and numerous runner-up trophies in all boys and girls sports. He was also the founder of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at Vestavia Hills High School.

He was named state coach of the year three times and the Vestavia Hills football field is named

in his honor.He also served on the staff of the Alabama All-Star game. Coach Anderson was inducted into the 2003 Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Last spring the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame presented Anderson with the prestigious Frank “Pig” House Award at the 46th Annual State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The Frank "Pig" House Award is given to someone that the Hall of Fame considers has performed outstanding service to sports in Alabama and the Board of Directors feels is worthy of special recognition. The award is named after the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame’s First Chairman of the Board who was instrumental in the founding of the Hall of Fame.

Anderson attended Thomasville High School and played football. He earned a football scholarship to Samford University where he would get his degree.

He was signed as a tight end but ended up playing tackle for the Bulldogs. He graduated college in 1972 with high expectations for a coaching career but when no offers came his way he returned to Samford to obtain his Master's degree.

He was hired in the fall of 1972 as an assistant coach at Vestavia Hills after a tragic car accident took the lives of three Vestavia High School coaches. Anderson has spent his entire coaching career at Vestavia Hills, becoming head coach in1978 and leading the school to its first state title in 1980.

Prior Information

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: [Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: [Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: [2338 Limerock Road]
(street address)

[Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(city, state, zip)

Phone: [205-822-4136 (home) Date of Birth: [May 2, 1950

School Affiliation (if any) [Vestavia Hills High School

City: [Vestavia Hills State: [AL]

Place of Birth: [Thomasville, AL Date of Retirement: [still active

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here]

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Linda Anderson (wife)

Address: [2338 Limerock Dr., Vestavia Hills, AL 35216]

Phone: [205-822-4136

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: [Thomasville HS	[Thomasville, AL	[1968	[Tab here]
College/University: [Samford U.	[Birmingham, AL	[1972	[Bachelor's
Post Graduate School: [U. Montevallo	[Montevallo, AL	[1975	Masters

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Dovey R. "Buddy" Anderson is currently the winningest high school football coach in Alabama with a 306-124-0 career record in is 36th year as head coach. Anderson has spent his entire coaching career at Class 6A Vestavia Hills High School, building what was anew school in 1970 into one of national prominence.

The five head coaches before him compiled a combined 25-37-1 record in seven seasons. He was 35-7 with the school's first state championship in his first three years as head coach. Anderson has served as athletic director and head football coach ever since. While a consumant football coach, he has never compromised his principles and devout faith -- earning the reputation as one of the most respected men of coaching in the nation.

His teams have always been competitive -- many times out-matched physically but never at a disadvantage in preparedness and courage. His 1998 team finished 15-0 and ranked among the tops in the nation. His team won a state championship in just his third year as head coach in 1980 and finished 13-1. He has also coached two state runner-up teams. His 306 wins (currently 9-2 this season with a possibility of four more wins if his team claims the state title in Decemb er) are even more impressive when you consider he has only been at one school and it is a school competing in the AHSAA's largest classification.

In addition, his region has consistently been called the "toughest" in the state with the likes of national powerhouse Hoover, state powerhouse Mountain Brook and very strong rivals including powerful Homewood and Shades Valley.
As athletic director, he has overseen a staff that has produced 59 state championships in 10 different boys sports and nine different girls sports. In addition, five of the coaches in Vestavia's athletic program are already enshrined into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame: girls basktball coach Fran Braasch, boys basketball coach George Hatchett, baseball coach Sammy Dunn, wrestling coach Steve Gaydosh and Anderson himself. In addition, the athletic director that originally brought all this talent together, Thompson "Mutt" Reynolds, is also in the AHSAA Hall of Fame, and former vice-principal Sam Short is already enshrined in the NFHS Hall of Fame as a contest official.

The stadium at Vestavia Hills was named Thompson Reynolds Stadium in Mutt's honor, and it now bears Coach Anderson's name too. The official name is Thompson Reynolds Stadium/Buddy Anderson Field.

Most importantly, Anderson's staunch faith has led him to become one of the leaders in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has regularly attended the summer conference with number of his fellow coaches and players each summer -- giving up a chance to serve as head coach in the Alabama-Mississipi All-Star Classic on several occasions because the date conflicted with the FCA summit.

Vestavia's chief rival has been Hoover High School -- a school considered by many to be the top high school football program in the nation. However, Coach Anderson's team has been the one thorn in Hoover's side through the years with a 17 wins and 24 losses in the series with the Bucs since 1978.

He has coached two players who have reached the NFL (David Jordan and Maurice Oliver), one who pitched in the major leagues (Chris Hammond) and another who won the Bronze Medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in the Decathlon (Trey Hardee). A total of 100 of his players have earned All-State honors.

His legacy goes much deeper than athletic honors, however. His team GPA is usually 3.5 or better. He has conducted Bible study in his living room on Wednesday nights for the school's student-athletes for more than four decades.

Anderson was inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 -- joining his dad Dovey Anderson, who coached Thomasville High School to a 182-81-25 record and was a charter member of the AHSHOF in 1991's first class.

Anderson has won numerous coach of the year awards, received the Bubba Scott Fellowship of Christian Athletes Award for outstanding service and was a National High School Coach of the Year finalist by the CFA.

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
2013 Won the 300th game of his career (current record: 306-123, 36 seasons)
2013 Became first coach in state history to win 300 football games at one school
1980 Class 4A State Football Champion (4 classes) 13-1
1998 Class 6A State Football Champion (6 classes) 15-0
1994 Class 6A Boys Golf Champions
Coached baseball one season (21-9) – led the Rebels to their first ever state playoff berth
Coached two junior high teams to the Jeffco Wrestling Championships
North All-Star Coaching Staff, 1979
State's Top Father/Son Coaching Tandem: Buddy Anderson and dad Dovey Anderson are both in the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame. Together they won 487 games. Dad Dovey was 182-81-25 in 31 seasons.
Teams reached the State Finals four times (runner-up in 1978 and 1979)
Teams reached the Class 6A semifinals in 1997, 2003, 2006, 2007
Teams have won 16 Area or Region titles including 2013
Teams have made 29 state playoff appearances with an overall 44-26 playoff record in Class 6A, the state's toughest division
Teams have won 10 or more games 14 times
Teams won 49 games from 1995-98 with just six losses
Teams won 27 of 29 games in 1997 and 1998 with both losses coming in 3-overtime thrillers
Only four losing seasons in 36 years

Coach Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson Honors

Ordained Deacon, Shades Mountain Baptist Church
Birmingham Post-Herald Coach of the Year, 1978, 1997, 1998
Birmingham News Coach of the Year, 1980, 1997, 1998
Birmingham Monday Morning Quarterback Club Coach of the Year, 1979, 1980, 1998
Birmingham Touchdown Club Coach of the Year, 1980
Bob Finley Award For Best in High School Football Coach of the Year, 1997, 1998
College Football Association High School Coach of the Year Finalist, 2012
AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Class of 2003
Vestavia Hills Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Class of 2010
Founded the Vestavia Hills Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS
School has won 64 state championships (1973-2013) - 59 under Anderson's watch.
Athletic Program has ranked in the Top 10 most years and was No. 1 in 1998
Boys Championships (45)

Football	(2)	1980, 1998
Soccer	(3)	1991, 1995, 2013
Basketball	(2)	1992, 2009
Baseball	(9)	1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
Tennis	(9)	1991, 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013
Wrestling	(13)	1976, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2008, 2009
Outdoor Track	(1)	2008
Cross Country	(2)	1987, 2012
Golf	(2)	1991, 1994
Swimming	(2)	1969 (freshmen); 1975

Girls Championships (19)

Basketball	(1)	1987
Cross Country	(2)	1981, 1998 (freshmen)
Indoor Track	(1)	2005, 1985 (freshmen)
Gymnastics	(5)	1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998
Golf	(2)	1973, 1974
Soccer	(3)	2001, 2005, 2007
Tennis	(4)	1995, 2011, 2012, 2013

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE HONORS
Was a tight end at Thomasville High School and three-sport letterman (baseball, basketball, football) – graduated in 1968 (played on 8-1-1 team in 1965, 8-2 team in '64
Earned a scholarship to Samford University and started offensive tackle on the Bulldogs' 9-1 team in 1971
Named Birmingham Post-Herald Scholar-Athlete of the Year, 1969
Dawson Memorial Baptist Outstand Christian Athlete, 1970
Named Mr. Samford University, 1971

Named the Solon B. Suddeth Physical Education Outstanding Student, 1972
Named Who's Who of American College and Universities, 1972

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Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

State Achievement Award, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 2012
AHSAA District 5 Legislative Council president
Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association member[NIAAA member
Christian Educators Association International member
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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Letters of Recommendation

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Nov. 14, 2013

Dear NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Thank you for considering Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson for selection into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

Coach Anderson has been the head football coach at Vestavia Hills High School for 36 years. He was hired out of college as an assistant in 1972. He became head coach in 1978, went 12-2 his first year as the Rebels reached the state finals. He is currently 9-2 this season, won his 300th game in week three and now has 306 overall wins – all at Vestavia, the only school he has ever coached.

I was the high school sports editor of The Birmingham News from 1984-2007 so I witnessed Buddy's impact first-hand. There are reasons for his longevity. First, he is man of integrity, character and fortitude. He is now coaching sons of players he once coached. Many of those former players have made a point to let me know it is a bigger thrill to know he is coaching their son. They say they have tried to explain to their boys the influence Buddy Anderson had in their own lives, and now those young men are experiencing that same influence. Dad and son now share an even bigger bond.

Coach Anderson's faith has always been evident. He is more concerned about the player's character than his talent. He has been able to get the most out of each.

I hope you look at Anderson's storied career and see that he is one of the nation's special men who was "called to coach." He has made the lives around him better by his daily walk.

Thank you sincerely,

Ron Ingram, AHSAA Director of Communications
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November 10, 2013

Dear NHSF Hall of Fame Committee,

I am writing to highly recommend Buddy Anderson for induction into the National High School Foundation Hall of Fame. While Buddy is known as the state of Alabama's winningest high-school head coach, to us he is so much more. As Steve Savarese, executive director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association explains "Coach Anderson stands for everything we're supposed to stand for in educational athletics. He's the role model for so many of us. He teaches more to kids than football fundamentals. He teaches the fundamentals of life. It's not that he knows more football than anyone else, he knows how to get it out of kids. He's what every coach should strive to be. He sets an example by how he lives his life. He has a life-long effect on these kids. He's one of my heroes."

Vestavia Football practices are routinely visited by former players, as a result of the relationships Coach Anderson has built with his players through the years. These relationships begin when students are young and continue as those same players return for advice later in life. Coach Anderson has opened his home every Wednesday night for 34 years for FCA meetings to further impact students for the cause of Christ. In this same way he has built life-long relationships with his staff and our community. I have had the privilege of working with Coach Anderson as a student, assistant coach, fellow teacher, and as his supervisor. I can't count the times we have considered hiring options and Buddy saying "we can hire lots of people who can coach, but we need to hire people who are going to make the right impact on our kids." I am sure there are many great coaches with many excellent records, but Buddy Anderson is a Hall of Fame Coach because he coaches students, impacts them for life, and lets winning take care of itself.

Sincerely,

Cas McWaters
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November 14, 2013

Dear NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Apart from providing me with a wonderful wife and family, the biggest blessing the Lord has provided me to date is that I was able to play football for Coach Buddy Anderson and the Vestavia Hills Rebels. Everyone knows Coach Anderson as the football Coach with the most wins in the history of Alabama High School football. Coach Anderson's success can be linked to many of the same reasons other great coaches and leaders are successful: a tireless work ethic, attention to detail, consistency, a strong motivator, and an inner self-confidence and determination second to none. The quality that separates Coach Anderson from the rest, however, is that Coach lives out each day and teaches that the amount of class and humility a person has is the true measure of a champion. While others outside the arena of football may look at Coach's humility as a weakness, Coach Anderson personifies humility as a strength that has earned him the adoration and respect of every Coach and player he competes with and against.

For over forty-six years, Coach and his staff have assembled teams that have left everything they have on the playing field. He has won over 306 games and rival coaches' marvel at how his teams continue to win with often times having inferior talent. Recently, two veteran rival coaches described him as "always being able to find the

other team's weakness" and having "the best business approach to football." Although these descriptions are accurate, it is the relationships that Coach forms with his players and coaches that make every player want to play to the standard he expects.

Coach builds and strengthens relationships with his coaches and players above and beyond spring practice, summer workouts and two-a-day practices. He opens his home every Wednesday night for pizza and bible study, invites and takes coaches and players to FCA camp in North Carolina every summer, and takes his teams to "camp" at nearby local colleges at the beginning of practice each fall. He furthers fosters his relationships with his players and coaches by allowing his teams to perform skits every Thursday during walk through practices which often times poke fun at his mannerisms and sayings. It is no surprise to anyone that knows Coach that he laughs the hardest and loudest during these skits.

Coach Anderson's relentless devotion to "old-fashioned" values is the secret to his "pyramid of success" that only a handful of coaches attempt to master. During 2013, Coach's legacy has been made clear to me as I talk to my former teammates from twenty-five years ago that live in other parts of the country. When they ask how my son is doing, I proudly respond that he is in the tenth (10^{th}) grade and plays football for Coach Anderson and the Rebels. To a person, the first thing my former teammates tell me is how fortunate I am that my son has the opportunity to play for someone who will be there for him no matter what and means it when he tells my son and the other players he loves them. We all know and cherish this truth realizing we played for a special man who is more than just a Coach; Coach Anderson is a lifelong friend and mentor.

Coach Anderson is truly unique because he did not start out in coaching to set records. Instead, Coach became a football Coach in order to follow God's will for his life and attempt to make kids and everyone around him better players, coaches, and people. His character, motives, and genuine love for his coaches, players and community are authentic and set the standard for all other coaches in the State of Alabama to follow. Ultimately, it will be hard to find a more deserving Coach for the Hall of Fame than Coach Anderson because there is not a person that has played for, coached with, competed against or simply knows him that is not a better human being because of it.

Sincerely,

Jay Stewart

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Vestavia Hills Gift-Wraps Buddy Anderson's 300th Victory

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The Vestavia Hills way of slashing through an opponent with a punishing ground game took a backseat as the 36-year coaching legend reached a career milestone in a 30-8 Class 6A region victory Thursday night over Huffman at Lawson Field.

"You have to take what the defense gives you," said Anderson, who's now at 300-121. "That was what Huffman was giving us with man coverage early in the game. They gave us that and we had to go after it and try to take it."

The play-action pass proved to be the hottest play on the call sheet as the Rebels marched 80 yards on 15 plays for an early 6-0 lead on their opening possession. Vestavia Hills (3-0, 2-0 in Class 6A, Region 6) converted two third-and-long tries and then a 4th-and-10 snap — all through the air.

The paydirt play came when the strong arm of junior Landon Crowder found classmate Patrick Haywood for a 27-yard touchdown and a lead the Rebels would never lose. The Rebels scored their second touchdown in as many possessions on the first series when Crowder found Haywood for a 53-yard strike on the first play of that series.

Haywood had all four of his catches for 113 yards in a first half that saw the Rebels build a 23-0 lead. Senior running back Jordan Johnson scampered 60 yards down the visitor's sideline for the third score of the first half.

"He's got great speed and good hands and he'd have had another long catch if he had not dropped another one by trying to run with it before he caught it," Anderson said.

When it was over, Anderson got a victory bath of "real cold" Gatorade and a hug and kiss from his wife. Linda Anderson was too busy when he got his first win. She had just given birth to the family's middle daughter.

"I had to go give her a kiss in the hospital after I won my first game," Anderson said.

But all three of their daughters were on hand to watch Anderson become only the third coach in Alabama high school history to win 300 games.

"This isn't about me," Anderson said. "This is about every one of these kids that have played football for Vestavia Hills. I've said this all week and all long. This is about the kids who have played here and the coaches who have coached here. Peter Braasch has been here coaching with me all 421 games and 300 wins now."

He's the only coach in state history to win 300 games at one school. He's now just nine wins from tying longtime Fayette County coach Walden Tucker for the most wins in Alabama high school football coaching history.¶

Anderson was presented with a few commemoratives afterward. He was given a banner noting the milestone victory, a keepsake 300th win football and a cookie cake by his family.

VESTAVIA'S ANDERSON REMEMBERS GOD'S CALL TO COACH

RON INGRAM News staff writer
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MONTGOMERY - Buddy Anderson can pinpoint the exact time he decided to go into coaching. Or perhaps more accurately, he was told what he was going to do.

"It was Jan. 12, 1968, and I was sitting in my dad's old truck outside the gymnasium at Thomasville High School," said Anderson who, along with nine others, was inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame's 13th class Monday night at the Montgomery Civic Center. "I was praying and asking God what it was He wanted me to do. And He spoke to me, and He told me I was going to be a Christian coach."

Now 31 years into the profession, Anderson is beginning to reap the public rewards of an unselfish ministry as Vestavia Hills' longtime football coach and athletics director.

"The rewards aren't about 200 wins," said Anderson. "It's about seeing young men grow up to be outstanding individuals, outstanding husbands and fathers. It's about making a difference in young people's lives. I have never looked at coaching as anything else. It is the ministry God had for me."

Anderson played college football at Samford, then was hired as an assistant coach at Vestavia. His father, Dovey Anderson, who also enjoyed a successful career as a prep coach, was inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame a decade ago.

"I was a waterboy for my dad at Thomasville when you toted an old bucket and used a metal dipper," said Anderson. "I was on the sidelines as long as I could remember. But my dad had retired by the time I got to high school. I played for four coaches in four years."

Anderson has a 205-89 overall head football coaching record in 26 years as the Rebels' head coach with state championships in

1980 and 1998. The school athletic program has won 43 state titles during his tenure.
Also inducted Monday night was longtime Hewitt-Trussville head football coach and Athletics Director Jack Wood, Wetumpka longtime football coach Stokely Bazemore, veteran Smiths Station football coach E.L. Godwin, Pleasant Valley longtime volleyball and softball coach Sandra Hunter, Huntsville City Schools athletic director Wade Lipscomb, Alabama State Laboratory School basketball coach George H. Lockhart, re cently retired B.B. Comer football coach Bobby Overton, Wiregrass basketball coach Russell L. Taylor and now-retired Courtland football coach Louis White.

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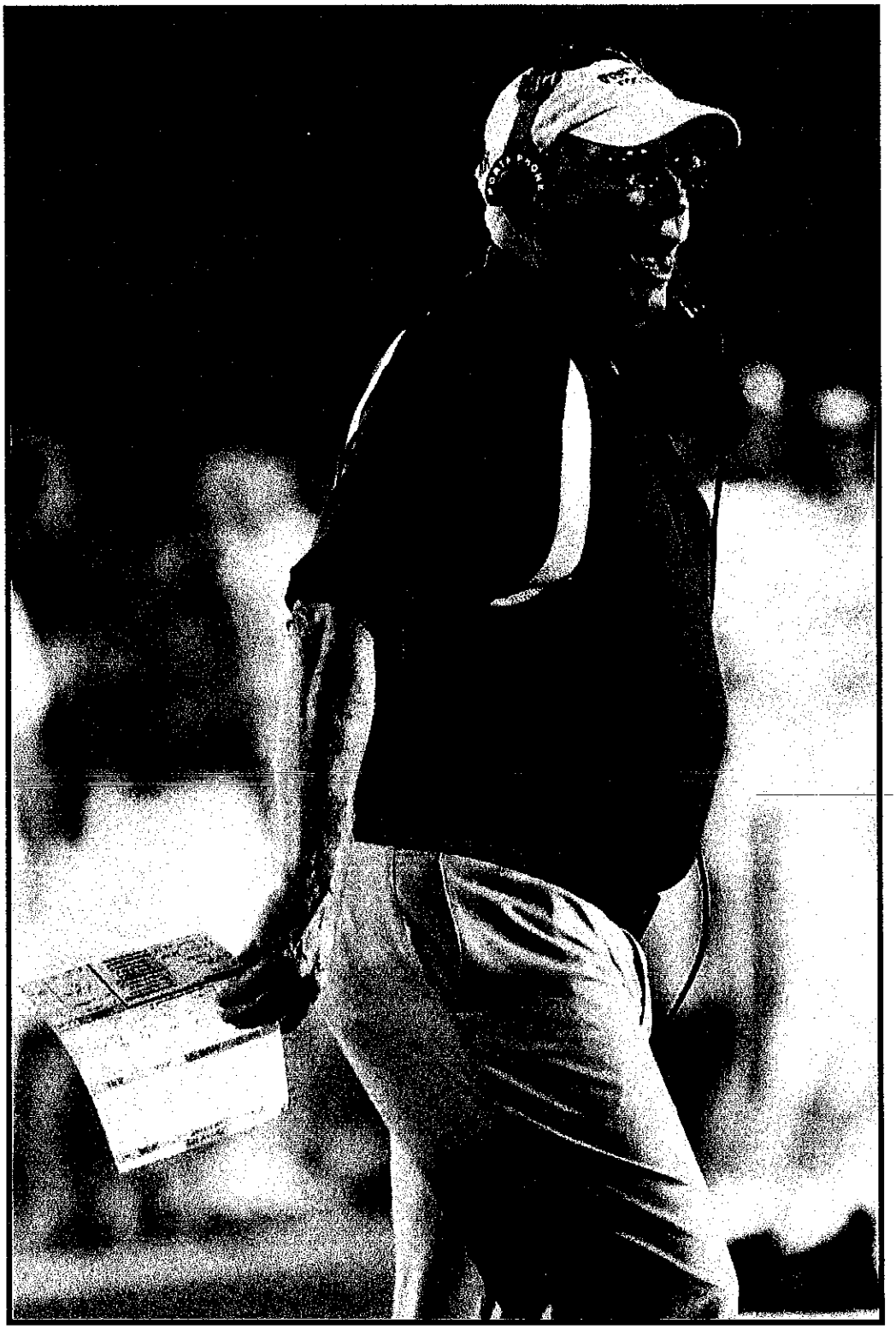
He believes in the same principles of disciplined and physical play that earned Anderson his 300th career win last week against Huffman. Plunkett, the Rockets' first-year head coach, realizes he's just 297 victories away from Anderson after a little more than 35 seasons of a head start.

Plunkett's unbeaten Rockets travel to Vestavia Hills in a matchup of perfect records this week, and he is aware of the experience gap he faces.

"He was the head coach at Vestavia Hills in 1978 in his first season before I was even a thought to my parents," Plunkett said. "My dad was an assistant football coach at Homewood in 1979, when I was born. He's been coaching and been the head coach at Vestavia Hills longer than I have been alive."

That said, he relishes the chance to play one of Anderson's teams. The Gardendale coach had dreamed about coaching Class 6A football and will do so against one of the all-time greats.

"You play a Buddy Anderson team and you know you will get the very best," he said. "As a young head coach you couldn't ask for a better way to see where your team is at and where you have to go."



Dovey Ralph "Buddy" Anderson
Vestavia Hills High School
Alabama's Career Football Wins Leader
306-124-0 in 36 seasons — ALL AT CLASS 6A VESTAVIA

ANDERSON WILL JOIN DAD IN PREP SPORTS HALL OF FAME

BILL PLOTT News staff writer
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Being elected to the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame is an honor for any coach, but for Buddy Anderson there is an extra level to that recognition.

The longtime Vestavia Hills football coach will join his late father, Dovey Fair Anderson, in that select company when he is inducted on Monday. Dovey Anderson was inducted in the first Hall of Fame class in 1991.

"It's very humbling to be there, but that makes it really special," said the younger Anderson, who did not play for his father while growing up in Thomasville.

"He had already retired from coaching. We came along late. He was 42 when I was born. When my brother started playing, he got out. He already had 31 years in it by then," said Anderson.

The kind of stability that the elder Anderson had brought to Thomasville was gone by the time Buddy Anderson began playing football. During his four years there, he played under four different head coaches. He said his inspiration for entering the profession came from God and from his father.

"I know for sure that God called me to be a coach. I know where I was (when it happened). I was a senior in high school, and it was one of those times when I know God spoke to me," he said.

There was not a similar calling from his father, however.

"He tried to talk me out of it," said Anderson. "He knew that you had to be really committed to it if you were going to do it. But he had a tremendous influence on me. He was basically one of the reasons I went into coaching. He said, 'I can't talk you out of it, but I'll be behind you."'

Dad had one bit of advice for the coach-to-be. "He said, 'A rolling rock doesn't gather too much moss.' I didn't know what he meant

at first. He said, 'Go somewhere and get some roots."'
Anderson's roots in Vestavia Hills are so deep it would likely take an earthquake to remove them. In an era when coaches seem to change jobs every other year, it's the only job he's had since arriving there in 1971.
"I never dreamed it would be like that, but as I look back I'm thankful that it was. My family and children all grew up going to the same schools all the way through. It was a lot of stability for my family," he said. In the wake of tragedy
Athletic Director Mutt Reynolds hired Anderson as an assistant coach and teacher right out of college under somber circumstances. Five coaches at Vestavia Hills, which was about to open as a new high school, had been involved in a horrific accident on U.S. 31 a few months earlier. Reynolds and another coach were seriously injured. Three of their colleagues were killed.
"I was hired to take the place of one of those coaches. I was hired in January and they wanted me to come on and coach that spring, but I had to do my student teaching at Samford," he said. In the fall of 1971, he began as an assistant. A few years later, he was elevated to head coach, beginning a worksheet that shows 205 wins and only 89 losses. There have been two state championships and two other teams that were runners-up. Under his tutelage, Vestavia Hills teams have won 13 area championships in 24 years.
Anderson has coached in the state All-Star Game and has received numerous Coach of the Year awards.
Asked to list the highlights of his career, Anderson said, "That's hard to say, but one of the biggest was getting hired the first time. The next one was when I became head coach. We had not been very good the year before, and we had only three starters returning. But, by the grace of God, we went 10-4 and finished second in the state."
Other favorite moments:
The 1979 runner-up team that went to Huntsville and beat favored J.O. Johnson in the semifinals. Johnson had five players who later played in the NFL.
The state championship teams of 1980 and 1998.

"Through the years, some games have been meaningful, even on teams without that great a record," Anderson said. "In 1982, we won only two ball games, but they were big, very exciting wins. It was just as exciting for those kids to win those games as it was for the others to win the state." A two-sport champ

Anderson also has coached golf at Vestavia Hills for about 10 years, winning a state championship in that sport in 1994. It's not exactly like coaching football.

"I tell 'em, don't hit too many times," he said, laughing.

But a championship is a championship.

"It was as exciting in its own right as the football championships," he said. "Those kids were excited, their parents were excited and I was excited. It meant a lot to them, and their peers were real excited for them. It just doesn't get as much exposure as football, where you've got 60 or 70 kids."

Anderson has had offers to leave Vestavia Hills, but none he entertained too seriously.

"I've been happy where I am. I have been blessed - first by the good Lord, and second by my wife and children. I've had an opportunity to work under some very fine people like Mr. (retired principal Michael) Gross. I've had great coaching staffs with me. They all deserve credit," Anderson said.

ANDERSON IS WORTHY OF COACH'S ULTIMATE HONOR

By Ray Melick
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As honors go for a football coach, having your name attached to a stadium or a field is about as good as it gets.
That is, after all, the place that often felt more like home than home did, the place where you lived and died on more game days than you can remember.
Buddy Anderson has spent the past 31 years of his life roaming high school football fields around the state of Alabama, but always he has called this one, the one adjacent to Vestavia Hills High School, home.
And now, Vestavia Hills High School will call it "Buddy Anderson Field" at Thompson Reynolds Stadium, a lasting tribute to Anderson's commitment to the only place he has ever coached.
"I've only been one place, as far as coaching," said the 52-year-old Anderson. "I mean, I grew up in Thomasville, Ala., and I'm very proud of where I came from. I left there to go to school for four years at Samford (University), then I was hired at Vestavia, and I've been here ever since."
In the beginning, he was an assistant to Vestavia Hills' first coach, the man for whom the stadium is named. And six years later, when Thompson "Mutt" Reynolds was athletics director of the Vestavia Hills school district, he promoted Anderson to take over the Rebels' football program.
Thirty-one years is a long time. Anderson was not much more than a kid himself when he first came to Vestavia Hills, and here he is, coaching the kids of some of the kids he first coached.
"The first time that happened, it was scary," Anderson said. "But I think the ones that were most scared where the dads of those kids, because they knew I knew too much about them."
That's the thing about being a high school football coach. For the

good ones, the ones like Anderson, it's more than just football. It's also teaching (math, in Anderson's case), and preaching (for 25 years, he's been the leader of the schools' Fellowship of Christian Athletes and led a voluntary Wednesday night Bible study), and just being there for generation after generation of young men as they went through some of the most challenging years they would ever face.

"I always laugh when people ask me how I like coaching," Anderson said. "I say, 'How would you like it if your job depended on what 15, 16, 17-year-olds were thinking?'

"But it has been rewarding, to see kids grow up and mature and to have a chance to have some influence in their lives. There is so much more to coaching kids at this level than wins and losses. You're wanting them to become the person the good Lord intends for them to be, a person who not only knows how to compete, but has character, has something to them so that they learn how to handle the good situations as well as the tough situations, so that they know how to carry themselves when the day comes that they are counted on to look after their own families."

Of course, no one lasts 25 years as a head football coach at any level just on building character. You have to win, and Anderson, with a 203-87 record, loves to win.

Fortunately for Vestavia Hills, while he was winning, he was also helping kids through those years when they are trying to find themselves.

There have been so many that Anderson hardly can go anywhere without running into someone he coached or taught.

"One time we went on a family cruise, just my wife and daughters," Anderson said. "And we ended up with two of my former players being on the same cruise. Then we get to Cozumel, Mexico, and run into a couple more of my former students."

Maybe the family wished they could go somewhere and not be bothered, but seeing the kids he taught grow up and mature and become successful in so many different walks of life - that's something Anderson never gets tired of.

Usually, when they start naming buildings or stadiums or football fields after you, you're either dead or retired. Anderson is neither,

and isn't showing any signs of slowing down.
"What else am I going to do?" he asked. "As long as I'm healthy, I'm going to stay here, with the kids. I'll still be coaching. Right now, I don't have any plans to do anything else."
No doubt, Vestavia Hills decided to name the field after Anderson to honor him, so that he would never be forgotten.
The honor is nice, but forgotten?

ANDERSON HUMBLE AS MILESTONE APPROACHES

BY RUBIN E. GRANT

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Have you ever asked someone a question and you already knew how that person would answer it, but you knew you had to ask it anyway?
That happens almost any time I call Vestavia Hills Coach Buddy Anderson to ask him about an upcoming football game.
Anderson doesn't give colorful quotes. In that regard, he's no Lou Holtz.
It's been that way for 20 years, so why did I expect anything different this week when I called Anderson to ask him about his first attempt to win his 200th game.
He laughed when I mentioned the milestone and said, "It just means I'm getting old."
Then came his standard answer - in typical coachspeak.
"We're trying to take it one game at a time, win one game at a time," Anderson said. "We've got our hands full and more this week."
The Rebels play host to the No. 1 (Class 5A) Homewood Patriots (9-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Homewood has won the past six times it has played at Vestavia Hills' Thompson Reynolds Stadium.
Last year, Homewood prevented Vestavia Hills from finishing the regular season unbeaten, knocking off the Rebels 34-24.
But don't expect revenge to be a factor Friday night. Anderson doesn't use that to motivate his players. He's more concerned about his team's execution on offense, defense and special teams.
That's his goal: to make sure his team is sound in all phases of

the game.
It's what he learned from his father Dovey, who coached 31 years at Thomasville High School and won 184 games.
Anderson believes his dad would have won even more games if he had been coaching nowadays, because five weeks of state playoffs give coaches more chances to earn victories.
"If I was coaching under the same conditions he coached under, I wouldn't have as many wins as I have," Anderson said. "He coached back in the 1940s and 50s and they didn't play but eight or nine games a year. They didn't have the playoffs and there were two years they didn't have a team because of the war (World War II)."
Anderson was close to his father, who died in 1993.
"He was close to me and my older brother, Charlie," Anderson said. "I couldn't ask for a better dad. He was not only my dad, but my best friend. There's not hardly a day goes by that I don't think about him."
If Anderson gets his 200th victory Friday night or next week in the first round of the playoffs, he wouldn't mind if it came via a shutout because that's the kind of football game his dad usually won.
"Of his 184 wins, over 100, something like 120 or 130, were shutouts," Anderson said. "I remember after he died on July 31, 1993, the first game we played was against Shades Valley. They had a really good football team. They had beaten us pretty good in 1992.
"We had been 5-5 (in 92), but we beat them 3-0. I knew my dad would have been proud of the type of game it was."
Anderson doesn't expect the Rebels to shut out Homewood or any of their opponents. The only thing he expects from his players is for them to play hard and carry out their assignments.
"Our kids have been working awfully hard," Anderson said. "I am proud of them. We have come a long way after Pelham beat us in the first game. We have improved every week, although we lost to Mountain Brook and Hoover since then."
Anderson has not been telling his players how much earning his 200th victory means to him. He's not that kind of a coach. He's quick to tell you that he's in it for the kids instead of for himself,

although he enjoys winning as much as anyone else.
That's why when I quizzed Anderson about the game against Homewood - a game in which he could post his 200th victory - he responded, "It's no different than any other week. We're preparing for it like it's just another game."
Why did I even ask? I knew he would say that.

VESTAVIA'S ANDERSON NAMED METRO '98 COACH OF THE YEAR

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Buddy Anderson was an easy pick as Birmingham News South and Hoover/Vestavia zone football coach of the year.

Anderson, in his 21st season at the helm, led the Rebels to a perfect 15-0 season and their first state championship since 1980.

One of Anderson's players, Rebels safety Robert Evans, was named not only Birmingham News South and Hoover/Vestavia zone player of the year, but overall Metro player of the year.

Anderson and Shelby zone coach of the year Fred Yancey were named Metro co-coaches of the year after each won state titles with 15-0 records.

The News' awards were chosen by the prep sports staff based on nominations by area coaches. Player honorees are seniors.

Vestavia's success was earned this season. The Rebels played perhaps the toughest schedule in all of 6A. They had to beat Shades Valley twice, Mountain Brook twice, Tuscaloosa County, Pelham and Homewood, and finished by narrowly defeating 10th-ranked Vigor in the final game 10-7 last Friday at Legion Field.

"To me this is a team award," Anderson said. "Without my other coaches and the players, none of it is possible."

Evans said Anderson is a model coach.

"He is like a second father to most of the guys on the team," Evans said. "He really cares about you. I think we were so successful because of his intensity and desire."

Evans pointed to one speech by Anderson which gave the team endless confidence in itself.

"He told us before the quarterfinals (against Mountain Brook) that we are going to win a state championship," Evans recalled. "He didn't say that we could win it, but that we were going to win it. That made a big impression on me."

Anderson said that it was simply the truth.

"The message for them was that we were good enough to do it," he said. "I told them that if they worked hard enough, they would do it, and they did."

Consistency has been the mark of Anderson's squads. This year's senior class leaves with a 39-3 record.

One thing that sets the Rebels apart from many other schools is that the coaching staff has been a steady unit for years. Some of Anderson's assistants have been at Vestavia Hills as long as he has.

Defensive coordinator Peter Vestavia, Braasch has been there for the long haul; Bruce Evans (defensive backs and tight ends) has been there since 1986; Sammy Dunn (defensive ends and tailbacks), was freshman coach in 1977 and joined Anderson's first staff a year later; Rick Grammer (defensive backs and wide receivers) came in 1986; and Mike Howard (offensive line) came home after a stint on Terry Bowden's Samford staff in 1992.

The unit's staying together is a testament to Anderson's trust in those around him, said assistant Bruce Evans, who is Robert's dad.

"He lets the assistants coach," the elder Evans said. "Sometimes that's hard to do. When things get rough out there, he lets you make the call. Some people may want to get in there and tinker with what you come up with, but Buddy lets you make the decisions."

FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS

Ron Ingram News columnist
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Some coaching milestones are more important than others - the first win, the 100th win, the first championship.
Two prep football coaches are nearing milestones that will have even more meaning to them.
Vestavia Hills' **Buddy Anderson** and Tuscaloosa County's Robert Higginbotham, formerly at Shades Valley, could equal or surpass their dads' coaching win totals. The foursome are the winningest father-son tandems in state football history.
Morris Higginbotham and Dovey Anderson are members of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame. Rightly so. Both men left a legacy of winning and of educating. The sons agree that just winning games will not equal their fathers' contributions to the sport.
Dovey Anderson spent more than 30 years at Thomasville High School where he compiled a 182-81-5 record.
He also helped produce young men who grew up "to be good fathers, good workers, good people," said Buddy. Dad taught men's Sunday School for more than 60 years. He knew and had a hand in teaching almost every single boy who grew up in the community in the past seven decades.
"My hero has always been my dad," said Buddy. "He's the kind of person I have always strived to be."
Like his dad, **Buddy Anderson** has practiced his religious convictions. Active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Anderson declined a chance to coach in the AlabamaMississippi all-star football game because he had already committed to an FCA camp which he attends each year. The Samford graduate has a 176-70-0 record and won the 6A state title last year.
Morris Higginbotham compiled a 190-73-8 record in quite a different pattern than Dovey Anderson. He worked at several

schools including Hueytown and Enterprise, winning at all of them. He also coached at Livingston University.

He speaks with pride of watching son Robert's teams perform. He said last year as the Mounties rolled to a 12-2 record and the 6A semifinals, "I don't think even Robert knows what an outstanding football coach he is."

Robert Higginbotham spent the past 23 seasons at Shades Valley, leading the Mounties to the finals twice. He compiled a 184-94-3 record at Shades Valley. However, he left after the 1998 season amid some controversy when he lambasted the administration for what he called a lack of support.

Father and son are similar. Using a Marine boot-camp style, both men produced many college players. And both have spent their adult lives teaching young men they can accomplish their goals.

Robert played football for Bear Bryant at Alabama. He recalled as a freshman going through Bryant's strenuous workouts and listening to other players complain.

He said he told them, "This is nothing compared to Morris Higginbotham's practices."

Vestavia plays Tuscaloosa County Oct. 15 at Northport. If both teams come in 6-1, the winner would be the first to surpass his dad's win total.

SIMPLY THE BEST

LATE TD GIVES UNBEATEN REBELS CLASS 6A STATE TITLE

Rubin E. Grant
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CLASS 6A STATE FINALS

Senior running back John Holloway probably was the least likely player to score the game-winning touchdown For the No. 1 ranked Vestavia Hills Rebels in their Class 6A championship game Friday night against the No. 10 Vigor Wolves at Legion Field. Until Vestavia Hills' next-to-last possession, Holloway had carried the ball one time for 1 yard.

But with the Rebels facing the distinct possibility of a loss to ruin their perfect season, Vestavia Hills Coach **Buddy Anderson** turned to Holloway.

And Holloway delivered, carrying three times for 37 yards on Vestavia Hills' go-ahead five-play, 46-yard scoring drive. He capped it with an 8-yard run around right end with 3:25 remaining to give the Rebels a 10-7 victory and the Class 6A title before a crowd of 20,300.

"I never would have gotten this far without my offensive line," the mild-mannered Holloway said. "When Coach put me in at tailback and told us we had five minutes to move, he let me touch the ball three times. And when No. 48 (Vigor senior linebacker Jakendrick Blunt) came up, I knew we would score."

The Rebels (15-0) won their second state championship as they completed the first perfect season in school history. The Rebels' first title came in 1980, the last time the Rebels were in a title game and the third of three consecutive final trips.

"Our goal since day one was to go all the way, and the dream came true tonight," said Vestavia Hills Coach **Buddy Anderson**, who evened his record at 2-2 in title games at the helm of the Rebels.

The loss was the first in three championship appearances for

Vigor. The Wolves (11-4) won back-to-back Class 6A titles in 1987 and '88.

The Rebels took over at the Wolves' 46-yard line with 4:58 remaining after a Vigor punt. Holloway ripped off runs of 9 and 20 yards on quick draws to help move the ball to the Wolves' 8.
On first down from there, Vestavia Hills senior quarterback Brent Speigner threw a pass into the end zone that nearly was intercepted.
On the next down, Speigner handed off to Holloway, who ran around right end untouched for the winning touchdown.
"We had been throwing the ball a lot and we felt we could run the draw because they were dropping off," Anderson said." John made a great run to score."
Vigor took the ensuing kickoff and drove to the Rebels' 27. But on fourthand-6, Vestavia Hills senior free safety Robert Evans broke up senior quarterback Jarvis Sanders' high-lobbing fade pass to junior wide receiver Larry Howell at the goal line with 1:52 remaining to secure the victory and the crown.
"We knew they would throw the fade," Evans said. "The ball floated up in the air forever and I just got enough of the ball to knock it down."
"Howell is a tremendous receiver and go-to guy," Anderson said. "We gambled they would go to him and put Robert on him and it paid off."
Evans was named the game's most valuable player. He had an interception, his ninth, and also broke up three passes.
Sanders and Howell had hooked up on a similar pass on a fourth-and-three play for a 13-yard touchdown that gave Vigor a 7-3 lead with 11:44 remaining in fourth quarter.
The 6-foot-3 Howell outjumped Vestavia Hills' 5-10 senior cornerback Michael Otwell to make the reception in the right corner of the end zone.
But three plays before Evans' defensive gem, Otwell broke up the same kind of pass to Howell in the end zone.
Vestavia Hills dominated the field position in the first half, but managed only a field goal. And that was the result of two poor special team plays by Vigor late in the first quarter.

First, Vigor's Torion Stabler fielded a punt at his 1-yard line and was tackled at the 3.
Four plays later, forced to punt from his own end zone, Sanders got off only a 21-yard kick, giving the Rebels' possession at the Vigor 23.
On first down, Speigner completed a 20-yard screen pass to junior fullback Nathan Matson for a first down at the Vigor 3. But the Rebels had to settle for Ty Neil's 27-yard field goal that gave Vestavia Hills a 3-0 lead.
Neither team had much success moving the ball in the first half. Vestavia Hills managed only 50 total yards compared to 101 total yards for Vigor.
For the game, Vigor outgained Vestavia Hills 294 yards to 193, but could manage only one touchdown.
Speigner, who entered the game completing 65.8 percent of his passes, was only nine-of-21 passing for 86 yards with one interception.
The Rebels also lost two fumbles.
Sanders completed 10-of-30 passes for 200 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions for Vigor.
The championship erased two years of playoff frustration for the Rebels. They lost in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Jeff Davis in 1996 and lost in semifinals in three overtimes to Benjamin Russell last year.
Vestavia Hills' seniors ended their three-year varsity career with a 39-3 record and a state title.
"I'm just so proud of our kids I don't know what to do," Anderson said." They worked hard to get to No. 1 and it was very important to them not to let go. They were going to keep that No. 1 ranking."



Buddy Anderson and wife Linda celebrate Class 6A Vestavia Hills' 300th win during Anderson's tenure — making him the only coach in Alabama prep history to win 300 games at the same school.



OLD DOGS LEARN NEW TRICKS THREE FORMER SAMFORD TEAMMATES ARE BACK IN THE TITLE HUNT AS PREP COACHES

Ron Ingram News staff writer

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Back in 1972, Phil Lazenby, Carrol Cox and Buddy Anderson were teammates on a Samford University Bulldogs football team that won the NCAA Division II national championship.

The three college kids chose to embark on careers in coaching. Now, 25 years later, the three find themselves in the championship picture again - this time as adversaries. The trio will be preparing their high school football teams this week for a berth in the Super 6 Class 6A state championship game.

"It is unusual," said Anderson, who takes his sixth-ranked Vestavia Hills Rebels (12-1) to Alexander City on Friday night to face Lazenby's Benjamin Russell Wildcats (11-2).

"We were all part of something pretty special in college. And with all three of us now in the semifinals, it is something I think we can be proud of."

Cox, who coaches 10th-ranked Jess Lanier (11-2), will be at home Friday night against Tuscaloosa County (10-3) in the other 6A semifinal game.

"Buddy and Phil were real good football players," said Cox of his Samford teammates. "I was a defensive end on that team. I hadn't really thought much about those times lately. Buddy and Phil are outstanding coaches, and they are outstanding men."

The friendships aside, all three will be vying for the two spots set aside for the Class 6A finals, which will be played at Legion Field on Thursday night, Dec. 11. The Super 6 championships will feature the 3A and 6A games on Dec. 11, the 1A and 4A games on Friday, Dec. 12, and the 2A and 5A games on Saturday, Dec. 13.

For Cox and Anderson, reaching the semifinals - and the finals - are not new experiences. For Lazenby, he has taken Benjamin Russell in his first season as head coach there to the loftiest

height of the school's history.
The Wildcats beat defending state champion Jeff Davis at Cramton Bowl 17-14 Friday to earn the right to host Anderson's Rebels. Vestavia knocked off second-ranked CentralPhenix City 22-19. Both games were won in the final seconds.
Lanier handed third-ranked Walker its first defeat with a 21-8 win at Jasper. Tuscaloosa County, coached by Bobby Moore, edged eighth-ranked Oxford in another game settled in the final seconds 24-20.
Lanier edged the Wildcats from Northport 14-7 during the regular season. Tuscaloosa County beat Central-Tuscaloosa and Central beat Lanier to create a three-way tie for the area title. The Purple Tigers earned the area championship via the tiebreaker and Moore's team finished runner-up.
Cox and Moore have something else in common - they have their sons quarterbacking their teams. Thomas Cox, a senior, moved to Jess Lanier this season after spending two years at Hueytown. The move has worked well for the Tigers. Moore's son, Bobby Jr., has been the starting QB for the Wildcats for three seasons.

VESTAVIA HILLS COACH ANDERSON IS HONORED

Ron Ingram News staff writer
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TUSCALOOSA - It's difficult to mention Vestavia Hills head football coach Buddy Anderson without mentioning his father, longtime Thomasville football coach Dovey Anderson.

Wednesday night, Buddy Anderson was one of 20 coaches honored for meritorious service at the Alabama High School Athletic Association's annual awards banquet.

Mention meritorious service and Anderson's father, who spent 31 years as head coach at Thomasville, may have written the book.

The elder Anderson, now deceased, has been inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame. He won more than 150 games in his career.

Buddy Anderson is following in his father's footsteps.

He has spent all 22 years of his coaching career at Vestavia Hills, the past 16 as head coach, where he has won one state championship and compiled a 118-67 record.

Opelika athletic director and head football coach Doug Barfield, former head coach at Auburn University, said his coaching role model was Dovey Anderson.

Barfield grew up in neighboring Grove Hill and became Anderson's brother-in-law when the two married sisters. Buddy Anderson is Barfield's nephew.

"I really looked up to him, admired him greatly," Barfield said. "He was the toughest man I may have ever known. Dovey was still painting houses when he was 79 or 80 years old."

His coaching career may be highlighted by outstanding seasons, such as the 1980 state championship and last year's 10-3 slate, but his mark in coaching comes as much from his strong Christian stance. He was described as being a strong role model for fellow coaches, teachers and ath-letes.

That was much the same description his father received when inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame.

Three other Vestavia Hills coaches were recognized for the many years of service Wednesday night, including track coach Randy

Faust (20 years), head boys basketball coach George Hatchett (20) and Diane Ray (25).

David Barney

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: David Ellsworth Barney
(first, middle, last)

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Place of Birth: Winthrop, MA Date of Retirement: Active]

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
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Post Graduate School: UNM (Grad)	Albuquerque, NM	1961	MA Degree

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

See attached - NFHS & NISCA Professional Record & Awards Resume

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

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Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

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Other information *(not previously listed)*

Reference competitive classifications: There are no classifications for the sport of swimming and diving in New Mexico. Every school (public or private, large or small) competes in the same classification. By enrollment, Dave Barney's school, Albuquerque Academy is a 3A school in a 5A system, but as the information provided above indicates, all schools compete in a single classification in the sport of swimming and diving.

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Yrs NISCA Member: 32
Yrs Coaching: 52 (37 H.S. Swimming)

Coaching Record: 52 years (1961-2012) coaching interscholastic sports (37 yrs H.S. Girls Swimming, 29 yrs H.S. Boys Swimming. Number of NISCA All Americas through 2012: 333 (133 Individual, 34 Relay, 166 Academic). Number of NISCA Nat'l Prep Champions 5. Number of New Mexico State Team Championships won 34 (18 Boys, 16 Girls). Number of New Mexico High School State Record swims 64. Number of Individual and Relay State Champion Swims 230. Number of Rhodes Scholars 1 (Justine Schluntz 2010). Number of NCAA Women Athletes of the Year 2 (Justine Schluntz, U of Arizona in 2010, Kendra Stern, Amherst College 2011). Lifetime swim coaching record Boys & Girls Combined through 2012 (838-68). ***Inductions:*** New Mexico/Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame (1995). University of New Mexico Athletic Hall of Honor (2000). New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2009). New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Fame (2010). NISCA Hall of Fame (2013). ***Honors:*** Inaugural National Federation of High School Athletics Girls National Swim Coach of the Year (1995). NISCA 25 Year Coaching Award: 1989. NMHSACA Milestone Ring of Honor (1994). Two-time NHSACA Region 8 Coach of the Year (1990, 1995). NISCA Outstanding Service Award: 1991. NISCA National Honor Coach (2006). NISCA Hall of Fame Award, 2013. ***International Service:*** Member of the Selection Committee for International Swimming Hall of Fame. ***National Service:*** NISCA: New Mexico state delegate (32 years). Author of NISCA's Altitude Study and subsequent altitude tables (1989). ***State of New Mexico Service:*** Founded (1972) and presided for ten years over the largest club swim league in New Mexico (Sundance Aquatic Association). Pioneered the sport of water polo in New Mexico in the 1950's. Taught thousands of children to swim, including hundreds of children competing in Special Olympics. Specialized in teaching hearing-impaired children. ***Clinics & Lectures:*** Has given over a hundred coaching clinics and lectures in the United States and Canada, and, in the summer of 2008, in Beijing, China at the 9th International Symposium for Olympic Research, held in concert with the Games of the XXIX Olympiad.

Dave Barney
Albuquerque Academy

Dave Barney has received mention as *one of the coaching cornerstones of American high school swimming.* He has been involved with coaching the sport since 1958. Since that time he has created and directed programs at the YMCA, Club, and high school level. At Albuquerque Academy, where he has coached athletics for the past forty-four years, his swimming teams have won thirty-three New Mexico State Championships (eighteen boys and fifteen girls) over the past thirty years. He has also coached 222 individual and relay state champions as well as 60 state record breaking performances. In addition, he has coached a combined 284 NISCA (National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association) All American swimmers, divers, relays, and academic All Americas. In 1990, he received the "Milestone Ring Award," the New Mexico Coaches Association highest level award for "excellence in coaching." In 1995, the National Federation of Interscholastic Athletics named him their inaugural National High School Swim Coach of the Year. He has been named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Region 8 Coach of the year on two occasions (1990, 1995). He received NISCA's prestigious "Outstanding Service Award" in 1991 for his lifetime contributions to American high school swimming. In 1996, he was honored by his community by being inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame, now known as the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. In the year 2000, he was honored by his university by being inducted into the University of New Mexico's Athletic Hall of Honor. In 2003, he was named one of NISCA's first National Honor Coaches. In 2009, he became the first swim coach to be inducted into the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and in 2010 the first swim coach to be inducted into the New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Pride & Honor. He is a published poet, essay, and memoir writer as well as a national and international lecturer on the history of sport. His most recent lecture abroad, *American Genesis,* presented at the Capital Institute for Physical Education & Sport in Beijing, China during the recent Games of the XXIX Olympiad, explores the beleaguered path that led American women toward their initial participation in Olympic competition at the VII Olympiad in Antwerp, Belgium. He also serves the International Swimming Hall of Fame as a member of its selection committee. In addition, he was the primary design consultant for Albuquerque Academy's stunning natatorium, completed in December of 1997; in that regard, he continues to design aquatic facilities through his consulting work for various architectural firms in New Mexico.

David E. Barney

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Education:

University of New Mexico
Master of Arts Degree, 1961
Bachelor of Science Degree, 1959

Professional Aquatic Director (AD) & Design Consultant: (DC)

Albuquerque Country Club (AD)	1961-1973
Highpoint Swim & Tennis Club (DC & AD)	1974-1994
Sierra Vista West Swim & Tennis Club (DC)	1978-1979
Midtown Sports & Wellness Club (DC & AD)	1982-1984
Riverpoint Sports & Wellness Club (DC)	1984-1985
Del Norte Sports & Wellness Club (DC &AD)	1994-1995
Albuquerque Academy Natatorium (DC & Coach)	1995-1996
Taos Municipal Pool (DC)	2004-2005
Gallup Municipal Pool (DC)	2004-2005
Rio Rancho Municipal Pool (DeC)	2005-2006
Sandia Pueblo Wellness Center (DC)	2007-2008

Professional Teaching Experience:

Cranbrook School (Bloomfield Hills, MI)	1961-1967
Albuquerque Academy (English Faculty)	1967-1995
Albuquerque Academy (Coaching)	1967-2012
University of New Mexico (Instructor)	1959-1960

Supplemental:

Cranbrook School:
Master of English
Varsity head coach of hockey and baseball, Asst. football
Housemaster

Albuquerque Academy:
Head of Senior School (1967-1976)
Director of Development & Alumni Relations (1977-1984)
Master of English (1967-1995)
Varsity head coach of boys & girls track and field
Varsity head coach of boys & girls swimming
Master Emeritus: 1995

Honors:

New Mexico/Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame
University of New Mexico Athletic Hall of Honor
New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame

New Mexico Activities Association's Hall of Pride & Honor
National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Hall of Fame
NISCA National Honor Coach
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From the Desk of:

April 3, 2013

As president of the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association I would inform you of the NISCA Hall of Fame Award that was presented to Coach David Barney of Albuquerque Academy at our recent national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our organization selects one or two coaches each year to receive this award for their contributions to the sport of swimming at the local, state and national level. This is the highest award presented by our association. The recipient's name is engraved on the trophy on display at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The coaches who work with high school student/athletes have a great impact and influence on the development of these individuals. We believe that interscholastic activities teach those involved much more than how excel at a particular sport or activity. The lessons learned go far beyond their membership on a team and will benefit them throughout their life.

Enclosed is a program from our awards banquet. The state of New Mexico is fortunate to have coaches like David Barney to work with their youth.

Swimcerely

Mel Roberts

Mel Roberts
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NMAA

New Mexico Activities Association

November 7, 2012

NFHS, Hall of Fame Committee
PO Box 690
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Committee Members:

Dave Barney has served the swimming community in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the past 52 years. During his distinguished career he has served in many roles: as an aquatic director, design consultant, coach, head of senior school, director of development, alumni relations, and as an instructor at the University of New Mexico.

Dave has received many honors including the following:

- Albuquerque / New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame
- University of New Mexico Hall of Honor
- New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Pride & Honor
- National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Hall of Fame
- NISCA National Honor Coach
- NISCA National Service Award to Interscholastic Swimming
- National Federation of Interscholastic Athletics Inaugural National Swim Coach of the Year
- National Association of High School Coaches Regional Coach of the Year (twice)
- International Swimming Hall of Fame Selection Committee Member

Dave has given back to the sport by conducting over 150 swim coach lectures/clinics, as well as writing numerous published articles. Every year his school, Albuquerque Academy, assists the NMAA in hosting our state swimming and diving championships in a first class, state of the art facility.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding Dave Barney's nomination for the NFHS Hall of Fame. He is definitely a worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

Bill Cleland

Bill Cleland, Associate Director

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October 22, 2009

New Mexico High School Coaches Association
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Dear Members of New Mexico Activities Association:

Swimming is philosophy.
Swimming is psychology.
Swimming is history.
Swimming is poetry.

Swimming occupies that space between the workout and/or the competition and life, at least that is what I have learned from Dave Barney. It is a primordial sport. For each athlete that Dave coaches or has coached, his lessons are internalized and they have multiplying effects that immediately transfer to other corners of life. *"Workout, coupled with life lessons, is what Dave imparts"*

Dave Barney is not just a coach; he is a guru.

Look at Dave's record of All Americans. Look at his record of Academic All Americans. Look at the success of his former swimmers and one will find the framework of a life long passion. I have been in *"aquatics"* for most of my life now: Head Swim and Dive Coach at Albuquerque's West Mesa High School, Assistant Swim Coach under Dave Barney at Albuquerque Academy, Head Swim coach at the Bullis School in Potomac MD, Dive Representative for the Merrimack diving program in Bethesda MD, and most recently Assistant Swim Coach and Head Diving Coach at the Westminster School in Simsbury CT. Dave Barney took me in and taught me the meaning of excellence not only in swimming, but also in life. He taught me philosophy. He is without a doubt, the consummate professional. He is the youngest old coach that I know. He has shaped me not only as a coach but also as a person.

Dave is a philosopher.

Dave takes swimmers from where they are and pushes them toward what they can be. His prowess for technique is attuned to the latest research as he tweaks the beat of a swimmer's kick…finessing the entry of their hand…adjusting the pace of their stroke…critiquing the nuances of a flip turn…drilling one on the finish. He knows how to motivate athletes toward their highest capacity.

Dave is a psychologist

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November 6, 2012

Dear Awards Committee,

Dave Barney is a marvel. I don't think I've ever worked with such a well-rounded, caring, and excellent coach in my career. We've grown accustomed to the success of his swimmers over the years as they accumulate state championships and Academic All-American honors, but we also marvel at the model of sportsmanship and team cohesion they exhibit as well. We gather each year to witness the "concert" the team puts on, exhibiting the talents that demonstrate their well-rounded lives, and we stand back in awe as, around New Year's Day each winter, generations of Dave's swimmers return home for 100 lengths in the pool, symbolizing their bond to their school and to Dave and his program. I've never seen anything like it. Another minor fact: Dave is now 80 years old and still completely on top of his coaching and community game. Marvelous indeed.

We listen to Dave tell life stories to this team, molding their lives, and we often turn to him to write the obituaries of dear, departed members of our community. We watch from a distance as Dave interacts with the entire swimming world, bringing Olympians to visit our swimmers and, modestly and slowly, gradually revealing to us how amazingly connected he is to the swimming movement in the United States. We read Dave's articles on the history of athletic competition and see in them the essence of what is best in amateur athletic competition.

And finally, for me, I await Dave's arrival each fall in preparation for the coming season. He greets me with a hearty, "Mr. Headmaster!" in his, still after so many years, New England accent. With that greeting, Dave makes me feel part of something so big, so important, and so enduring. It is the essence of goodness in education, coaching, and life. I heartily support Dave's nomination and hope you get a chance to meet him at some point – you will be amazed if you do.

Sincerely,

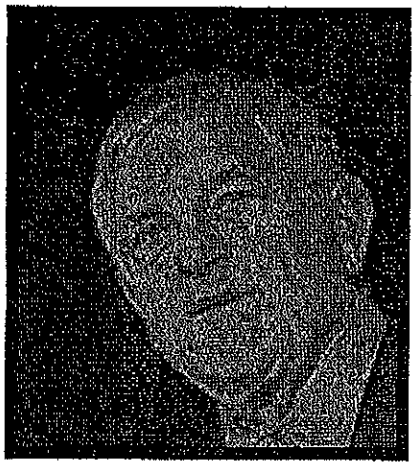
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Origin of the NISCA Hall of Fame Award

In 1958 NISCA invited the Kalos Kagathos Foundation to conceive, commission, and grant fund to Princeton sculptor Joe Brown the NISCA Hall of Fame Trophy. The original sculpture is on display at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a replica is conferred during the annual NISCA Conference.



David E. Barney

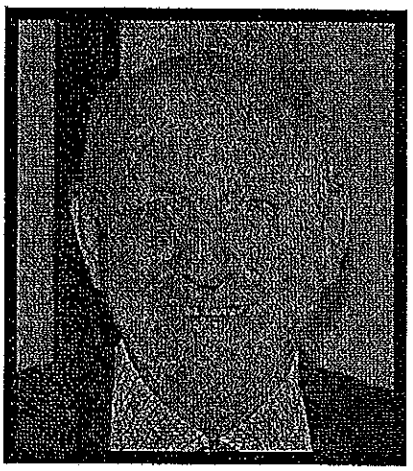
Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM

Presenter: Robert K. Barney

Leadership (Local, State, & National): Member of the Selection Committee for International Swimming Hall of Fame; NISCA: New Mexico state delegate (32 years); author of NISCA's Altitude Study and subsequent altitude tables (1989); founded (1972) and presided for ten years over the largest club swim league in New Mexico (Sundance Aquatic Association); pioneered the sport of water polo in New Mexico in the 1950's; taught thousands of children to swim, including hundreds of children competing in Special Olympics; specialized in teaching hearing-impaired children; has given over a hundred coaching clinics and lectures in the United States and Canada; and in the summer of 2008 in Beijing, China at the 9th International Symposium for Olympic Research, held in concert with the Games of the XXIX Olympiad.

Professional Recognition and Awards: New Mexico/Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame (1995); University of New Mexico Athletic Hall of Honor (2000); New Mexico HS Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2009); New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Fame (2010); NISCA Hall of Fame Award (2013); inaugural Federation of HS Athletics National Girls Swim Coach of the Year (1995); NISCA 25 Year Coaching Award; 1989. NMHSACA Milestone Ring of Honor (1994); Two-time NHSACA Region 8 Coach of the Year (1990, 1995), 1991 NISCA Outstanding Service Award; NISCA Dave Robertson National Honor Coach (2006); 2013 NISCA Hall of Fame Award.

Aquatic Coaching Experience and Accomplishments: 52 years coaching interscholastic sports; 37 yrs HS girls swimming; 29 yrs. HS boys swimming; number of NISCA All Americas through 2012; 333 boys and girls combined, 133 individual; 34 Relays;166 Academic; 5 NISCA Nat'l Prep Champions; 34 New Mexico State Team Championships, 18 Boys, 16 Girls; 64 New Mexico HS state record swims; 230 individual and relay state champions; number of Rhodes Scholars 1, Justine Schluntz 2010; Number of NCAA Women Athletes of the Year 2 (Justine Schluntz, U of Arizona in 2010, Kendra Stem, Amherst College 2011; Lifetime swim coaching record boys & girls combined through 2012 (838~8)



Phil Emery

Bangor High School, Bangor, ME

Presenters: Julie Furlo & Jennifer Roeder

Leadership (Local, State,& National): 5 times President of the Maine Swimming Coaches Association, President of the New England Swimming Coaches Association, 1977-1978; State Meet Director, 1978-2000; Penobscot Valley Conference Meet Director since 1980; NISCA State Delegate 1986-present; NISCA Zone 1 Director 2000-present; NISCA Professional Awards Committee; Co-founded the Maine Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame; served on and chaired many committees for the Maine Swimming Coaches' Association, 1969-present; clinic speaker many times including; NISCA, ASCA, Ohio, Michigan, and Maine; contributor to the NISCA Coaches Handbook.

Aquatic Coaching Experiences: Bangor HS Boys Head Coach 1969-present; Bangor Middle School Swimming and Diving Coordinator, 1969-present; Penobscot Valley Conference coordinator, 1980-present; Bangor YMCA Head Coach Summer Program 1970-71, 1976-77, 1985-1992; Co director of the Down East Swim Clinic 1973-1988, NCAA Championship Official 1986-present. Professional Recognitions and Awards: Maine Swimming Coach of the Year 16 times; 1975 team presented the "Key to The City" by the Bangor City Council; team featured on "Good Morning America Show" 1976; John Bapst Quarterback Club Achievement Award 1976; Team recognized for outstanding achievement by the Maine State Legislature and Governor Angus- King , 2000 and 2001; Maine Principals Association Outstanding Service Award, 1990; NISCA Outstanding Service Award, 1992; "Bruce Hutchinson Award" by SCSU Swim Team Alumni Club for outstanding contributions to HS swimming, 2000; Outstanding Achievement Award by the SW Maine Swimming Officials Association, 2001; Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2003; Maine Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame, 2006; David H. Robertson Honor Coach 2004. Competitive Coaching Experience and Accomplishments: 21 undefeated seasons with over 300 dual meet victories; 26 Maine State Championships; 26 Penobscot Valley Conference Championships; New England Champions, 1975; 39 swimmers and divers made All American Consideration; 8 Swimming and Diving All Americans, 33 Academic All Americans.

PETE V. DOMENICI
NEW MEXICO

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 7, 2000

Dear Dave,

It is a special pleasure to congratulate you, Dave -- a distinguished Albuquerque Academy Swimming Coach, writer, and English master emeritus, as you become the 62nd inductee of the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor.

Yours is a great legacy, Dave - and that is the thousands of young people who are good swimmers because of you, your continuing leadership role with the Sundance Aquatic Association; the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame; National Swim Coach of the Year, and the state of the art aquatic facility at Albuquerque Academy named in your honor and that of your brother. And that's only a beginning!

Suffice it to say, Dave, I join with your proud mother, wife and family in sincere congratulations and admiration.

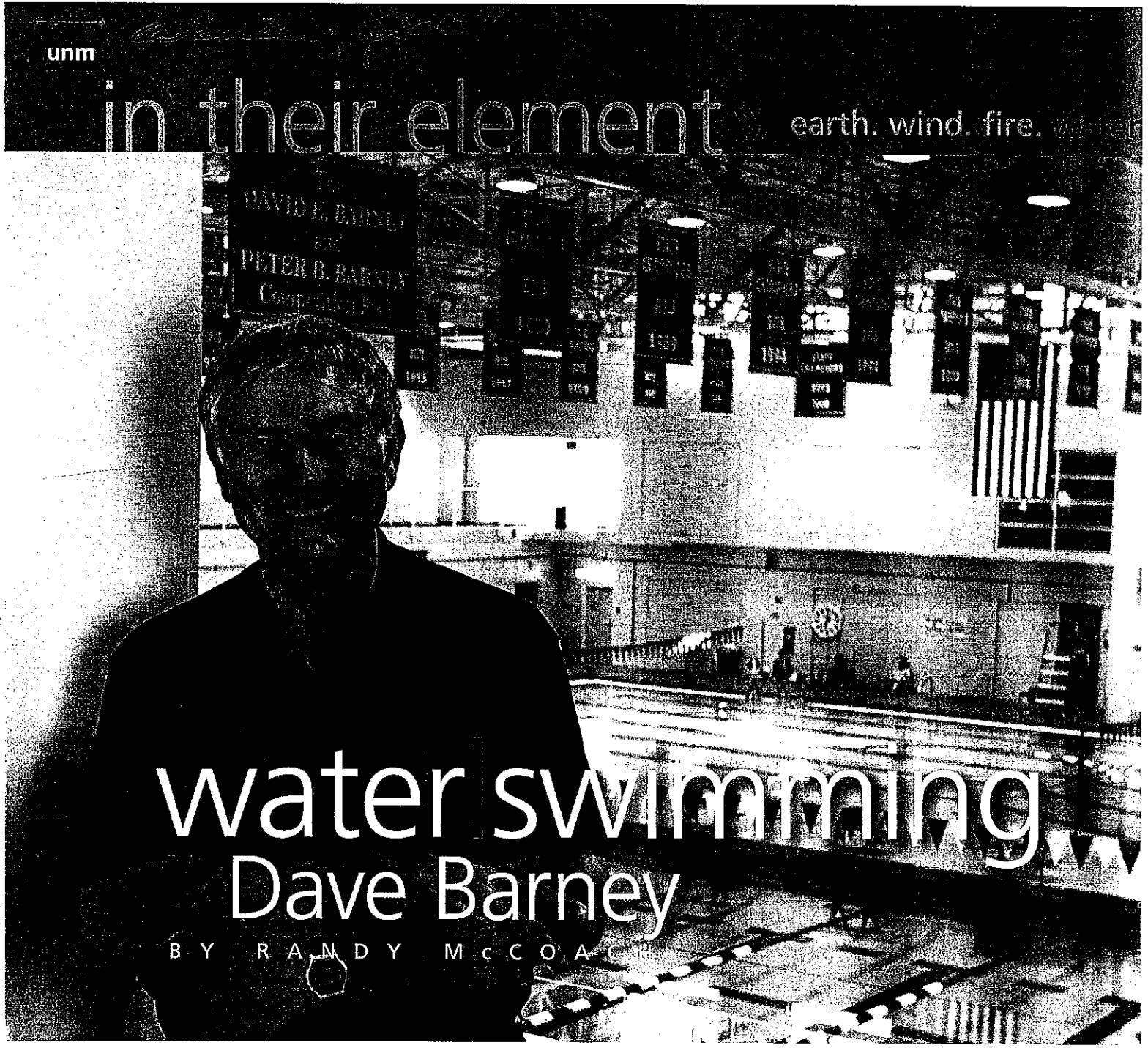
Your friend,

Pete Domenici
United States Senator

To Mr. Dave Barney
2000 UNM Alumni Lettermen Athletic
Hall of Honor Inductee

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water swimming

Dave Barney

BY RANDY McCOAC

SUCCESSFUL SWIMMER:

For decades, Dave Barney has coached winning swimmers and studied their sport.

Entering his 42nd season in a remarkably successful career as a high school swimming coach, Dave Barney, '59 BSHP, '61 MS, has plenty of trophies—so many, in fact, that he can't keep them all in one place.

Some are shiny and golden, sitting on a shelf, and others are walking around Albuquerque today, volunteering for the Special Olympics, perhaps, or raising their children to be kind and respectful. Many are still competing, and they're enjoying the same sense of fun and enthusiasm they learned as 15- and 16-year-olds.

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And alumni who've made careers of them.

As a coach and a former teacher at Albuquerque Academy, Dave says his job goes far beyond the dynamics and mastery of moving through water.

"The best coaches and best teachers will teach the whole person, not just the student or the athlete," he says.

Seen in that light, Dave could be described as a great coach even if the scoreboard never agreed, but with 30 state champion teams, 191 individual and relay state champions and 62 state-record times, there's no question about it.

The 76-year-old Barney, who was a three-sport athlete for the Lobos back in the day, is a member of the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame and the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor. In 1995, he was the inaugural recipient of the National Swim Coach of the Year award, presented by the National Federation of High School Athletics.

In school-against-school swim meets, his Academy Chargers boys and girls have compiled a jaw-dropping won-loss record of 616-63, dating back to his 1967 debut at the school.

Still, Dave says the thing that keeps his retirement at bay is the continued opportunity to work with and engage the young men and women under his tutelage.

"They are what keep me going," he says.

Dave says he has never shied away from engaging a student on a personal level, and that's a trait that he says goes all the way back to John Williams, his first swimming coach at UNM back in 1958.

"He was a big influence on me, and not just as a coach," says Dave, who was an all-conference swimmer in addition to playing baseball and football for the Lobos. "He would talk to us about how we should carry ourselves and about common courtesy. He had a saying, 'Be natty in your dress and gentlemanly in your manner.' Not that I always followed his advice in the natty dress part. ..."

Gary Simon, '00 BSEE, an All-America swimmer and six-time individual state champ under Barney in 1991-94, says it "was obvious he knew everything there was to know about swimming," so it was easy to develop that all-important level of trust between athlete and coach, but beyond that, Simon says, it was just plain fun to be on Barney's teams.

"There was a real focus on the team aspect, Gary says.

In addition to being a fun, approachable coach, Dave is a serious investigator of the scientific aspects of swimming and of the sport's history, particularly its Olympic history.

This year, as part of the Olympic festivities in Beijing, Dave was a guest lecturer at an academic symposium. His topic was the 1920 US Olympic swim team, which was notable for its historic inclusion of female athletes.

Back at home, trying to keep up with the latest incarnation of the spry, young Chargers—practices for the current season began in November—Dave says he gets asked from time to time if he's considering retirement.

"Well," he says, "I'll know it's time to hang 'em up when my enthusiasm goes away, and that hasn't happened yet."

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Kyle Lee, '97 MBA, has been promoted to vice president of operations by MIOX in Albuquerque.

Erin Ferreira, '98 BUS, '02 MA, '07 JD, is an associate with the Martinez & Hart law firm in Albuquerque.

Christy Sigmon, '98 BSED, is now the principal of Ventana Ranch Elementary School in Albuquerque.

Kurt Steinhaus, '98 DED, was recently selected as the director of the Community Programs Office at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He lives in Santa Fe.

Zack Zazula, '98 BA, has just received an MS in the management of information technology from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. He lives in Ashburn, Virginia.

Corrina Burns, '99 BBA, '03 MBA, is tourism marketing manager at the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Jessica M. Hernandez, '99 BA, '02 JD, has been named Young Lawyer of the Year by the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association. She is an associate at Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb in Albuquerque.

R. Nicole Allman, '00 MS, has joined Howlin' Coyote Productions in Albuquerque as a sales consultant.

Matthew E. Vitek, '00 BA, has joined the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as counsel in the Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC. Matthew lives in Arlington, Virginia.

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Academy's Barney Is Pooling His Talent

Swim Coach Has Long List of Feats

By J.D. Kailer
For the Journal

"I'm not sure which came first — dog paddling or crawling. But I know I was swimming long before my folks sent me to kindergarten," Dave Barney says.

Early on, the neighborhood YMCA became his home away from home.

His favorite sports were baseball and swimming. His heroes included baseball legend Ted Williams and Olympic swimmer Johnny Weismuller (later, Hollywood's Tarzan).

But, after childhood, swimming took over and became his way of life — teaching and coaching aquatic sports to boys, girls, men, women, the fearless and the fearful.

Says the 63-year old Albuquerque Academy boys and girls swimming and diving coach, "The most important legacy I'll leave is the number of kids I've taught to swim. They're everywhere out there. When fathers tell their kids, 'This is the man who taught me how to swim,' it gives me goose pimples."

Barney figures more than 25,000 of his erstwhile tadpoles are out there.

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Some of those 25,000 proteges will be on hand at the 23rd annual Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame banquet March 26 when Barney becomes the 57th inductee. He'll join Jim Everett and H.L. (Hickum) Galles as 1995-96 inductees.

Joining them at the head table will be the male and female athletes of the year, coach and team of 1995, the most outstanding professional athlete plus recipients of special recognition awards. The banquet, at the Ramada Classic, 6815 Menaul Blvd. NE, is open to the public. Tickets are $10.

Barney is the third swimmer to be inducted into the Hall, following double Olympic gold medalist Cathy Carr West (1979) and the late Ashby Harper ('88). Harper, once the oldest person to swim the English Channel, was Academy's first headmaster and recruited Barney as coach/teacher from Michigan's Cranbrook Boys School.

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Barney's credentials in the water and out are varied and impressive.

As swimming and diving coach at Academy, Barney has produced 121 academic All-Americans, 12 state championship teams and 14 runners up in 21 years.

Other credentials include:

■ Academy English teacher 28 years.

■ Chargers boys track coach (1967-77) and girls track coach (1979-86).

■ National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association National Coach of the Year (1995).

■ National High School Coaches Association Region 8 (Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Hawaii and New Mexico) Coach of the Year (1990 and '95).

■ Recipient of NISCA Lifetime (25 years) Service Award, listed in Hall of Fame (1991).

■ New Mexico Coaches (NMHSA) Milestone Ring (1990).

■ Captain of first University of New Mexico swim team (1958).

■ Founder of Sundance Aquatic Association (largest swimming organization in New Mexico) with a membership of 1,500, second-largest in the Rocky Mountains.

■ Author of more than 100 published articles, essays, sketches, book reviews and poems. Wrote "Effects of Altitude on Swimming Performances," a study that has been implemented nationwide in computing competitive swimming times.

■ With twin brother Robert, he introduced the sport of water polo to New Mexico (1961).

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The Barney twins, sons of an career Army officer, received basic training in a multitude of sports while attending 11 different public schools in 12 years in eight different states, plus Guam and the Panama Canal Zone. In addition to swimming and baseball, the sports included ice hockey, football, basketball, water polo and track.

Both transferred their talents to UNM in 1950, took a four year break for Air Force duty during the Korean War, then resumed their studies in '55, playing baseball under George Petrol and later swimming for newly hired John Williams in '58.

In between, they sandwiched ice hockey stints with the perennial Sandia Hockey League champion Albuquerque Falcons.

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The mark Dave Barney will leave at the Academy and for New Mexico is being framed today — a $5 million new multi-purpose aquatic center.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-summer, with completion scheduled before the fall semester begins in 1997. The complex will feature a competitive pool (25 meters in length and 25 yards in width), a diving pool and a teaching/therapy/warmup pool.

"I'm coming to the end of my coaching career," Barney says. "I want to be involved in the design and construction of the center."



JOURNAL PHOTO

AQUAMAN: Academy swimming coach Dave Barney has instructed the Chargers for 21 years.

Swimming in the Pool of Youth

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▪ *Academy coach Dave Barney, 75, has the energy of a much younger man*

By Eric Butler
For the Journal

Dave Barney's passion for the sport of swimming is obvious for those who work with him. But the longtime Albuquerque Academy coach's enthusiasm extends to other sports, as well as to life in general.



BARNEY: Has 13 boys state crowns, 11 girls titles

Maybe that's why it comes as a minor shock for many people to find out that Barney just celebrated his 75th birthday on Jan. 5. At the most recent swim meet hosted at the Academy pool last weekend, Barney shuffled around wearing tennis shoes and jeans, with a water

Kendra Stern, a senior at Academy and one of Barney's top swimmers this year.

"He's not a day over 40. No, really. He's got a lot of energy and he's a mentor to, if not all, most of the high school coaches in the state," said St. Michael's coach Amy Behm, whose older brother swam for Barney in the 1970s.

Barney first came to the state to attend the University of New Mexico, where he swam for two years. He also played on UNM's baseball squad and the Lobos' freshman football team.

After college, Barney settled in Michigan at the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, from which Academy headmaster Ashby Harper persuaded him to leave in 1967 to come to the private Albuquerque school.

Although he was the head hockey and head baseball coach at Cranbrook, Barney was lured back to New Mexico — where his parents lived — to be head of the senior high school, an English teacher and varsity track coach at Academy. Barney's younger brother Peter was then hired in 1969 to

Coming Friday

Ken Sickenger's high school column, players of the week, statistics and polls will run Friday. Stats and polls are available at www.abqjournal.com

1982, his older brother took over both programs.

Since that juncture, Dave Barney's success has been unmatched in boys or girls prep swimming. The Chargers' boys have earned 13 state titles and the girls 11 more.

"I'm of the firm belief that a good coach can coach just about anything," Barney said. "You can learn the rudiments of the sport, but enthusiasm, dedication, motivation — especially motivation — is a big, big part of it."

Barney's zeal for swimming continues to make an impact and not just on those learning the basics from him.

When he's not at the pool instructing his Academy swimmers, Barney and brother Bob

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"It's a source of great
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tate him," Stern said.

"Occasionally, there's
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New England twist when
the 'one, two, three ...' "

Barney underwent
heart surgery almost 10
ago, but has had a clean
health since.

"If I do appear younger
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RICK WRIGHT



Of the Journal

McGuire Kept Lobos Swinging

Dick McGuire produced hundreds of outstanding college golfers at the University of New Mexico.

Dave Barney, it seems, is the exception that proves the rule.

Barney, who on Thursday was introduced with McGuire, Preston Dennard and Jean Gurule as 2000 inductees into the University of New Mexico Athletic Hall of Honor, said McGuire — men's golf coach at UNM from 1954-77 years — once gave him a golf lesson.

After the lesson, his slice "cured," Barney proceeded to duck-hook a ball through the dining-room window of UNM's Mesa Vista student dormitory.

"The only blemish on (McGuire's) career," Barney said.

True story?

"It could have been," McGuire said with a laugh.

The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about McGuire, figuratively speaking, is that he consistently hit it down the middle for the Lobos. From tee (1954) to green ('77), he made men's golf one of UNM's most successful and consistent programs.

McGuire's UNM teams won 10 conference titles, had a match-play record of 193-63-7, and once went five years without losing in conference competition. But he's proudest, perhaps, of never having failed to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

"A lot of the other teams flew to tournaments we drove to," he said. "But they all respected us because we could raise up and bite you."

A living legacy

McGuire's teams produced no top touring professionals — just a steady flow of fine, well-taught golfers. Two of his players, first Dwaine Knight, then John Fields, replaced him as men's coach at UNM. Knight later moved to UNLV, where he won a national title two years ago. Fields, now at Texas, coached the Longhorns to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Tournament earlier this month.

Several of McGuire's former players, like Guy Wimberly and Bob Meiering, became highly successful club pros. Another, Paul Simson, is one of the nation's top amateur players.

"We've turned out doctors, lawyers, and dentists," McGuire said. "They're not young men anymore, I guess, but I still like to think of them as my young men."

McGuire was born in Mangrum, Okla., but is a graduate of Albuquerque High and UNM. He began his coaching career at Highland High, where his teams won two state titles.

The class of 2000

Joining McGuire in the UNM Hall of Honor are:

- Barney, an all-Skyline Conference swimmer whose Albuquerque Academy swimming and diving teams won 12 state titles. Barney also is an accomplished sports historian, author and lecturer.
- Dennard, an all-Western Athletic Conference football wide receiver who later played in Super Bowl XIV for the Los Angeles Rams. Dennard, 23 years after his final season at UNM, still is the Lobos' No. 3 all-time receiver.
- Gurule, who as Jean Rostermundt held almost all of UNM's women's basketball records when her career ended in 1980. She remains the Lobos' all-time leader in free-throw percentage at .815.

Also honored Thursday were former UNM football player and track athlete Pete Sahd and former sports information director George McFadden.

Sahd, who graduated in 1937, was inducted posthumously into the Hall of Honor. A journalist, teacher and public servant, Sahd died in '90.

McFadden, UNM's SID from 1951-55 and again from '57-64, received the Hall of Honor's distinguished service award. He later worked for the San Francisco 49ers and Denver Broncos, the United States Football League and the World League of American Football.

Also Thursday, football All-American Brian Urlacher and tennis star Ana Friganovic were named by the UNM Alumni Lettermen's Association as 1999-2000 athletes of the year.

Urlacher, lightly recruited out of Lovington, became UNM's highest-ever NFL draft pick. Friganovic, from Zagreb, Croatia, was the first Lobos women's tennis player to qualify for the NCAA Tournament four seasons in a row.

The UNM Hall of Honor banquet is scheduled for Sept. 7 at the Marriott. For more information, call Kim Feldman at 277-0992.

Many UNM Athletes Will Be Honored at Hall of Honor Banquet

By J.D. Kaler
For the Journal

A year ago, several members of the University of New Mexico Lettermen's Hall of Honor selection committee thought they had a problem — the numbers game.

"What happens when we run out of nominees?" one asked.

"We won't if this committee does its job," answered the committee chairman.

The 1990-2000 committee completed its mission in style, honoring two nationally recognized coaches, a former Los Angeles Rams wide receiver and UNM's first women's basketball All-American.

Also recognized were one of UNM's greatest fans plus the university's first bona fide sports information director.

Additionally, All-America linebacker Brian Urlacher and tennis great Ana Friganovic were selected UNM's Athletes of the Year.

All the inductees — Dave Barney, Preston Dennard, Dick McGuire and Jean Rostermundt Gurule — plus the late Pete Sahd, George McFadden and the two former senior athletes will be recognized at the UNM Alumni Lettermen's 15th annual Hall of Honor banquet Thursday at the Marriott Hotel.

DAVE BARNEY: Truly one of UNM's renaissance men of athletics, he has played, coached and written about sports. Barney lettered in football in 1950. After four years in the military, he lettered in baseball in '57 and in swimming in '58-59. He also was involved in Sandia Mountain ice hockey in '58-59.



BARNEY: A longtime prep swim coach

As Albuquerque Academy swimming coach for 28 years, Barney compiled a 424-39 dual-meet record and won 19 team state championships.

In 1995, Barney was named National Swim Coach of the Year.

"The most important legacy I'll leave is the number of kids I taught to swim," Barney says.

The number? About 25,000-plus, he says.

PRESTON DENNARD: A Lobos wide receiver (1975-77) who was named to the school's all-time team, he later would graduate to the NFL and play eight seasons with the Rams, Bills and Packers. Dennard caught 142 passes for 2,257 yards and 16 touchdowns at UNM.



DENNARD: Went on to play in the NFL

Dennard played for the Rams in their 31-19 loss to the Steelers in Super Bowl XIV. Ironically, Dennard admitted later that "the hardest hit I took all day was by Robin Cole (an ex-Lobos teammate). After the tackle he'd smile, then help me to my feet. We're friends."

Today, Dennard is a motivational speaker, sportscaster and coordinator of APS athletic fund-raising drives.

DICK McGUIRE: Recognized at UNM as "Mr. Golf," he was coach from 1954-87, chief supervisor of the construction of the school's Championship Course (one of America's 100 best) and originator/director of 22 Tucker Intercollegiate tournaments.

McGuire's golf teams won 10 Western Athletic and Skyline Conference championships and contended for five NCAA titles. UNM's match record under McGuire was 193-63-7. His teams won 38 titles and 41 individual championships.



McGUIRE: Known as 'Mr. Golf' at UNM

McGuire feels that "developing young men at UNM who went on to become outstanding golf professionals was my major achievement."

He singles out brothers Herb and Guy Wimberly and Bob Meiering.

JEAN ROSTERMUNDT GURULE: Today a teacher and coach in Longmont, Colo., she can lay claim to many achievements.

Among them: UNM Woman Athlete of Year (1976-77, '77-78); MVP women's basketball ('77-80); All-American ('80); Kodak All-American ('80); and Women's Basketball League for the New Mexico Energee under coach Norm Ellenberger.



ROSTERMUNDT GURULE: Now a teacher, coach

Rostermundt Gurule's career totals are: field goals made (625), free throws made (291), free-throw percentage (81.5), points (1,444), rebounds (607) and assists (387).

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Pete Sahd, who will be honored posthumously, perhaps was the most loyal long-distance Lobos fan who ever lived.

Sahd would drive more than 200 miles round-trip from his home in Pensaco to attend every Lobos football and basketball game — rain, shine, snow or wind, according to UNM boosters.

"He was a one-man cheering section," says booster Bill Brannin.

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George McFadden became the Lobos' first full-time sports information director in 1951, setting the pattern for today's SID that makes relatively painless the challenges of statistics, postgame interviews, play-by-play details and road travel.

The lessons learned at UNM have paid dividends.

McFadden has been publicity director for the San Francisco 49ers, Denver Broncos and the now-defunct United States Football League and was a media-relations specialist at the 1996 Olympics. Today, he's an executive with NFL Europe.

Thursday

UNM Alumni Lettermen's 15th annual Hall of Honor banquet. Marriott Hotel, social hour 6 p.m., banquet 7 p.m. Tickets $30.

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Barney, Dudley Get Charge Out of Swimming

By Rex Robinson

JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT

DILIGENCE, ACHIEVEMENT and spirit speak to the excellence of the Albuquerque Academy swimming program. Unusual poetry also plays a part.

Each year before the state championships, Chargers swimmers gather and read "Rabbits," a comic deliberation on the breeding habits of hares.

Laugh if you will — they do. But the fact is the Chargers are among the frontrunners at state each year. Academy's girls have taken five titles in the last six years, the boys three.

"Rabbits" was brought to the Academy tradition by Chargers coach Dave Barney. The poem is only a small part of Barney's 30-year contribution to swimming in New Mexico.

Born in New Hampshire, Barney first came to Albuquerque in 1950 on a football scholarship at the University of New Mexico. Forty-one years later, he sits on the state's high school swimming committee and has been involved in Albuquerque's summer club programs since 1962.

Barney has coached the Academy girls team since 1973 and took over the boys program after the death of his younger brother, Peter, in 1982.

Barney recently concluded a two-year study on the effects of altitude on swimming performance. His research led to the adoption of altitude factors in the selection of All-American swimmers by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association, greatly enhancing potential recognition for swimmers in the Rocky Mountain states.

Barney has received the Milestone Ring Award from the New Mexico Association of Coaches and last summer was selected as a National High School Athletic Association coach of the year.

This year, he'll receive NISCA's Outstanding Service Award. Barney's twin brother, Robert, a former swimming coach at the University of New Mexico, will present the award at the NCAA championships next Friday in Austin, Texas.

Barney, 59, freely admits to some prior sibling rivalry with his "older" brother; they were born 14 minutes apart.

"We were 29 when we had our last knockdown, drag-out fist fight," says Barney in his distinct New England accent. "Over a squash match, of all things. He hasn't laid a glove on me since."

Barney says he won't hang up the whistle — or abandon his English class — for at least a few years. He's having too much fun.

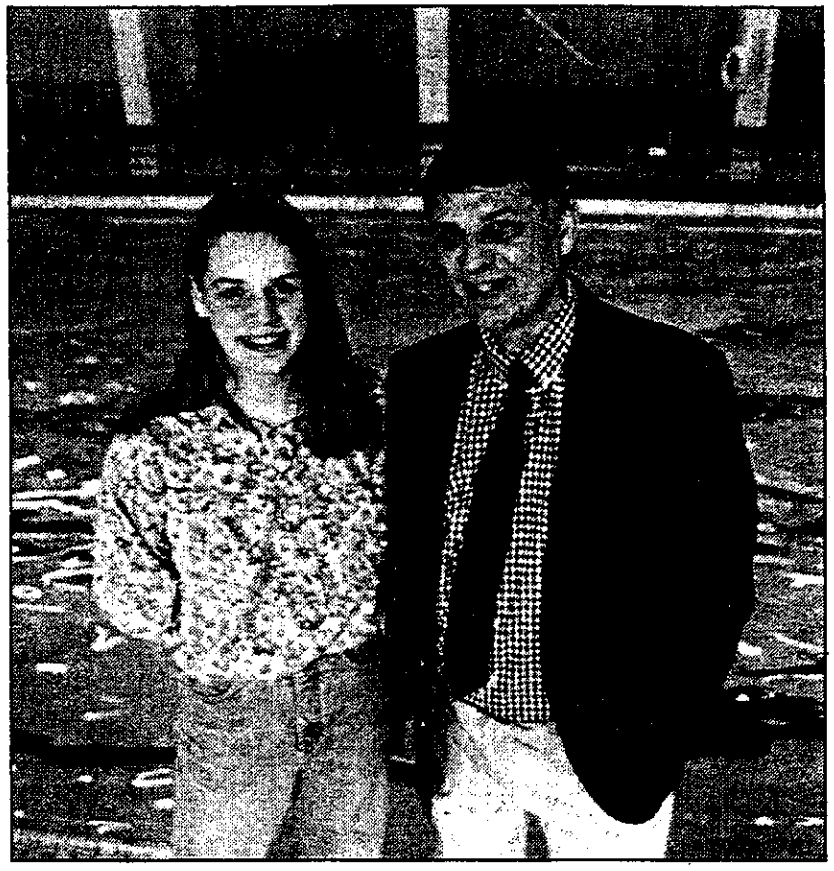
"Coaches can make a difference in the lives of kids, as do teachers," he says.

Barney well might add a few more trophies to his collection before he's through. Though Academy will graduate a number of seniors this year, a host of talented underclassmen remain. And the Chargers' stable can boast at least one throughbred — Jenny Dudley.

An eigth-grader, Dudley (no doubt inspired by her first hearing of "Rabbits") set two individual records at this year's state meet. But those marks weren't the only highlights of her season.

On Monday, Dudley turned 14 and received her first varsity letter at Academy's swimming banquet. Last month, she had braces removed from her teeth.

And last November, Dudley qualified for the 1992 Olympic Trials with a 100-meter backstoke time of 1:05.02, just five seconds off the world record.



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Dave Barney is looking forward to coaching swimming sensation Jenny Dudley over the next four years at Albuquerque Academy.

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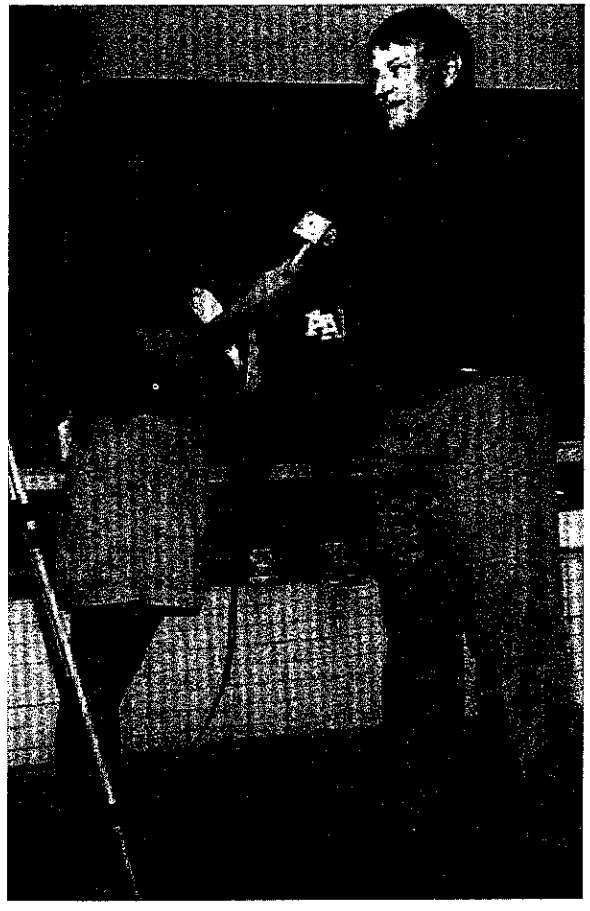
Hall of Fame Inducts Aquaman Dave Barney

Longtime Albuquerque Academy teacher and swimming coach Dave Barney, named in 1995 as National Swimming Coach of the Year by the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (NFICA), is about to receive another stellar honor.

On March 26 he will become the 57th inductee in the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame. He'll join Jim Everett and H.L. Galles as 1995-96 inductees at a banquet to be held at the Ramada Classic.

Barney is the third swimmer to be inducated into the fall, following double Olympic gold medalist Cathy Carr West (1979) and the late Ashby Harper (1988). Harper, once the oldest person to swim the Englsih Channel, was headmaster at the Academy for 21 years and recruited Barney as a coach-teacher from Michigan's Cranbrook School.

During his 36-year career, Barney has produced 12 NMAA state championship swimming and diving teams and 14 state championship runner-up teams.



Dave Barney conducts a television interview.

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Barney's induction into the Hall of Fame comes only months after his retirement from the Academy classroom after 28 years here. He continues to direct the Academy's competitive swim program and is serving as in-house consultant for the school's new $5 million multipurpose aquatic center, due to open in 1997.

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Barney Named National Swim Coach of the Year



Barney

Longtime Albuquerque Academy teacher and swimming coach Dave Barney has been named National Swimming Coach of the Year for 1995 by the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (NFICA) headquartered in Kansas City.

Barney will receive this coveted award at the Federation's annual convention in July in Washington, D.C. He also will address the nation's top scholastic swimming coaches and officials at that time.

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Hall Inducts Galles, Barney, Everett

Oliver, Appell Also Are Among Honorees

Dave Barney has compiled a dual-meet record at Albuquerque Academy of 207-24 for the boys and 127-9 for the girls.

LONG TIME SWIMMING AND DIVING COACH WILL BE HONORED TUESDAY

BY J.D. KAILER
For the Journal

Take a founder of the Lobo Booster Club, add a coach who has taught more than 25,000 kids to swim and then stir in a 10-year veteran NFL quarterback with Eldorado connections.

Those are the key ingredients for Tuesday night's 23rd annual Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame banquet at the Sheraton Uptown.

To make things even more interesting, you can add a University of New Mexico halfback who rewrote the school's record book and the nation's No. 1 women's marathon runner.

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The first three are New Orleans Saints quarterback Jim Everett, H.L. "Hickum" Galles and Albuquerque Academy swimming and diving coach Dave Barney. They'll become the 55th, 56th and 57th inductees into the hall since its origin in 1973.

The next two are UNM's all-Western Athletic Conference halfback, Winslow Oliver, and world-class women's marathon runner Olga Appell, voted Male and Female Athletes of the Year, respectively, for 1995.

They'll share head-table honors with a number of others, including La Cueva's Matt Henry, named Coach of the Year for directing the Bears' boys and girls cross country teams to a sweep of city, district and Class AAAA championships.

Also to be honored are co-Teams of the Year: Albuquerque High boys state basketball champions (23-3) in 1995 and La Cueva's '95 girls state soccer champions.

The Award of Distinction goes to the late Dick Terwilliger, veteran starter of NCAA and AAU indoor-outdoor track/field meets in Albuquerque in the 1960s and '70s.

The Hall also will honor the Albuquerque 65's for finishing second in the Senior Softball World Championships and the Shelter's Shootout Golf Tournament as Promotion of the Year for raising more than $40,000 for New Day Shelter charities.

Everett is being inducted after completing his 10th NFL season by passing for more than 3,000 yards for the seventh time. Everett was a two-way all-state quarterback and defensive back for Jerry Hall's 1980 Class AAAA champions at Eldorado. He finished his collegiate career at Purdue in 1984 as a first-team all-Big 10 selection.

Galles, an all-state 205-pound football tackle for AHS and later an all-Border Conference player at UNM, was one of the founders of the Lobo Club. A major fund-raiser since 1948, Galles was inducted into UNM's Hall of Honor in '88. He was the leader in providing off-season jobs for Lobos athletes in the 1950s, emergence of driver Al Unser Jr. and also chaired the Sports Stadium committee that brought about the construction of the 10,400-seat ballpark that led to a Pacific Coast League franchise for Albuquerque.

Barney, named swim coach of the year by the National Federation of Interscholastic Athletics last August, has compiled an impressive dual-meet record at the Academy — 207-24 for the boys, 127-9 for the girls. He has won six state crowns with both squads while producing 130 academic All-Americans.

Oliver completed his star-studded UNM career with 3,332 rushing yards, 5,375 all-purpose yards, 17 career rushing TDs, a school-record 16 career 100-yard rushing games and a WAC-record 1,144 yards on 41 kickoff returns.

Appell and her husband moved from Mexico to Albuquerque in 1994 to take advantage of New Mexico's thin air and mild climate. It paid off with a first in the Los Angeles Marathon, followed by a second in the New York Marathon. In 1995 she was ranked the No. 1 women's distance runner in the U.S. and sixth in the world.

A foot injury in January knocked Appell out of Olympic Trials marathon competition. She hopes the foot will have healed for the 10,000-meter Olympic Trials in June, thus giving her a second shot at the games in Atlanta.



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Dave Barney: A Pathfinder in Geography of Aquatics

"I have had the good fortune to have been associated with young people for most of my life..."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following remarks were delivered by longtime faculty member and coach Dave Barney on March 26 on the occasion of being inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame.)



Barney

Initially, I must thank my twin brother Robert for coming all the way from Canada to present me on this auspicious occasion tonight and for serving me more times that than I can remember as a pathfinder in this geography of aquatics each of us has traveled in for so long.

One seldom knows at an early age what direction he will follow later in life. For me, ironically, that course became an unpredictable penance of sorts, made possible only by surviving a near death by drowning and, of course, by overcoming the commensurate fear and dread associated with such traumatic experience. I'd like to take a moment to share at least one frame of that experience with you.

Sixty years ago, when I was a boy of four, I almost lost my life. Indeed, I thought I had, but it was given back to me by the hysterical screams of my twin brother and the resultant action of my father, a man of wry wit and eloquent letters, I later learned, but most importantly for me at that precise moment in time, a man of action home on leave momentarily from CCC duty in the American West.

My father was also a man who valued the rhetoric of understatement. Afterwards, for instance, in his quiet assessment of the incident, he diminished the horror of the whole experience by saying simply that I had slipped and that he had merely given me a helping hand, but my brother knew better. He told me later that when I stepped from the dock outward toward water that I sank like a stone. But I didn't sink immediately, because I remember the indelible graphics of jumping again and again in a wet narrowness of space with my eyes only half breaking the chop of waves, blurred flashes of sun, and half a lake away a single shoreline crowded with trees and the massive thrust of an old ice house against the hills. It would be an eternity, or so it seemed then in the magnification of childhood experience, before the looming thrust of that black colossus of ice and sawdust would fade then disappear altogether in the cold, gray mist of my nightmares. And then, suddenly, there was no shoreline and no ice house either as my eyes and mouth filled with water and a frantic, silent calling for my father.

My brother had watched in fascination as my cropped haircut went under. Not even he remembers how long it took for the first scream to rise in his throat, perhaps only some seconds, perhaps much longer than that. Whichever, I remember clearly my wide-eyed, slow-twisting death spiral toward the bottom of the lake and the rising shroud of silt that rose like a powdered cloak around me when my feet touched bottom.

And then, magically, I felt my father's presence. I believe to this day that he had come to the sound of my silent calling instead of my brother's one scream pursuing another. Where had he come from? Probably he had risen from the roof-line of the cottage where he sat shingling, then arched his lean body high into the afternoon sky. I am certain this is the way it must have been, because in the exact instant that his body fell from a sun as soft and vague as some distant dinner candle, I felt the grasp of his strong hand on my shoulder. And then together we rose toward the living through the swirling silt, the wooden taste, the musty smell of water.

A day later in the warmth of a midday sun, my father began to teach my brother and me to swim. Those were the first of my water lessons and the first trace of my fear of water diminished. But I have never forgotten what my father saved me from 60 years ago: a death by drowning in a place ironically that has become as dear to me as dear can be: a place of deliverance, an ancestral place, an idyllic place where winter snows and summer rains rest, yet a place where even shallowness can be as deep as earth and cold as any stone.

The recollection of that single experience has provided me with a sharply defined appreciation, not only for life itself but for the privilege, and it is no less than that, of teaching young people to swim, thus ~~avoiding~~ helping the horrific trauma of my youth.

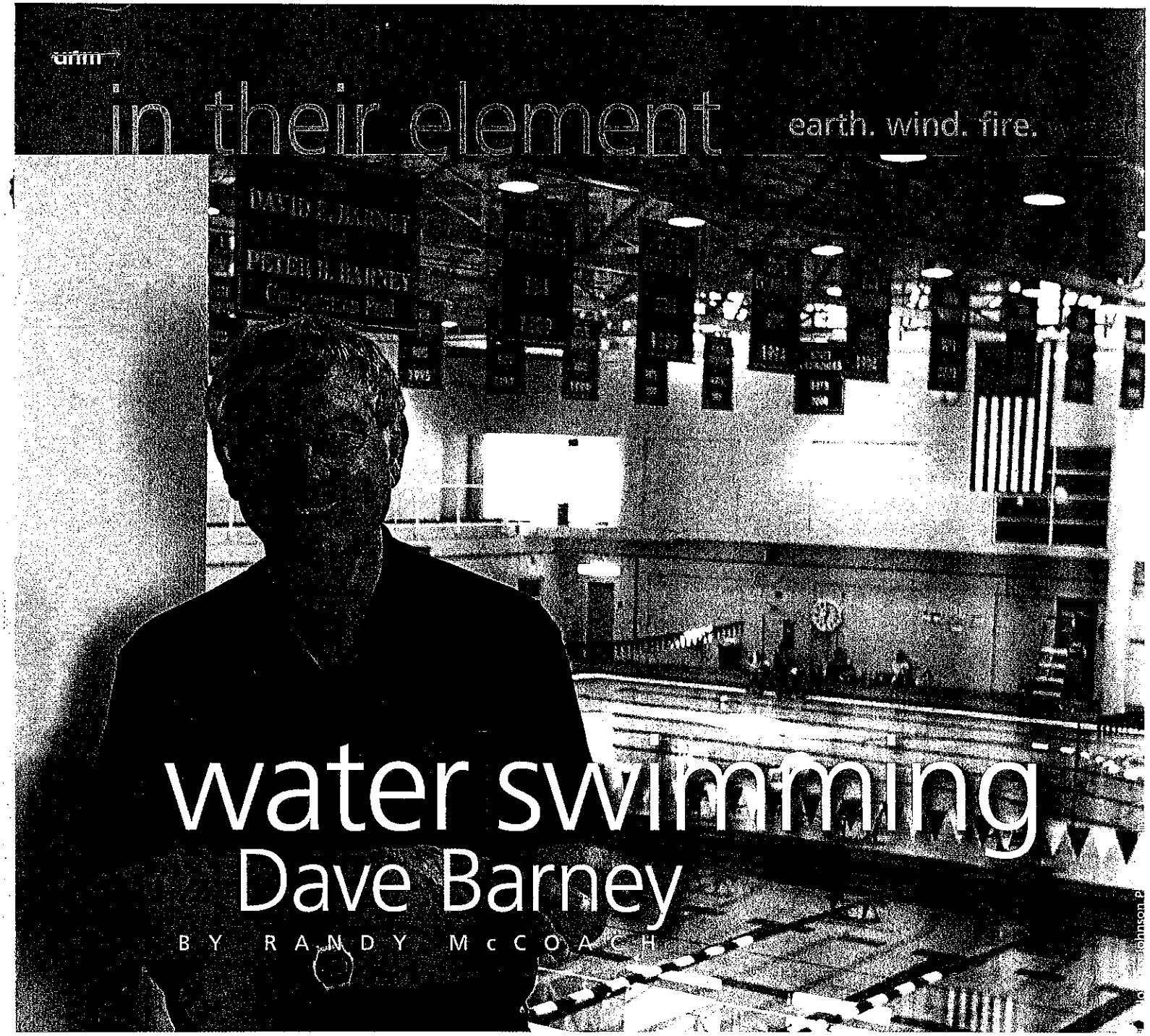
Privilege then, which brings me to wonder why I'm standing here tonight as opposed to another or many deserving others. The media have trumpeted something about an Academy swim coach, and regional and national coaching awards as well as an abundance of all-Americans and state champions and championships, but I would prefer to think that this Hall of Fame has put the record of all that aside and selected me based not on the extraordinary but rather on the ordinary dimensions of my life. And ordinary for me, of course, has been my more than half a lifetime love affair with teaching young people to swim, and then sometime later to swim competitively, and then after that to inspire those very same young people to teach others. When one stops to consider 40 years of doing that, then perhaps it is possible for the ordinary to become extraordinary.

I have had the good fortune to have been associated with young people for most of my life, many of whom are here tonight, although I should hasten to add that they're not quite so young as they used to be. They will, however, remain forever young as well as forever dear in my heart. Also sitting out there tonight are some of the finest families on the face of this planet. They are too numerous to mention here, but they know who they are and they know how I feel about them.

And so I thank this Hall for honoring the ordinary, if you will, and I gratefully accept this induction, in spirit, not only for myself but initially for all of you sitting out there and for all those who could not be here tonight, and for my wife Norma and my daughters, April and Jamie, and for my son, Tim.

Secondly, I accept this honor on behalf of my brothers, both Robert and our late brother Peter, each of whom has touched this community in such a special way. And lastly, I humbly but proudly accept this honor on behalf of my parents: the vision and memory of my life-saving father and the joyful presence of my beloved, life-giving mother.

I thank you very much for sharing this evening with me tonight. ◆



water swimming Dave Barney

BY RANDY McCOACH

SUCCESSFUL SWIMMER:

For decades, Dave Barney has coached winning swimmers and studied their sport.

Entering his 42nd season in a remarkably successful career as a high school swimming coach, Dave Barney, '59 BSHP, '61 MS, has plenty of trophies—so many, in fact, that he can't keep them all in one place.

Some are shiny and golden, sitting on a shelf, and others are walking around Albuquerque today, volunteering for the Special Olympics, perhaps, or raising their children to be kind and respectful. Many are still competing, and they're enjoying the same sense of fun and enthusiasm they learned as 15- and 16-year-olds.

And alumni who've made careers of them.

As a coach and a former teacher at Albuquerque Academy, Dave says his job goes far beyond the dynamics and mastery of moving through water.

"The best coaches and best teachers will teach the whole person, not just the student or the athlete," he says.

Seen in that light, Dave could be described as a great coach even if the scoreboard never agreed, but with 30 state champion teams, 191 individual and relay state champions and 62 state-record times, there's no question about it.

The 76-year-old Barney, who was a three-sport athlete for the Lobos back in the day, is a member of the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame and the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor. In 1995, he was the inaugural recipient of the National Swim Coach of the Year award, presented by the National Federation of High School Athletics.

In school-against-school swim meets, his Academy Chargers boys and girls have compiled a jaw-dropping won-loss record of 616-63, dating back to his 1967 debut at the school.

Still, Dave says the thing that keeps his retirement at bay is the continued opportunity to work with and engage the young men and women under his tutelage.

"They are what keep me going," he says.

Dave says he has never shied away from engaging a student on a personal level, and that's a trait that he says goes all the way back to John Williams, his first swimming coach at UNM back in 1958.

"He was a big influence on me, and not just as a coach," says Dave, who was an all-conference swimmer in addition to playing baseball and football for the Lobos. "He would talk to us about how we should carry ourselves and about common courtesy. He had a saying, 'Be natty in your dress and gentlemanly in your manner.' Not that I always followed his advice in the natty dress part. ..."

Gary Simon, '00 BSEE, an All-America swimmer and six-time individual state champ under Barney in 1991-94, says it "was obvious he knew everything there was to know about swimming," so it was easy to develop that all-important level of trust between athlete and coach, but beyond that, Simon says, it was just plain fun to be on Barney's teams.

"There was a real focus on the team aspect, Gary says.

In addition to being a fun, approachable coach, Dave is a serious investigator of the scientific aspects of swimming and of the sport's history, particularly its Olympic history.

This year, as part of the Olympic festivities in Beijing, Dave was a guest lecturer at an academic symposium. His topic was the 1920 US Olympic swim team, which was notable for its historic inclusion of female athletes.

Back at home, trying to keep up with the latest incarnation of the spry, young Chargers—practices for the current season began in November—Dave says he gets asked from time to time if he's considering retirement.

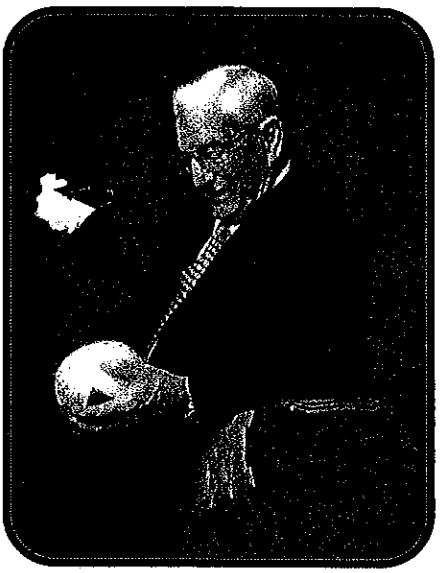
"Well," he says, "I'll know it's time to hang 'em up when my enthusiasm goes away, and that hasn't happened yet."

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Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame



★ H.L. (HICKUM) GALLES JR. ★



★ DAVE BARNEY ★



★ JIM EVERETT ★

The Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame was established "to honor by public acknowledgement those individuals who have merited recognition and distinction, and who by their exploits, accomplishments and activities in regard to sports and athletic events have brought fame and honor, or have made outstanding athletic contributions to the City of Albuquerque; and who, by their character and respectability will serve as an inspiration and an example of the highest tradition of the American people".

★ TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET ★

★ DAVE BARNEY ★

Tonight the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame welcomes Dave Barney as its 57th inductee, one of a select renaissance men in sports.

He'll be remembered not only among multi-sports athletes and the finest of swimming coaches, but as a scholar, educator, published author, historian and poet.

Barney still participates in such recreational sports as sailing, backpacking, kayaking, racquetball, cross-country skiing and tennis, yet has an aesthetic taste in soft classical music, ballet, opera and the symphony.

Barney, 64, the boys and girls swimming coach at the Albuquerque Academy, received one of his highest honors ever last July. The National Federation of Interscholastic Athletics bestowed its National Swim Coach of the Year award on Barney at its annual convention in Washington, D.C.

He earlier was named the New Mexico Coaches Association's swim Coach of the Year on several occasions.

Barney has coached six girls' and six boys' state high school championship teams at the Academy. Since he became head coach in 1983, Barney's dual meet swimming record is 207-24 for girls; 127-9 for boys. On a national level, he's coached 130 academic All-American swimmers.

Barney is the researcher and author of a scientific study examining the effects of altitude on swimming performance. That study eventually established a table of factors that aids high school swimmers when applying for All-American consideration in such mountain states as New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. He has made significant contributions to the youth and sports community during nearly 40 years of service to aquatics in the state of New Mexico. It's estimated that Barney has taught more than 25,000 children to swim.

He helped pioneer water polo as a sport in the state. He also was the founder and first President of the Sundance Aquatic Association, the state's largest swimming organization with 1,500 members. Sundance encompasses independent clubs in Albuquerque, Los Lunas, Belen, Socorro and Rio Rancho which participate in summer-long meets. He has either coached or directed 17 Sundance championship teams.

Barney, a twin brother Robert and younger brother, the late Peter Barney, grew up in New England during the Depression years. The brothers attended 14 schools in 17 years while their father, Col. Robert S. Barney, pursued a military career. Dave Barney starred in football and baseball in high school while residing in the Panama Canal Zone.

He and his twin Robert came to the University of New Mexico in 1950 on a football scholarship. Dave Barney played briefly, then served as an aerial gunner and atomics weapons armorer in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Ice hockey became a big sport for Barney and his twin , Robert. Both were all-star selections for Air Force Base and later with the New Mexico Lobos.

When he returned to UNM, Barney was a varsity swimmer and played with the Lobo baseball team for three years. He received his degree in health and physical education at UNM in 1959 and his master's degree in school administration in 1961. Four years later received a degree in Dialogue in American Poetry at Wayne State, Mich.

Barney was a graduate assistant and instructor of physical education at UNM in 1959-61. He was hired by Cranbrook School, Bloomfield, Mich., in 1961-67 where he served as assistant athletic director, varsity baseball and hockey coach and assistant football coach.

He's been at the Albuquerque Academy since 1967; first as head of the senior school and varsity track coach, then as Director of Development, English master and now as swimming and diving coach.

"My greatest legacy for Albuquerque and New Mexico," Barney said, "is in teaching youngsters how to swim."

He is currently director of aquatics for the Del Norte Sports and Wellness Club, the Sierra Vista/Showdown/Highpoint Swim and Racquet Club and the Midtown Athletic Club.

Barney was named Region 8 Coach of the Year in1995 and was finalist for the National Federation for Interscholastic Athletics national Coach of the Year in 1990. The region includes Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Utah and New Mexico.

Marlin Briscoe

New
Information

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Dear members of the NFHS Hall of Fame committee,

It is with great honor that I submit additional documentation to support and enhance Marlin Briscoe's nomination for the NFHS Hall of Fame. Further investigation of Mr. Briscoe's interscholastic participation revealed another level of greatness that should solidify his place in the NFHS Hall of Fame.

True champions make a difference on and off the field. Marlin Briscoe stood tall in high school as a Champion for diversity, equality, and challenging barriers. In 1962, Marlin, as Omaha South's Student Council Vice President was paired in the homecoming pre-dance march with a white female student. School officials, fearing racial backlash, banned the bi-racial march. Marlin voiced his objections and soon the Royal Court including his banned escort protested the decision. Leaders, role models, and difference makers know right from wrong. His courage lead him to ask the question and his boldness led others. Marlin walked into the dance with his original escort but more importantly, Marlin changed a "whole" school culture (see enclosed photo F).

We have enclosed some additional photos for the committee to illustrate the diversity of the impact that Marlin made on both Omaha South culture and the state of Nebraska.

On a special note, I attended the unveiling of "Marlin Briscoe Way" on October 22, 2014. Streets in front of high schools are named after men who impact their communities, serve as role models and make a difference.

It is with gratitude that I resubmit additional photos and text for your consideration of Marlin Briscoe for the NFHS Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Blanford-Green

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HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Marlin Oliver Briscoe
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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Signed: _____

Date: 11-10-14

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

***Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category*:**

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Marlin Oliver Brisco
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 379 Loma Ave., Unit B,
(street address)
Long Beach, Califonia 90814
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 562-243-3087 Date of Birth: 9-10-45

School Affiliation (if any) Omaha South High School

City: Omaha State: Nebraska

Place of Birth: Omaha Date of Retirement: 2011

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
As the former director, Marlin still helps out with the Boys and Girls Club in southern Califonia

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Michelle Briscoe

Address: 379 Loma Ave., Unit B, Long Beach, Califonia 90814

Phone: 562-243-3087

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Omaha South	Omaha, NE	1963	
College/University: Omaha University	Omaha, NE	1967	Education
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

(1960-64) 2 Year starter in varsity football and basketball for Class A (largest class in Nebraska) - Omaha South High school.

(1960-61, Freshman year) played freshman football and freshman basketball - Freshman football team went undefeated

(1961-62, Sophomore year) played junior varsity football but made the varsity basketball team

(1962-63. Junior year) played varsity football as running back and some quarterback also played basketball

(1963-64, Senior year) played varsity football as running back and alternated at quarterback. Also played varsity basketball and received post season honors in both

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

(1962-63) Earned All-City running back in 1962 (junior year). Marlin was presented the 1962 Kiwanis award for outstanding playing ability and all around contributions to the team.

(1963-64) Earned All-City honors as a running back in football and All-City honorable mention in basketball. Marlin, at times, alternated in at quarterback in his junior and senior seasons. His senior year South High School won the Intercity Football Championship.

Even though he was listed as a running back, Marlin was selected to play quarterback in the Shrine game and led the South to an upset win over the North. Two weeks later he was seleceted to play in the All-City Basketball Classic and again led his team to an upset win and was selected as the MVP of the game.

Briscoe was named a first-team NAIA All-American in 1967 while playing for Omaha University, when he passed for 2,283 yards, 25 touchdowns and led the Indians to a Central Intercollegiate Conference title

(1964-68) Career Offensive Statistics: Briscoe remains third all-time at UNO with 5,114 passing yards, second in touchdown passes with 53 and third in total offense with 6,505. Had set 22 offensive records while at Omaha University.

Career Defensive Statistics: Started at CB as Freshman… athletic department does not have defensive stats

Individual School Honors/Records:_Inducted into the University of Nebraska Omaha Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975. Had set 22 offensive records while at Omaha University.

Inducted into the Omaha South High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

Individual Conference Honors/Records: All Conference ((CIC) – 1964, 1965, 1967)

Individual National Honors/Records:_Honorable Mention for NCAA (entire football conferences) in 1967. AFCA All-American first team (1967)

First Team All-America Honors as recognized by the NCAA: Marlin Oliver Briscoe (1967) and QB for the Black All-American Team in 1967… backfield was OJ Simpson (RB), Leroy Keyes (RB) and Marlin Briscoe (QB)

Drafted by NFL: Yes By: Denver Broncos Round: 14 Teams/Years in NFL: '68-'76 with Denver Broncos (1968), Buffalo Bills (1969-1971), Miami Dolphins (1972-1974), San Diego Chargers (1975), Detroit Lions (1975), New England Patriots (1978)

Professional Honors/Records: First Starting Black Quarterback in NFL modern era (1968). In 1968 Briscoe threw 14 touchdown passes in his rookie year, still a Denver Broncos record today. Was second in NFL Rookie of the Year voting. All-Pro selection as a wide receiver (1970). Marlin was traded to the Miami Dolphins for a #1 draft pick and was on the 2-time Super Bowl Champion (VII, VIII) – wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins 1972 undefeated season. A movie tentatively title, The Magician, is currently being produced highlighting his inspirational story

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Marlin went on to become a Director of the Boys and Girls Club in southern California where he ran numerous camps and clinics for under privileged kids in the area. He continues to volunteer his time to the youth in the area.

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

[Tab here]

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

CONTEST OFFICIAL

Career Description as High School Official (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school officiating, i.e., sports, number of years, etc.)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national officiating associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information (*not previously listed)*

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ADMINISTRATOR

Note: All candidates in this category must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year to be nominated. In addition, state association administrators must meet the following additional criteria:

- Extended service as state association administrator.
- Viewed as innovative leader within respective state. Statewide accomplishments beyond "simply doing the job."
- National impact on high school activity programs
    1. Service to NFHS should include the following:
        a) member of NFHS rules committees
        b) member of other NFHS committees
        c) member/president of NFHS Board of Directors
        d) speaker at NFHS conferences, meetings
    2. Involvement with NFHS exceeded normal service opportunities, for example:
        a) national impact on playing rules
        b) viewed as leader nationally among state executives
    3. Impact on high school activities beyond NFHS service, for example:
        a) national speaking engagements
        b) expert in certain field; i.e., technology, Title IX, etc.
        c) accomplishments as state CEO received national attention
- Longevity as state association administrator without major and innovative accomplishments at the state and national levels does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.
- Serving on the NFHS Board of Directors and as NFHS President without major and innovative accomplishments at the national level does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.

Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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PERFORMING ARTS

In the Performing Arts category, the following guidelines have been developed to help in nominating individuals. These are merely guidelines and not hard-and-fast criteria:

1. Overall contributions – high school, college, professional career description (background pertaining to professional involvement in the performing arts: speech/theatre/debate/music activities); performing or professional career positions or any training/teaching positions, tenure, years of service, publications.
2. Service both to the performing arts/curricular and/or co-curricular activities.
3. Contributions/organization and continuance of an activity program.
4. Significant and ongoing contributions to the field.
5. Contributions to the profession both in and out of the state – national presence.
6. Personal and professional achievements.
7. Leadership in state and national organizations and professional organizations.
8. Value in arts and athletics.
9. Continuation in the profession – education, politics, entertainment, literalist, performer, director, coaching, teaching, other.

Career Description as High School Speech/Debate/Theatre Coach or Musical Director/Adjudicator or High School Performing Arts Participant (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school performing arts programs, i.e., positions held, tenure, etc.)

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Special Honors and Achievements (If a performing arts participant, please give complete details of high school and post-high school honors and achievements, awards and recognition.)

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national speech/debate/theatre or music associations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

OTHERS

Sports Media | Sports Medicine | Contributors, etc.

Career Description and Affiliation with Interscholastic Athletics (areas, length or service, etc.)

[Tab here]

Contributions to Interscholastic Athletics (stress those with national impact)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements Including Involvement in Local, State and National Professional Organizations

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Other information *(not previously listed)*

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Seattle's Wilson, others can thank Briscoe for opening door

By Tom Shatel / World-Herald Columnist | Posted: Saturday, February 1, 2014 12:00 am



Seattle's Wilson, others can thank Briscoe for opening door

Former Omaha University and NFL great Marlin Briscoe was honored by UNO in 2009.

The old Denver Bronco will be rooting for Seattle today. Marlin Briscoe can't help it.

“I'm pulling for Russell Wilson,” Briscoe said. “I feel a kinship with his style of play. It's a verification of how I played the game.”

The man's life keeps flashing before his eyes these days. Last summer, President Obama called Briscoe a “pioneer.” Now, a movie — “The Magician” — is in the works about his life growing up in south Omaha.

But when he settles in at his home in Long Beach, Calif., to watch the Super Bowl tonight, it will be another kind of tribute altogether.

He'll watch Wilson, the Seahawk quarterback, and his mind will drift back to those neighborhood days near the south Omaha stockyards.

He'll see Wilson, small but blessed with a cannon arm, and he'll remember the times he wowed them at the Shrine Bowl, but nobody but Al Caniglia at Omaha University (now UNO) wanted him at quarterback.

Wilson will roll out of the pocket and throw a 10-yard dart on the run, and Briscoe will go back to those Mile High days, when he was the first black quarterback to play professional football in the modern era.

That was 1968. Twenty years later, at the Super Bowl, a reporter asked Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams how long he had been a black quarterback.

Nobody asked Wilson that in the run-up to this Super Bowl. In fact, the color adjective has been missing from the football vernacular for a long time.

“That dialogue has changed,” Briscoe said. “It's not 'black quarterback' anymore, it's just 'He's a quarterback.' I knew it would happen. I'm glad I'm still here to see it.

“I think I was way ahead of my time. If I would have played today, I would have played quarterback, and I wouldn't have been moved to receiver.

“And if guys like Wilson and Cam Newton and Colin Kaepernick and Michael Vick had played back then, they would have had to play another position.

“I have a soft spot for a guy like Russell Wilson. It's not the size of the ship, it's the motion of the ocean.”

Briscoe got one shot at quarterback. One season. It was his rookie year, 1968. An appropriate year for him to make history, as Briscoe recalls.

“We're talking about 1968,” Briscoe said. “That year, the racial climate was such that there was a rift in our country, across the board.

“Dr. (Martin Luther) King was killed. Robert Kennedy was killed. Tommie Smith and John Carlos gave the black power salute at the Olympics.

“Everything seemed to happen in 1968, in terms of people being expressive, particularly in the black community. It was a time of having an aggressive attitude.”

Briscoe, too. After being drafted by the Broncos in the 14th round as a cornerback, he understood. But the Omaha U. quarterback negotiated his own contract. He demanded a three-day tryout at quarterback or he would take his talents to the American Basketball Association. Or teach.

He got that tryout.

Later that season, after Denver quarterback Steve Tensi was injured and the other quarterbacks struggled, Briscoe got the call. Sort of.

“I went to my locker one day and a No. 15 jersey was hanging there,” Briscoe said. “I thought I had been cut. That's how you found out. They would just take your stuff out of your locker.

“But then I turned around and (coach) Lou Saban said, 'That's yours. You're now a quarterback.' ”

Briscoe had success that year, throwing for 14 touchdowns. He led Denver to wins over Miami and Buffalo. He thought he should get a shot the next season. He didn't.

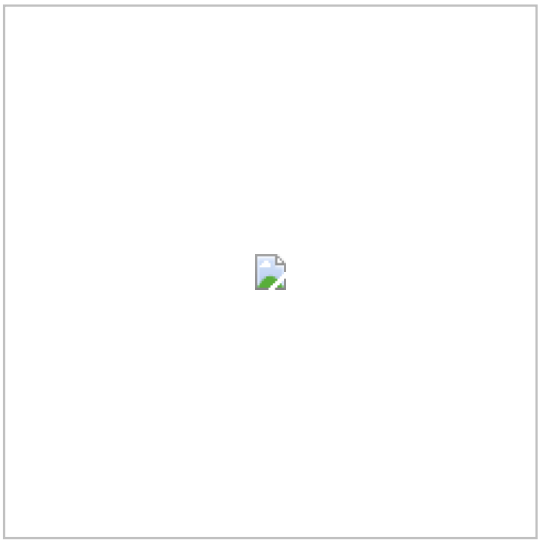
For years, Briscoe was bitter about it. He thought Saban had been a racist. But today he's backed off that. He says he doesn't know why Saban didn't give him another chance.

Most likely, Briscoe ran up against a stereotype — a football stereotype, one that others like James Harris and Williams would knock down, for others to follow.

Those kinds of football stereotypes didn't exist in neighborhoods where kids picked teams in the park.

“We were a block away from the stockyards,” Briscoe recalls. “It was 2834 S St. The packing houses formed a horseshoe around my community.

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“We had a no-class system. You had blacks, Hispanics, whites, Europeans who had come over after the war to work at the stockyards. It was a melting pot.

“Everyone made the same money, $200 a week. That was good money. You could buy a new Cadillac at the end of the week.

“That worked well for me. Because it was a melting pot, nobody thought twice about me playing quarterback. If you were the best, you played.”

Briscoe played quarterback at Omaha South until his senior year, when the coach decided he would be more effective at running back. Caniglia, the head coach at Omaha University, gave Briscoe a shot. Nebraska coach Bob Devaney didn't offer Briscoe a scholarship, mainly because Briscoe insisted on playing quarterback. Devaney instead signed Bob Churchich.

Sounds like a pretty good movie, doesn't it?

“The Magician” is still being put together, but it has potential to be a hit sports movie. Produced by West Omaha Films (Terry Hanna, Dave Clark and John Beasley) and Falconer Pictures, they've landed Gregory Howard (“Remember the Titans”) as a screenwriter. They expect to announce the director later this month. Two of the candidates are Ron Shelton (“Bull Durham” and “Tin Cup”) and Peter Berg (“Friday Night Lights”).

Hanna says the producers are calling the project the “42” of pro football.

The website for the “Magician” says it will be about Briscoe's “racial confrontations” and “near-death personal struggles.” It also promotes the story of Briscoe's uncle, Bob Rose, who gave him

“The Magic Box,” a box of old athletic gear, when he was 10 years old.

“It's a story about Omaha, the place where I grew up,” Briscoe said. “Omaha is a very special place, a unique city, and I grew up there in a very unique time.”

Briscoe sees many of the recent headlines, like the shooting death of 5-year-old Payton Benson, and it makes him sad. He wanted to talk about that, too.

“It breaks my heart to see what is going on not only in north Omaha, but south Omaha as well,” Briscoe said. “I dedicated my life after football to youth activities and changing attitudes. It flabbergasts me to see all the violence and gangs and things that are going on now.

“I'm so far away. I can't do anything. I know Johnny Rodgers and Ben Gray. It just broke my heart to see what happened to that little girl. It's maddening to think things are like that in a place where I grew up.”

There has always been violence in this town, but Briscoe talked about one benefit he grew up with: community mentors.

“Men like Bob Rose, Charlie Bryant and Joe Ramirez in south Omaha,” Briscoe said. “There were so many mentors who took you under their wing. They watched out for you.

“Joe (Ramirez) had a pool hall. On Friday nights, after a game, we weren't on the streets. We were at the pool hall, hanging out, staying out of trouble. There used to be a guy we called “Lightning.” He was a pimpish kind of guy. He made sure we stayed out of trouble. He was in trouble, but he kept us out of it.”

Briscoe wants the kids of Omaha to see this movie. He wants them to know his story. He wants them to know you can survive, you can overcome and have the kind of life where you meet a president and have a movie made about you.

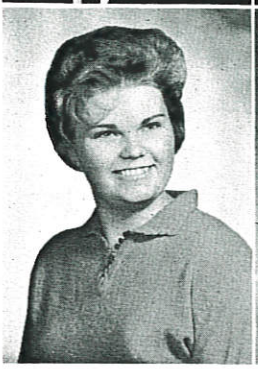
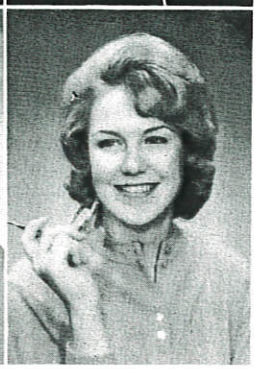
And be that guy they will watch tonight in the Seattle uniform.

Movies and presidents aside, this is still Briscoe's favorite kind of tribute.





LONNIE BERNTH
College Prep
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 3, 4; "O" Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1.
RONNIE BERNTH
College Prep
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Big Brother 4; Football 1, 3, 4; "O" Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1.
MARGARET FAYE BILLMAN
Stenographic
Homecoming 2; Portias 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Y-Teens 2.

CAROLYN ANN BLACKMAN
Stenographic
Portias 1; Yearbook Staff 4; Y-Teens 2, 3; Junior Achievement 4.
ANNETTE BLACKSTONE
College Prep-Steno
Homecoming 1, 2; Latin club 1, 2, 3, 4; Red Peppers 1, 2; G. A. A. 1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4.
MARY L. BLOMENKAMP
College Prep
Latin Club 1, 2, 3; F. N. A. 1; German Club 3.



SHARENE BLUM
General Business
Red Peppers 1, 2.
CAROLE LYNN BODNER
Stenographic
Choir Second Girls 2; G. A. A. 4; Y-Teens 4; Commencement Choir 2.
BARBARA BOBBIE BOETTCHER
College Prep-Steno
Choir First 3, 4; Second Mixed 2, Homecoming 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; M. Q. C. 2; Portias 3; Red Peppers 1, 2; Safe Teens 3, 4; F. N. A. 1; G. A. A. 1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Council Representative 2, 3; Secretary 4.








JOHN VINCENT BOGACZ
College Prep
Big Brother 3; Chess Club 3, Debate 3, 4; Latin club 2, 3, 4; Math Club 2, 3, 4; Sec.-Treasurer; Spanish 2; National Council of English Teachers Awards Nominee 3; Alternate to University of Kansas Summer Program.
DONA ELLEN BOGGS
College Prep
F. T. A. 1.
CHARLES J. BOGUS
Industrial Arts
Safe Teens 3.







MARY D. BORIS
Stenographic
Yearbook Staff 4.
MICHAEL BORT
College Prep
Art Club 1; Hi-Y 3; Safe Teens 3, 4; Spanish 1, 2, 3; Tennis 2.
MARLIN BRISCOE
College Prep
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Big Brother 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Hi-Y 4; Homecoming 3, 4; Math Club 1, "O" Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4.



1960

The Freshman Red offense squad appears above. The players are, FIRST ROW, left to right: Student Manager Bob Urquhart, Gary Lane, Jack Schoville, Jim Vincent, Frank Orduna, Jerry Fuxa, Jerry Thompson, Ed Kulper, and Student Manager Dennis Kirshenman. SECOND ROW: Coach Mickey Sparano, Marlin Briscoe, Jesse Ariza, John Orduna, Joe Berenis, Denny Crum, Don Loftus, and Assistant Coach Ed Mandl.

while the Red, White, and Blue Freshman teams became champions.

The Packer freshmen have achieved a 16-game winning streak over a two-year period. They racked up 147 points this year to 28 for their opponents.

South 20—Prep	0	South 13—Central	7	South 20—Benson	0
South 32—Tech	0	South 13—McMillan	7	South 28—Westside	7
South 21—North	7				

The Blue team, below, played both offense and defense. FIRST ROW, left to right: Student Manager Bob Urquart, Fred Martin, Larry Considine, William Bader, Richard Oldfield, Russell Clark, David Wiggins, Fred Peters, and Student Manager Denny Kirshenman. SECOND ROW: Coach Mickey Sparano, John Peters, William Schwalter, Victor Nawjokaitis, Terry Jayne, Larry Follett, Robert Montgomery, John McKittrick and Assistant Coach Ed Mandl.

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President Pauline Williams is shown welcoming the new members of Student Council, left to right, FIRST ROW: Beth Murphy, Connie Melichar, Nick Colanino, Karen Mickolafsky, and Judy Trunecek; SECOND ROW: Steve McCray, Jack Schoville, Marlin Briscoe, Shirley Schroeder, and Jesse Ariza.

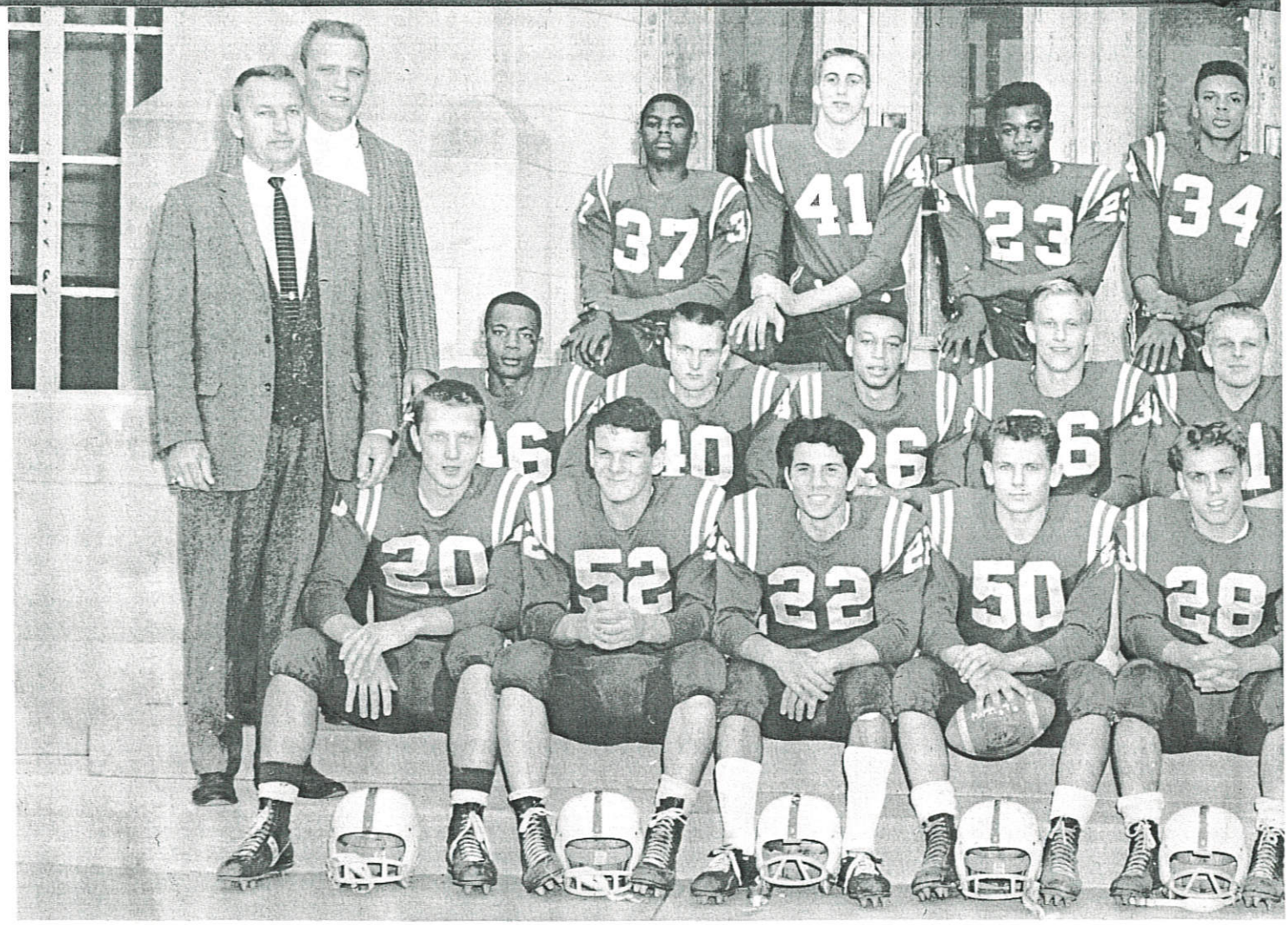
creative expression.



President Pauline is pictured again, this time as she gave her speech, "In Appreciation," at the Dedication Services for South High's completed building, which were held in the new school auditorium on March 18.



On November 1, 15 Packer Council members attended the State Student Council Convention in Kearney, Nebraska, to exchange ideas and to discuss and try to solve Council problems. Shown here are nine of the 15, left to right, Rosemary Anglim, Buddy Binder, Pam Bruno, Dennis Crum, Susie Knight, Pauline Williams, Ray Kuta, Ann Daukintis, and Sharon Risk. Sponsor Donald Stewart and Assistant Principal George Laitner accompanied the group.



1961 #37

The Packer 1960 Football members shown above are, FIRST ROW: Backfield Coach Al Brown, Dwane Novak, Leo Kennedy, John Gillotte, Danny Bernth, Don Garrison, John DeGeorge, Mike Demkowski, John Kurtz, George Pserros, Garry Marley, Line Coach Beauford Haizlip; SECOND ROW: Line Coach Robert Keister, Voyage Franklin, Phil

South's Varsity Football Team

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Name	Pos.	Year	Ht.	Wt.
Dwane Novak	E	Sr.	6′	185
Buddy Crum	B	Sr.	5′9″	185
John Gillotte	B	Sr.	5′10″	160
Bob Deuchler	E	Jr.	5′9″	150
Don Crum	B	Jr.	5′9″	165
William Rose	B	Jr.	5′7″	150
Gary Fellows	B	Jr.	5′11″	160
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Don Garrison	G	Sr.	5′8″	165
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Dennis Vacek	E	Jr.	6′	170
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Head Coach, Merle Applebee. Assistant Coaches—Al Brown—Clair Comstock—Beauford Haizlip—Robert Keister—Ed Mandl.



Taylor, Gary Fellows, Tom Risk, John Onik, Reginald Jackson, Joe Barrientos, Don Crum, Robert Murphy, Dennis Vacek, Head Coach Merle Applebee; THIRD ROW: Marlin Briscoe, Jerry Fuxa, Luther Jones, William Wade, Tony Campagna, Dennis Crum, Don Loftus, Rex Sweetwood, Minales Robins.

was the season's record for

South's varsity football team completed the 1960 season with a record of four wins, four losses, and one tie.

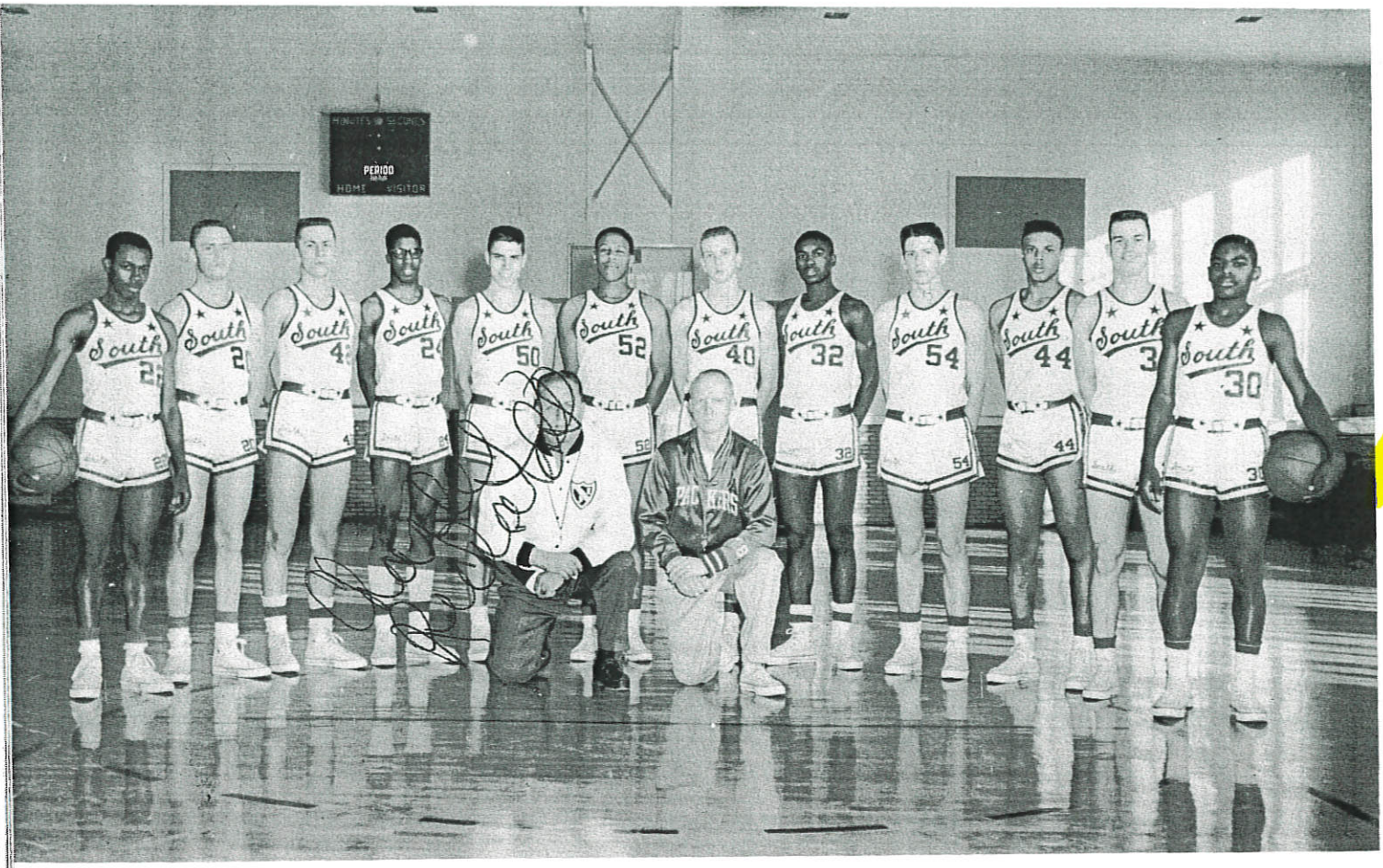
After losing the first three games of the season by scores of 20-0 to Creighton Prep, 32-18 to Central, and 19-0 to Benson, the Packer machine started clicking. Led by Sophomore Quarterback Joe Berenis, the Southites won over North, 6-0; Scottsbluff, 26-13; Westside, 26-18; and Abraham Lincoln 41-0. Only a 27-13 loss to Lincoln High and a 13-13 tie with Tech marred their late season record.

Coach Merle Applebee saw four of his linemen earn recognition on the All-Intercity team; John DeGeorge, Leo Kennedy, and John Gillotte were honored at a UNCIO banquet for their outstanding performance as linemen; and Gillotte, along with Don Garrison, was given a Kiwanis award for athletic ability. Dwane Novak, Packer end, was named to the *World-Herald* All-Intercity football team on November 13.

The Reserve team, coached by Ed Mandl, also broke even by winning three games, losing three games, and playing a tie. Decisive wins over Tech, 20-0; Central, 26-0; and Abraham Lincoln, 36-0; made the Packer Reserves tough for any opposition.

The Freshman team, coached by Clair Comstock, compiled a record of four wins, one loss, and one tie, which was good enough to win a fifth straight Intercity championship for the South squad.

The victims were: Tech, 13-0; Creighton Prep, 12-0; Benson, 6-0; and Central, 13-0. The only blemishes on the South Frosh record occurred when the Packers played a scoreless tie with Westside and later suffered a 7-6 loss in a season ending game with North.



1961 #30

Pictured in back of Coach Cornie Collin and Assistant Coach Bob Murray are South's Varsity basketball players. Left to Right are: William Rose, 5'8" forward; Terry Whitney, 5'11" guard; Jim Vincent, 6'1" forward; Charles Richards, 6'2" forward; Mike Demkowski, 6'3" center; Garry Marley, 6'3" guard; Ken Kennedy, 6'2" center; Maurice Wade, 6'2" guard; Ron Cage, 6' guard; William Wade, 5'11" forward; Don Crum, 5'10" forwad; and Marlin Briscoe, 5'8" guard.

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Our Varsity Basketball Team tied for third,

Coach Cornie Collin's Varsity cagers compiled a season's record of eleven wins and six losses to rank third in the Intercity League and ninth in the state. Mike Demkowski, Garry Marley, Charles Richards, William Wade, and Maurice Wade were the five starters throughout the year.

Maurice, who led the poll of coaches and sports writers, was announced as a member of the All-Intercity basketball team on February 26. After leading the Packers through most of the season, Maurice ended his last high school season as the third higest scorer in the Intercity League.

Southites Mike Demkowski and Charles Richards earned Honorable Mention awards.

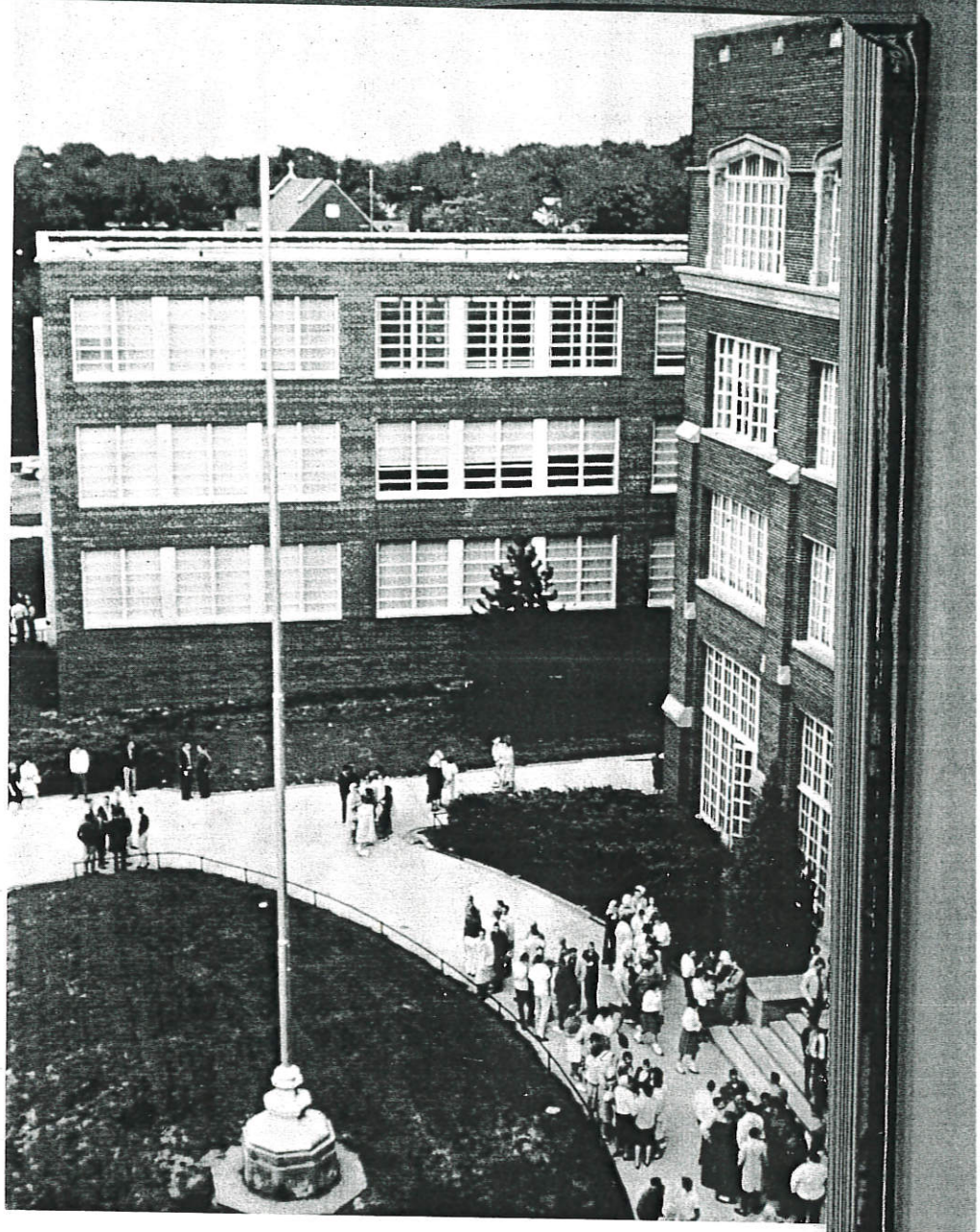
Coach Robert Murray's Reserves finished their season with five wins and eleven losses.

The Packer second string whipped Prep, 47-38; Central, 47-25; Benson, 57-47; Technical, 53-49; and Central, 40-39.

Defeats by North, 46-45; Lincoln Southeast, 49-44; Tee Jay, 50-44; Prep, 57-33; Westside, 44-38; North, 68-38; Technical, 51-44; Lincoln Northeast, 68-48; Abraham Lincoln, 63-62; Lincoln High, 36-16; and Benson, 51-41; dropped them to fifth in the league.

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Students wait for the eight o'clock bell to begin another day of school.



The Royal Court of the 1962 Homecoming is pictured marching down to congratulate the new King and Queen.

1962



Pictured above are the Student Council officers. Standing are Treasurer Jim Faiman, Sponsor Donald Stewart, and Parliamentarian Jack Schoville. Seated are Vice-President Marlin Briscoe, President Ann Hoffman, Secretary Andrea Fahey, Corresponding Secretary Nancee Connolley.

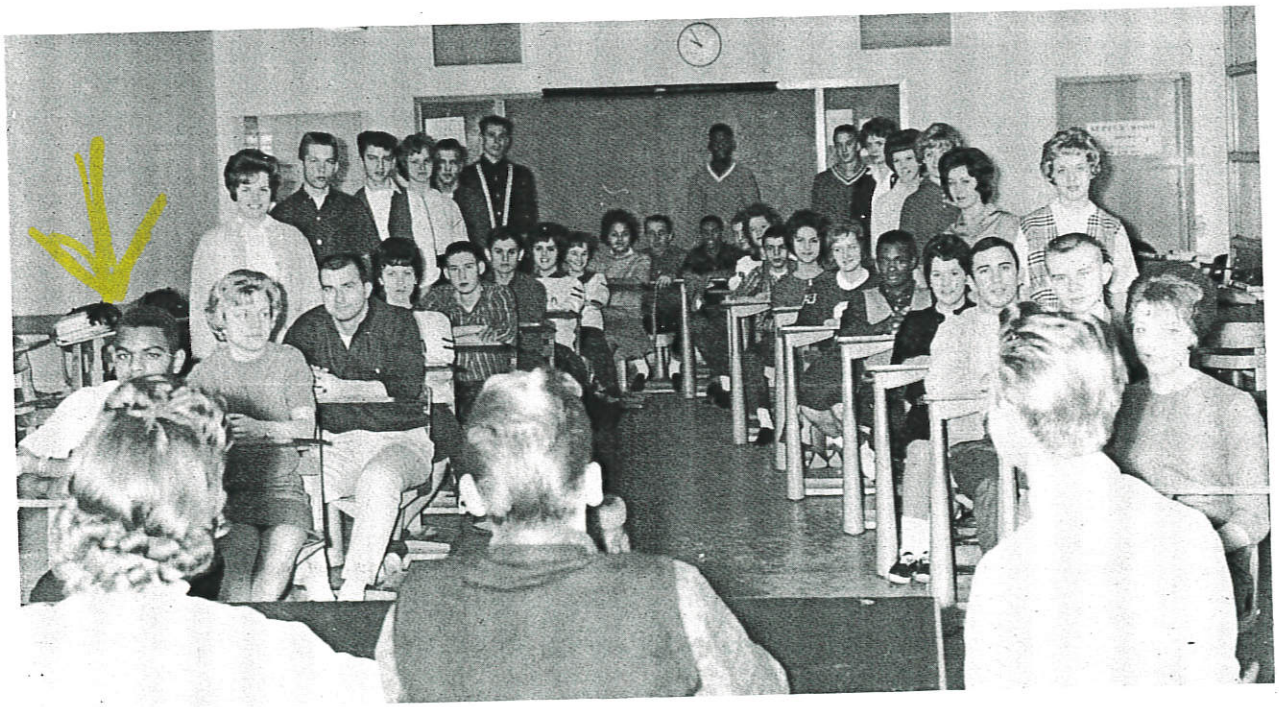
The South High Student Council sponsors many dances and other activities throughout the school year, including the annual Homecoming celebration, which is one of the biggest events on the South High extracurricular calendar.

It works with other organizations to produce school spirit and improved appearances. It promotes fund raising programs, and encourages good relationships with other schools.

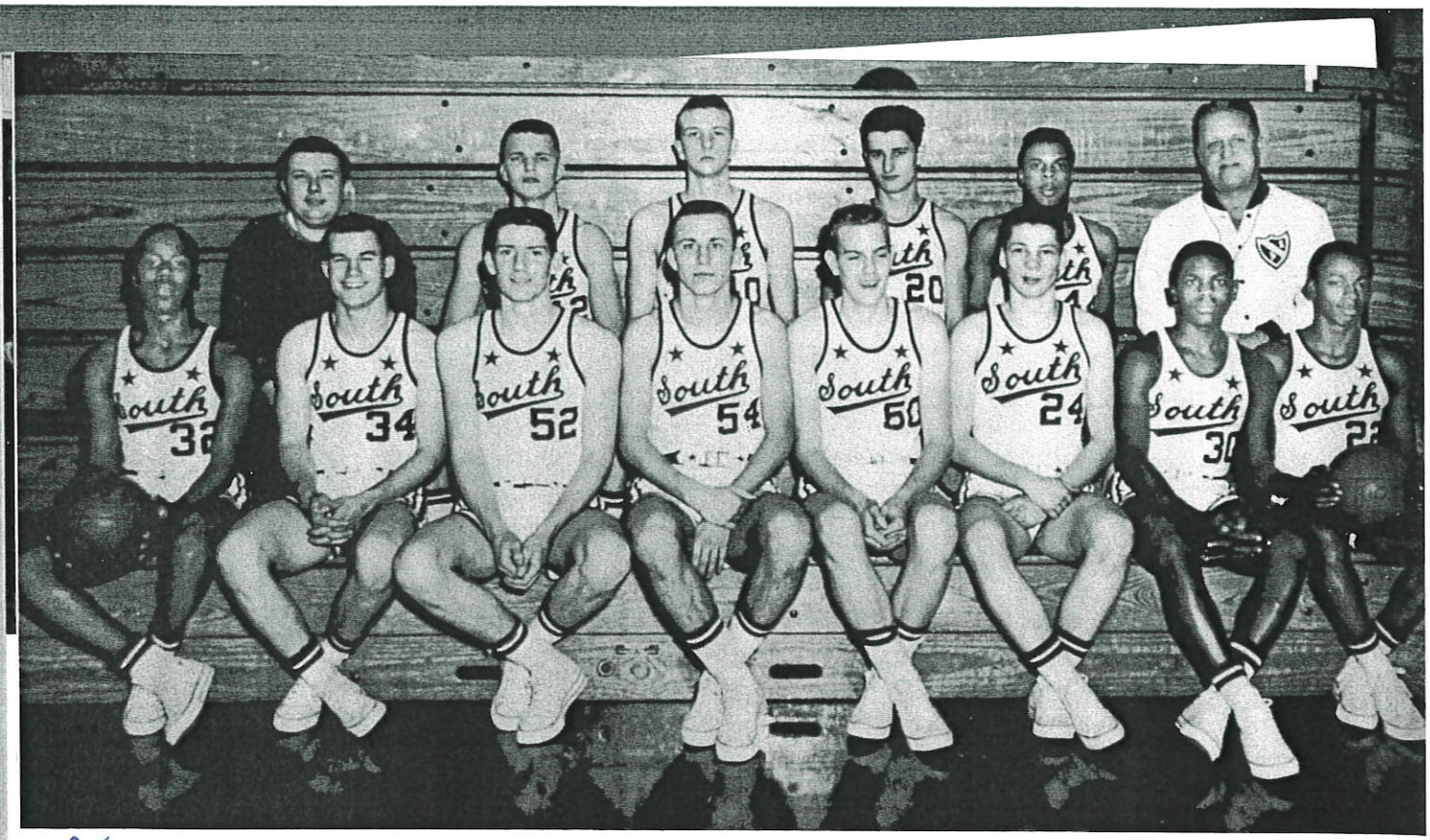
During the Christmas holidays, it holds a toy drive for little orphans, sponsors the White Christmas Ball, and goes to orphanages to bring Christmas joy.

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The Student Council strives for the betterment of South.



Seated, from left to right, are Marlin Briscoe, Ann Daukintis, Dennis Crum, Rosemary Anglim, Ron Novak, Bill Baragas, Karen Mickolafsky, Kathy Gillogly, Candy Wise, Jim Mollner, Richard Lee, Steve McCray, Beth Murphy, Nick Colanino, Sherry Drakulich, Connie Melichar, Eddie Flowers, Judy Trunecek, Jim Weak, Stan Maliszewski, and Shirley DeGeorge. Standing are Carol Belitz, Ron Rubek, Milo Kocourek, Sandy Sanderson, Tom Renner, Scott Knudsen, Terry Williams, Bud Novak, Kathy Fergerson, Nancie Yambor, Judy Stillmock, Sue Hamilton, and Trudy Fanslau. With their backs to the camera are Ann Hoffman, Jack Schoville, and Jim Faiman.



1962 #30

Pictured above from left to right are the members of South's Varsity Basketball Team—FRONT ROW: Walter Gullie, Don Crum, Ron Cage, Jim Vincent, George Thompson, Dennis Kirschenmann, Marlin Briscoe, and Bill Rose; BACK ROW: Student Manager Bill Nodean, Ken Vincent, Ken Kennedy, Gary Furnas, Bill Wade, and Coach Cornie Collin.

South Cage Team ends with 9-9 season record.

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Coach Cornie Collin's 1962 Packer team, unlike that of last year, started out weak but finished strong.

After opening losses to Prep, 45-52; Central, 58-63; and Benson, 59-61; the Packers dropped Lincoln Southeast, 52-44.

With the Christmas holidays over, the Southites went back to work romping past Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs, 75-57.

The good new year didn't last long, however, for the following week Prep beat the Red and White, 64-48. The next night, South edged out North, 59-58, and then lost to league leading Northeast of Lincoln, 52-68.

South finished the regular season by winning five of the last seven. The Packers garnered wins over Westside, 58-46; North, 61-50; Abraham Lincoln, 64-52; Central, 53-52 and Lincoln, 52-68.

The losses were to top-rated Tech, 52-80; and fourth-rated Benson, 66-75.

Then came the victory over Cathedral, 71-60, in the opening round of the District Tournament, and the loss to Prep, 57-62 in the finals.

Ron Cage, Don Crum, Bill Rose, and Bill Wade led South to a 9-9 season record.

Wade topped the South team in almost every department. He had the most field goals, 109; compiled the second best free throw percentage, 68 per cent of his shots being made; scored the best per game average with 17.8 and naturally, scored the most points, 285.

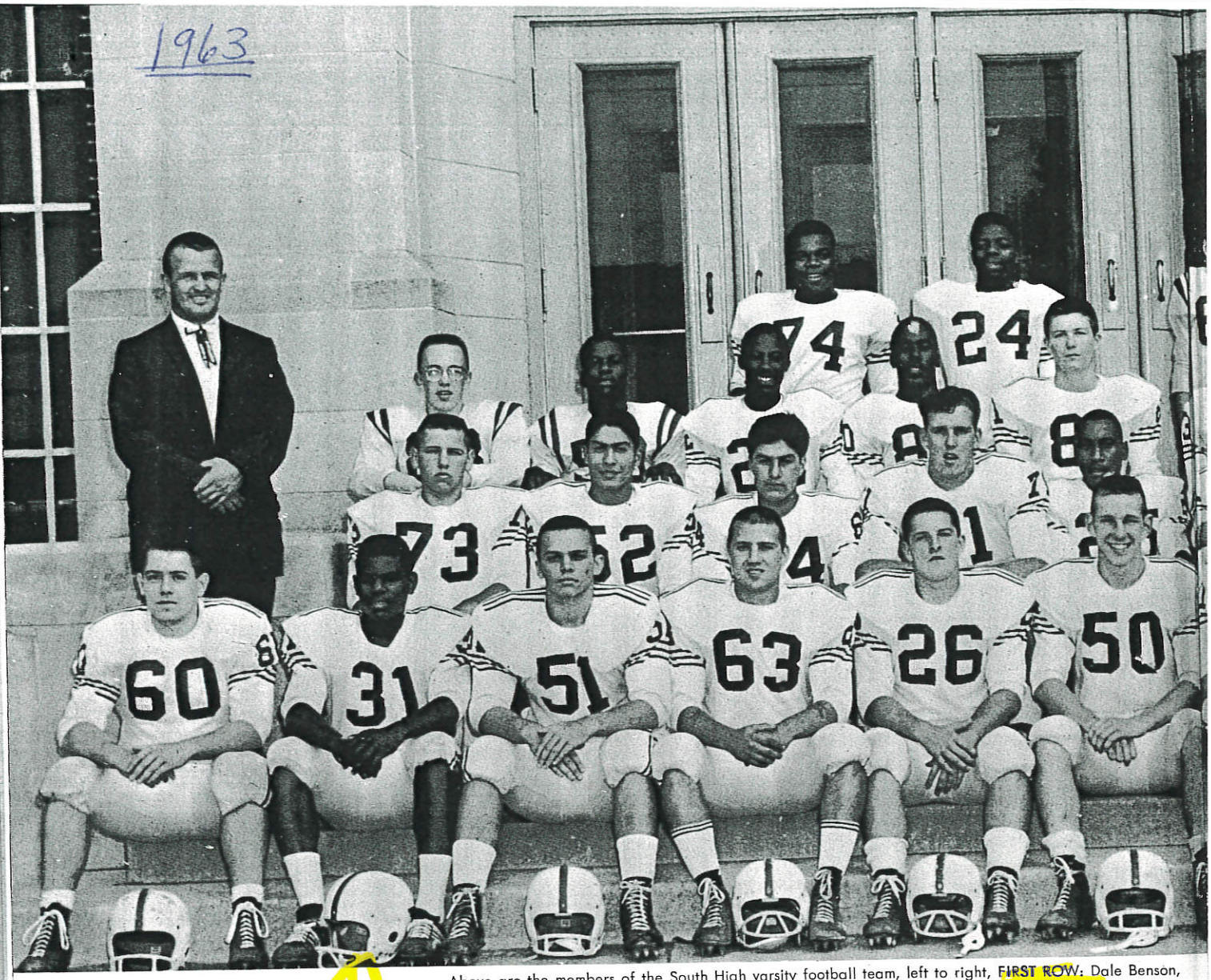
Ron Cage was second in field goals, free throws made, points per game average, and total points. They are 92, 65, 13.8, and 249, respectively.

Don Crum scored 180 points on 72 field goals, 36 free throws, and a 10 point per game average.

Rose, the SHS dribbling sensation, scored 36 points. He had 13 field goals and was 10 for 27 at the free throw line.

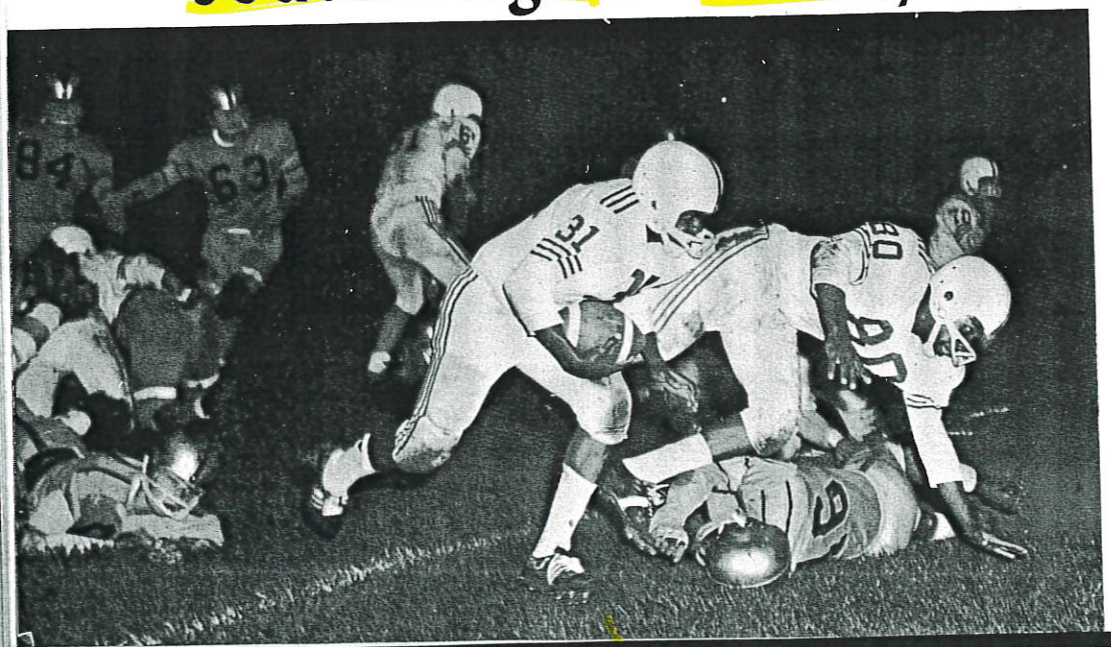
Three juniors to score in double figures were Marlin Briscoe with 70 field goals, 29 free throws, and a total of 169 points; Ken Kennedy with 36 field goals, 37 free throws, and 109 points; and Jim Vincent with eight field goals, 17 free throws, and 33 points.

1963



Above are the members of the South High varsity football team, left to right, FIRST ROW: Dale Benson, Martin Briscoe, Russell Clark, Tony Novak, Joe Berenis, Rex Sweetwood, Jerry Fuxa, Don Loftus, Dennis Loftus, Dennis Crum, Ronnie Bernth, Lonnie Bernth: SECOND ROW: Coach Beauford Haizlip, Ron Dixon, Vincent Toledo, Charles Tamayo, Terry Payne, Keith Curtis, Randy Parsons, Bob Urwin, Gary Weak, Jerry Thomp-

South High's Varsity shared in the



The Packer varsity football team completed its 1962 season with a six win, two-loss record which entitled South to share the intercity league championship with Benson High and Creighton Prep.

Quarterback Martin Briscoe goes for a touchdown as Walter Gullie, end, blocks out a North High player.

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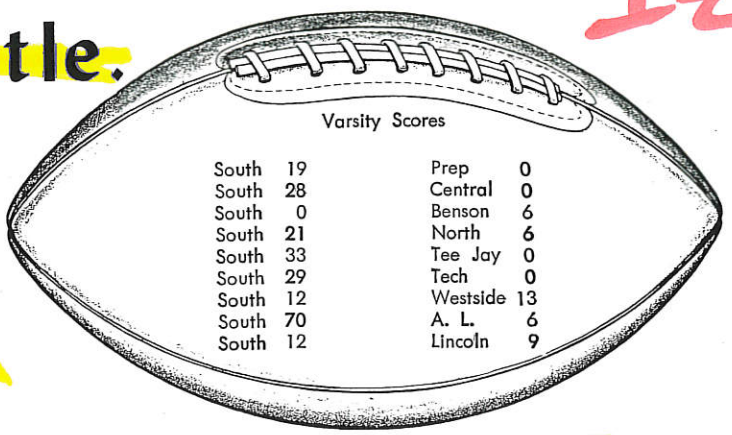
son, Terry McClellen, Backfield Coach Clair Comstock, Head Coach Merle Applebee; THIRD ROW: Jim Spicka Terry Williams, Ray Martzette, Walter Gullie, Louis Secora, Ray Shaw, Voyage Franklin, Dave Rak, Dick Oldfield, Gary Krebs; FOURTH ROW: Luther Jones, James Gauff, Sam Caniglia, and Cal Wolf.

Intercity Football Title.

With the coaching of Merle Applebee and the assistance of Beauford Haizlip, Clair Comstock, and Gordan Loucks, the boys had one of the school's best seasons in recent years.

Lonnie Bernth, Marlin Briscoe, and Don Loftus were named to the World Herald's All-Intercity League Football Team.

According to Coach Applebee, Lonnie was chosen because as an end he was credited as being an integral part of the offensive team attack. He switched to halfback on defense and helped the squad to limit opponents to only 40 points.



Marlin Briscoe, quarterback, received his berth because of his exceptional running and passing.

Marlin, along with Dick Oldfield, was presented the 1962 Kiwanis award for outstanding playing ability and all around contributions to the team.

Don Loftus, tackle, earned the title of "Rock" for his defensive abilities.

1963



Rosemary Anglim is pictured showing the appreciation of the student body for our fine faculty by presenting Miss Jean Landale with a corsage.

SECOND SEMESTER

President ..... Marlin Briscoe
Vice-President ..... Jack Schoville
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Student Council Exchange Day promoted friendly relationships with other schools.



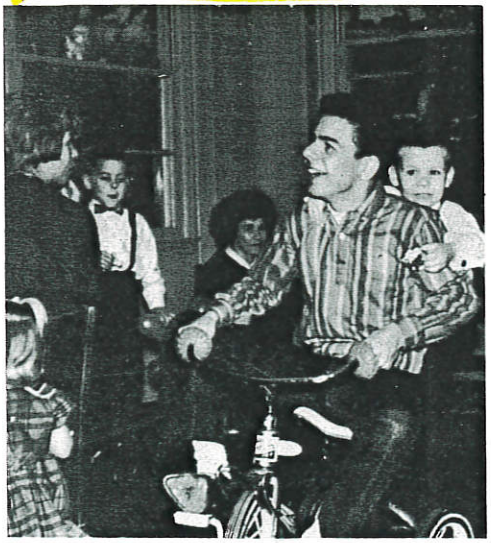
Pictured above is Connie Melichar who was the presidential candidate from South, for the Intercity Student Council.



Marlin Briscoe is representing Connie Melichar during the Intercity Student Council meeting.



Shown above are a few council members bringing Christmas joy to little orphans.



Nick Colanino is giving a ride to one of the orphans.

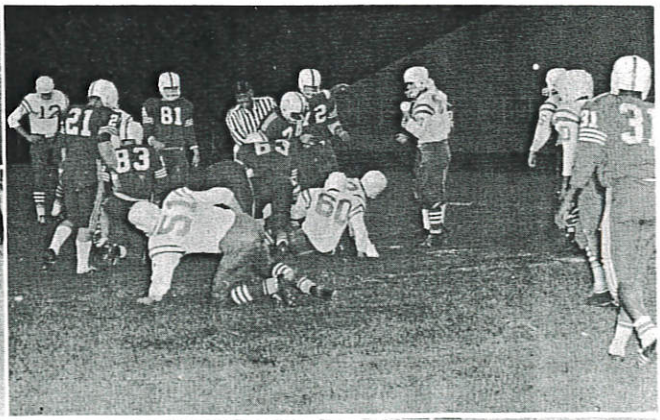
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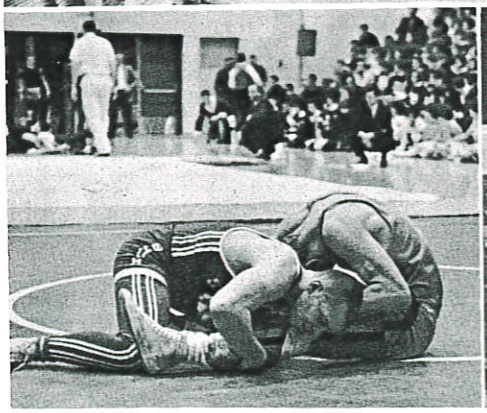


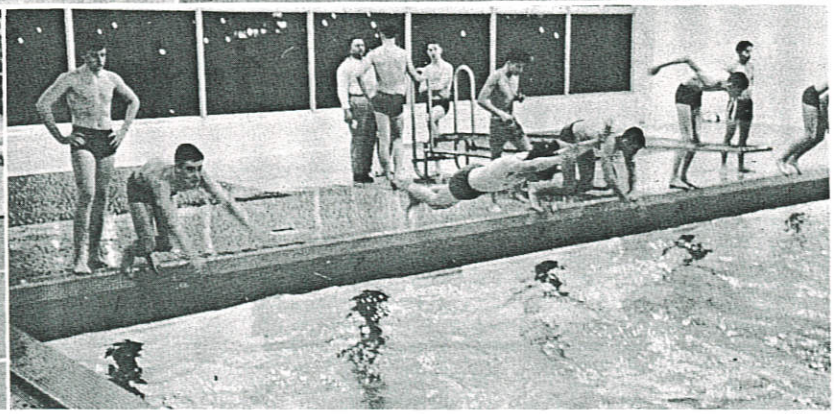
Members of the "O" Club, from left to right, are-FIRST ROW: Marlin Briscoe, Lewis Secora, Jim Vincent, Jerry Fuxa, Mike Thompson, Frank Povondra, Dave Rak, Dick Oldfield, Dale Parker; SECOND ROW: Stewart Bishop, Jim Gulizia, Jim Weak, Stan Maliszewski, Tim Hindricks, Jerry Ghor, Wayne Bolt, Tom Bell, Coach Merle Applebee; THIRD ROW: Denny Kirschenman, Chuck Catania, Russ Clark. Ray Wade, Ronnie Bernth, Lonnie Bernth, Mike Wainwright, Larry Burghardt; FOURTH ROW: Don Loftus, Gary Furnace, Ken Kennedy, Gary Weak, Ron Dixon, Dennis Loftus, Tom Ruffino, Paul Martinez; FIFTH ROW: Terry McClellen, Ken Vincent, Dennis Crum, Bob Stern, Jerry Thompson, and Bill Greguras.

and 'O' Club provide knowledge and fun.

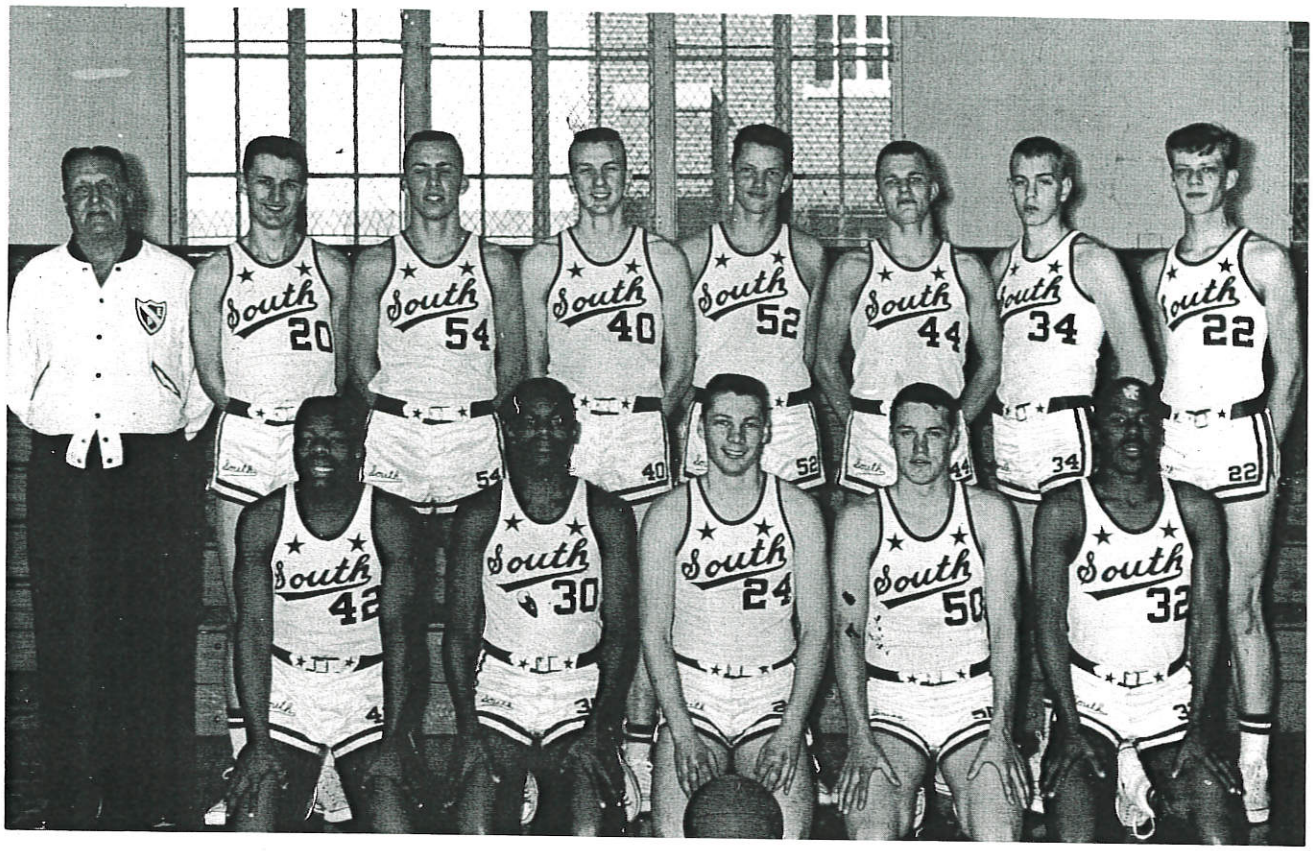








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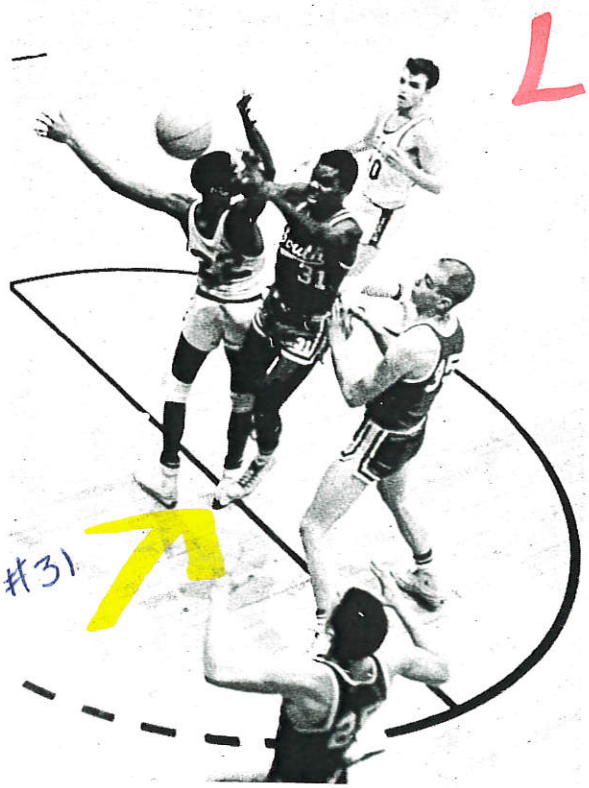


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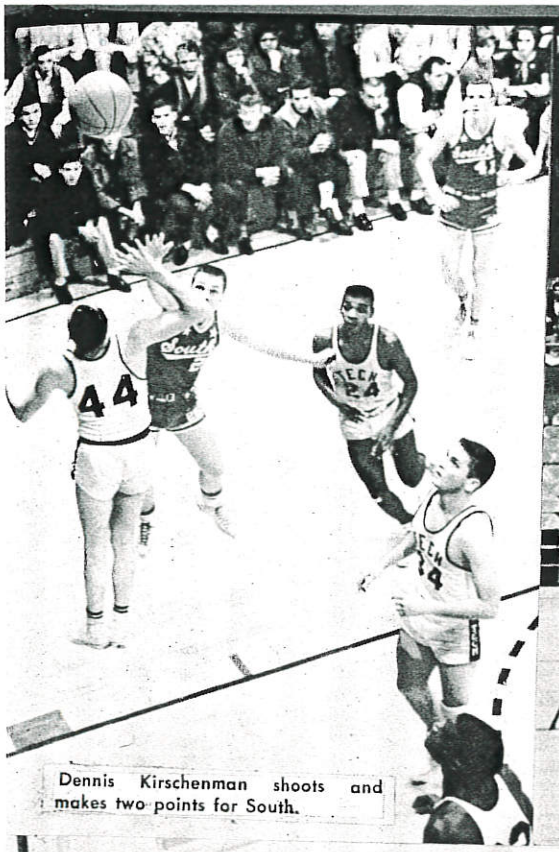
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Varsity Cagers placed eighth in state.

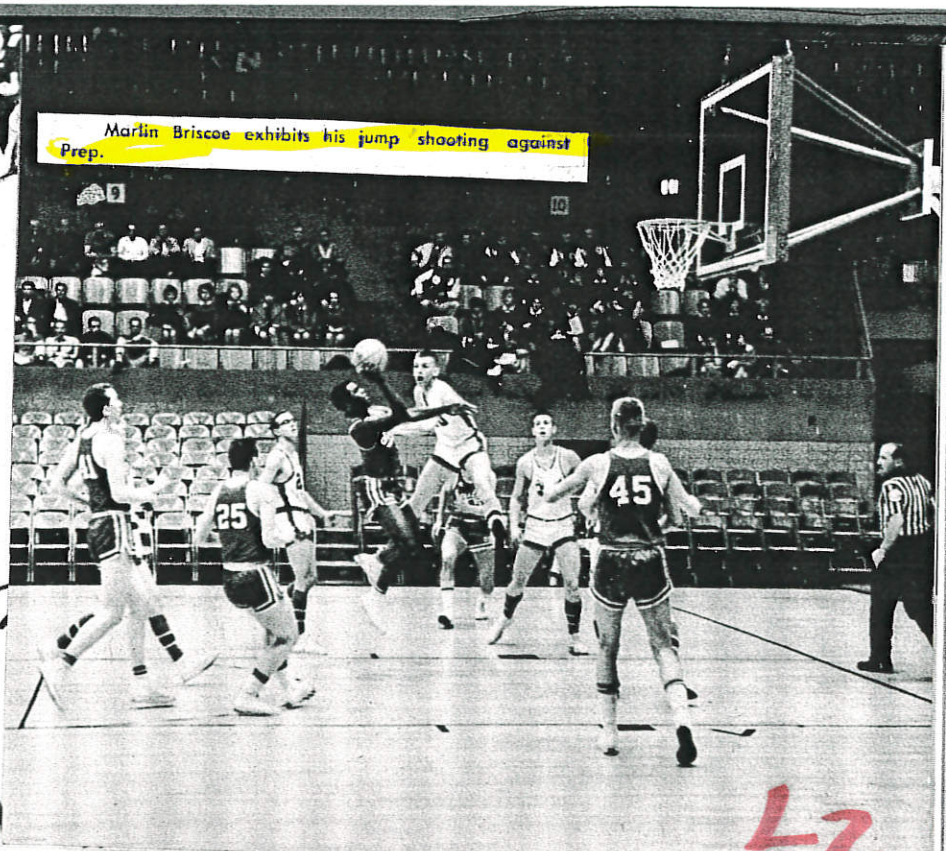
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At right our boys are shown contending with the league-leading Tech High players.

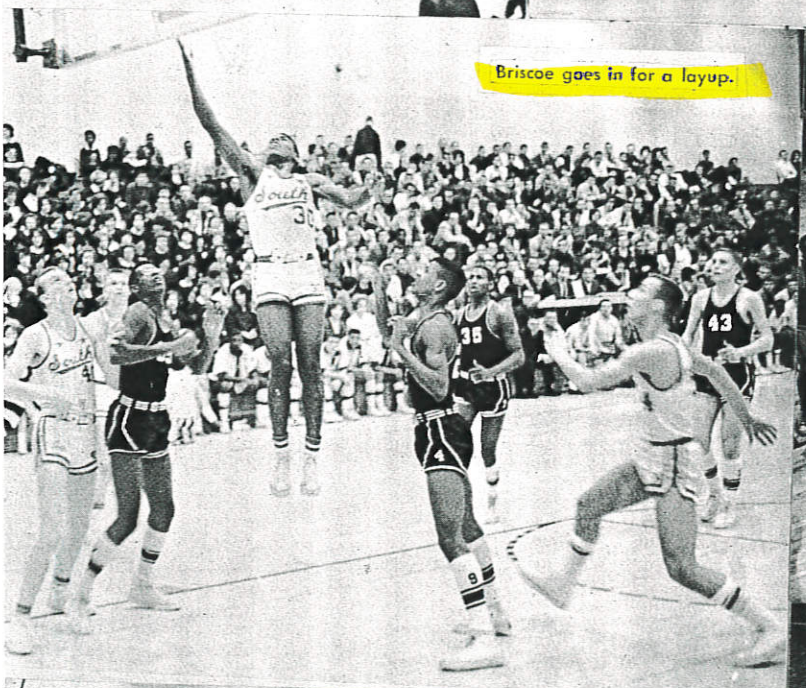


Dennis Kirschenman shoots and makes two points for South.

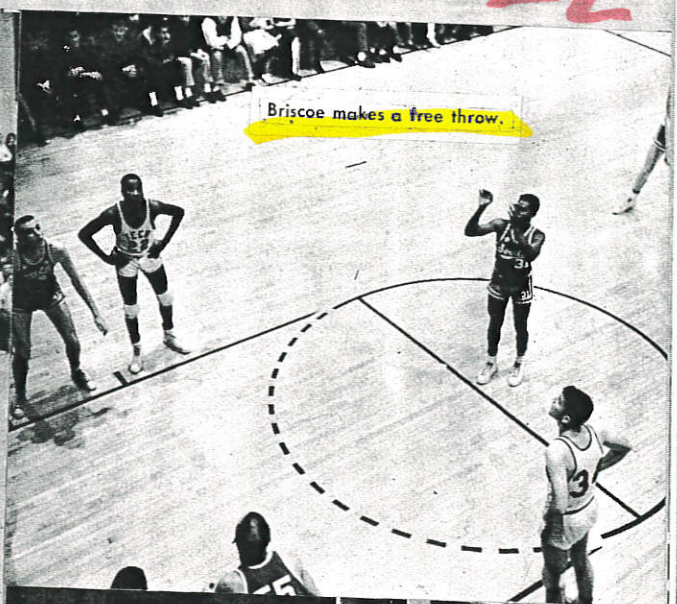


Marlin Briscoe exhibits his jump shooting against Prep.

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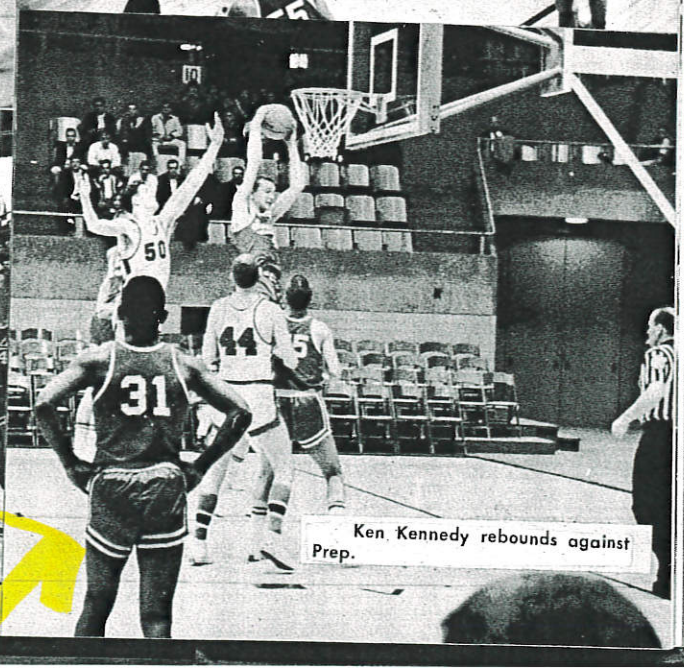
Briscoe goes in for a layup.



Briscoe makes a free throw.



South worked hard on defense against North's Vikings.



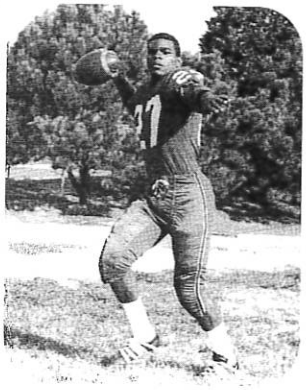
Ken Kennedy rebounds against Prep.

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The Magic Man's Magical Season



Briscoe drops back for the OU Indians. On Sept. 29, 1968 he became the first black ever to play quarterback in a professional football game.

Less than five months after receiving his diploma from the University of Omaha, Marlin Briscoe made his mark on the world. The professional football world. On Sept. 29, 1968, Briscoe became the first black ever to play quarterback in a professional football game, taking the controls of the Denver Broncos offense in the fourth quarter of an AFL game against Boston. One week later he broke another barrier, becoming the first black starting quarterback.

Briscoe showed that not only could the black quarterback play,he could excel.

That he was playing at all that year was a surprise. "Marlin the Magician" wasn't chosen by the Broncos until the 14th round of the draft, and he pulled his hamstring early in camp and was sidelined for much of the preseason. By the first regular season game he was listed as the No. 3 quarterback and No. 3 cornerback.

Injuries to starters, however, got him into the lineup. Once there, Briscoe sparkled.

In an astounding rookie season Briscoe set numerous Bronco records, several of which still stand. He holds the rookie record for most combined rushing and passing yards in a season, accumulating 1,897. He also still holds the rookie record for most touchdown passes in a season (14) and is tied with John Elway for most in a game (4). Briscoe also is tops for best average gain per completion in a career (17.09 yards), which also remains the second-best mark for a season.

More than 30 years after his one and only season with Denver, Briscoe's name remains on other records lists, a testament to his skill, savvy and spunk.

He would go on to play receiver in Buffalo from 1969 to 1971, leading the AFC in receptions in 1970 and earning All-Pro status. He then put in three years with Miami, winning two Super Bowl rings and playing on the 1973 Dolphin squad that went 17-0, the only NFL team ever to go undefeated.

Briscoe finished his pro career at New England and left the NFL after playing nine years. He was 31.

But it was that first season with the Broncos that was truly magical.

1937

Joseph I. Barker, BA, writes that "I attended the old Omaha University at 24th and Pratt Streets. I am proud to say that due partly to my efforts in obtaining signatures on petitions that I had signed by various citizens of Omaha (including Creighton University friends) I was doing my part in securing the property for the new University of Nebraska at Omaha. Incidentally, I also had the privilege of attending the new University when they had only one building nd were offering a two-year degree in Applied Arts and Science. My brother Edmund O. Barker also attended with me. I have no claim to fame, other than the fact I served United Air Lines for 31 years starting at Burbank, Calif. (Lockheed Airport) for seven years then transferring to the old Los Angeles airport while they were building the new Los Angels Airport. I served as assistant to the customer service manager in the Passenger Service Department. The pay was small, the benefits were GREAT!"

1935

Anna M. Thurston, BA, writes from Eau Claire, Wisc., that "UNO was then Municipal University of Omaha. The campus was on North 24th Street. The science ilding an abandoned elementary school on 24th and Ames. 'The Good Old Days!'"

1939

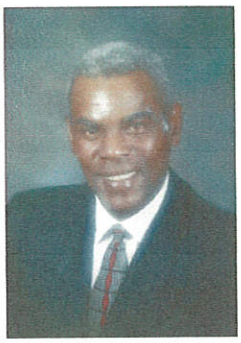
Lucille Getscher, BA, writes from Omaha that "I first attended OU in 1930 when it was housed in a two-story brick building at 24th and Pratt. I dropped out after the '32 school year. I was 16 years old. I walked the streets of Omaha all summer—a job was hard to find. Finally, I got a job at the telephone company (Then Northwestern Bell). I worked there until August 1935. Back then when you got married two people could not work. My daughter has a hard time believing this. Sincerely, Lucille Thomsen Getscher.

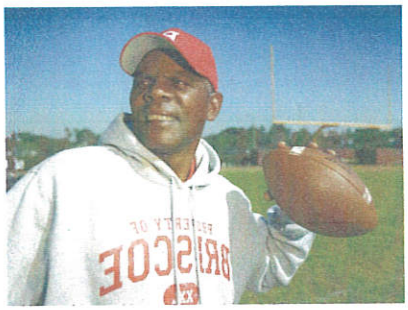
Eloise Johnson Westfall, BS, lives in Kansas City and recently celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with her husband, Paul. Guests included their four sons and their families, which include eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Eloise is a retired teacher and graduated in the first class on the current campus.

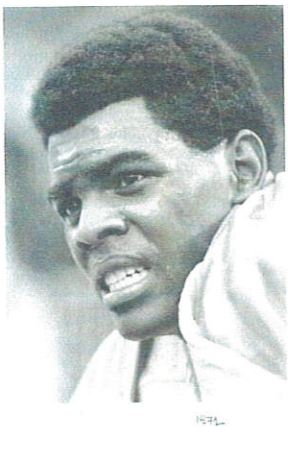
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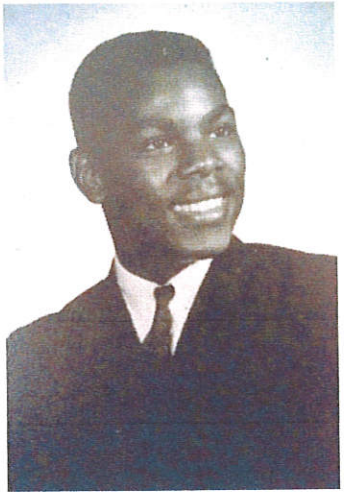
Jane Cook Cawthon, BA, lives in Dallas, Texas, and writes that "My three children are all graduates of











The Pro Football Hall of Fame
Canton, Ohio

Marlin Briscoe, African American pioneer

On September 29, 1968, the Denver Broncos sent rookie Marlin Briscoe into action at quarterback with just under 10 minutes to play in the home opener against the Boston Patriots. The 14th round draft pick nicknamed "The Magician" wasted little time completing his first pro pass when he immediately hooked up on a 22-yarder to Eric Crabtree. The following drive, Briscoe directed the Denver offense on an 80-yard drive capped by his brilliant 12-yard touchdown run.



Click on image to view photo gallery of Briscoe.

Briscoe made history that day by becoming the first African American to play quarterback in the American Football League. He furthered his legacy one week later when he started at quarterback against the Cincinnati Bengals. By taking over the reins for the Broncos, Briscoe became the first African American starting quarterback in modern pro football history. [SEE GAME PROGRAM AND ARTICLE FROM OCT. 6, 1968]

At season's end, he had passed for 1,589 yards and threw a team rookie record 14 touchdowns. His season-long pass completion was a 66-yarder to running back Floyd Little. According to accounts of the play, the pass traveled nearly 60 yards in the air to Little. Briscoe also rushed 41 times for 308 yards and scored three TDs during the '68 season.



Briscoe's stay in Denver and at the quarterback position ended when he was dealt to the Buffalo Bills in 1969. Buffalo moved him to wide receiver, a position he had never before played. Briscoe made the most of the opportunity as he hauled in 32 passes for 532 yards and 5 TDs in his first season with the Bills. The following year, he recorded the finest season of his nine-year pro career. He eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark as he led the Bills in receiving with 57 catches for 1,036 yards and scored 8 TDs. For his efforts, Briscoe was named All-AFC, earned second-team All-NFL honors, and was voted to the Pro Bowl. He registered another fine season in 1971 before the Bills shipped him to the Miami Dolphins in exchange for a first round draft pick which the Bills used to draft future Hall of Fame guard Joe DeLamielleure.

Briscoe continued to produce in Miami. Although the Dolphins ran a ball control offense, he managed to catch 16 passes and scored 4 TDs during the Dolphins' undefeated season in 1972. Briscoe added another 30 catches the following year as he and the Dolphins earned their second straight Super Bowl championship.

He wrapped up his career as a member of the San Diego Chargers and Detroit Lions in 1975 and one final year with the New England Patriots in 1976. In all, Briscoe had 224 career catches for 3,537 yards and scored 30 touchdowns. He also passed for 1,697 yards and 14 TDs and rushed 49 times for 336 yards and 3 TDs.

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Street named for Marlin Briscoe, Omaha native and Super Bowl champion

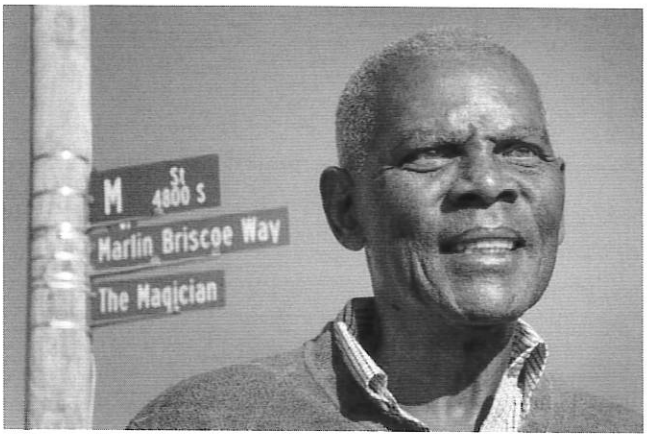
By Christopher Burbach / World-Herald staff writer | Posted: Thursday, October 23, 2014 2:00 am

Before Marlin Briscoe became a starting quarterback in professional football, he had to survive "The Hole," Omaha South High School's notoriously rugged practice football field.

Briscoe passed that test. He went on to a historic nine-year pro career.

On Wednesday, more than 100 people, including some of Briscoe's South High teammates from the early 1960s, watched as Briscoe unveiled signs on a street newly named for him.

M Street at 20th is now also known as Marlin Briscoe Way. A second sign heralds his nickname, "The Magician."



briscoe-street-showcase

Marlin Briscoe, a South High alum, is honored with a street named in his honor on Oct. 22, 2014.

The South High band played the school song, cheerleaders danced, and Briscoe's friends and Omaha relatives applauded as he pulled a cloth from the street signs.

"I love you, Omaha," Briscoe told the crowd.

The South High Alumni Association was behind the event. The group gave Briscoe a South High jersey bearing his name and number, 31.

The Omaha City Council approved the street naming, and Councilman Garry Gernandt attended the ceremony.

Actor John Beasley, a Briscoe friend and former Omaha University teammate, served as master of ceremonies.

Beasley said Briscoe's "Magician" nickname went back to those days at Omaha University, which is now UNO. Briscoe would be surrounded by defenders, then escape, as if by magic.

Even longer ago, Briscoe at age 11 played against another Omaha football great, Gale Sayers, in midget football. Sayers was 13. Briscoe stood between Sayers and a touchdown.

Briscoe, now 69, grew up in the Southside Terrace public housing project in South Omaha.

He attended Indian Hill Elementary School, which he said was where he discovered his athletic ability.

His daily walk to South High School took him past The Hole and the street now named for him.

But he had heard about the alternately rock hard or sloppy mudpit of a field for years before that.

"Coaches didn't cut you," Briscoe said. "The Hole would cut you."

But he made the grade at South, went on to Omaha University, and then was drafted by the Denver Broncos. Briscoe set rookie passing records, Beasley said, then went on to play eight more years for NFL teams, mostly as a receiver.

Briscoe won two Super Bowl championships with the Miami Dolphins, including their undefeated season in 1972, played three seasons with the Buffalo Bills, and ended with the New England Patriots in 1976.

He settled in California. Briscoe retired as director of the Boys and Girls Club in Long Beach, where he had begun working as a volunteer.

Briscoe said he was humbled and grateful for what he called a mind-boggling honor of the street renaming and the gathering Wednesday.

"It's not about me," Briscoe said. "It's about Omaha, and particularly South Omaha, and particularly South High. That's how I got there."

Briscoe was flanked by his wife, Michelle, Husker football legend Johnny Rodgers and retired World-Herald photographer Rudy Smith as he spoke.

Briscoe said it was amazing to look into the crowd and see people he had known for 60 years, including at least three South offensive linemen and his back-up halfback from 1963.

"Thank you for your overwhelming support and being able to experience the growing up memories we went through for over 60 years," Briscoe said.

"Love you, Omaha."

How cozy was the event Wednesday?

While a former South High teammate, Dick Oldfield, waited to shake his hand, Briscoe's former baby sitter, Cookie Patterson, ran up for a hug and a kiss on the cheek from her childhood charge.

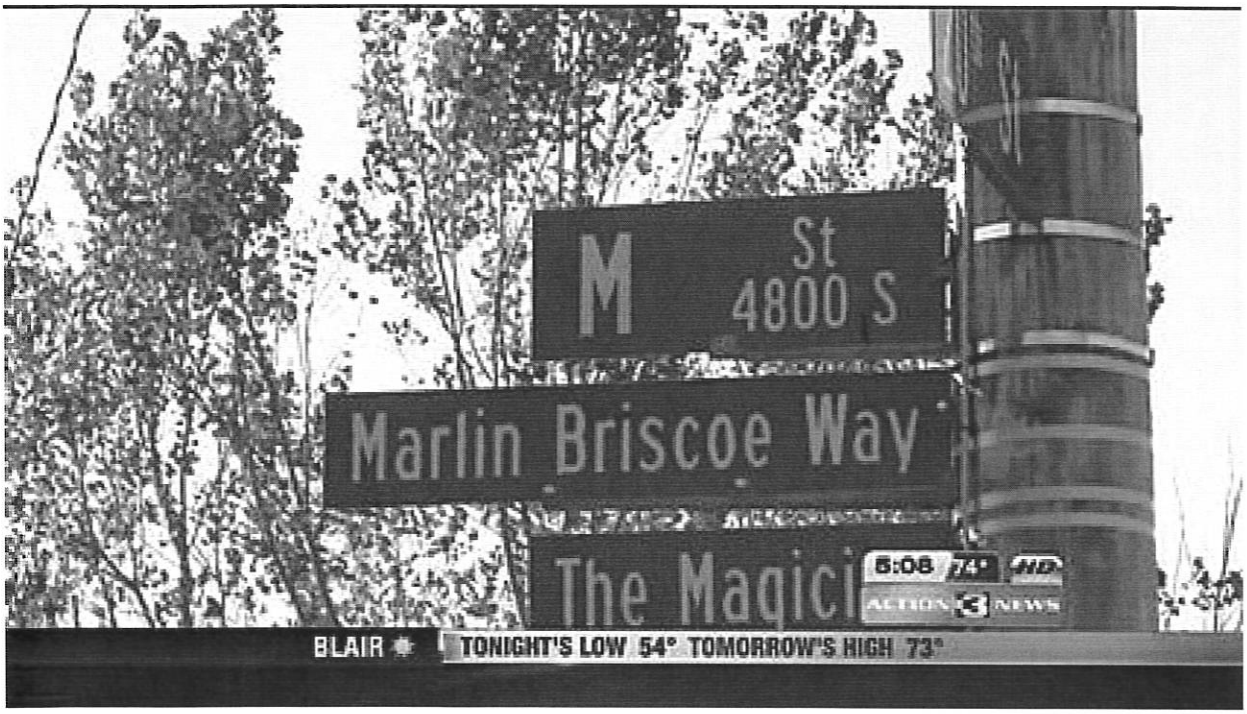
Said Briscoe, "I live on the West Coast, but Omaha will always be my home."

"He ran right over the top of Marlin," Beasley said. "Marlin still has the cleat marks on his chest to prove it."

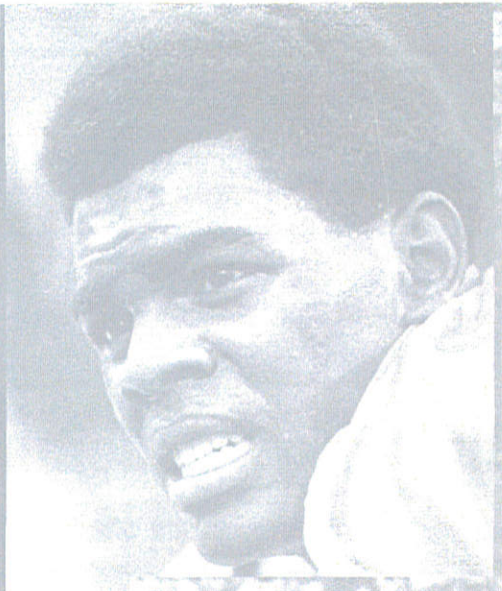
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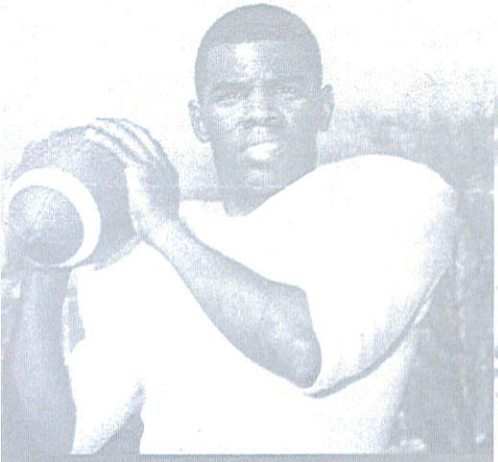
Omaha Street Named after Marlin "The Magician" Briscoe

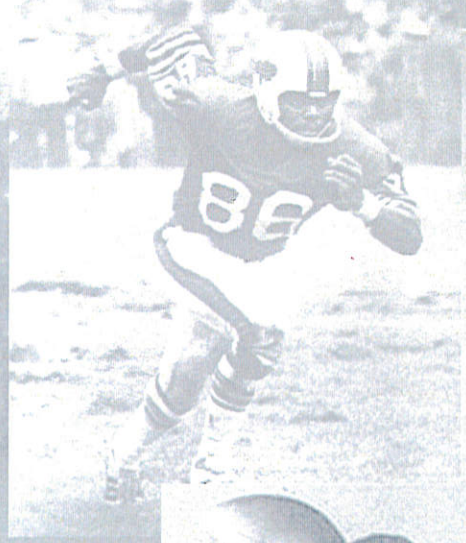
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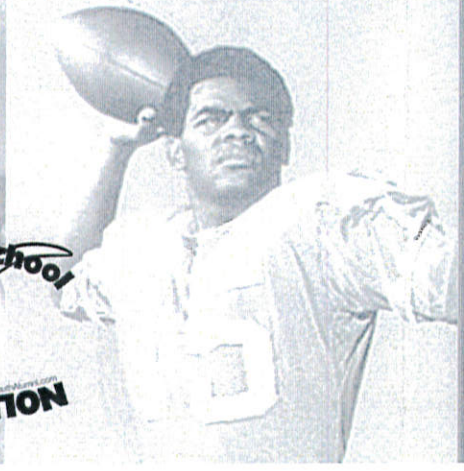












Omaha South High School

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dedication Ceremony

MARLIN BRISCOE WAY

Welcome to the renaming of "M" Street from 20th to 23rd Streets honoring

Marlin "The Magician" Briscoe

Raised in South Omaha, Marlin completed both high school and college and became the first black starting quarterback in the NFL.

October 22, 2014 at 10 a.m.

MARLIN BRISCOE WAY

Dedication Ceremony

Welcome.....Carole Safley, SHSAA VP

Brief Remarks.....John Beasley, Actor/Director

Unveiling.....Marlin Briscoe

After the ceremony please join us for a luncheon

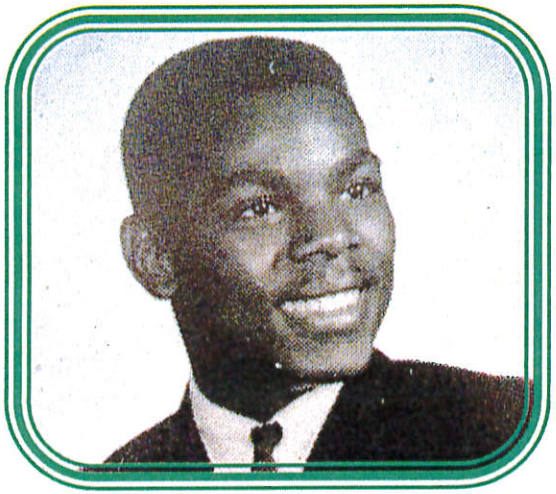
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Marlin "The Magician" Briscoe

Marlin grew up in South Omaha and attended Upland Elementary and Omaha South High where he played in several sports, including football as quarterback. He went to Omaha University, now UNO, on a scholarship and continued playing quarterback. He was named an All American for small colleges and given the nickname "Marlin the Magician" for his elusiveness.

He was the first black starting quarterback in the NFL and winner of two Super Bowl rings while with the Miami Dolphins. He was selected as a receiver for the Pro Bowl while with the Buffalo Bills. As a rookie quarterback in 1968 with the Denver Broncos, he threw 14 touchdowns, one less than Joe Namath. That same year he also accumulated 1,897 yards in total offense, a record that John Elway and Jay Cutler did not break in their rookie years. In 1970 Marlin finished 2nd in receptions and yards in the NFL.

Thank you, Marlin, for your "trailblazing" efforts, as noted by President Barack Obama, in the civil rights movement and the sporting world.





(L-R) Johnny Rodgers, Marlin Briscoe, Bob Boozer, Gale Sayers



Prior Information

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Marlin Oliver Briscoe
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Rhonda Blanford-Green

Phone: 402-489-0386

Street Address: 500 Charleston St. PO Box 85448

City, State, Zip Code: Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

Signed:

Date: 10-3-2013

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Marlin Oliver Brisco
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 379 Loma Ave., Unit B,
(street address)

Long Beach, Califonia 90814
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 562-243-3087 Date of Birth: 9-10-45

School Affiliation (if any) Omaha South High School

City: Omaha State: Nebraska

Place of Birth: Omaha Date of Retirement: 2011

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
As the former director, Marlin still helps out with the Boys and Girls Club in southern Califonia

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Michelle Briscoe

Address: 379 Loma Ave., Unit B, Long Beach, Califonia 90814

Phone: 562-243-3087

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Omaha South	Omaha, NE	1963	
College/University: Omaha University	Omaha, NE	1967	Education
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

(1960-64) 2 Year starter in varsity football and basketball for Class A - Omaha South High school.
(1960-61, Freshman year) played freshman football and freshman basketball - Freshman football team went undefeated
(1961-62, Sophomore year) played junior varsity football but made the varsity basketball team
(1962-63. Junior year) played varsity football as running back and some quarterback also played basketball
(1963-64, Senior year) played varsity football as running back and alternated at quarterback. Also played varsity basketball and received post season honors in both

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

(1962-63) Earned All-City running back in 1962 (junior year). Marlin was presented the 1962 Kiwanis award for outstanding playing ability and all around contributions to the team.
(1963-64) Earned All-City honors as a running back in football and All-City honorable mention in basketball. Marlin, at times, alternated in at quarterback in his junior and senior seasons. His senior year South High School won the Intercity Football Championship.
Even though he was listed as a running back, Marlin was selected to play quarterback in the Shrine game and led the South to an upset win over the North. Two weeks later he was seleceted to play in the All-City Basketball Classic and again led his team to an upset win and was selected as the MVP of the game.
Briscoe was named a first-team NAIA All-American in 1967 while playing for Omaha University, when he passed for 2,283 yards, 25 touchdowns and led the Indians to a Central Intercollegiate Conference title

(1964-68) Career Offensive Statistics: Briscoe remains third all-time at UNO with 5,114 passing yards, second in touchdown passes with 53 and third in total offense with 6,505. Had set 22 offensive records while at Omaha University.

Career Defensive Statistics: Started at CB as Freshman… athletic department does not have defensive stats

Individual School Honors/Records:_UNO Athletic Hall of Fame. Had set 22 offensive records while at Omaha University.

Individual Conference Honors/Records: All Conference ((CIC) – 1964, 1965, 1967)

Individual National Honors/Records:_Honorable Mention for NCAA (entire football conferences) in 1967. AFCA All-American first team (1967)

First Team All-America Honors as recognized by the NCAA: Marlin Oliver Briscoe (1967) and QB for the Black All-American Team in 1967… backfield was OJ Simpson (RB), Leroy Keyes (RB) and Marlin Briscoe (QB)

Drafted by NFL: Yes By: Denver Broncos Round: 14 Teams/Years in NFL: '68-'76 with Denver Broncos (1968), Buffalo Bills (1969-1971), Miami Dolphins (1972-1974), San Diego Chargers (1975), Detroit Lions (1975), New England Patriots (1978)

Professional Honors/Records:First Starting Black Quarterback in NFL modern era (1968). In 1968 Briscoe threw 14 touchdown passes in his rookie year, still a Denver Broncos record today. All-Pro selection as a wide receiver (1970). Marlin was traded to the Miami Dolphins for a #1 draft pick and was on the 2-time Super Bowl Champion (VII, VIII) – wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins 1972 undefeated season. A movie tentatively title, The Magician, is currently being produced highlighting his inspirational story

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Marlin went on to become a Director of the Boys and Girls Club in southern California where he ran numerous camps and clinics for under privileged kids in the area. He continues to volunteer his time to the youth in the area.

Letters of Recommendation

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November 1, 2013

Dear NFHS Hall of Fame Committee,

It is truly an honor to nominate Marlin Briscoe for the NFHS Hall Of Fame as a Nebraska representative. Through the years, Mr. Briscoe accumulated numerous honors and awards for his accomplishments both on and off the field and court. I would like to focus on his high school years and the beginning of a tremendous athletic career.

In 1960 Marlin Briscoe started attending South high school as a freshman. Over the next four years he became know both for his athletic abilities as well as his unshakable demeanor. As many freshmen do, Marlin had to earn his place. He played on the freshman football team that finished the season undefeated as well as the freshman basketball team. Marlin started making a name for himself as a sophomore where he played on the JV football team but made the varsity basketball team.

By his junior year Marlin was the starting running back for the football team and alternated in as the quarterback on several occasions. After his junior year in football, Marlin was recognized as All-City at the running back position. Also during that junior year, Marlin played a key role on the basketball team as the starting point guard.

During his senior year, Marlin was a threat on the field as a running back and a quarterback. The coaches wanted to get the ball in Marlin's hands as often as possible. In return, the team won the Intercity Football Championship in 1963. He garnered the respect of the other teams as well as the media as he earned All-city honors at running back. After the school year, Marlin was selected to play in the Football Shrine game as well as the All-City Basketball Classic. Those two games were played within a two weeks of each other and in both cases Marlin led his teams to upset victories. He was also selected as the MVP of the basketball game.

Mr. Briscoe went on to an incredible collegiate career at Omaha University (now known as University of Nebraska Omaha) where he still holds several school records. Mr. Briscoe is probably most notably known for breaking the color barrier as the first black quarterback in the NFL when he was drafted and played for the Denver Broncos and set the rookie record for touchdowns thrown. He also has the prestigious honor of being a member of the 1972 Miami Dolphins who are still the only undefeated team in the history of the NFL.

It is with great honor and gratitude that I submit this letter of recommendation for Marlin Briscoe to be a nominee for the National High Federation of High School Associations. I feel that he exhibits all of the qualities necessary to represent the State of Nebraska and the NSAA.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Blanford-Green
Executive Director

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November 7, 2013

NFHS
Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Members:

At this point you have heard all about Marlin Briscoe the student/athlete and his accomplishments over the years in Omaha and beyond, so I will devote my comments regarding Marlin Briscoe the man. When I think of him the first thought I have is, "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can." Those of my generation would immediately recognize those statements and would say, "Ahh, *The Little Engine That Could*". Marlin was/is *The Little Engine That Could,* all of his life he was told that because of his size that he couldn't do this, he couldn't do that! Thank goodness he didn't buy into those myths. He tugged and pulled and pulled and tugged and slowly, slowly, slowly he sought out to reach those unreachable goals that others believed to be out of his reach.

All of his life he has displayed the intestinal fortitude to succeed because he has puffed, puffed, chugged, chugged throughout his entire life. I mean when you grow up in South Omaha, Nebraska, believing, succeeding & working is part of your DNA. He left South Omaha with a PHD...He had Passion to be the best at what he did, no matter what he was doing...He was Hungry and he didn't let the first taste of success spoil his appetite for more...He was always Driven, he was meticulously organized and has always aimed his drive toward his goals.

Yes, Marlin Briscoe "thought he could, he thought he could, he thought he could" until he did to the greatest of heights. Today he displays and exhibits that same passion and desire in helping the young people of Los Angeles reach their goals drawing from his life experiences both on and off the athletic field.

He is worthy of induction into the Federation's Hall of Fame. He is truly "The Little Man that Could".

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jerry M. Bartee
Assistant Superintendent
District Operational Services
Omaha Public Schools

October 2013

Dear Hall of Fame Nomination Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Marlin Briscoe to the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame.

As a Development Director for the University of Nebraska Foundation representing University of Nebraska Omaha Athletics, we are extremely proud of Marlin's accomplishments during his time as a student-athlete. Marlin was an outstanding athlete and a leader on and off the field, which was evident in his role of University Student Council President and of course, his successful years as quarterback of UNO's football team. UNO was not a prolific passing team back in the 60s, but Marlin's presence changed that immediately. Briscoe remains third all-time at UNO with 5,114 passing yards, second in touchdown passes with 53 and third in total offense with 6,505 yards. In addition he set 22 offensive records while playing quarterback.

Marlin's team thrived under his leadership as quarterback with a 27-11 record. He received many awards through his college career, most notably being named NAIA Little All-American, QB for the Black All-American Team (all divisions) and AFCA All-American honors in 1967.

Now of course, prior to Marlin's stellar career at UNO, he was a remarkable athlete and citizen at Omaha South High School. He received countless awards for both his athletic ability as well as being a regular Honor Roll student. In addition to his stellar academic and athletic awards, he was extremely active as Vice President of the Omaha South High Student Council. Marlin was a tremendous ambassador both on and off the field/court. Omaha World-Herald once described him as the player "who put the real sting into the South attack." From what I've been told, South High doesn't have Marlin's remarkable stats when he played, but I can tell you that I've heard he was a "once of a lifetime athlete", and most importantly, an all-around guy who was respected at every level.

Following his All-American career at UNO, Marlin was drafted by the Denver Broncos and became the first starting black quarterback in the NFL modern era (1968). In 1968, Briscoe threw 14 touchdown passes (in limited games) in his rookie year, which is still a Denver Broncos record. After 1968, Marlin switched to wide-receiver. Marlin became an All-Pro wide-receiver and was on the two-time Super Bowl Champion Miami Dolphins team (1972 undefeated season).

Following a remarkable football career, Marlin was instrumental in mentoring many kids in the southern California area. He became a Director of the Boys and Girls Club, created youth football camps and coached football at various levels. Marlin continues to speak to youth organizations around the country about his amazing story and career.

I am honored to recommend Marlin Briscoe and truly believe he was a pioneer in his days as quarterback and is still an inspiration to all ages. Thank you for your time and please contact me if you have questions regarding my nomination of Marlin Oliver Briscoe into the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame… he will represent the state of Nebraska tremendously.

Sincerely,

Terry Hanna
402-660-0607

Don Shula

November 11, 2013

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit a recommendation for Marlin Briscoe as he's being considered for the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame.

I've known Marlin for years while I was head coach for the Miami Dolphins. I've continued to stay in touch with him and he's done some remarkable things in the community for youth and charity. Marlin has tremendous character and I know he continues to have the utmost respect from everyone he works with.

I am honored to recommend Marlin Briscoe and know that he would greatly appreciate being selected for the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame. Thank you for considering him for this amazing recognition and if you have questions regarding my nomination of Marlin, you may reach me by email at sent347@aol.com

Respectfully,

Don Shula

Support Data



Marlin Briscoe--All-City



Don Loftus --All-City, All-State



Dick Oldfield---Kiwanis Award



R. Sweetwood-honorable mention

Shrine Bowl Chooses Four South Football Stars

South High will have four men on the South Shrine All-Star game Aug. 16.

Representing South will be tackles Don Loftus and Dick Oldfield, center Rex Sweetwood and back Marlin Briscoe.

Brsicoe and Loftus were All Intercity team members, and Loftus was also on the All-State team last fall. Oldfield received the Kiwanis Award and Sweetwood, an honorable mention for the Intercity team.

The Shrine game pits outstanding footballers from north of Highway 32 against All-Stars from south of that line.

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium will be the site of the charity game. All proceeds will go to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

The practice sessions will begin on Aug. 5. Also included in the honor of being chosen to the team is a trip to the Shrine hospital in Minneaplis. This trip is intended to inspire the players to live up to the motto of the game: "Strong legs will run that weak legs may walk."

Ex-Packer Is Honored

Briscoe Awarded OU Scholarship

By Maurice Shadle

The big football news at the University of Omaha was made off the practice field Wednesday.

Tom Harper, center on the undefeated Tangerine Bowl football team of 1954, invaded the locker room and asked to have Marlin Briscoe sent upstairs.

The five-foot-nine, 180-pound quarterback from South High became the recipient of the Dial Insurance-Tom Harper scholarship. The four-year grant to an Omaha high school athlete who can meet Omaha U. academic requirements is the first of its kind in recent history.

"We had nothing to do with the selection, but we did reserve the right to set the standards," Harper told Coach Al Caniglia. "We are pleased with the choice of Briscoe."

Helped through school on the GI Bill, Harper said he vowed years ago to aid deserving Omaha athletes if ever given the chance.

"I'm an Omaha taxpayer and can understand the university's reluctance to underwrite an aid program necessary to success in athletics," Tom declared.

"Maybe this Dial-Harper scholarship will help prime the scholarship pump and ease the load on coaches who are doing a tremendous job with limited funds."

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Indian Aerial Magician Briscoe Gains NAIA All-America Spo

Marlin Briscoe, probably the greatest quarterback in the history of the University of Omaha was selected to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-America Football Team.

Other Nebraskans gaining first-team honors were Offensive Tackle Fred Davis of Doane and Linebacker Lee Jacobsen of Kearney State.

Omaha U. statisticians had to work overtime to keep up with Briscoe's record pace. The 5-11, 178-pound senior broke 22 school marks despite facing probably the stiffest schedule among NAIA schools.

Briscoe, who sat out the 1966 campaign because of a neck injury, completed 56 per cent of his passes this year for 2,283 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also rushed for 354 yards.

"It's an honor well deserved. I'm very happy," Omaha Coach Al Caniglia declared when told of Briscoe's selection. When asked about Marlin's professional draft status, the coach added:

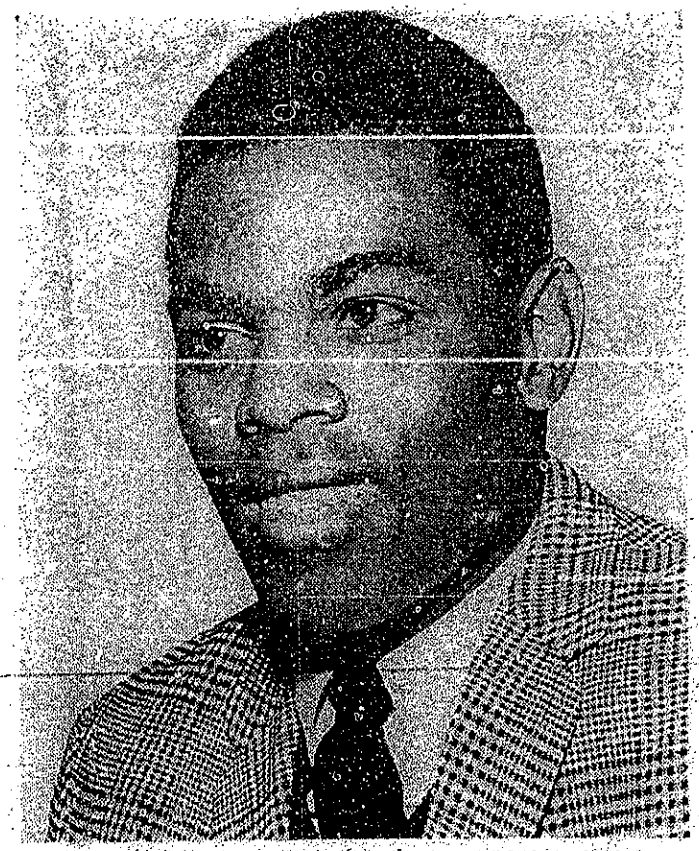
"With the interest expressed by scouts during the past three years, I would anticipate he'll be drafted fairly early. I know the Canadian League has been talking with Briscoe."

Kearney boss Al Zikmund was equally pleased at the announcement of Jacobsen's selection.

"He's really drawn the attention of the pros . . ." Zikmund said of the 6-2, 208-pound Jacobsen. Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago and San Diego are some of the professional teams which have requested films of him.

Lee converted 40 of 44 extra points this season and became Kearney's leading scorer for the fourth straight year.

"Pro teams draft the big names and hope to sign players from small colleges as free agents," Zikmund said. "But I imagine Jacobsen will be drafted. Scouts are regarding his kicking ability as a bonus."



—World-Herald Photo.

Briscoe . . . broke 22 school records.

Davis, a 256-pound senior who blasted holes fo Doane's potent running attack, was named to the NAI team for the second straight year.

Doane Coach Al Papik, in Chicago on a recruitin trip, was unavailable for comment. But before Doane' Miners' Water Bowl encounter with William Jewell o Missouri, Papik said Davis was faster than last yea despite adding 10 pounds to his 6-3 frame.

Papik felt Davis, The World-Herald State Colleg Athlete of the Year last year, improved a great deal ove his junior season.

Guard Dan Klepper and End Bill Haas were Omahan earning honorable mention. Pittsburg (Kans.) Stat Middle Guard John Peterson reaped first-te honors fo the second year.

Offense

Ends—Dave Svendsen, Eastern Washington State; Henry McKay, Gl ford (N. C.).

Tackles—Tom Head, Southwest Texas State; Fred Davis, Doane (Cre Neb.).

Guards—Ron Young, New Mexico Highlands, Henry Davis, Grambl (La.).

Center—Vic Bender, Northeast Louisiana State.

Backs—Marlin Briscoe, University of Omaha; Jim Nicholson, Willame (Ore.); Charles Williams, Arkansas AM&N; Jackson LeBlanc, Califor Western.

Defense

Ends—Larry Blackstone, Fairmont State (W. Va.); Al Beauchamp, Sou ern (La.).

Tackles—Eddie Joyner, Lenoir Rhyne (N. C.); Tom Bilotta, Adams St (Colo.).

Middle Guard—John Peterson, Pittsburg (Kans.) State.

Linebackers—John Spuhler, Northern Michigan; Lee Jacobsen, Kear (Neb.) State; Mike Raftery, Western Illinois.

Halfbacks—Major Hazelton, Florida A&M; Terry Harris, Jacksonv (Fla.).

Safety—Dennis Cavalier, Southwestern (Kans.).

Punter—Gary Loyd, California Lutheran.

Other area honorable mentions included:

Offense

End—Jim Young, Concordia; tackle—Charles Wilson, Tarkio (Mo; backs—Dave Aspegren, Kearney State; Bob Ferguson, Westmar; Gl Larry Green, Doane; Roger Heirings, Yankton (S. D.).

Defense

End—Dave Bross, Wayne State; linebacker—Larry Gold, Chadro State; back—Phil Homeratha, Tarkio (Mo.).

Magician Marlin Briscoe Gains Award as State College A

By Larry Porter

Usually calm Marlin Briscoe is starting to fidget as the calendar creeps toward January 30.

That's the day pro football drafts the top collegiate prospects, offering wealth for those of extreme ability.

Marlin is confident that he exhibited enough talent at Omaha University to warrant a place in the pro draft.

Tabbed The Magician early in his O.U. career, Briscoe set 22 school records while quarterbacking the Indians to football success. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) responded by naming him to its All-America first team.

Briscoe turned his efforts to basket ball after leading O.U. to a 7-3 grid season. He is averaging 11 points for 13 games.

For his display of athletic talent, he has been named The World-Herald's State College Athlete of the Year.

Almost all who have seen Briscoe perform on the gridiron feel a pro spot is waiting for him.

the fact Marlin is a Negro and no Negro has made it in the pros as a quarterback.

Briscoe, nonetheless, believes there is an opportunity.

"Professional sports are becoming broad-minded. There are some coaches who are looking for talent, not at the color of skin. I definitely feel I can make it as a quarterback."

Pro scouts feel he can make it, too.

"Marlin has the greatest quickness of any college quarterback we've ever seen . . .," said Gil Brandt, director of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys.

"I think he will go among the top draft choices this year and would have last year if he had not missed the season with that (neck) injury. He's as good as any big-time quarterback in college right now and just one heck of a football player."

Dave Smith of the New Orleans Saints was equally impressed.

"He's got the greatest arm I have ever seen on any quarterback — college or pro. He's the only man I have

handed 55 yards through the air with complete accuracy."

Stan Jones of the Denver Broncos feels Briscoe will help a pro club either as a quarterback or a defensive back.

back.

Briscoe admits to being nervous over the prospect of becoming a pioneer in pro football.

"Lately it's scared me," he said. "I'll have to show them that I have mental leadership first. A quarterback's brainpower is respected first . . . mechanics second."

Briscoe was offered scholarships by several major universities, including Nebraska, after he was graduated from Omaha South. But Omaha U. Coach Al Caniglia won the battle.

"Coach Al has taught me a lot," he said. "He developed my attitude. It's easy for a player to come out of high school, develop a wrong attitude and never do anything with himself.

"Maybe Coach Al was bounced around when he was growing up. Italians weren't always accepted. Whatever the reason, I think I received more of a chance here than I

SEP 19 1967 AM

Briscoe Declined Shot at Baseball—

O.U.'s Magician Named College Star

By Larry Porter

Late in the spring of 1966 Marlin Briscoe received a telephone call. "C'mon," said the caller, "let's go out to Papillion this morning. The Pittsburgh Pirates are having a tryout camp."

Marlin hesitated. "Okay," he finally agreed, "but I'm just going with you to work out."

"You can go ahead and play. I'll just jog around for awhile and maybe play some catch."

But that's not the way things turned out. Briscoe's friend talked him onto the field.

When the tryout was over Marlin was one of two players offered a contract with the Pirates.

Imagine the furor among the Omaha University football faithful had Briscoe signed. For "The Magician," as he is known to Indian grid fans, is the most talented quarterback ever to play at O.U.

"He's the best quarterback I've seen in the past three years," a relieved Ron Erhardt said after his powerful North Dakota State squad held off the Indians, 41-33, last Saturday night.

That would include San Diego State's Don Horn, whom NDS faced last year.

Horn, who led San Diego State to the top ranking among the nation's small colleges last year, was the No. 1 draft choice of Green Bay.



Briscoe . . . Tremendous.

Briscoe set two school records and tied another as the Indians nearly pulled off the upset. He passed for 356 yards and four touchdowns and piled up 401 yards total offense.

For Marlin's performance against the Bison, he has been named The World-Herald's state college star of the week.

After Briscoe passed up the Pirate offer last year, he was expected to complete his final year of eligibility. But a neck injury postponed his scampering for a season.

It didn't surprise O.U. Coach Al Caniglia that Marlin was wanted by the Pirates—although he would have swallowed his chaw of tobacco if Briscoe had signed.

"Marlin has never played baseball here (at O.U.)," Caniglia said, "but he's such a fine athlete that he could do anything well."

With the ability Marlin has displayed at O.U., he must have been a whiz while at Omaha South, right? Wrong.

He was used very sparingly as a quarterback in high school. He was a defensive specialist until moved to a halfback spot his senior year.

"I did throw a lot of passes from my halfback position," Briscoe recalled, "and when I was used at quarterback, every one knew a pass play was coming."

Despite his lack of signal-calling experience, Briscoe started the 1963 Nebraska High School Shrine Bowl game and directed the South to a 19-6 victory.

His performance was so good several major colleges, including Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming, came calling with football scholarships.

"I didn't choose a bigger school because they were not interested in me before the Shrine game," Briscoe said.

"Coach Al had talked to me prior to the game. I knew his reputation as being a man of his word, so I came to Omaha U."

Briscoe Gets His Chance And Makes the Most of It



SEP 30 1968 AM

Former Omaha University quarterback Marlin Briscoe became the first Negro ever to play quarterback in the American Football League Sunday and left the fans hollering for more.

Inserted in the lineup in the fourth quarter of the Denver Broncos 20-17 loss to Boston, Briscoe scored a touchdown on a 12-yard run after running 19 yards to set it up. He received a standing ovation from a record Denver crowd for his performance. Details on Page 17.

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Briscoe Earns Berth With Bills as Receiver

By Howard Brantz

Marlin Briscoe has made the grade as a wide receiver with the Buffalo Bills.

The former Denver Bronco quarterback is one of four wide receivers on the Bills' roster and is destined to remain with the American Football League team.

Jack Horrigan, vice president of the Bills, said in a telephone interview that Briscoe is the No. 2 man on the depth chart behind Haven Moses, the 6-3 San Diego State grad who led Buffalo in receptions last season.

"There isn't a lot of opportunity for Marlin to play behind Haven," said Horrigan. "We consider Moses a potential superstar receiver. But Briscoe has definitely established himself on our roster."

Briscoe, after obtaining his release from Denver, reported to the Buffalo club Aug. 20, six weeks after the others started training.

"Briscoe had a lot of handicaps to overcome — never having played the wide receiver position, not knowing our system and having such a late start," said Horrigan.

"But John Rauch (Bills' head coach) is very satisfied with Briscoe's progress. His attitude has been nothing but the best."

Horrigan said that Briscoe made the adjustment because of a "fine football sense."

"He understands pass patterns and has good hands," Horrigan said. "His previous experience as a quarterback has helped him make the switch."

Horrigan said that Briscoe lacks blinding speed, but his quickness more than offsets that handicap.

The Buffalo official said the Bills never had any thoughts about making Briscoe a defensive back. "We signed him as a wide receiver and that is where we expect to use him," Horrigan said.

"Briscoe did work a little at quarterback when Jack Kemp and Jim Harris were hurt a couple of weeks ago, but he will work at quarterback only if we have some serious injuries."

Because of his late start, Briscoe was at the bottom of the wide receiver list of eight candidates. Now he's one of four remaining.

Moses led Buffalo receivers with 42 catches for 633 yards in his rookie season last year. He ranked 11th in the AFL.

Former University of Nebraska back Ben Gregory, who earned a starting job last year, still is not on the Bills' roster. He hurt his left knee early last season. He hasn't been able to pass the physical.

"Gregory is working out on his own on the sidelines, but is not allowed to practice with us," said Horrigan. "His knee is getting stronger."

OCT 1 1968 AM

Briscoe Nets Starting Role

Denver, Colo. (AP) — Coach Lou Saban of Denver said Monday, Marlin Briscoe, the first Negro ever to see action at quarterback in the American Football League, would start Sunday in a home game against Cincinnati.

"He deserves a chance," said Saban. "He did well and obviously put some spark into our game."

Saban referred to a 10-minute appearance by Briscoe in last Sunday's loss to the Boston Patriots, 20-17. Briscoe scored one touchdown and kept the Boston defense loose with his halfback-style running.

The Broncos said Halfback Floyd Little was a questionable starter for the Cincinnati game. They said Little had a severely cut middle index finger, a bruised back and ankle.

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Marlin Briscoe Is Tabbed As Hall of Fame Member

By Maurice Shadle

Marlin Briscoe, once described by a rival coach as "just another quarterback until he gets in trouble," Monday became the fourth and last former star who will be inducted into the University of Nebraska at Omaha Athletic Hall of Fame at a Peony Park banquet Nov. 14.

Others revealed earlier by Athletic Director Don Leahy are Leo Pearey, Bill Engelhardt and Roger Sayers. Pearey is the only member of the quartet not living.

Briscoe, drafted 14th by Denver in 1968, now is a wide receiver with Detroit of the National Football League. Tabbed a defensive back, he played quarterback part of his only season with Denver.

Briscoe led the NFL in receptions after signing as a free agent with Buffalo. He was traded to Miami for several successful seasons and, after 1974, went briefly to St. Louis and San Diego before being obtained by the Lions.

An NAIA and Associated Press Little All-American in 1967, the 5-10, 170-pound Briscoe established 22 records at old Omaha University. Fourteen still stand, led by 52 career touchdown passes, 4,935 yards passing, a 55 per cent completion record and a career total offense mark of 6,255 yards.

Briscoe quarterbacked three conference champion teams in his four-year stint from 1964 though 1967. The record those four years under the direction of Coach Al Caniglia was 27-11.

The sponsoring UNO Alumni Association and athletic department said tickets to the banquet, at $12.50 each, will be available at UNO until shortly before the event. Joe Robbie, principal owner of Miami's Dolphins and Briscoe's old boss, will be the main speaker and Jack Payne the master of ceremonies.



Illinois State Next for UNO

UNO's battered football team has two more chances to equal last year's three-win season in 10 games. The Mavericks will be heading into definite trouble at Terre Haute Saturday against Illinois State, NCAA Division 1 team, and will come back Nov. 15 to end their season against Jackson (Miss.) State.

Long touchdown plays have plagued the Omahans all season. Last week, for instance, they battled Southern Louisiana on fairly even terms most of the game. But long scoring plays produced the one-sided (35-7) setback.

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Briscoe Eager to Be a Dolphin

By Kent Savery

Marlin Briscoe, the gifted wide receiver recently acquired by the Miami Dolphins, believes he's on the threshold of a new era in his professional football career.

The former Omaha University star says he couldn't be more pleased with his being traded from Buffalo to Miami in a National Football League deal announced June 7.

"This trade is the best thing that ever happened to me," said Briscoe Friday.

Known as "The Magician" during his collegiate career, Briscoe was in Omaha visiting his mother and tutoring youngsters in a football clinic at Adams Park.

Wise and Briscoe were replacements for Minnesota Viking players Jerry Patton and Carl Eller, who reportedly were delayed by contract talks in Minnesota.

Also participating at the clinic were former Omaha prep stars Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears and Phil Wise of the New York Jets.

A second session of the clinic sponsored by the North Omaha Athletic Association, is scheduled this morning from 9-11. It is free to youngsters through high school age.

Briscoe sees in Miami a chance for the type of heavy national exposure that accompanies a team such as the Dolphins, who captured the American Conference title last year.

Although Briscoe has by no means labored in anonymity, he notes that "in four years I've been a part of (just) 12 winning games."

He gained substantial exposure as a pioneer black quarterback with the Denver Broncos in 1968 and played the next three seasons with Buffalo. Both clubs were losers.

That's one reason he's looking forward to Miami.

"The Dolphins are a contender and they're a young team with a chance to stay on top," Briscoe says.

"He's also pleased about leaving Buffalo because the Bills last winter hired Denver's Lou Saban to take over as coach this season. Briscoe makes no secret of his animosity toward Saban.

It was largely because of Saban that Briscoe left Denver. He feels the coach treated him unfairly at Denver, denying him the opportunity to continue at quarterback after Briscoe had relieved ailing Steve Tensi in 1968.



Handoff demonstration . . . Sayers tutors Mike Baxter, 13, a seventh-grader-to-be at Monroe Junior High.

"He wasn't ready for a black quarterback," Briscoe said. "And then there were things he did behind the scenes that were not fair."

Briscoe says he's not sure if he could have brought himself to play for Saban again.

"Before, maybe I would have played for him, but as I think about it now I don't think I would."

The trade, of course, relieved Briscoe from having to make the play-or-don't-play decision.

As for his shift from quarterback to receiver, it may prove to have been a blessing in disguise...

In 1970, Briscoe led the American Conference in pass receiving while gaining All-AFC honors.

At Miami, he's looking forward to becoming a target of Bob Griese, one of the NFL's most respected quarterbacks.

Briscoe says he signed a "very satisfactory" contract a couple of weeks ago and is going to camp (starting July 9 in Biscayne, Fla.) with the idea of starting.

He will be vying for a starting spot with the established Howard Twilley and All-Big-Eighter Otto Stowe of Iowa State.

"I've never had more difficult odds to start," says Briscoe, but he adds: "I figure I'm the one they have to beat."

The Omahan's confidence is on a much grander scale than his 175-pound physique.

"I'm 5-10½ Monday through Saturday," Briscoe says, "But on Sunday (pass-catching time) I'm as tall as I have to be . . . 6-3 or 6-4 or seven feet."

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Receiving Title Goes To Briscoe

57 Catches Gain 1,036 Yards

From World-Herald Press Services.

Marlin the Magician turned from a passer to the leading pass receiver in the American Conference of the National Football League.

Marlin Briscoe, of Omaha broke into pro football as a quarterback. He grabbed 57 passes this season for 1,036 yards and scored eight Buffalo touchdowns with some miraculous catches this year.

Floyd Little, bothered by a back injury in his last few games, won the conference rushing title with 901 yards on 209 carries in final figures released in New York Thursday.

Kicker Fred Cox of Minnesota was the only repeat champion in either conference. He took the National Conference scoring title for the second consecutive year. Cox had 125 points on a conference-leading 30 field goals in 46 attempts and 35 extra points.

He scored in every game for Minnesota, extending his string of consecutive games in which he has scored to a league record 112 games. He also set a league record by kicking a field goal in 41 games before the string was snapped in the Vikings' 13th game.

American Conference

Rushing

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Little, Den.	209	901	4.3		4
Csonka, Mia.	193	874	4.5		3
Dicus, Cle.	197	861	4.4		3
Podoley, K.C.	166	749	4.5		3
Fuqua, Balt.	138	691	5.0		3
Smith, Oak.	148	681	4.6		7
Kiick, Mia.	171	678	3.9		4
Phillips, Cin.	163	648	4.0		4
Scott, Cle.	151	625	4.1		7

Passing

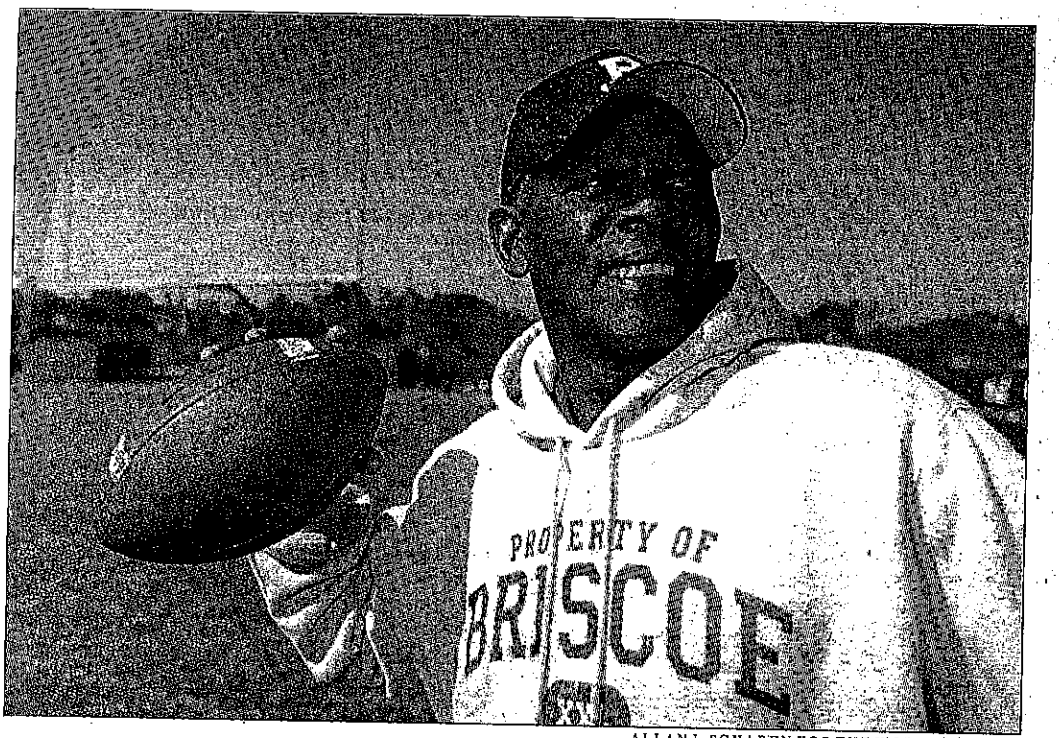
	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TD	Con.
Lamonica, Oak.	177	103	1,676	22	7.07
Hadl, S.D.	327	162	2,388	17	7.30
Dawson, K.C.	282	141	1,774	13	6.29
Griese, Mia.	246	142	2,019	12	8.21
Snow, Buff.	311	174	2,307	11	7.42
Wallace, Balt.	224	113	1,410	11	6.29
Curtis, Cin.	274	145	1,747	11	6.37
Nelsen, Cle.	159	79	1,104	10	6.94
Woodeshick, N.Y.	146	74	1,265	9	8.67
C. Johnson, Hou.	281	145	1,652	7	5.88

Pass Receiving

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Briscoe, Buff.	57	1,036	18.2	8
Hester, Balt.	47	694	14.8	4

"When you have inner peace about who you are, the whole world doesn't have to know. But it's nice to be recognized."

Marlin Briscoe



ALLAN J. SCHABEN FOR THE WORLD-HERALD

Marlin Briscoe, the former Omaha University star now living in California, overcame racial stereotypes to become the first black man to start a pro football game at quarterback.

'Better late than never'

After his Omaha U. days, Briscoe worked his magic as a pioneer QB in pros

By Dirk Chatelain
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Marlin the Magician, who grew up threading passes between packinghouses in the South Omaha projects, hugs Michael Vick.

I watched your films, Vick tells him. You were good.

Marlin the Magician, who never sniffed a Division I scholarship at South High before dazzling at Omaha University, sits in Canton, Ohio, on an August afternoon, listening to Warren Moon credit him for paving the road.

Marlin the Magician, all-pro and two-time Super Bowl champion and the only player in NFL history to have 3,000 yards both passing and receiving, stands in a locker room before Brian Urlacher and LaDainian Tomlinson, basking in notoriety that discovered him after all these years.

All these years.

Nearly four decades have passed since Marlin Briscoe laced his hands under center in Denver and made football history. That first Sunday of October 1968 didn't raise much of a stir.

Consider the time: Dr. Martin Luther King's death had come six months earlier; Bobby Kennedy's two months after that. Body counts were rolling in from Vietnam, and protests on American streets were turning violent. Ten days after Briscoe's feat, Olympic medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their glove-covered fists in salute of Black Power.

So few people noticed the afternoon Marlin Briscoe became the first black to ever start a professional football game at quarterback. And few remembered Briscoe after he changed positions and retired and moved to a California street where his name and face stood out like a

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Nike reunites legends

Marlin Briscoe jokes that he's the only one in Nike's new ads you won't recognize — and he is the one after whom the fictional high school is named. Briscoe High, named after the former Omaha University star and first African American to start a game at quarterback in professional football, is at the center of Nike's campaign.

The ads represent a Who's Who of NFL stars, past and present. Included: Michael Vick, LaDainian Tomlinson, Brian Urlacher, Troy Polamalu, Matt Leinart, Don Shula, Jimmy Johnson, Steve Young and Deion Sanders.

Briscoe High plays a fictitious schedule against some of the best high school teams in the country. Briscoe's role: quarterbacks coach, of course.

— Dirk Chatelain

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Briscoe: Ex-Omaha U. QB was Vick before Vick

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grain of sand on the Pacific coast.

But we don't etch history five minutes or six months or 20 years after the fact. History, and the moments that stand out in its volumes, change, long after knees and ankles start breaking down, long after successors pick up your chinstrap and carry it through other barriers.

Briscoe, now 61 with gray stubble on his head, doesn't know why Nike wanted him to be the focus of its new ad campaign. He doesn't know why his phone keeps ringing these days, interrupting early morning crossword puzzles in this Long Beach living room.

"I had lived such an anonymous accomplished life, for lack of a better phrase," Briscoe says. "I never thought anybody knew anything about me. ... When you have inner peace about who you are, the whole world doesn't have to know. But it's nice to be recognized.

"Better late than never, I guess."

Briscoe shoves the crossword puzzle aside. He turns off the TV. He takes you back to 1968.

That spring, Briscoe had been drafted out of Omaha University in the 14th round. He knew that was too low. He also knew they wanted him to play cornerback, even though Briscoe's whole life he'd thrown passes, not intercepted them.

When Marlin was 9 playing Pop Warner in South Omaha, the coach looked strangely at him when he jumped in the quarterback line. Coach changed his mind when Marlin started throwing. Marlin always had a way of changing people's minds.

"I never thought of myself as a black quarterback. I always thought of myself as a quarterback."

He asked the Broncos for a three-day tryout at quarterback. Even made it part of his contract. Omaha coach Al Caniglia warned him he wouldn't get the number of throws other passers would. But when it's your turn, Marlin, make it happen. He impressed with short throws. He awed with long ones.

"Can't nobody throw that far, they'd say. But I could," Briscoe says.

Alan Levy, professor of history at Pennsylvania's Slippery Rock University, has written about integration in pro football.

A new racist stereotype displaced all-out segregation in the 1950s and '60s, Levy said. Blacks, conventional wisdom suggested, were capable of playing "instinct positions," but not "thinking positions." The latter included spots in the middle of the field: center, middle linebacker, safety and, of course, quarterback.

"It used to be a sick joke," Levy said. "What do you call one white guy (surrounded by) 10 black guys? Quarterback."

Several blacks were backup quarterbacks, but none had ever been trusted to start a game. And Broncos coach Lou Saban wasn't ready to be the first. He moved Briscoe back to cornerback.

Then began an improbable run of quarterback failures. Starter Steve Tensi broke his collarbone. Then Joe DiVito and John McCormick and John LeClair tried. Denver staggered to a 0-2 start and trailed 20-3 to the Boston Patriots in game three.

Saban, desperate for a spark, turned in the fourth quarter to Briscoe, who only knew about six plays — he was still a cornerback.

Briscoe found Eric Crabtree on a slant. The crowd cheered. Then another completion. Then another. He scrambled for a touchdown. Got the ball again. Touchdown. He was living up to his college nickname.

"I'm out there playing sandlot ball," the Magician says. "My mind-set was: play just like I did at OU."

The Patriots held on to win 20-17, but Saban had no choice. The next week, he named Briscoe his starter.

"He didn't want to do it," Briscoe says. "But they didn't have anybody else."

On Oct. 6, Briscoe started at home against the Bengals. He played poorly, and Tensi replaced him. The two split time the rest of the season.

Briscoe started seven games and finished with 1,589 yards, 14 touchdowns (still a Denver rookie record) and 13 interceptions.

Another African American could've been the first. Oakland drafted black quarterback Eldridge Dickey in 1968. He lost the starting job to Ken Stabler. James Harris started for Buffalo in 1969 — he was black.

But no ribbons were snipped for Briscoe. No banner waved. Denver's news media market wasn't New York or Chicago, and the AFL Broncos weren't a name franchise in a name league at the time.

"I'm fully convinced if Marlin Briscoe had played for the New York Giants, there would've been a lot more publicity," Le said.

Briscoe's quarterback da ended as quietly as they arrive In 1969, Denver drafted anoth quarterback. Briscoe wasi even invited to quarterba meetings. He asked for his r lease. Nobody else wanted h to throw, either.

He landed in Buffalo and cc verted to wide receiver. I stayed up late studying Lan Alworth and Paul Warfield.

That season, he beat c rookie O.J. Simpson for offe sive MVP honors. In '70, he w an all-pro, catching 57 balls f 1,036 yards. The Bills — a new coach Lou Saban — trad Briscoe to Don Shula and Mia in 1972. There, Briscoe w back-to-back Super Bowls. I led the Dolphins in receiving '73, catching more balls th Hall of Famer Warfield.

Now Briscoe directs a Gi and Boys Club in Long Bea He helps coach a high sch football team. He ponders career sometimes, pride and dignation and wonder mixi like a bartender's favor drink. He beat the Dolphi Bob Griese head-to-head in then ended up catching passes on an undefeated team

"Could I have pulled it off?" Briscoe says. "I don't know.

"For years, the unfairness bothered me. But when you look back and have a clear picture on your career and life, things happen for a reason. Maybe I was just chosen to show the world that a black man could think, throw and lead."

Briscoe set the tone, he says, for black quarterbacks like Doug Williams and Randall Cunningham and Moon, who mentioned him in his hall of fame induction speech in August. If Briscoe had failed, perhaps the process would've slowed even more. If he had failed, a movie about him wouldn't be in the works. ESPN wouldn't be calling him about a book on black quarterbacks. Nike wouldn't have sought him.

"It came out of the blue," he says.

At first, Nike was just interested in using Briscoe's name for the fictional high school. But when black quarterback Vick joined the cast, there was a clear link to Briscoe.

The first day of shooting, Briscoe's old coach was the last to arrive. He came walking across the field and Briscoe went to meet him. They hugged. Briscoe noticed coach's shirt: "Briscoe High Hawks."

Coach Shula, he said.

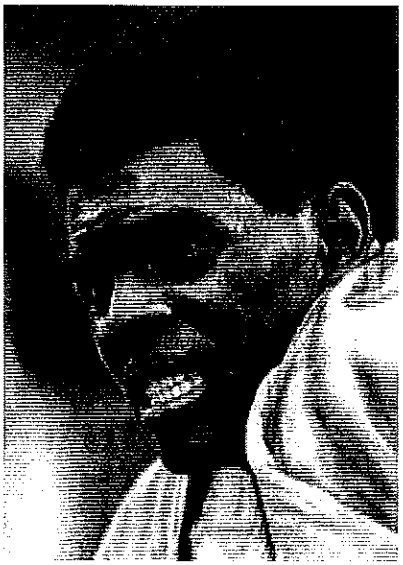
What?

"I bet you'd never have guessed in a million years you'd be wearing my uniform."

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White House trip produces new highlight in Briscoe's life

By Dirk Chatelain / World-Herald staff writer



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Marlin Briscoe

Marlin Briscoe will check the mailbox every day.

Maybe his gift from the White House will land on his Long Beach, Calif., doorstep while he's completing his morning crossword. Or as he's watching Colin Kaepernick or Russell Wilson throw another touchdown.

Maybe it will show up on Sept. 10, his 68th birthday. Or later. Briscoe waited a long time for history to find him. Why would his package from the president be any different?

Patience, though, continues to pay off for one of Omaha's greatest icons. A month ago, the former South High and Omaha University (now UNO) quarterback received a phone call from old Miami Dolphins teammate Marv Fleming.

It's happening, he said. We're going to Washington. The 1972 Dolphins remain the only team in NFL history to navigate a season undefeated. They reunite every few years, including 2012 for the 40th anniversary. But they were never honored at the White House. Super Bowl winners didn't meet the president in those days.

Fleming, after a year trying, had finally pulled the right strings. So Briscoe, who retired two years ago from the Boys and Girls Club, boarded a flight to D.C. The Dolphins owner put him up in a lavish hotel. He dined and reminisced with his old teammates.

"Some guys haven't changed," Briscoe said. "We were a pretty tight-knit team."

Briscoe is not the most famous Dolphin — five offensive starters went on to the Hall of Fame, most notably Larry Csonka and Paul Warfield. But Briscoe was an All-Pro in 1970 and led the '72 Dolphins with four touchdown receptions.

And before that, Oct. 6, 1968, he became the first black quarterback to start an NFL game. That season, he made five starts for the Broncos and threw 14 touchdowns. Not bad for a rookie.

But Briscoe never got another shot. Denver released him and in 1969, the Buffalo Bills moved him to receiver. For decades, Briscoe's achievement as a quarterback was a footnote in history, treated as mere trivia.

Only in the past decade has Briscoe's legend emerged. He wrote an autobiography. He appeared in a Nike commercial with stars like LaDainian Tomlinson, Deion Sanders and Michael Vick. He's the subject of a movie, currently in production stages.

A younger generation of broadcasters and journalists has discovered his story for the first time. Earlier this month, "60 Minutes Sports," a program on Showtime, featured Briscoe during a segment on black quarterback pioneers.

"Marlin the Magician" has always thought of himself as a quarterback. But had he stayed at the position, he wouldn't be associated with the greatest

team of all time. He wouldn't have been invited to Washington for the first time since his playing days.

Much has changed in 40 years. Doug Williams led the Redskins to a Super Bowl win in 1987. Now Robert Griffin III is the face of the franchise.

Tuesday morning Briscoe boarded a bus from the Westin to the White House. He passed through security, took the official tour, saw all the old portraits. Then he entered the Green Room, one of about 30 gray-haired men in aqua blazers.

A door opened. President Obama shook their hands one-by-one. And when he got to Briscoe, Marlin reached out his hand and introduced himself. The first black president already knew.

"You're a trailblazer," Obama told him.

He told Briscoe he'd seen the 60 Minutes piece two weeks ago. You set the tone for these young black quarterbacks now, Obama said.

"One of the highlights of my life," Briscoe said.

The Dolphins filed into the East Room for the official ceremony, standing behind Obama.

"I know that some people may be asking why we are doing this after all these years," Obama said. "My answer is simple: I wanted to be the young guy up here for once."

Some of the faces are a little harder to recognize, Obama said, without "the Afros, the mutton chops, the Fu Manchus."

The Dolphins presented Obama a jersey — No. 72, of course — and then the team dispersed, spreading across the country until the next reunion.

Briscoe left the White House and passed by the Lincoln Memorial, where 50 years ago this weekend, Martin Luther King's voice echoed, "I have a dream." He boarded his plane bound for the West Coast and returned to his routine.

At 5 a.m., he wakes up and grabs his two newspapers. He drinks his coffee and starts his crossword. He reflects.

One of these days, a package will arrive from the other edge of America — 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. It's a copy of a book, which he carried to Washington and handed to a White House staffer, requesting that Obama sign it and send it back.

"The first black quarterback," by Marlin Briscoe.

Maybe the president will read what's inside.

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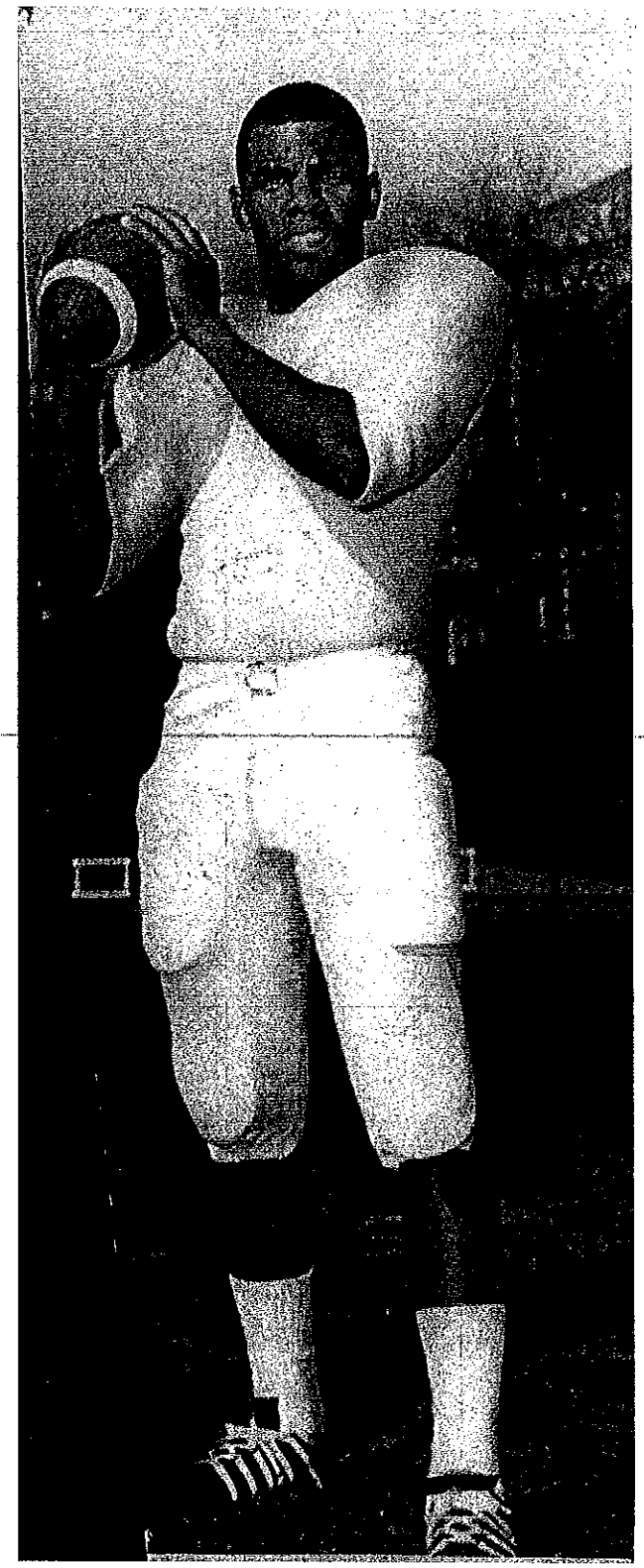
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Cindy Brogdon

Nomination Form

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

Official Nomination Form



Athletes | Coaches | Officials | Administrators | Performing Arts | Others

National Federation of State High School Associations
PO Box 690 | Indianapolis, Indiana 46206
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INSTRUCTIONS

All information on this form must be completed and supporting letters of recommendation received by November 15 for the candidate to be considered for the following year's class. The completed nomination form and support materials should be sent to: Hall of Fame Director, NFHS, PO Box 690, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Once the nomination form is received by the NFHS, all action necessary to the selection process shall remain confidential. All information submitted shall be retained by the National High School Hall of Fame.

A completed nomination must be accompanied by letters of recommendation from the nominator, the respective state high school association and not more than three individuals from the nominee's related high school career. In cases where other support material is difficult to obtain, additional letters may be in order to substantiate the individual's accomplishments or contributions. Letters of recommendation for other awards or honors should not be used as a substitute for this requirement. A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks and statistics should be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee. These materials should focus on high school accomplishments and contributions and be listed in chronological order.

A portrait-type photograph also should accompany this nomination. If the nominee is inducted into the Hall of Fame, the nominee or individual submitting the nomination shall furnish, at no cost to the Hall of Fame, an 8" x 10" color photograph of the nominee.

In completing the nomination materials, please observe the following: 1) All copies should be 8½" x 11"; 2) nominators should sign their names on the form on page 4; 3) do not use highlighters to point out specific facts; either underline or draw arrows to mark copy; 4) please type all material so that copy is legible; 5) do not use notebooks with plastic sheet protectors; 6) put names on all photos.

A state shall have only one inductee annually, with that inductee meeting the requirement of state association endorsement. Each state may nominate one individual in each category on an annual basis. In submitting nominations, please remember that the National High School Hall of Fame requires that all inductees attend the annual Induction Ceremony.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is held in a different city each year in conjunction with the NFHS Summer Meeting. The ceremony is usually held the last week in June or first week in July. Inductees will be notified by March 1 of their selection.

Please type or computer-generate information for appropriate application sections. This form also can be downloaded from the NFHS website (*www.nfhs.org*).

GENERAL CRITERIA

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character.

The categories of athlete, coach, official, administrator, performing arts and others are included on the nomination form for expediency in understanding the primary area in which an individual is to be considered for his or her achievements in interscholastic athletics. The grouping is for screening purposes only and to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required. Once nominees are inducted, they are not categorized, but all are recognized as members of the National High School Hall of Fame.

All candidates for the Hall of Fame must be at least 35 years of age prior to November 15 of the applicable year in order to be considered for induction. This includes candidates in all six categories. In the Administrator category, individuals must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year in order to be nominated for the Hall of Fame. In addition, state association administrators have additional criteria (see Administrator form).

To further explain, athletes would be former student participants who are being nominated for their achievements in interscholastic athletics. Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements only, officials on the basis of their service as a high school official, and administrators on the merits of their service as a high school athletic administrator, or state or national high school administrator. Performing arts nominees would be considered on the merits of their service as high school participants, coaches, directors or adjudicators. The “Others” category is for those individuals who have made contributions to interscholastic athletics in some capacity other than those previously mentioned, including such areas as sports medicine and sports media.

ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR SIGNIFICANT AND/OR LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS OR PERFORMING ARTS. WHILE MANY HAVE SERVED THEIR STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS OVER A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER, THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS MUST HAVE BEEN WORTHY OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THEM TO BE CONSIDERED. LONGEVITY, WITHOUT MEANINGFUL NATIONAL IMPACT, DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS FOR HALL OF FAME CONSIDERATION.

Nominees for the Hall of Fame will either be 1) Approved and sent to the Selection Committee, 2) Put on “Hold” or 3) Placed in the “Inactive” category. The “Hold for Future Consideration” category means a nominee may be considered again for induction and that additional information and supportive material would be helpful before future consideration. “Inactive” indicates that the nominee no longer will be considered for Hall of Fame induction until renominated. A one-year waiting period is required before renomination.

The National High School Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports and performing arts in the United States. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had superb accomplishments in high school sports and performing arts. The National High School Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of national recognition as examples for others to emulate.

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Cynthia Jane "Cindy" Brogdon
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Gary Phillips, Executive Director of GHSA

Phone: 706-647-7473, ext. 21

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City, State, Zip Code: Thomaston, GA 30286-0004

Signed: [Tab here]

Date: November 10, 2014

Email: garyphillips@ghsa.net

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

***Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category*:**

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Cynthia Jane "Cindy" Brogdon
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 4162 Anson Trail
(street address)

Suwanee, GA 30024
(city, state, zip)

Email: cindybrogdon@att.net

Phone: 770-354-9783 Date of Birth: 2/25/1957

School Affiliation (if any) N/A

City: N/A State: N/A

Place of Birth: Buford, GA Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Works as a high school coach and teacher now.

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Tab here]

Address: [Tab here]

Phone: [Tab here]

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: GACS	Norcross, GA	1976	general
College/University: U. of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	1980	BS-Physical Education
Post Graduate School: U. of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	2002	MA-Health Science

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

* Led Greater Atlanta Christian School (GACS) to Class "C" (smallest of five classifications in Georgia at that time) State Basketball Championship as a freshman in 1972.

* Led team to Class B (second smallest of five classes) State Runnerup finish in 1973, losing in championship game by one point (43-42).

* Led GACS to Class B State Basketball Championships in 1974 and 1975.

* Set 12 GACS school records, including most points in a game (44), season (802) and career (2,672); highest season scoring average (27.4 ppg); highest career scoring average (23.7 ppg); most field goals in a season (305) and in a career (1,030); most free throws in a career (612); most rebounds in a season (299) and in a career (1,095) and highest career rebounding average (9.8 per game).

* Generally regarded as the greatest female jump shooter in state history.

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

* Chosen MVP of State Basketball Tournament four years in a row (1972-75).

* Chosen to All-Gwinnett County and All-State basketball teams four years in a row (1972-75).

* Chosen as Gwinnett County and Georgia Player of the Year following 1975 season.

* First female EVER named to the Atlanta Journal's "Top 25 Players in Georgia" listing during 1975 season (previously an all-male newspaper feature).

* First female player from Georgia to receive a full athletic scholarship to college (Mercer University in Macon, GA - 1975-77).

* First GACS athlete in any sport to have their jersey retired.

* Inducted into the GACS Hall of Fame in 1999.

* Inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 (along with golf pro Nancy Lopez as the first two female members ever).

* Inducted in the Women's College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

* Inducted into the Gwinnett County Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

* Inducted into the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 (along with Atlanta Braves superstar pitcher John Smoltz).

Other information *(not previously listed)*

* Averaged 30.1 points and 10.4 rebounds per game in two seasons at Mercer University, shooting 49 percent from the field and 82 percent from the free-throw line.

* First Georgian to play as a member of the United States Olympic women's basketball team, helping the 1976 squad earn the Silver medal at the Montreal Summer Games.

* Played with Pat Head Summitt on the 1976 Olympic team, then played for Summitt at Tennessee for two seasons (1977-78 and 1978-79).

* Led Tenneesee in scoring both seasons, and still is No. 2 on the Lady Vols' career scoring average (20.8 ppg), and remains No. 3 (21.7 ppg) and No. 9 (20.1 ppg) on the all-time single-season scoring list at UT.

* Name to Kodak All-American Women's Basketball Team once at Mercer (1976) and twice at Tennessee (1978, 1979).

* Runnerup to Nancy Lieberman for the Wade Trophy as best women's college player in America in 1979.

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

[Tab here]

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

CONTEST OFFICIAL

Career Description as High School Official (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school officiating, i.e., sports, number of years, etc.)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national officiating associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information (*not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

ADMINISTRATOR

Note: All candidates in this category must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year to be nominated. In addition, state association administrators must meet the following additional criteria:

- Extended service as state association administrator.
- Viewed as innovative leader within respective state. Statewide accomplishments beyond "simply doing the job."
- National impact on high school activity programs
    1. Service to NFHS should include the following:
        a) member of NFHS rules committees
        b) member of other NFHS committees
        c) member/president of NFHS Board of Directors
        d) speaker at NFHS conferences, meetings
    2. Involvement with NFHS exceeded normal service opportunities, for example:
        a) national impact on playing rules
        b) viewed as leader nationally among state executives
    3. Impact on high school activities beyond NFHS service, for example:
        a) national speaking engagements
        b) expert in certain field; i.e., technology, Title IX, etc.
        c) accomplishments as state CEO received national attention
- Longevity as state association administrator without major and innovative accomplishments at the state and national levels does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.
- Serving on the NFHS Board of Directors and as NFHS President without major and innovative accomplishments at the national level does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.

Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

PERFORMING ARTS

In the Performing Arts category, the following guidelines have been developed to help in nominating individuals. These are merely guidelines and not hard-and-fast criteria:

1. Overall contributions – high school, college, professional career description (background pertaining to professional involvement in the performing arts: speech/theatre/debate/music activities); performing or professional career positions or any training/teaching positions, tenure, years of service, publications.
2. Service both to the performing arts/curricular and/or co-curricular activities.
3. Contributions/organization and continuance of an activity program.
4. Significant and ongoing contributions to the field.
5. Contributions to the profession both in and out of the state – national presence.
6. Personal and professional achievements.
7. Leadership in state and national organizations and professional organizations.
8. Value in arts and athletics.
9. Continuation in the profession – education, politics, entertainment, literalist, performer, director, coaching, teaching, other.

Career Description as High School Speech/Debate/Theatre Coach or Musical Director/Adjudicator or High School Performing Arts Participant (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school performing arts programs, i.e., positions held, tenure, etc.)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements (If a performing arts participant, please give complete details of high school and post-high school honors and achievements, awards and recognition.)

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national speech/debate/theatre or music associations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

OTHERS

Sports Media | Sports Medicine | Contributors, etc.

Career Description and Affiliation with Interscholastic Athletics (areas, length or service, etc.)

[Tab here]

Contributions to Interscholastic Athletics (stress those with national impact)

[Tab here]

Special Honors and Achievements Including Involvement in Local, State and National Professional Organizations

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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Letters of Recommendation

GEORGIA

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HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2014

NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
P.O. Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I submit the nomination of Cindy Brogdon for the NFHS Hall of Fame in the "Athlete" category. A legend in Georgia basketball circles, Cindy was a superstar at the high school, collegiate and Olympic levels and I can think of no one from our state who is more deserving of this high honor.

Although my primary background as a coach was in the sport of football, I am very familiar with the tremendous record Cindy compiled during her spectacular basketball career at Greater Atlanta Christian School, one of our more successful small private school members.

Cindy came within a single basket of leading GACS to four consecutive state championships, something that has rarely been done by any male or female players in state history. Cindy was one of those unusual athletes who was blessed with both talent and a tremendous work ethic and desire to excel. A fierce competitor on the court, Cindy was known to be both personable and modest off the court.

I know this is a high school honor, but I would feel remiss if I did not mention Cindy's outstanding career after graduating from GACS. She was a three-time Kodak All-American in college at Mercer University in Macon and then at the University of Tennessee. She led one of the premier women's programs in the nation in scoring both the years she played there and her career scoring average is still among the best ever recorded by any Lady Vol player.

The only other letter of this type that I have written to the NFHS was in support of one of my former players, Herschel Walker, and I feel strongly that Cindy would be just as good a choice for the Hall of Fame as Herschel was a few years ago.

Sincerely,

Gary Phillips
Executive Director

October 19, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Cindy Brogdon in support of the Georgia High School Association's nomination of her for the National High School Hall of Fame.

I was boy's coach and principal at Greater Atlanta Christian while she was in school there. I also was Executive Director of the Atlanta Tipoff Club and the Naismith Awards for 29 years.

Cindy's credentials are among the most impressive ever for a high school athlete. She was the best female basketball player to ever have played the game when she was a player.. She still is one of the top 5-10 players to have ever played.

Cindy is the best pure shooter I've ever seen in boys and girl's basketball. Her passing also ranks among the best I've ever seen. While in high school she won three state championships and was runner up one year to a team that they had beaten four times.

Cindy is in seven different Hall of Fames, including the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

I have known her for 44 years as she entered Greater Atlanta Christian in the eighth grade .I recommend her without any reservation and I am honored and privileged to have been be so close to Cindy's accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Jackie Bradford

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October 27, 2014

To: National Hall of Fame Committee

This is a recommendation in support of the nomination of Cindy Brogdon by Steve Figueroa for induction in the National High School Hall of Fame. As a coach of basketball for 25 years at the high school level and 12 years at the collegiate level in Georgia, I feel Cindy has been one of the All-Time great basketball players from the state of Georgia. Cindy was a dynamic, dominating, and prolific player winning three state championships in 1972, 1974, and 1975 and losing the fourth by one point in 1973. Cindy was named the MVP in all four which included a 56 game winning streak. Cindy had skills, leadership, competitiveness, and knowledge of the game that set the precedent for players to aspire to emulate. Her jump shot was "perfection in motion," as ideal as one could shoot.

As President of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, Girls Basketball Chair, Coordinator of the Girls Basketball All-Star Games, Chair of the Converse All-American Girls Basketball Selection Committee, as an opposing coach, and as a great friend, it was indeed a pleasure to watch Cindy play. Cindy personifies what we all wish our players to be—highly skilled (career, 3,204 Points, 59.1 FG%), motivated, demonstrate sportsmanship, and a true young lady on and off the court. I was fortunate to have several wonderful opportunities to watch first-hand the tremendous contributions Cindy has made to Georgia Basketball.

As a NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship Committee Member, South Regional Chair, and WBCA Division II Kodak All-American Chair, I recognize Cindy has been a great asset for our sport. A true All-American selected to the 1979 team, her legacy and success have been a wonderful role model for all young ladies on the collegiate level. Her selection to the 1976 Olympic Team and a scholarship to the University of Tennessee are further testimony of the excellence of her career. She was a Street & Smith All-American twice and a three time Kodak All-American Team Member. "She still has the most perfect jump shot I've ever seen."

As a high school player, Cindy had an illustrious high school career with tremendous numbers of honors and accomplishments. She continues to impact

so many young lives as a very successful teacher and chairman of her department. It is with great honor indeed for me to recommend this most outstanding person Cindy Brogdon as well deserving of this prestigious honor—induction to the National High School HALL OF FAME.

Jane Williamson

Jane Williamson

November 4, 2014

NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
P.O. Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Re: Nomination of Cindy Brogdon to NFHS Hall of Fame

To whom it may concern:

As a long-time journalist, it has been my pleasure to cover some of the greatest athletes in the history of Georgia. In a career starting in 1974, I have watched the best the Peach State has produced over the past 40 years. It is always difficult to compare athletes from different eras, of course, but I can say without hesitation that the list of all-time great female basketball players in Georgia history starts with Cindy Brogdon.

Cindy's career at Greater Atlanta Christian School (GACS) is the stuff of legends. I have talked to other journalists who don't even believe some of the things credited to Cindy. Half-court shots, three-quarter-court shots, last-second jumpers: the list of "miracles" emanating from Cindy's right hand really does seem almost unreal!

But I was lucky enough to work at the Gwinnett Daily News (GACS is in Gwinnett County, just northeast of Atlanta) and later at the Atlanta Constitution when Cindy was in her prime, so I witnessed many of her feats in person!

First of all, Cindy had some incredible physical gifts that allowed her to dominate. Standing almost 5-foot-11 in an era when girls of that size normally played in the paint, Cindy had the ball skills that allowed her to play guard. She also possessed a true jump shot at a time when many girls still favored the two-hand set shot.

To say that Cindy's shooting ability was legendary would be an understatement. Everybody who saw her play has a favorite story about some incredible shot she made to win a game. A very strong girl, Cindy had almost unlimited range. If she could see the basket, she was in range. Literally!

And remember that she played BEFORE the adoption of the three-point shot. She scored 2,672 points in high school and 3,204 more in college without benefit of the three-point arch. No less an authority than Pat Summitt was quoted as saying that Cindy would probably have totaled 25% more points had the three-point line been in effect during her career.

But, as good as her shooting was, Cindy was also an excellent all-around player. She averaged almost 10 rebounds a game for her career, and she was an exceptional passer. Her high school coach told me that Cindy saw the court as well as any player, male or female, he ever saw. And she remains to this day one of the few female players I have seen who could throw a one-handed pass from baseline to baseline with accuracy.

As a freshman, Cindy led GACS to the 1972 Class "C" state championship. But the next year, after moving up in classification, GACS lost in the Class B state final by a 43-42 score to an excellent Loganville squad. Cindy's junior year was easily the best GACS team as they returned to the Class B final and easily captured the title.

But it is Cindy's senior year that solidified her place among Georgia's immortals. Cindy missed the first two weeks of that season with a stress fracture in her foot. Without her, a young and inexperienced GACS team, with a first-year head coach, hovered around the .500 mark while waiting for their leader to return. She came back in a special way, literally limping off the bench (she hadn't had any time to recover the strength in her injured leg) and scoring 20 points in her first game back, all on jump shots from the top of the key.

As Cindy worked herself back into shape and started leading GACS to victory after victory, people began to talk of another state title for the Lady Spartans. But the team had lost heavily to graduation and now featured a skinny sophomore at point guard and, at center, a 5-8 blonde, whose main claim to fame was that she was the homecoming queen.

Still Cindy rallied her teammates, drilling enough jumpers and grabbing enough rebounds to almost single-handedly propel them back to the state finals in 1975.

But there the Lady Spartans ran into No. 1-ranked and undefeated Clinch County (29-0), an all African-American team with a reputation for pressing their opponents into early submission. Clinch had routed Buford (one of GACS's Gwinnett County rivals) by a 56-36 score in the semifinals, and many observers predicted a similar fate for Cindy and GACS in the final.

But Cindy put on a show few at the Macon Coliseum that day will forget, breaking Clinch's press either with great ball-handling or with sharp passes, and making long jumpers when able to shoot or free throws when fouled. She then capped her high school career with one final exclamation point.

Dribbling out the clock with her back to the basket near the center jump circle, Cindy suddenly pivoted and launched a 40-foot hook shot as the GACS crowd counted down the final seconds. In keeping with the rest of her magical career, Cindy's shot ripped through the net as the buzzer sounded on an improbable 55-44 GACS victory. Even some of the Clinch County fans were seen to applaud!

That Clinch County team went 30-0 the next season, easily winning the 1976 state title. So they were 59-1 over those two seasons, losing only when they ran up against the unstoppable force that was Cindy Brogdon!

In summary, it has been almost 40 years since I last saw Cindy swish a jumper. But, when asked, I still start my list of Georgia's all-time greats with the name of Cindy Brodgon. Maybe Teresa Edwards (Cairo HS) or Maya Moore (Collins Hill) were better all-around athletes. But if my life depended on one final trip down the court, I would want Cindy Brogdon to have the ball in her hands. I think that says it all!

Sincerely,

Steve Figueroa

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GAC's Brogdon a hoops pioneer

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By **Will Hammock**
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A shortage of eighth-grade players left the Buford school system's basketball coaches scrambling for seventh-graders to fill out the roster, a scene that could hardly be imagined these days. But this was 1969.

That search took to the playground, where what had to be one of the greatest discoveries in state history took place. Soon the roster included another seventh-grader, Cindy Brogdon, a lifelong Buford resident who had never played organized basketball in her life.

"I guess I was one of the tallest seventh-graders standing around on the playground, so they recruited me," said the 53-year-old, now a teacher and coach at Northview High School in Fulton County.

It was quite the find. She scored 52 points in her first middle school game.

"I guess that was the start of my basketball career," Brogdon said.

Known for incredible range on her jump shot, Brogdon never slowed down in her frenetic scoring pace. She scored 2,672 points in her Greater Atlanta Christian career, put up 3,204 more at Mercer and Tennessee and shot her way onto the 1976 U.S. Olympic team.

Her list of accomplishments, a vast one that includes being the first female in Georgia history to earn a full athletic scholarship, made her a groundbreaker in state's athletic history. It also made her an ideal candidate for induction Sunday as a charter member of the Gwinnett County Sports Hall of Fame.

"I just feel it's such an honor," Brogdon said. "To be one of the first five from Gwinnett County, to be in the first group is a very special honor. I'm so appreciative because there are so many top athletes in this county."

Nearly 40 years ago, that wasn't the case. The options for girls sports were very limited, forcing Brogdon to play most of her sports, outside of softball, against boys. There was no AAU or club basketball for young girls, no options for players until they were old enough for school teams.

Most of her basketball experience, prior to her seventh-grade introduction with her school team, came in her Buford backyard. Her basket and wooden backboard were framed by two large pecan trees, a humble beginning for one of the state's all-time basketball legends.

"They were my passers, I would pass it to the tree and it would ricochet back to me," Brogdon said. "I'd square up and take my shot."

Some of Brogdon's close friends went to GAC, so she took those shooting skills down I-85 as an eighth-grader. With the Spartans, her feats became legendary. Her prolific scoring -- mainly with her incredible jump-shot range -- led GAC to three team state titles. She was four-time MVP of the state high school tournament, using her 5-foot-11 frame to shoot over smaller defenders.

She was a pioneer of the sport in many ways, maybe most notably her one-handed jump shot.

"Back then you very seldom saw a girl shoot a one-handed jump shot," Brogdon said. "You very seldom saw a girl with what we called hang time, on the (shot) release. A lot of people shot with their feet on the floor still, a two-handed set shot."

A standout college player at Mercer -- she averaged 30.1 points in two seasons there -- she was selected to the 1976 U.S. Olympic team that won the silver medal. She was the first Georgian on an Olympic basketball team, and just as importantly it's where she met renowned Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt.

Summitt signed Brogdon to play her final two seasons with the Volunteers, racking up a whopping 3,204 points as a college player. Most of her points came on deep jumpers prior to the 3-point line, prompting some (Summitt included) to predict that Brogdon would have scored as many as 25 percent more points had the 3-point line been in use.

Brogdon played two seasons for the New Orleans Pride of the Women's Professional Basketball League, but basketball options were still limited for females so her career didn't last much longer. She doesn't play much these days, spending more time on distance running, golf and with her nieces and nephews.

She has coached several sports at the high school level at Centennial and Northview, where she has been for eight years, but hasn't coached basketball in years. She's spent the last two seasons as the Titans' golf coach.

But this Sunday at Coolray Field, she will be Cindy Brogdon the basketball legend one more time. It will be her sixth hall of fame induction, including the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame (which honored Brogdon and Nancy Lopez as the first two female inductees).

"It's nice as you get older and older to still get some accolades," Brogdon said. "It's a great feeling when a sport you loved so much continues to have an impact in your life. And it will be great to have some little ones there, so maybe they can see their aunt in a different light."

GAC's Brogdon, Duluth's Rogers named to Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame

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As of Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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The Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame released its list of six new members, including two Gwinnett natives, Wednesday afternoon.

The organization's 10th annual induction and award ceremony features Duluth's George Rogers and Buford's Cindy Brogdon, a former star basketball player at Greater Atlanta Christian. They will be inducted alongside famed Atlanta sports and TV mogul Ted Turner, longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz, Olympic gold medalist Antonio McKay and late Cobb County high school sports coach and administrator Corky Kell.

Rogers won the 1980 Heisman Trophy for South Carolina and was the NFL rookie of the year for the New Orleans Saints. He also won a Super Bowl title with the Washington Redskins. Brogdon led GAC to three state basketball titles, was an All-American at Tennessee, played in the Olympics and is a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

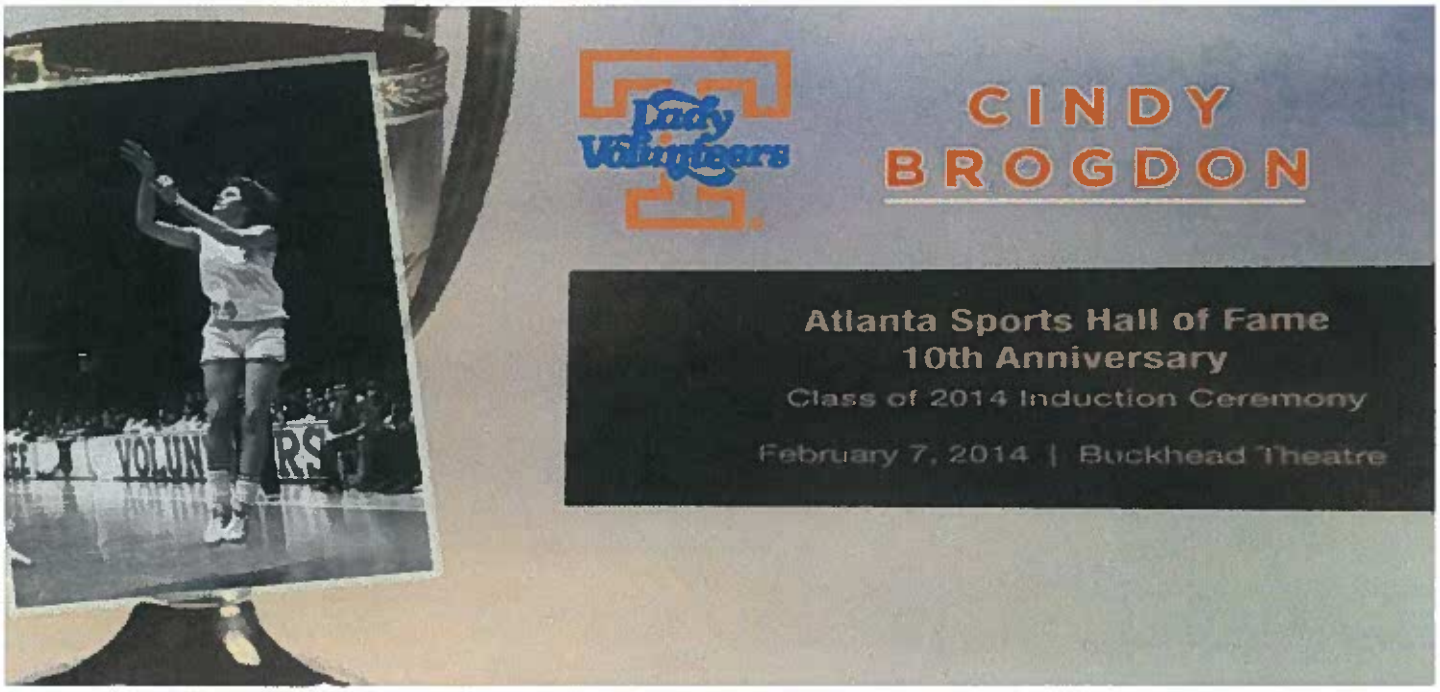
The class of 2014 will be honored during a Feb. 7 ceremony at the Buckhead Theater that will also celebrate 10 years of the Hall of Fame honoring Atlanta's greatest sports legends. The evening's festivities, which include a reception, silent auction and a parade of past inductees, concludes with the awards and induction ceremony.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Nov. 1 at www.atlantasportshalloffame.org. For group ticket information or sponsorship information, contact Larry Winter at 770-714-2246. Additional information is available at www.facebook.com/atlantasportshalloffame.

The Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame's mission is to honor Atlanta sports heroes, remember great moments in Atlanta Sports history and preserve the past from which future generations can learn and take pride.

Brogdon Going Into Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame Former Lady Vol Played On 1976 Silver Medal Olympic Team

Jan. 16, 2014



ATLANTA -- Former Lady Vol and U.S. Olympic basketball standout Cindy Brogdon will join an elite group of athletes on Feb. 7, when she is inducted into the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame with the class of 2014.

The hall's 10th anniversary enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Buckhead Theatre, beginning with a reception, buffet, silent auction and raffle at 5:30 p.m. and followed by the induction at 7:15 p.m.

Brogdon, who played at Tennessee from 1977-79 after transferring from Mercer University, joins a stellar class that includes long-time Atlanta Braves and Hawks owner and media mogul Ted Turner, Major League Baseball All-Star and Cy Young winner John Smoltz, 1980 Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, three-time Olympic medalist sprinter Antonio McKay and long-time Cobb County high school football coach and athletic director Corky Kell.

A sampling of previous inductees includes Major League Baseball icon Hank Aaron, Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox, NASCAR's Bill Elliott, NBA legends Walt Frazier and Dominique Wilkins, former heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, golfing great and Augusta National and Masters founder Bobby Jones, Olympic track & field medalists Edwin Moses and Wyomia Tyus, NFL superstar Deion Sanders and many other Georgia sports notables.

A native of Buford, Ga., Brogdon led Greater Atlanta Christian to three Georgia high school state championships (1972, 1974, 1975). She previously was a 2002 inductee into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and Georgia Hall of Fame, and a 2003 entrant into the Lady Vol Hall of Fame.

Brogdon, a 5-foot-10 forward at Tennessee, averaged 21.7 points and 7.6 rebounds as a junior in 1977-78 and 20.1 points and 4.7 rebounds as a senior in 1978-79, playing two seasons alongside current Lady Vol head coach Holly Warlick. She had averaged 30.1 points and nearly 11 rebounds per contest during her first two college seasons at Mercer before arriving at Rocky Top.

A player, along with (then) Pat Head, on the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team that won a silver medal in Montreal, Brogdon found great success at Tennessee after opting to join the program coached by her former USA teammate, who later became known by her married name, Pat Summitt. Brogdon ended her career as a three-time KODAK All-American, following up an award earned in 1976 at Mercer with two recognitions at UT in 1978 and 1979. She also was the runner-up for the Wade Trophy in 1979.

Brogdon led the Lady Vols in scoring during both of her seasons in orange and in free throw percentage as a junior. She still possesses the No. 2 career scoring average (20.8) and remains No. 3 (21.7) and No. 9 (20.1) in all-time single-season scoring averages. Her 1,458 points scored as a Lady Vol rank her No. 24 all-time.

Before embarking on a two-year professional career as an All-America player in the Women's Basketball League with New Orleans and St. Louis, Brogdon helped the Lady Vols find national success in their early days. The 1977-78 team went 27-4 and finished No. 1 in final AP Top-25, while the 1978-79 squad went 30-9 and finished third at the AIAW Championships.





Dennis Brumfield

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

DENNIS MICHAEL BRUMFIELD
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: GARY RAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Phone: 304-485-5494

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Signed: _____ Date: OCTOBER 31, 2013

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

DENNIS MICHAEL BRUMFIELD
(first, middle, last)

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE NOMINATION CATEGORY:

- [ ] Athlete
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- [ ] Coach
- [ ] Performing Arts
- [X] Official
- [ ] Others

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Phone: 304-675-5509 Date of Birth: 11/23/1949

School Affiliation (if any) _____ City: _____ State: _____

Place of Birth: HUNTINGTON, WV Date of Retirement: _____

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? X Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: WVSSAC SOCCER RULES INTERPRETER AND OFFICIAL 25 YEARS AS INTERPRETER FOR SOCCER

If Deceased, date of death: _____

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: BARBARA BRUMFIELD

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Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School:			
Chesapeake HS	Chesapeake, OH	1967	Graduated
College/University:			
Marshall University	Huntington, WV	1976	BBA
Post Graduate School:			
Marshall Univ.	Huntington, WV		

_____ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
X Letters of Recommendation Attached
_____ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

CONTEST OFFICIAL

Career Description as High School Official (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school officiating, i.e., sports, number of years, etc.)

In 1986 West Virginia held their first high school soccer championships. That year I became a high school official and have been officiating 27 years. In 1987 I started officiating Ohio high school soccer and have done multiple state regional finals, semi-finals and finals for both West Virginia and Ohio.

SPECIAL HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1989 West Virginia High School Referee of the year

1993 Head referee in Ohio boy's championships and West Virginia boy's championships

1995 Refereed first girls championship game

1999 Elected into inaugural class of the West Virginia High School Hall of Fame

2011 Received NISOA Mario J Donnangelo Interscholastic Referee Award

2011 Elected into West Virginia Soccer Coach's Hall of Fame as one of the first two soccer officials elected

2013 Ohio state semi-final official and West Virginia state tournament official.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national officiating associations and other related professional organizations)

Other information (not previously listed)

Dennis M. Brumfield
290 Anniston Drive
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Born: November 23, 1949
Wife: Barbara Brumfield (41 years)
Children: Dennis M. Brumfield II, Laura A. Brumfield and Christa L. Grady.
Grandchildren: Seven

Graduated from Marshall University with Bachelor of Business Administration, May, 1976

CPA-January 30, 1978

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Started Point Pleasant, WV Youth Soccer League in 1981 and was it's first president.

Actively officiating soccer (FIFA/USSF) since 1981.

Started officiating high school soccer in 1986.

Started officiating in NISOA in 1988.

In 1989, was West Virginia High School Soccer Referee of the Year.

Became West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission Clinician for soccer in 1989.

In 1991 became assignor and chapter contact for West Virginia Chapter of National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association and still hold that post.

In 1993 was referee in both the Ohio Division I Boy's Championship Game and the West Virginia Boy's Championship Game.

In 1995 refereed the first West Virginia Girl's Championship Game.

Have refereed many Ohio and West Virginia play-off games including state semi-finals and finals in both states.

Was president of West Virginia Soccer Association from 1993 to 2000.

2001 Clinician for New Mexico Activities Association State Officials Clinic for soccer.

2001 and 2002 was regional representative for Region V on the board of directors of National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association.

Served on National High School Federation Soccer Rules Committee from 1998 to 2002.

In 1999 elected into the inaugural class of the West Virginia High School Soccer Hall of Fame.

Currently a clinician, assessor and assignor with NISOA.

Currently an state instructor, assessor and Grade 5 referee in USSF/FIFA.

Currently West Virginia Soccer Director of Instruction for referees.

Currently United States Youth Soccer Association Treasurer and have been for 10 years.

Currently member of National Federation Officials Association, National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association, National Association of Soccer Officials, Chillicothe, Ohio Soccer Officials Board and Kanawha, West Virginia Southern Soccer Officials Board.

In July 2011 received National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, Mario J. Donnangelo Interscholastic Referee Award.

In 2011 was elected in to the West Virginia Soccer Coach's Hall of Fame as one of the first two soccer officials elected.

Letters of Recommendation

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October 31, 2013

Mr. Bruce Howard
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RE: Hall of Fame Nomination - Dennis Brumfield

Dear Mr. Howard:

On behalf of the WVSSAC Board of Directors and our administrative staff, it is an honor for me to recommend Mr. Dennis Brumfield to you for nomination into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Often in my position I am asked to write letters of recommendations, but rarely for an individual with the passion, talent and dedication to the profession of officiating as Dennis Brumfield. Through his leadership and persistence he has helped elevate the quality of soccer officials not only in our state, but on a national level.

Dennis is extremely active with our state office in the development of officials and he works diligently with the youth leagues in our state. Because of his efforts over the years, Dennis has trained thousands of youth officials that have carried their skills to our state level. Dennis has also worked with college level soccer officials to improve their skills as well.

Dennis has served as our soccer rules interpreter/clinician since 1989. He has worked to bridge the gap between the soccer officials and other sport specific officials in our state. Dennis works tirelessly to educate anyone interested in the sport of soccer in West Virginia.

I am not sure where he finds the time, but Dennis is also active on the national level with the United States Youth Soccer Association, where he serves as their national treasurer. He has received numerous awards for his contributions on the youth, high school, college and national level. Dennis is truly a man that loves to give to the sport he loves, Soccer!

I said in the beginning it was an honor to recommend Dennis, let me rephrase that by saying when we speak of soccer in West Virginia, Dennis Brumfield's name is synonymous with the sport and the profession of officiating. We are very proud of Dennis and his accomplishments. It is our hope his credentials will clarify our feelings and desire in expressing why he would be so deserving of this award.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, CAA
Executive Director

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National Federation of High School Soccer
Hall of Fame Committee

To Who It Concerns

Len Rogers President of West Virginia Soccer Association supports the nomination of Dennis M Brumfield for the National Federation of High School Soccer Hall of Fame.

Dennis is very deserving of this award as he has given of himself in every aspect of soccer from starting the Point Pleasant Youth Soccer League here in West Virginia in 1981. This league is playing games every week across the road from Dennis's office after 32 years. He coached for many years as his girls grew up playing soccer both recreationally and competitively.

He served as West Virginia Soccer Association's President from 1993 to 2000. While in office he implemented measures to hire West Virginia Soccer Association's first Executive Director. He also started the first version of the West Virginia Soccer Association's Travel League for teams to qualify for US Youth Soccer Region I Championship Series.

He currently serves as West Virginia Soccer Association's State Director of Instruction for our referees. He has been a great mentor of refereeing for so many young referees. He is also an assessor and Grade 5 referee.

There are many appointments and awards that Dennis has received for his involvement in NFHS Soccer in West Virginia and Ohio. NFHS Soccer rules committee from 1998 to 2002 became West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission Soccer Rules Clinician 1989 and is currently still active, in 1989 was named referee of the year. In 1999 was elected to the inaugural class of West Virginia High School Soccer Hall of Fame. He has been assigned many State Semi Finals and Final games in both West Virginia and Ohio.

Dennis is currently a National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) Assignor, Assessor and Official. From 2001 to 2002 was regional representative for Region V on the board of directors of National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association. In 2011 was awarded the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, Mario J Donnangelo Interscholastic Referee Award.

He is a current member of National Federation Officials Association, National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association, National Association of Soccer Officials, Chillicothe, Ohio Soccer Officials Board and the Kanawha Southern Soccer Officials Board in West Virginia.

He is currently serving as the United States Youth Soccer Association Treasurer and has been in this position for the last 10 years.

Dennis M Brumfield is a good friend, a great referee, a good role model and mentor to everyone he comes in contact with and has given so much to this great sport that we all love. I strongly believe that Dennis M Brumfield is very qualified to be placed in the National Federation of High School Soccer Hall of Fame.

Sincerely

Len Rogers

Len Rogers, President

West Virginia Soccer Association

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Dennis Brumfield, CPA
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National High School Hall of Fame Committee Members,

This letter of recommendation is being written on behalf of Dennis Brumfield.

I have known Dennis for many years and am quite familiar with his leadership ability and volunteer activities in the sport of soccer as a referee and an excellent member of many Boards of Directors. Dennis is a consummate professional who takes a personal and genuine interest in his volunteer work.

Dennis' activities in our sport and in other volunteer activities are numerous:

- He has been involved with soccer for over 30 years starting with his children and establishing the local youth soccer league in his town in 1980 and has been involved in the leadership positions at all levels of the sport including the last 12 as US Youth Soccer Treasurer.
- Dennis served as the president of West Virginia Soccer Association for the last 6 ½ years.
- Dennis has been a soccer referee since 1981 and has refereed for the United States Soccer Federation as a Grade 5 referee.
- He is a long-time member of NHFS and NISOA and has been a center referee for Ohio's big high school championships and has done numerous West Virginia state high school championships, including the first ever girl's championships.
- He was selected into the West Virginia High School Soccer Hall of Fame in 1999.
- He has been the soccer interpreter for the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission for over 15 years.

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- Formerly served on the NFHS soccer rules committee, as the State Development Referee Instructor for West Virginia Soccer (USSF) and the former regional representative of NISOA Region V.
- He is a state level NISOA high school instructor having taken the national "Train the Trainer" course.

Additionally, Dennis has been an active leader and volunteer is his community. The following are further examples of his community leadership:

- He has been a member of Point Pleasant Rotary for nearly 30 years, serving as president and secretary over this span.
- He is currently the treasurer of West Virginia Farm Museum and the Point Pleasant River Museum, home of the Moth Man.
- Lastly, he serves as a deacon and financial trustee of the Main Street Baptist Church in his hometown.

His past experiences as an official and as a passionate member of numerous Boards all lend themselves directly to the continued success of the those organizations today. Dennis has established a tremendous record of service and leadership on behalf of our membership. He has been responsible for the consistent and successful integration of divergent views to help sustain growth and organizational leadership in our marketplace by leveraging a superior understanding of strategic capacity and having the necessary vision to create exceptional purpose and urgency. His ability to coordinate and administer activities with all various constituencies has led to tremendously successful results in many different endeavors.

I highly recommend Dennis and offer my unqualified endorsement. I am confident that because of all of his attributes, you will find him to be an exquisite professional and volunteer who has made significant contributions to his community, both locally and nationally. If you have any questions regarding his record of service and contribution, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Jim Cosgrove
Executive Director

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National High School Hall of Fame
National Federation of State High School Associations
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RE: National High School Hall of Fame – 2014 Nominee
Category: Officials and Administrator
Nominee: Dennis Brumfield
Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Dennis Brumfield to the National High School Hall of Fame.

I have known Dennis for more than twenty years and can think of no one more deserving of such an honor. The commitment and dedication Dennis Brumfield has shown to the youth of his community for more than thirty years spans several roles and sports organizations.

In soccer, the levels of play, the administration of the sport, and the fraternity of officials are more linked and are more interdependent than in any other sport. Local recreational soccer develops into competitive soccer, competitive soccer feeds into high school soccer, high school soccer can translate into collegiate soccer, and collegiate soccer can benefit the US Olympic and US National Teams.
Dennis has been both an administrator and a referee across several sports organizations.

Dennis was first certified as a FIFA/USSF referee, grade 8 (basic referee), in 1981. Concurrently, he created the Point Pleasant West Virginia Youth Soccer League and was its first president. His development as a FIFA/USSF referee led to his certification as a high school soccer referee in 1986. Continued development led to his National Intercollegiate Soccer Official (NISOA) certification in 1988. More than 25 years later, Dennis continues to referee youth games at all levels.

As a high school referee, Dennis

- was named West Virginia High School Referee of the Year in 1989
- became West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission Clinician for soccer in 1989
- was center referee in Ohio Division I Boy's Championship Match in 1993
- was center referee in West Virginia Boy's Championship Match in 1993
- refereed the first West Virginia Girl's Championship Match in 1995

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- has refereed many Ohio and West Virginia Playoff Matches (semi-finals and finals)
- has refereed high school matches for more than 25 years

As a collegiate referee, Dennis

- received the National Intercollegiate Soccer officials Association Mario J. Donnangelo Interscholastic Referee Award in 2011
- has served as referee assignor and contact for the West Virginia NISOA Chapter since 1991
- currently serves as a referee clinician, assessor, and assignor with NISOA.
- has refereed collegiate matched for more than 20 years

As a FIFA/USSF referee, Dennis

- currently referees as a Grade 5 referee (certified for highest level of competition in a state)
- currently serves as a state level referee instructor and assessor

In tribute for his referee service in US Youth Soccer, West Virginia Youth Soccer Association and West Virginia High Schools, Dennis Brumfield was elected to the West Virginia High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame as one of the first two soccer officials ever to be so honored.

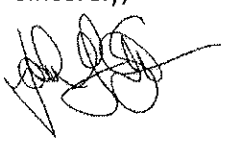
Not content with just refereeing, Dennis has expanded his administrative roles over the years in the same manner that he has expanded his referee involvement and development. After founding the Point Pleasant Youth Soccer League in 1981, Dennis served as president of the West Virginia Soccer Association from 1993 to 2000 and was then elected Treasurer of US Youth Soccer in 2003, a position he still holds today.

Administratively at the high school level, Dennis became West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission Clinician for soccer in 1989 and served on the National High School Federation Soccer Rules Committee from 1998 to 2002.

Across more than thirty years of service, as a soccer official and as an administrator, Dennis Brumfield has given of his self and his time. The one constant has been the recipients of his service – the youth of West Virginia, Ohio and our country. All that Dennis has done over the years has impacted the sport of soccer for the enjoyment and betterment of its youthful participants.

I hope that you will accept this endorsement and that you will move to induct Dennis Brumfield of Point Pleasant, West Virginia in to the National High School Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2014.

Sincerely,



John G. Sutter
President

US YOUTH SOCCER.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Brumfield honored for work as soccer referee

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. — Dennis M. Brumfield of Point Pleasant, W.Va., recently was awarded the 2011 Mario Donnangelo Interscholastic Award from National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA).

This is the highest national award for high school referees that NISOA presents.

Brumfield has refereed high school soccer since 1986 and became a member of NISOA in 1988. He referees high school soccer in both West Virginia and Ohio, and has served as referee in many finals and semi-final state championship games for both states.

Brumfield received the West Virginia High School Referee of the Year Award in 1989. Since 1989, he has been the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission clinician for soccer.

Brumfield started what is now the Mason County Soccer League in Mason County, W.Va. in 1981. He was the president of the West Virginia Soccer Association from 1993-2000, was regional representative for Region V and on the board of directors of NISOA in 2001-2002 and served on the National High School Federation Soccer Rules Committee from 1998-2002.

He is currently the United State Youth Soccer Association treasurer and state director of instruction for USSF in West Virginia.

Brumfield is married to the former Barbara L. (Allen) Brumfield from Charleston, W.Va. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Brumfield feels right at home with tourney

By GRANT TRAYLOR
The Herald-Dispatch
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HUNTINGTON — Dennis Brumfield is a man of many hats this week during the US Youth Soccer Region I Championships.

And he enjoys wearing them all quite well.

Brumfield, who lives in Point Pleasant, serves as the national treasurer for US Youth Soccer and is also one of many volunteers helping out his home state this week.

In his role at US Youth Soccer, he has seen many national tournaments but never one so close to home.

"It's a unique perspective seeing us have soccer at such a national level because there was no soccer around when I grew up here (in Chesapeake, Ohio)," Brumfield said. "Even when I went to Marshall, the only people who played it were forcign students and sometimes the fraternities."

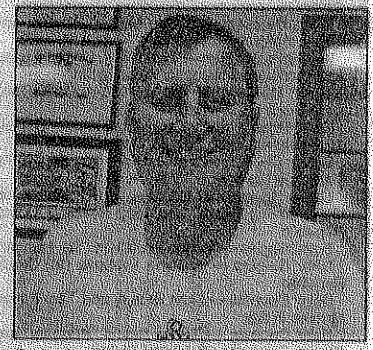
According to Dave Laraba, the West Virginia Soccer Association's executive director, there are now 18,000 youth soccer participants in the Mountain State — a 60 percent increase from the numbers just over a decade ago.

While the state's involvement has grown, it still pales in comparison to other states. Region I is the biggest of the four regions in the United State with more than 1,000,000 members.

So out of a pool of 15 state associations within 13 different states, what was it about West Virginia that enabled it to grab such a prestigious tournament?

Brumfield said the answer goes well beyond the game itself.

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Dennis Brumfield Sr.

Brumfield

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"We have the most beautiful state in the United States. I've been to all 50 states through soccer," Brumfield said. "It's the most beautiful and the people go out of their way to make you feel welcome."

That was part of the allure of being a volunteer for Brumfield.

After this week, there will be several more tournaments for him to work — including the nationals later this month in Overland Park, Kan.

However, there will be nothing like being able to work a tournament that took place just right over the river from where he grew up.

"What an honor to get to work with these people," Brumfield said. "Like I said there was no soccer when I grew up, but these people sacrifice their time to help the game grow. It's just wonderful how far it's come, how far its grown and how people around here accept it.

"In West Virginia, people want to give and when you give, you get back. When you do something kind, goodness comes back. This is part of that goodness and it's exciting to see them rewarded."

Mike Burton

New
Information



Mike Burton, *co-director of Auburn High's forensics team, listens to one of his students before a competition.*

JIMI LOTT / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Flexing forensic muscles

BY LISA PEMBERTON-BUTLER
Seattle Times South bureau

No, they're not geeks.

They're the next generation of lawyers, legislators, teachers and public-relations types.

They're able to think on their feet and speak clearly, with confidence. Their hands don't quiver during Powerpoint presentations.

Students in the speech and debate programs in the Auburn School District are learning communication skills that will serve them for a lifetime. And that's why the district is putting its money where its mouth is: It spends more than twice as much per student on debate at its two high schools as it does on football.

Auburn "spends more on the kids (in the debate program) than any other school district in the state," said Lois Gorne, president of the Washington State Forensics Association, which oversees speech and debate programs in high schools and colleges.

And the investment has paid off at Auburn High and Auburn Riverside High. What began as a group of a dozen students who lost round after round has blossomed into two teams, each with more than 100 members, that compete nationally — and win — against students from wealthy private schools.

Students and school officials credit the success of both high-school programs to Mike Burton, co-director of Auburn High's forensics team, who revived the program in 1981. He plans to retire in June after teaching English and speech in the district for nearly 25 years.

"We're very proud of the program, and Mike has done an incredible job with it," said Auburn Superintendent Linda Cowan. "He has taken it to a new level."

Students say Burton, the school's former baseball coach who also officiates at high-school and college football games during the fall, is a strict teacher and commands respect. He's also protective and inspirational, they say. For many, he's a mentor.

"It's kind of like how Michael Jordan would be intimidating in basketball, to his teammates, but is still part of the team and still liked by all of the teammates and able to teach them," said 17-year-old David

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DAVID OWENS
Of Mike Burton, forensics program co-director

case, is the irreversible cessation of all brain activity, including the brain stem, responsible for breathing and heartbeat.

Special prosecutor Jim Krider, Snohomish County Prosecutor, and two prosecution witnesses said Conor's condition didn't meet that definition. But he said he couldn't prove Turner intended to kill the child, a tion of emotional damage to the parents.

Unlike a criminal case where jurors must unanimously find proof beyond a reasonable doubt to convict, a conviction in a civil case requires that only 10 of 12 jurors find proof by a majority of the evidence.

Turner also faces charges of unprofessional conduct before the State Medical Quality Assurance Commismisled, not understanding the complexities of this situation," he said, his eyes brimming with tears.

Outside the courtroom, parents of his patients and friends lined up to give him flowers and candy. And out in the town, his supporters were plentiful, too.

The court's action was "absolutely wonderful," said Lee Roberts, a volunteer in the Olympic Memorial

long he tried to save Conor.

"To me, that just shows he really cares," said Butch Keesee, a forest crew supervisor.

Seattle Times North bureau reporter Anne Koch contributed to this report.

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Teacher revived debate programs

DEBATE TEAMS

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Owens. "He's so great you can still see the real person in him and learn from him."

Burton serves on the executive council of the National Forensics League, and colleagues say his wealth of experience is invaluable.

It wasn't easy to build Auburn's forensics program, says Burton, who debated as a student at Clark College and Pacific Lutheran University. The program had a bumpy start in 1981, and it took a few years to turn Auburn students into serious contenders.

But by 1987 they were debating at the national-finals level. The team's brightest moment was in 1994, when after years of placing near the top in the state, Auburn finally defeated its rival Mercer Island and won the state AAA debate championship.

"I love the tradition we have behind it," said Auburn High senior Jessica Lacey, who specializes in expository and dramatic interpretation speeches. "We have a lot of pride and a lot to live up to."

Auburn debaters have gone on to college with debate scholarships at Pepperdine, Gonzaga and Harvard, Burton says. Some have become lawyers and teachers. Kelly McDonald, class of 1989, is director of forensics at Western Washington University.

One of the school's top debaters this year is senior Cole Siemion. The energetic 17-year-old took eighth place at the prestigious Southern Bell Forum Lincoln-Douglas Round Robin at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville. Burton plans to nominate him for Washington debate student of the year.

Siemion says debate has helped him learn a lot about life outside his hometown. During tournaments, he's been able to explore the campuses of Whitman College and Harvard University. Debate has given him a new sense of independence, and now he's hoping to attend law school.

"I like the social aspect," Siemion adds, glancing around a gymnasium filled with dozens of teenagers at a recent tournament. "It's nice to meet people from around the nation."

In fact, many students join debate because of the travel and social opportunities. But parents and school officials see a bigger picture.

In addition to public speaking, debaters learn how to research, take notes, write speeches, give business presentations, handle

'Not to take anything from sports, but here's an activity where kids actually choose to pursue research goals that teachers try to get them to learn.'

BOB HORLICK

Co-director forensics team

and work in teams. But it's a major time commitment. Most students need to spend 25 to 40 hours a week preparing their speeches, rehearsing, traveling and participating at weekend tournaments.

"Not to take anything from sports, but here's an activity where kids actually choose to pursue research goals that teachers try to get them to learn," said Bob Horlick, co-director of Auburn High's forensics team. "I think we're trying to produce good citizens in the traditional sense of the word — people who can think and evaluate and speak effectively."

Aside from music, which includes the district's numerous debate program has the highest student participation. And it has the highest level of financial support, hands down.

While parents are required to pay for most of the travel and lodging for tournaments out of the area, the district spends about $110 a year per student on the debate program — more than double what it spends per student playing football. Overall, the district spends $78,000 a year on the two teams' coaching staffs, competition registration and judging fees.

"That shows a lot of support for the activity," Cowan said. "Frequently athletics can be the largest program in a district."

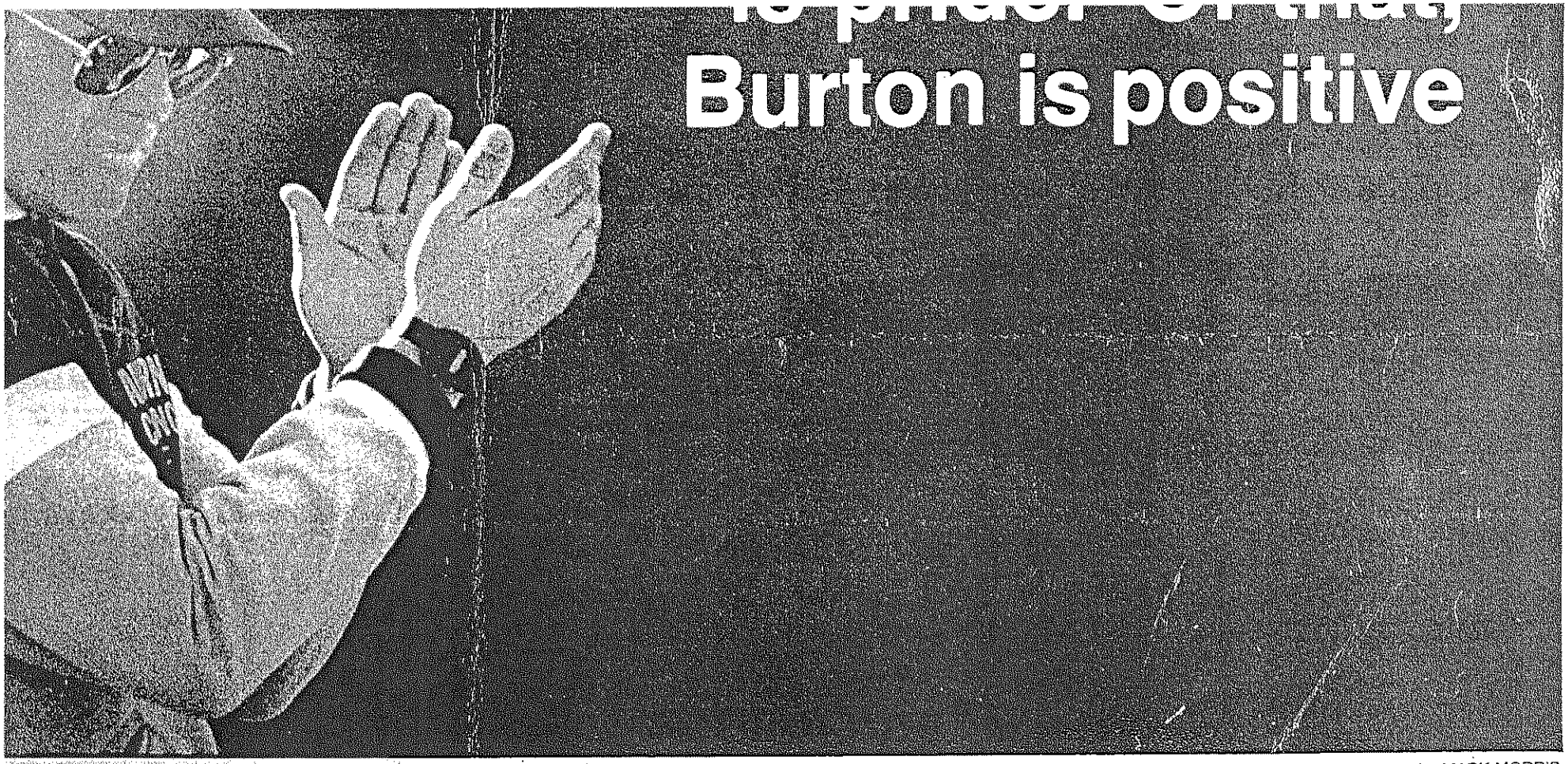
Gorne thinks Auburn's got it right by emphasizing debate.

"It's a popular activity but I think that in a lot of schools, it's not given the support that's needed," she said. "Every weekend is literally tied up, so it's a real burnout for coaches. . . . I think in some districts it's not looked at as important. But no matter what you do, you have to be able to communicate effectively."

That can help out at home, too.

"Just the other night, I got mad," said Owens, the student debater. "My mom was talking about kids wearing (gang) colors. I'm like, 'Mom, since when did the school have the right to infringe on the students' First Amendment right to express themselves?!' "

"I would have never said that



Burton is positive

ach Mike Burton does his rah-rah thing from the third base line

Staff photo by MARK MORRIS

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"We all want to win this year," says senior first baseman Scott Campbell, a two-year varsity starter who also played for Burton as a ninth-grader at Olympic Junior High School.

Auburn's last two seasons (5-13 in 1981 after a second consecutive 2-16 campaign the year before) were considered building years, Campbell explains. A great deal of team dissention emerged last spring when coach Bob Militor, who announced his resignation after the first league game (effective at season's end), opted to go with his younger players over seniors.

"No one was just into it," Campbell recalls. "If we won or lost, it didn't matter to a lot of guys. This-year, Mr. Burton is so positive with everybody . . . being positive really helps."

Todd Carr, a three-year varsity letterman, shares his teammates' perspective.

"This year, it's different," the shortstop agrees. "Everybody started out with a good attitude. We're outside (practicing in the snow or rain) when everybody else is inside. This year is different from the last two because it's a team attitude."

That attitude is a winning attitude, which the success over the summer helped to spawn.

"It proved to us that we were good," Berg explains. "We really didn't know how it felt to win. We like the feeling."

"Our confidence level is just so high right now, we figure we can do anything," senior outfielder Darren Wilkins chimes in. "We figure we're the best team in the league."

But then things began to turn around. His last three White River clubs reached the Class A playoffs, with the '74 crew finishing third in the state. During this span, Burton says he began his "evolution" as a coach.

"The first two to four years, I was very, very aggressive," he reflects, "but I don't think I was as positive with this attitude of pride."

Burton partially attributes the evolution to one of his former coaches, Vern Kindsfather, whom he played for at Clark College for two seasons before moving on to PLU.

Simple observations have helped, as well.

"I think it (his attitude) came about from watching other coaches and seeing the right things they were doing and seing the wrong things they were doing," he explains.

One of the 'wrong' things in Burton's book is "cussing"

Eastside Catholic debate coach honored with national award

Eastside Catholic speech and debate coach Mike Burton has been named the 2007 recipient of the prestigious Bronx Achievement Award for his decades of commitment to and excellence in debate.

Burton, who has coached and taught debate for 38 years, has taken two Eastside Catholic students to the Bronx School of Science's 37th annual New York City Invitational Tournament this weekend. The Bronx Achievement Award was bestowed on Burton last week.

The Bronx tournament is one of the most competitive and challenging national contests each year. Burton has taken students to the Bronx Tournament 22 times in his career. Eastside Catholic is one of 56 high schools from 23 states represented there in 2007.

"I am excited to give our students a chance to compete at The Bronx School of Science against some of the finest Lincoln-Douglas debaters in the nation and am humbled by the honor they wish to bestow on me," Burton said. "This is one of the finest and longest running national level tournaments in the nation. It allows our students to compete against the best in the nation and also to see the great city of New York. Our students are some of the best in the nation and represent our school well," Burton added.

Honored by the National Forensic League in June 2007 as one of 10 living and active coaching legends, Burton has been a mentor for students and coaching colleagues across the country.

Since 2000, the Eastside Catholic Speech and Debate program has received 257 awards at local and national tournaments, including five state championships. In February 2007, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association named the Eastside Catholic Speech and Debate team Academic State Champions in 3A for the third time in the last five years.

Prior Information

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Michael Webster Burton
(first, middle, last)

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Signed: [Tab here]

Date: October 29, 2012

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☒ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Michael Webster Burton
(first, middle, last)

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(street address)

Puyallup, WA 98374
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 206-660-4720 Date of Birth: 1/24/1947

School Affiliation (if any) Auburn Senior High School/Eastside Catholic High School

City: Auburn/Issaquah State: WA

Place of Birth: New Westminster, B.C. Canada Date of Retirement: June, 2008

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
National Catholic Forensic League Diocese Director and WIAA Forensics Contact to WIAA Executive Board

If deceased, date of death:
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Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Janet Chavet Burton

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Phone: 480-262-5223

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Hudson's Bay	Vancouver, WA	1965	Diploma
College/University: Pacific Lutheran	Tacoma, WA	1969	BAE
Post Graduate School: Pacific Lutheran	Tacoma, WA	1974	Master

☐ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☐ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☐ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

PERFORMING ARTS

Career Description as High School Speech/Debate/Theatre Coach or Musical Director/Adjudicator or High School Performing Arts Participant (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school performing arts programs, i.e., positions held, tenure, etc.)

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Special Honors and Achievements (If a performing arts participant, please give complete details of high school and post-high school honors and achievements, awards and recognition.)

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Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national speech/debate/theatre or music associations)

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Other information *(not previously listed)*

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Mr. Mike Burton summary of career in education, officiating and life in general

Mr. Michael W. Burton, Director, a thirty-nine year coach in speech and debate, was on the national executive board of the National Forensic League 1996 to 2000 and has been a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Forensic committee for 14 years. He has been honored as only the sixth recipient of the Bruno E. Jacob award for service – sixth citation by the National Forensic League since 1925 and has been honored by the National Federation of High Schools as their Outstanding Speech/Debate/Drama Instructor for the Northwest in 1995. He is the only instructor at Auburn Sr. High School, were he taught for twenty-five years, to be honored with the Golden Apple Award by Channel 9 and PEMCO Insurance for Excellence in Education. Mr. Burton also received the Class Act Award by channel 11 in 1994 and was the Outstanding Educator at Auburn Senior High School in 1986, 1996 and 1999. In 2005 he was selected as the activities representative to the WIAA Executive Board and still serves today. In the spring of 2007 the National Forensic League honored him as one of ten living and active coaching legends. In October of 2007 he was honored with the Bronx Achievement Award for his decades of commitment to and excellence in debate at the Bronx School of Science Invitational in New York City. He continues on the National Catholic Forensic League Executive Committee even today in his retirement and is asked to run numerous nationals tournaments each year from Apple Valley, Minnesota to Lexington, Kentucky including the Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky were he has been honored as a member of the Tournament of Champions Hall of Fame in Coaching. Mr. Burton is known and respected for his ethics and honesty in running tournaments, coaching students and how his students presented themselves and competed. His teams were always known for their ethics and discipline and a number of his former students have gone on to coach themselves both in athletics and forensics.

Mr. Burton started his teaching in 1969 at White River High School in Buckley, Washington and then moved to the Auburn School District from 1974 to 1999. After retiring from Auburn he has worked for the last nine years at Eastside Catholic High School in Bellevue and started in 2000 the speech and debate program. He is widely respected for the success of the programs that he has built. The Auburn Sr. High School Forensics Program was inducted into the WIAA Hall of Fame in the spring of 2005 and Eastside Catholic High School has gone from 12 students in 2000 to over 40 students competing in 2008.

In his career as a director of forensics his students have won three national championships and 36 state championships! He has been known as a builder of programs with the Auburn Forensics Program being one of the largest and most successful in the nation during his time as coach. For a number of years the program would have 120 to 150 students competing and winning in numerous types of speech and debate.

The other part of his coaching career was in baseball where he was a baseball coach both at White River High School and Auburn Senior High School from 1969 to 1984. During his career he took both schools to play-offs including the 1983 state regional's with the Auburn Trojans.

Football officiating has been Mike's other love, working some 36 years on the field in high school and college including nine state championship games, one national NAIA championship and two semi-finals during that time. 2000 ended his on-field career with being referee of the 3A State Championship game. He was active on the Washington Officials Association Executive Board from 1985 to 2007 and was the only person from the state of Washington to be the president of the National Federation of Officials Association in 1998. Mike was honored in 2000 as the NF Citation Award winner for officiating excellence. He started the summer camp program for football officials, evaluations of officials in the semi-finals and finals, college observer, senior/play-off official seminar, state rulers interpreter for 20+ years and active as the summer conference chairperson for WOA and Hall of Fame chairperson for officials. In December, 2005 he was appointed Football Commissioner for the Northwest Intercollegiate Football Officials Association running the college football officials for the 13 NCAA Division II and III schools. He will be inducted into the Washington Officials Association Hall of Fame in August of 2009.

Mike Burton is considered an outstanding teacher both in high school education and officiating. His bright whistle and smile always have lighted a room and both students and officials have commented on his ability to get information across to people. An asked for speaker in both education and officiating, he has always been willing to give more than he received. He is proud to be known as "a teacher" both in high school education and officiating.

Letters of Recommendation

WIAA Est. 1905

WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

November 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this as a letter of support for the nomination of Mike Burton for the NFHS Hall of Fame.

I have known Mike for the past 20 years through his role as the WIAA's main contact person for Speech and Debate, parliamentarian for WIAA's Representative Assembly, football rules interpreter and lead officials trainer, and as a member of the NFIOA Board of Directors. He also served a term as the fine arts representative on the WIAA Executive Board.

In that time I have come to know Mike as an intelligent, articulate person with a passion for school programs--both athletic and fine arts. He is a tireless worker with the enthusiasm and spirit to take charge or be a part of the total team as well as the personality and skills to play those roles well.

Above all, Mike has always been about making whatever he is involved with better, whether it be speech and debate or officiating. He truly cares about students, coaches, and officials, and yet sees all through an administrative lens that brings focus on issues.

Without reservation, I recommend Mike Burton for the NFHS Hall of Fame. He will carry forth the character of those who have been inducted and will set a standard for those who are waiting in the wings.

Sincerely,

Mike Colbrese
Executive Director

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November 15, 2012

NFHS Hall of Fame Committee

Dear Committee Members:

I am pleased to recommend Mike Burton for induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

Mike Burton has been involved with the Washington Officials Association (WOA) leadership since 1979, including roles as a member of the Western Washington Football Association Board, WIAA/WOA Rules Clinician, WOA Executive Board Member, and National Federation Officials Association Board Member.

Mr. Burton played an instrumental role in creating the WIAA/WOA Summer Football Camps and Senior Seminars. These camps and seminars improve the level of officiating provided to WIAA member schools throughout the state of Washington. In addition to the camps and seminars, Mr. Burton assisted in the development of the observation process to evaluate the performance of those officials selected to work the WIAA State Football Championships. This process helps identify the areas that need improvement and helps to direct the focus of the senior seminars.

Following his retirement from officiating, Mr. Burton served as chairperson for the WOA Summer Conference and Awards Committee. Some of his responsibilities included planning the conference speakers, working with the local associations in honoring deserving officials, and creating the foundation for the WOA Hall of Fame. In the summer of 2009, Mike Burton was inducted into the WOA Hall of Fame.

Mike Burton exemplifies what an official should be and carries himself in a way that creates a positive role model for young officials.

Thank you for considering Mike Burton for this prestigious honor.

Sincerely,

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner

WIAA Est. 1905
WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

November 8, 2012

To whom it may concern:

It is an honor to nominate Mike Burton for the NFHS Hall of Fame. I have worked with Mike since my arrival at the WIAA office in 2005. He is one of the most respected and talented people that I know to be associated with the WIAA. He is known throughout the state of Washington as a highly skilled instructor both in the classroom and on the field.

Throughout Mike's career he has earned many honors statewide as well as across the country. Below are some of his honors and accomplishments:

- 1995 NW NFHS Instructor of the Year
- 2007 National Forensic League "Living Legend Award"
- 2007 BRONX Achievement Award
- More than 200 citations for service from the National Forensics League
- 2002 NFHS Meritorious Award Winner
- 36 WIAA State Forensics Championships
- 3 National Forensics Championships

Mike has been a leader in the Forensic arena as well as serving contest officials throughout the state and country. He has served the WIAA in many capacities throughout his career. Some of his service is noted below:

- WIAA Forensic Committee for 14 years
- National Forensics League Executive Board (1996-2000)
- Washington Officials Association (WOA) Executive Board (1985-2007)
- WIAA Executive Board Fine Arts Representative 2005-2010
- 2000 NFHS Citation Award for Officiating Excellence
- 2009 WOA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2009 WIAA Hall of Fame Inductee

Mike Burton represents service to the core. He has proven this throughout his career by the leaders he has molded and lives he has touched. Mike is deserving of the NFHS Hall of Fame honor. He will represent the NFHS with the same high honor that he represents so many across this state and country.

Thank you for your consideration of Mike Burton.

Sincerely,

Andy Barnes
WIAA Assistant Executive Director

Support Data

A selfless coach still active in the world of reasoned argumentation

By Terry McGuire

BELLEVUE — Picture this: Busloads of high school competitors heading off to tournaments, their school spending more money on their program than on the football team.

Such was the case when Mike Burton headed up the speech and debate program at Auburn High School. In his 18-year-tenure, he helped the program grow from a dozen students to 150 strong, the young debaters guided by Burton and eventually three assistant coaches.

"We were basically a monster," he recalled last week. "We'd take two busloads of kids to tournaments. We were splitting squads. We'd have kids at national tournaments and local tournaments."

Burton, who is blessed with a commanding voice befitting of a forensics coach, retired from full-time teaching in 1999 after 30 years as a public school educator. But he continues in the world of reasoned argumentation as the speech and debate coach at Eastside Catholic High School, a part-time job, while helping programs at other high schools.

Now with 35 years in the field, he was recently notified by the National Forensic League that he will receive one of its rarer honors: the Distinguished Service Plaque — Fourth Citation, at its national tourney in Salt Lake City next June. The award, based on an accumulation of service points for deeds such as sponsoring new chapters, serving on national forensic councils and organizing tournaments, is not the top award available, but it has gone to only seven individuals since 1925, said J. Scott Wunn, NFL's national executive secretary.

Not bad, considering the tens of thousands of speech and debate coaches who've served over the past eight decades.

In a phone interview last week from the NFL's Wisconsin-based headquarters, Wunn described Burton as a selfless coach who is always willing to promote forensics among young people, not just those in his program.

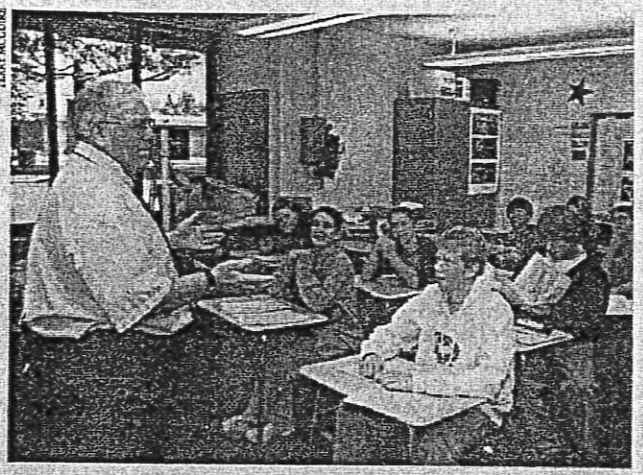
"A lot of coaches coach their students, and then there are the coaches that really are of service...that allow the organization to flourish," Wunn said. "Mike's given more than just his coaching."

Burton, a member of Christ (Episcopal) Church in Puyallup, established Eastside Catholic's speech and debate program in 2000. It has 40 students this year, many of whom have already competed in tourneys around the country. That's in keeping with Burton's philosophy that if you want to become a top program, you have to compete against the best.

He also seeks to draw large numbers of students to forensics rather than focusing on a handful of standouts. "I don't like the idea of a star system," he said. "We took ten kids to (a recent tourney in) Apple Valley (Minn.)."

He added: "I always tell the kids we've got three reasons why we do this: Number one, of course, is 'to win,' because that's why they keep score. But two is 'to learn'. And then three is to also 'have fun.'"

Burton, who grew up in Vancouver, Wash., has been winning and having fun in forensics ever since a speech and debate coach at Clark Community College invited him to "try this debate stuff" when he was a freshman taking Speech 101.



TERRY MCGUIRE

Eastside Catholic High School speech and debate coach Mike Burton talks with his students last week. A forensic coach for 35 years, he is being honored by the National Forensic League for his tireless service in getting young people involved in speech and debate.

At the time, Burton was a "three-sports jock" out of Hudson Bay High School, and his intentions were to play baseball at Clark and then at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. He fulfilled those ambitions, while also competing in speech and debate. Then, after graduating from PLU, he landed a teaching job at White River High School in Buckley, where he coached baseball and debate. He eventually went on to coach the two programs at Auburn High, but finally dropped baseball when the principal warned him about burnout after seeing him laboring late one Sunday night.

Burton helped turn Auburn High School into a forensics powerhouse. He also sent his students to neighboring Auburn Riverside High School to help them develop a program.

"They became an outstanding program and we really felt it was good for us because then the Auburn School District had two very strong speech and debate teams, not just one," Burton said. "We traveled together. And they became more and more mature. Then it was a give-and-take situation, where they could help us and we could also still help them."

Over his coaching career, three of his students have won national championships and another 15 or so have captured state titles in categories ranging from Lincoln-Douglas to cross examination to oratory and other disciplines. Burton rattles off the names of some of his student champs, including one who "never won a darn thing at Auburn," but who continued to work hard and retain a positive attitude. "When he was a junior in college at Southern Illinois University, he won the national championship."

Another former Auburn High debater, Dr. Kelly McDonald, is now the director of forensics at Arizona State University, and credits Burton with introducing him to the discipline.

"He was the first one that gave me the infection that I'm still suffering under," McDonald joked.

"My decision to go into higher education was directly a result of having excellent teachers...like Mike, who were excited about teaching and learning," Kelly said.

"I tell all my students the first day of class (that) they can disagree with anything I have to say — they just have to come armed with good reasons. And I think that's directly the thinking I got from Mike."

Burton said he wants all his students to depart his program able to see there are two sides to an issue, and that they must respect the person with the other opinion.

Equally important is that team members dress and behave like gentlemen and ladies when they're in a hotel or eating in a restaurant while on the tourney road. One freshman at the recent Apple Valley tourney made the mistake of starting to eat before the others in the group had been served. "I said, 'Hey, wait till everybody gets served," Burton said.

As for competing in speech and debate, he said some students take a shine to it while others try the program for a year and move on to something else. "But they still learn something from it," he said, "and that's the most important thing.

"I think my biggest success is the student that maybe isn't an award winner, but just learns and comes back five, six, ten years later and says: Coach, this really helped me in college, or helped me to get a job, or helped me in my life.

"That feels as good as having a national or state champion." □

Doug Chickering

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Douglas E. Chickering
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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Signed: David J. Anderson

Date: November 3, 2014

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☒ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Douglas E. Chickering
(first, middle, last)

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(city, state, zip)

Email: dougchickering@gmail.com

Phone: (608) 497-1249 Date of Birth: 1/28/41

School Affiliation (if any) None

City: _____ State: _____

Place of Birth: Ladysmith, WI Date of Retirement: August 2009

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

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If deceased, date of death:

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Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Hawkins High School	Hawkins, WI	1959	
College/University: UW Eau Claire	Eau Claire, WI	1963	B.S. Math/Physical Science
Post Graduate School: UW Superior	Superior, WI	1970	MEd

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
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ADMINISTRATOR

Note: All candidates in this category must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year to be nominated. In addition, state association administrators must meet the following additional criteria:

- Extended service as state association administrator.
- Viewed as innovative leader within respective state. Statewide accomplishments beyond "simply doing the job."
- National impact on high school activity programs
    1. Service to NFHS should include the following:
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        b) member of other NFHS committees
        c) member/president of NFHS Board of Directors
        d) speaker at NFHS conferences, meetings
    2. Involvement with NFHS exceeded normal service opportunities, for example:
        a) national impact on playing rules
        b) viewed as leader nationally among state executives
    3. Impact on high school activities beyond NFHS service, for example:
        a) national speaking engagements
        b) expert in certain field; i.e., technology, Title IX, etc.
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Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

1963-Gilman Schools-Math teacher, football, basketball, and baseball coach
1967-Gilman Schools-Principal and Athletic Director
1969-Gilman Schools-District Administrator
1974-Marathon Schools-District Administrator
1979-85-WIAA Board of Control, Board President 1981-82
1986-2009-WIAA Executive Director
1990-93-NFHS Board, Board President 1992-93
2004-08-NFHS Board

Special Honors and Achievements

1999-WBCA Hall of Fame "Friend of Basketball"
2001-WFCA Hall of Fame
2001-WASDA "Friend of Education"
2002-NIAAA Distinguished Service Award
2003-UW Eau Claire Lifetime Excellence Award
2005-Oakley-Lindsey Foundation commits $30,000 to WBA Annual Sports Reporters Workshop in Doug's honor
2007-AWSA "Distinguished Friend of Education Award"
2009-WISTCA Service Award
2009-WFCA Dave McLain Distinguished Service Award
2009-Wisconsin Assoc. of School Councils Association Award

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

NFHS-Risk Management Committee
NFHS-New Paradigm Task Force
NFHS-Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Intergrity Committee
NFHS-Football Rules Committee
NFHS-Strategic Planning Committees (3), Chair in 1996
NFHS-Chair of Foundation Board of Directors
1986-2009-Badger State Management Committee
2002-09-Stevens Point YMCA Board
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2010-present-Wisconsin Retired Educators Association and Foundation
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Present-Consultant,Interscholastic Licensing Co.
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October 30, 2014

Attention: Bruce Howard
Hall of Fame Director
NFHS
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Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members,

It is a most sincere pleasure to recommend for your consideration Doug Chickering for induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame. Few have served the WIAA and the NFHS better and more loyally than Doug Chickering. Over a span of nearly 24 years of service as Executive Director of the WIAA there is no one who has done more or given more to preserve and advance education-based athletics in the State of Wisconsin. As only the 4th Executive Director in the history of the WIAA, for many students as well as many families, Doug Chickering has been the face of high school sports in the State of Wisconsin.

In addition to his state level leadership, Doug also served the NFHS with distinction. Doug served two terms on the NFHS's governing bodies. The first was in 1990-93 when the governance was vested in an Executive Committee and the second was in 2004-08 as a member of the Board of Directors. He served as the Executive Committee President in 1992-93. That was perhaps one of the more tumultuous years in the history of the Federation. A threat of bankruptcy, a failed pooled insurance concept, a poorly managed employee pension plan, and the selection of an executive director were all survival issues on the table.

His leadership as the presiding officer played a key role in the selection of Bob Kanaby as the Federation's Executive Director. Bob's appointment was paramount in restoring the Federation to its founding principles. In his last act as President and in an effort to avoid bankruptcy, Mr. Chickering was instrumental in convincing the membership to establish a trust fund financed by a $1 surcharge on rulebooks. The trust concept protected the new money from other Federation indebtedness resulting from an underfunded line of credit and provided the necessary capital to continue day-to-day operations. Doug chaired the Trust Account Board and later led the effort to merge remaining trust assets into what is now the National Federation Foundation. He chaired the Foundation Board of Directors from its creation until he retired in 2009. No one was happier than he was when the Foundation balance reached $4,000,000 in 2012.

As part of his Executive Committee responsibilities, Doug played a critical part in the deliberations that influenced the selection of at-large members to the Board of Directors to assure gender and minority representation. The plan has since been altered, but the fundamental philosophies adopted still serve the Federation's best interests today.

The list of Doug's involvement and achievements is broad and deep. He is steadfast in his friendships and his loyalties. His leadership and contributions at both the state and national level afford him a status of respect among those who have similarly served.

As you review the nomination materials presented on behalf of Doug Chickering, I hope that those of us who endorse him for this honor have done justice to the quality and character of this man's past 24+ years of service.

Thank you for your consideration of Doug Chickering.

Sincerely,

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October 22, 2014

NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I am writing in regard to Mr. Doug Chickering's nomination to the NFHS Hall of Fame. It has been my pleasure to know Doug personally for nine years, but prior to getting to know him I knew of him because of his work with the NFHS Foundation. When I began attending the NFHS Summer Meetings, it was in the role of a State Board Member. That was when I first listened to Mr. Chickering speaking with passion about the beginnings of the NFHS Foundation and the need to support it.

When I began my role as the Executive Director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, I quickly learned the depth of knowledge, willingness to assist and mentor, and the support that Doug had to grow the NFHS. When starting a new position and role, it is important to have experienced individuals to rely upon for advice and guidance. That was exactly what Doug did for me. However, I was not the only one that Mr. Chickering provided that support. When you are in a room of leaders, it takes a special person to stand above the rest, and that is exactly what Doug did. He was a leader among leaders and deserves to be recognized for his selfless giving to the kids of Wisconsin, kids across the nation, and for all the executive directors he aided throughout his career.

His leadership as the chair of the NFHS Foundation took it from the beginning of zero balance to the level when he retired being solvent and able to meet its intended mission, safety and support of high school programs. As a spokesman for the Foundation, I was moved to donate money, participate in events, buy raffle tickets and bid on auction items. That was due to the importance and passion that Doug put into his information.

I ask that you please consider Mr. Doug Chickering for induction into the NHFS Hall of Fame for his numerous contributions and support of the Federation through good times and bad.

Respectfully,

Kerwin Urhahn

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October 21, 2014

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of Doug Chickering's nomination to the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame. I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Doug.

Let me begin by saying I have known Doug for well over twenty years. For the first decade, I saw Doug more from the perspective of an outsider looking in. I say that because my interaction with Doug was limited at that time since I was an assistant executive director in Illinois and I have always known Doug as the Executive Director of the WIAA. However, Doug was always friendly, open, and willing to share of his time and expertise. And, as long as I can remember Doug has played a prominent leadership role in the NFHS. During my tenure here at IHSA, Doug has served the Federation as its President, he has chaired the Foundation Board, and he has been active in many other committees and special projects. I am confident his service to the NFHS is well documented and there is no need for me to chronicle his accomplishments.

The second decade of my relationship with Doug has been more personal. Shortly after my appointment as the Executive Director Elect of IHSA, our Association encountered rather difficult times. I needed help, guidance, counsel, and a friend. I found it all, and more, in Doug Chickering. Doug didn't need a formal mentoring program to be a mentor; it came naturally to him. His demeanor, his openness, and his willingness to help, laid the foundation for a relationship that continues to benefit me to this day.

Even though he has retired, to me, Doug will always be the patriarch of Section 4. His leadership with the colleagues in the Section has been unmistakable and his support of his friends has been unwavering. One of the qualities I most admire in Doug is his commitment to our mission. While people have various opinions regarding what the state association work is all about, Doug clearly understands an association's role in the overall education of high school students. Doug consistently helped us focus on programs that were designed to enrich the educational experience of high school students. To Doug's credit, he continues to provide leadership to the Director's in Section 4. It is not uncommon for Doug to attend a Section meeting as he did this year, or to send us an encouraging email.

In summary, Doug has generously given his time, his energy, and his resources to the NFHS and to state associations around the country. He has held every leadership position imaginable in the NFHS. Doug is a proven leader and extremely deserving of the recognition associated with being inducted into the prestigious NFHS National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Marty Hickman

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October 15, 2014

Dear Esteemed Members of the NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Doug Chickering. I have known Doug for the past eight years in my job as Executive Director for the Wisconsin Association of School Councils. I have had the fortunate opportunity to work with Doug in many facets of educational leadership through his work with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. Doug has also served in many capacities in our state for the Wisconsin Association of School Councils.

Under Doug's leadership as Executive Director for the WIAA, we worked collaboratively to plan the IGNITE Student Leadership Summit, Spirit of Excellence Awards Program, along with other educational and sportsmanship programs for administrators, coaches, advisors, and students. Doug has a positive reputation throughout the state of Wisconsin due to his work on such initiatives and is well respected by his peers for the work he has done in all such venues. Whether he is speaking to young people or planning an event with us, he is always willing to draw on his past experiences and add a unique perspective on even the most controversial issues.

In 2010, Doug was selected as Association Friend of the Year for the Wisconsin Association of School Councils, an award chosen by students, teachers and administrators for extraordinary contributions to student leadership in Wisconsin. Doug's strong dedication to making a difference in the lives of students, unyielding perseverance in the field of education, and collaborative approach to student success both on and off the court/field, made him a clear choice for this award.

Through the WASC, Doug spearheaded the effort to acknowledge schools of excellence in all realms of education through the WIAA's endorsement and support of the Spirit of Excellence Award. He has also volunteered his expertise at various leadership development programs the WASC facilitates to increase student teamwork skills, build self-esteem, and nurture social and emotional growth. He not only has personally worked collaboratively with WASC colleagues to provide effective programming, but also encouraged the involvement of his WIAA Board of Control members to also advocate for leadership of all students by volunteering their time and talents to various events at the WASC. Lastly, Doug continues to advocate for and work toward statewide leadership improvements. Over the past eight years, Doug has demonstrated outstanding organization, attention to detail, and above all, a commitment to excellence. His leadership is truly extraordinary.

Doug's leadership extends to his community as well. He has volunteered his time to various civic organizations and understands the value of a generous heart. In every venue I have worked with Doug, he advocates for what is best for the students, not only those that are athletes, but also students that are challenged both physically and emotionally. He has a true understanding of what it takes to be a great leader and his opinion is well respected. The generosity, perseverance, and character that Doug brings each and every day to the table have clearly set a precedent for our state. Doug continues to generously give back to the WASC through his various speaking engagements and work on various committees. His dedication to serve the students of WI certainly did not end with his retirement.

It is without hesitation that I highly recommend Doug Chickering for the NFHS Hall of Fame. His commitment to leadership and commitment to excellence have truly made him an asset not only to the State of Wisconsin, but nationally as well. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle McGrath - Executive Director – Wisconsin Association of School Councils

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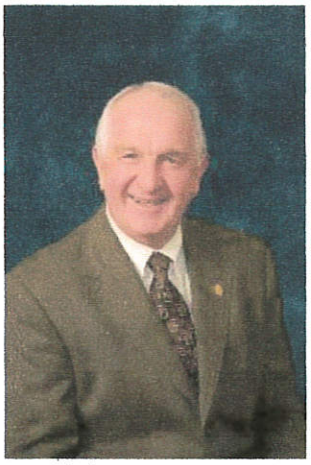
A long run of keeping up with times

Chickering retires as WIAA head after 23 eventful years

By *Art Kabelowsky* of the Journal Sentinel

Posted: July 25, 2009

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Stevens Point — It's a gorgeous afternoon smack dab in the middle of summer break. But inside the headquarters of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, every office is buzzing with activity.

Ten years ago, the WIAA built its new home in a business park on the southern edge of town, guarded by little more than Interstate 39 and vast farm fields. Today, the neighborhood is bustling - there's a new big-box shopping center across the street, a road construction project, a dozen neighboring office buildings, traffic everywhere.

Things grow. Things change. Manage the change as well as possible, and people will appreciate it.

That's how many involved with Wisconsin high school sports will remember Doug Chickering.

Friday will mark the end of Chickering's 23-year run as the fourth executive director in the 113-year history of the WIAA. Chickering has managed the governing body of Wisconsin high school sports through a landscape that has grown and changed as much as the view outside his office window.

"There's never been a morning when I haven't looked forward to going to work," Chickering said. "No two days have been the same. From my days as a teacher (starting at Gilman High School in 1963) to my last days as an executive director, high school sports have been a big part of my life."

Over the years, decisions made by Chickering and his staff have affected the lives of tens of thousands of high school student-athletes. Challenges presented themselves in the form of changing demographics, population shifts, economic difficulties, even changes in the laws affecting how schools operate.

Throughout, Chickering's calm, informed, organized, consensus-building, forward-thinking, big-picture approach helped the organization to manage the second major growth spurt in its history.

"When you look, from my perspective, at the little issues . . . you find common elements that help you draw everything together," Chickering said. "And you can learn a few things about (how) a solution that might have worked on one problem will help you solve the one you're looking at much later.

"The key to solving the big problems is to solve them before they get big."

Beginning with a bang

Chickering joined the WIAA in 1986, at the tail end of an unmatched growth spurt brought about by the explosion of girls sports (first sponsored by the WIAA on a limited basis in 1970), the introduction of football playoffs (which debuted in 1976) and contentious conference realignment (which became the WIAA's responsibility in the 1980s).

Those changes were fostered by John Roberts, who led the WIAA for 29 years. It's fair to say Roberts made sure Chickering hit the ground running, with an issue that is still on one of the association's front burners today.

"Before my first official day in the office, I got information from John that there had been a legislative initiative (led by Gary George, a Democratic state senator from Milwaukee) in having a playoff in football and

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basketball between the public and private schools (who were then in separate associations)," Chickering said.

George entered an item into the 1987 state budget giving private schools the option of joining the WIAA, but Gov. Tommy Thompson vetoed the provision. Nine years later, the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association informed the WIAA of its plan to cease operations, and the wheels were put in motion for the WIAA's eventual absorption of all the state's private schools in 2000.

"It went from (1987) to a lot of discussion (with) the WISAA, and finally to a common meeting of the minds where we decided to do it the way both associations wanted it done," Chickering said. "I have no regrets about that, and no regrets about where we are right now."

While public schools have groused about the state tournament success of small private schools in several sports - most notably basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer - another legal change was shifting the state landscape: The decision to allow open enrollment in public schools.

Since 1990, school choice (building upon the prior Chapter 220 program, which allowed minority students to attend suburban schools) had been a reality in Milwaukee. In 1998, the statewide voucher system passed its final court test and students inside the physical boundaries of one public school district could apply for admission into any other public or private district.

Cases of transfers that appeared to be made strictly for athletic reasons abounded until the WIAA changed its constitution in 2006, forcing students who transfer after their fourth semester at one school to sit out one calendar year of varsity competition at their new school.

The rule was tested by golfer William Wakefield, who transferred from University School to Milwaukee Marquette and in 2008 successfully sued to regain his eligibility. The WIAA has tightened its constitutional language in the wake of that decision and expects its rule to stand up in the future.

"What we've learned is that we can and will enforce the rules, even though we're going to have the court's review," Chickering said. "We learned a lesson from that (the Wakefield case), and the positive thing out of it was that the judge said the transfer rule was valid; there was just some language in the post-four-semester transfer rule that needed to be polished up."

The WIAA's other perennial hot-button issue - conference alignment - has settled down a bit, though a new ruckus is sure to ensue from the release of its recent proposal to discontinue conference play in football, instead organizing teams into enrollment divisions and geographic districts that can shift from year to year.

"(These are) emotional issues to a lot of people. I think we shouldn't let that cloud our judgment; rather, we should accept that as a tribute to what high school sports mean to our community," Chickering said. "There's such an ownership between the people in our towns, villages and neighborhoods that associated with the success and failure of their high school athletic teams, and it also helps bond schools and communities together. We have to remember that."

Chickering learned that in the days after Sept. 11, 2001, when he decided to urge schools to hold their prep football games despite the East Coast terrorist attacks. "That was really a tough time, from when we made that decision to when game reports started coming in," he said.

"But what we saw were great stories and photos of kids out there holding hands, carrying the flag, lighting candles, holding vigils all over the state. It proved that high school sports can have a tremendous bonding impact on our society. It started the healing process, and I don't think any other type of activity can do that."

Another thing Chickering has learned is that mainly due to demographics, every change the WIAA makes is likely to affect different parts of the state in vastly different ways. By fixing a problem for one area, the WIAA often creates problems elsewhere.

"There's a tremendous ripple effect," Chickering said. "To those critical of the process we feel we have to use, I would say it's in place to protect the integrity of the rules, so there is some type of structure and order that provides a uniformity of competitive opportunity. I never use the words 'fair' or 'unfair.' I say we've always got to use the word 'uniform.' "

Students at the center

As a result, Chickering says, he has worked to open the WIAA's decision-making process to involve athletic directors and school administrators, the state Department of Public Instruction and school board association, and even coaches' associations.

"The consensus-building that you do with other organizations is essential to success," he said. "You've got to get out and look people in the eye and talk to them about the issues that are going to impact them."

The main goal, after all, is not to serve the rules or communities or schools. It's all about the student-athletes, Chickering said. That, he says, is why he's such a vehement advocate of school-based sports, even as club sports exert an ever-growing influence, especially on elite athletes in major metropolitan areas.

"It bothers me that when we look at the club climate, it's really for the most elite athletes," Chickering said. "If sports become something just for the most elite athletes, and we rule people out at an early age from having that type of opportunity, we're certainly going to have a negative impact on their maturation and their ability to adjust within society when they do get older.

"We call these things games, but we've got to return to the fundamental concept that games are supposed to be fun. If the only objectives are to win, or just to get that scholarship, then having fun gets lost in the shuffle.

"Play to have fun; play to be with your friends. That's how the lessons of sports are learned."

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Semrau: With his personal touch, Chickering put Wisconsin high school sports on the map

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Ask about the impact that Doug Chickering has had on high school sports in Wisconsin and Jerry Petitgoue elicits memories of Hall of Fame basketball coach John Wooden.

Putting a football spin on it, Dick Rundle echoed Vince Lombardi as his point of reference.

But leave it to Barneveld High School principal and athletic director Kevin Knudson to put Chickering's impact into a fitting perspective that today's generation can relate to.

"I'm a big Brett Favre fan and said it's like losing Brett Favre," Knudson said with a chuckle at the mention of the former Green Bay Packers quarterback who now plays for the New York Jets. "But I don't think Doug is going to come out of retirement."

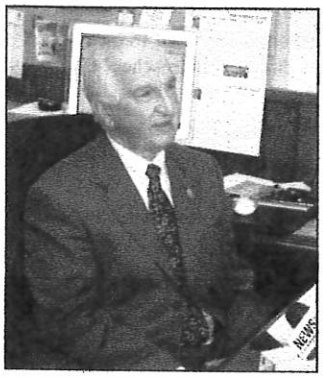
Chickering, executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association since Jan. 1, 1986, announced his retirement Wednesday after 45 years in the education profession. It will become effective July 31, 2009.

Knudson summed up the thoughts of many of Chickering's peers when he said, "We'll miss him big time. I don't know if we'll find a person of his stature to replace him. We'll just find someone to take over his job."

Among the major changes in high school sports during Chickering's tenure as only the fourth executive director in the 112-year history of the association were the:

- addition of nonpublic schools into the WIAA in 2000, which coincided with open enrollment statewide
- substantial expansion of state tournament series opportunities in all sports for girls and boys both team-wise and individually
- addition of nonpublic and ethnic minority representation on the Board of Control and Advisory Council
- hiring of the current executive staff
- placing of state tournaments in the state's finest facilities
- planning and construction of the current WIAA headquarters
- enhancement of exposure for prep sports through various media platforms
- improved relations with the University of Wisconsin system schools, which host many of the WIAA's state tournaments.

"Doug leaves a tremendous legacy on education and interscholastic athletics in Wisconsin and the nation," said Knudson, who is also



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WIAA executive director Doug Chickering announced Wednesday that he will retire at the end of the current school year.

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2008-09 president of the WIAA Board of Control. "The impact he has had on the lives of many students, athletes and school administrators is immeasurable."

Simply put, Chickering has put Wisconsin high school sports on the map.

"Professionally, he always handled any situation at a very high, professional level," said Knudson, who added that Chickering's reputation is as strong nationally as it is in Wisconsin. "Because of Doug, Wisconsin is used as a model for our high school organizations nationally."

That's evidenced by the fact Chickering served on a number of committees within the National Federation of High Schools, and currently is the chairman of the NFHS Foundation Board of Directors.

Chickering said there is still work to be done in Wisconsin, citing the impact of club sports on high school athletics, the rise of participation and transportation costs and the issue of public versus private schools and their divisional placement for tournament play.

You can't please everybody, although Chickering has tried to give everyone a voice in the discussion of what direction high school sports should take in this state.

Chickering's tenure is best described by Petitgoue, the longtime Cuba City boys basketball coach who is the winningest coach in state hoops history.

"Doug Chickering brought a sense of calm to high school athletics and prestige and class," said Petitgoue, who is also the executive director of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. "When you look at the man, honesty just comes out of every pore.

"He had some tough issues to face and he faced them. The state of high school athletics in Wisconsin today is so much better off because we had Doug Chickering as long as we did."

Rundle, Petitgoue's counterpart with the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association, said that during his own career in high school teaching and coaching that covered nearly four decades, there has been no one who has had a greater impact or been more valuable to education in the state than Chickering.

Rundle said Chickering, who has also served as a teacher, coach, official, athletic director, principal and district administrator, defines the word "integrity."

"I don't know of anyone who has had to make the constant level of big decisions that that man has made," Rundle said of Chickering, who has been involved in teaching and high school athletics for 45 years. "No one could have possibly handled it better than he has. We owe a great debt to this man for the service over the past many years."

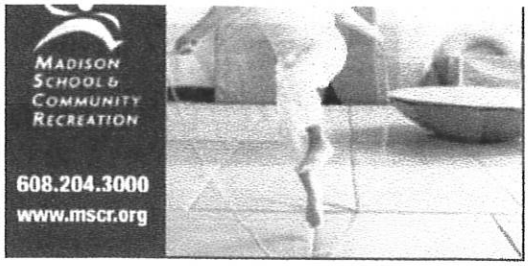
With a calm, cool and collected demeanor, Chickering has kept the only thing that really matters in his job at the top of his list of priorities: the student-athletes around the state whose ability to compete in interscholastic sports has made a major impact on their lives.

As the parent of a former female high school student athlete, I am grateful for that.

But as a reporter whose job is to publicize high school sports, Chickering's ability to treat everyone fairly and to be proactive in garnering input before making decisions was equally appreciated.

"He has brought accessibility to the WIAA," said Todd Clark, who is in his ninth year as the organization's communications director. "That comes from him and has permeated through the staff in our relationships with the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association, the School Board Association and all of the other educational associations."

That was seen from his participation in the annual area meetings around the state, which he looked forward to helping kick off each school year, to his appearance at state tournaments to honor those



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student-athletes who competed at the highest level.

"High school sports are special in Wisconsin and so many from so many walks of life contribute daily to that standing," Chickering said. "I'm privileged to have had a leadership opportunity."

However, Chickering will best be remembered for being an advocate for the state's smaller schools and for the athletes who competed for the pure love of competition and being able to represent their communities.

"I will always have a love and passion for the tournaments because each one of those state championships is a homecoming of sorts for people who really have a passion for those activities, whether they be parents who are there or a fan for that sport," he said.

"The greatest example of that is our individual wrestling tournament. It is always satisfying to talk to some of the people who come to all of those. I will always enjoy that environment and hope to be part of it long after I retire."

Chickering, who attended now-defunct Hawkins High School -- which was absorbed into the Ladysmith district -- was always a strong advocate of adding more divisions to the state tournament field. He still is.

"I come from an era when there was only one division," he said. "When I was in high school, there were 80 kids in my school and 18 in my graduating class, so I understand what small is."

Chickering has received many honors, including induction into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002. In addition, he will receive the 2009 Dave McClain Distinguished Service Award presented by the WFCA in March.

But it was never about the awards or the recognition. It was about the kids.

"For 45 years, there's never been a morning when I haven't looked forward to going to work," Chickering said. "Beginning when I was a teacher throughout my years with the WIAA, high school sports have been a big part of my life. That will not change.

"Now, it's time to be just a fan."

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Prep Huddle: Looking back, Chickering saw the future

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Retiring WIAA executive director Doug Chickering will give his final director's report Wednesday at the WIAA annual meeting in Stevens Point.

Rob Hernandez -- State Journal

Doug Chickering was five months into his tenure as WIAA executive director in 1986 when he presided over his first WIAA annual meeting at the old Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

Many issues cited in his first director's report — assigning schools to conferences, eligibility appeals and equity for girls sports — are still issues 23 years later as Chickering gets ready to preside over his final annual meeting Wednesday at the new Holiday Inn in Stevens Point before retiring July 31.

If the record of his first annual meeting said anything about how Chickering would lead what is now the governing body for all state high school sports, it was this: He listened to concerns of the schools and then acted on them.

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I thought it would be fun to re-visit some relevant issues raised at the 1986 annual meeting and see how Chickering fared.

James Smallins, Milwaukee Madison: *I commend WIAA on positions which keep schools and coaches away from basketball players in the summer and also require students to pay their own way to camps. But I am opposed to not allowing kids to get together any way they want in the summer.*

The out-of-season contact issue continues to dominate many WIAA meetings, most recently as it relates to players forming teams out of season but during the school year.

Under Chickering's watch, however, the summer contact rules have come a long way. Most sports, including football and basketball, now have at least a five-day window in which coaches can instruct or coach their players.

Steve Ferger, Beloit Memorial: *As Big Eight ADs, ... another concern we have is the UW Field House. ... There always is the problem of spilled Cokes dripping from the second balcony, dust debris, programs, etc. If a new facility opens up, the WIAA should move the tournament (there).*

Chickering resisted calls to move the state basketball tournaments to the Bradley Center in Milwaukee after it opened in 1988. And the move to the Kohl Center when it opened in 1998 has not come without several conflicts — namely how to get (and keep) the girls tournament there, which required delicate negotiations between Chickering and the UW.

The girls tournament will go back to the Kohl Center next season for the first time since 2005. But — for at least the first two years of a three-year agreement — it will be played one week after the boys' tournament, leaving Chickering's successor, Dave Anderson, to deal with feedback from a shift in the seasons and the extended change in culture.

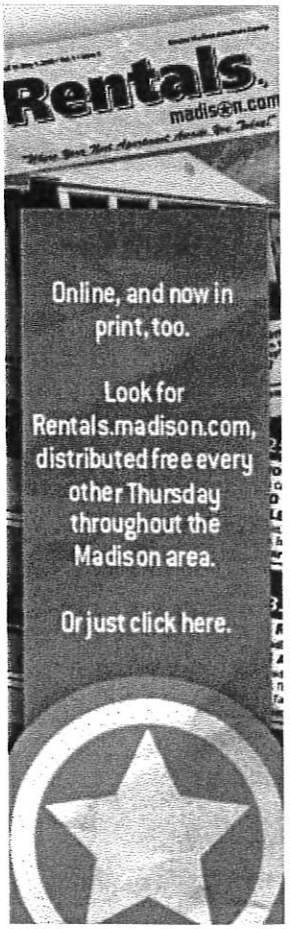
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Jack Overgard, Schofield D.C. Everest: *I am in favor of (football playoff) expansion, but with a midweek game we are making things taxing on the players. We'll have games possibly on Saturday and Thursday (ending the regular season), then Tuesday and Saturday of the following week).*

In 1987, the football playoff field grew from 48 teams to 96 — the first of three expansions during the Chickering era that created a postseason opportunity for 224 of the 433 programs in the state. As predicted with each increase, there continue to be teams that feel they deserve to be in the playoffs only to be left out, and there was nothing Chickering could have done to prevent that short of doubling the field one last time and letting every team play.

Jack Hamilton, Oakfield: *Is the Board of Control considering classes for golf?*

Boys golf gained a second division in 1988 and a third in 1989 as part of a steady increase in state tournament opportunity with Chickering in charge.

In all, 19 divisions have been added to 16 tournament sports over the last 23 years. Chickering also restored one sport (boys volleyball), added another (girls hockey) and implemented team tournaments for three others (boys and girls tennis and wrestling).

So when we stand Wednesday to salute Chickering — the face of the WIAA these last two-plus decades — most of us will do so with an admiration for the way he saw tomorrow while we fretted about today.

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Being a high ranking official in the WIAA is probably the only job that comes with less thanks than a game official. It takes a thick skin, and stubborn determination to keep an eye on the big picture and to the future. There is no decision that can be made that doesn't have someone who thinks it should be done otherwise. What is lost on many is that even when they criticize those in those positions especially that of the top position, is that they are doing so to an individual with the strength to handle such a stance and life under a microscope. Certainly, during Mr. Chickering's tenure, I have not agreed with all of the decisions, but have never questioned his committment to Wisconsin High School Sports and the state organization as a whole. One would have to fabricate, or be very narrow minded to not admire his leadership over these years. Tough act to follow, you couldn't pay me enough to step in behind him.

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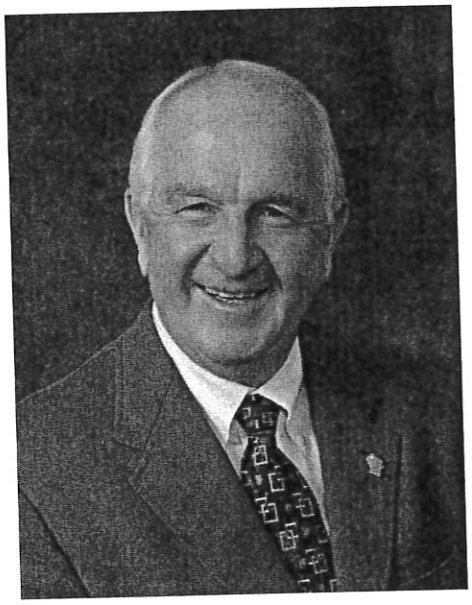
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Dear Mr. Howard,

Please accept this additional letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Tim Couch for nomination into the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Athlete Category. Tim's high school career as a successful multi-sport athlete is legendary in the Commonwealth as he is likely the best multi-sport athlete produced in our state, certainly in the last forty years. He was a standout in both basketball and football, and likely the top quarterback ever produced in Kentucky high school football, or any other state, at the time he played for Leslie County High School in Hyden, Kentucky.

As we have written in the past, Couch's re-wrote the state and national record book in passing statistics at the high school level. Before the days when gimmick offenses that have now allowed for more prolific statistics, Couch was putting up numbers in a traditional offensive setting that were never before heard of at the high school level, and particularly for a small mountain school in Eastern Kentucky. Tim's single season completion percentage of over 75% continue to stand as both state and national records, and at the time of his high school play, he held national and state marks in yardage, completions and touchdowns and was near the top in attempts. Though most of these marks have now been broken by other athletes, he continues to hold that national record in completion percentage in one season, and ranks in the top 10 in four categories.

Tim was also a standout basketball player, leading the basketball tradition-rich commonwealth in scoring during his junior year with more than 35 points per game on his way to scoring more than 3,000 points in his high school career.

Recently, there have been two separate pieces written about Tim and his legacy, and I have attached them for additional information that hopefully will help the screening committee and selection committee in their review. Though Tim went on to be a standout quarterback for the University of Kentucky and was eventually drafted by the Cleveland Browns as the number one draft pick of the 1999 NFL draft, it is solely for his high school exploits that we submit his nomination. This nomination seeks not to evaluate his college or professional career, but to celebrate his career at the high school level.

In keeping with the trends of the last few years, he certainly fits the mold of being a multi-dimension, multi-sport successful athlete, not a tunnel-visioned, sole sport competitor. It was his time at our level, in school based sport, from an area of our state perceived by some to lack standout athletes and athletic achievement, that make his accomplishments so stellar and him so worthy, and undoubtedly leave him uniquely qualified to be inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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Where is Tim Couch? Catching up with the Cleveland Browns' starting quarterbacks since 1999

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — When the Cleveland Browns returned to the NFL in 1999, the franchise pinned its hopes on a young quarterback from the University of Kentucky with its first draft pick.

Tim Couch was supposed to be the man to help the Browns get off the ground the right away. But that did not happen due to injuries and a lack of quality talent around him.

Couch did help lead the Browns to their only playoff appearance in 15 years, when he started 14 games in 2002.

Couch is No. 2 on our list as over the next three weeks we look back at all the Browns' starting quarterbacks since 1999. Here is a look at his career highlights and lowlights, and what he's been doing since his Cleveland days.

Tim Couch, 1999-2003

22-37 as a Browns starter

Before the Browns

Couch made a name for himself at Kentucky, throwing for more than 8,000 yards in his final two years of college.

As a senior in 1998, Couch completed 72 percent of his passes for 4,275 yards with 36 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. That season, he led the country in pass completions (400), was second in the country in passing yards (4,275) and was fourth in passing touchdowns (36).

How he came to the Browns

Couch was the first pick in the 1999 NFL Draft, drafted ahead of Syracuse's Donovan McNabb, Oregon's Akili Smith, Central Florida's Daunte Culpepper and UCLA's Cade McNown.

Of the five quarterbacks taken in the first round, only McNabb and Culpepper played in more than 100

games.

Browns highlights

Couch started in 14 games in his rookie season but finally got his first NFL win on October 31, 1999, in New Orleans. A Hail Mary from Couch to rookie wide receiver Kevin Johnson **gave the Browns a surprising 21-16 win in the Louisiana Superdome**. Couch threw for three touchdowns in the win.

Two weeks later, Couch engineered the Browns' second and final win of the season with a **16-15 win at rival Pittsburgh**.

Couch threw for a career-high 3,040 yards in 2001 to help the Browns to a 7-9 finish, winning more games that year than in the first two combined.

In 2002, Couch started the final 14 games of the regular season and was 8-6 as a starter to lead the Browns to a 9-7 record and the first and only postseason appearance for the team since it returned in 1999.

Couch's first start of the season came in Week 3 at Tennessee. He rallied his team from a **14-point deficit late in the fourth quarter to a 31-28 win in overtime.**

"This is my biggest moment in the NFL," Couch told The Plain Dealer after the game. "There was a lot of talk this week of whether I should even be the quarterback of this team. I know the guys in this locker room believe in me and I believe in myself. Hopefully, maybe today proved a point."

Another highlight of that season was a **21-20 victory at Jacksonville on December 8, 2002, when he completed another game-winning Hail Mary pass**, this time to Quincy Morgan.

Browns lowlights

As is the case with an expansion team, the Browns did not have a tremendous amount of talent to help Couch. The team won a combined five games in his first two seasons in Cleveland.

Couch was sacked 56 times in 1999, and 51 times in 2001.

Injuries also played a huge part in Couch's time with the team. In 2000, he suffered a broken thumb days after a Week 7 loss to Denver and missed the rest of the season.

Couch suffered a broken leg in the final game of the 2002 season, **which the Browns won against Atlanta to clinch a playoff spot**. Backup quarterback Kelly Holcomb started the playoff game the following week in Pittsburgh against the Steelers. **The Browns lost, 36-33**, despite Holcomb's impressive start, throwing for 429 yards and three touchdowns.

Couch lost his starting job to Holcomb in 2003, but Couch started eight games in his final year with the Browns. **His final start came in a 22-14 win at Cincinnati** where he threw for 115 yards.

How he left the Browns

Couch was released from the team after the 2003 season. Green Bay signed him prior to the 2004 season, but cut him after training camp.

Jacksonville signed Couch in 2007, but released him before the season started.

Couch never played another down in the NFL following the 2003 season.

For his career, Couch completed 59.8 percent of his passes for 11,131 yards, 64 touchdowns and 67 interceptions.

He was sacked 166 times in five seasons with the Browns.

What he's doing now

Couch has been a television analyst for the past few years since retiring from the NFL.

He is working for Fox Sports South as an analyst covering the SEC in college football.

The Class of 1999

The quarterback draft class of 1999 was supposed to be one of the best in NFL history since the class of 1983 that featured John Elway, Jim Kelly and Dan Marino.

Five quarterbacks were taken in the first 12 picks of the draft: Couch, Donovan McNabb, Akili Smith, Daunte Culpepper and Cade McNown.

Of those five, only three threw for more than 10,000 yards. McNabb and Culpepper were the only two to play in more than 100 games and McNabb was the lone member of the class who led his team to the Super Bowl.

Smith threw just five touchdowns in his career with the Cincinnati Bengals. By comparison, McNabb threw for five touchdowns in a game twice.

The 1999 NFL Draft also featured a pair of gems after the first round who had some success in the league.

Shaun King, the 50th pick in the draft, started for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 2000 NFC Championship Game and led his team to a 10-6 record in 2000.

The Green Bay Packers drafted Aaron Brooks 131st overall, and he had a decent career after being traded to the New Orleans Saints. Brooks threw for more than 3,500 yards in four consecutive seasons and threw 123 touchdowns.

Couch could not be reached for this story.

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Tim Couch still among all-time leaders in the record book

By John Gillis on September 05, 2014

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Following his stellar high school football career at Hyden (Kentucky) Leslie County High School that concluded in 1995, quarterback Tim Couch found his name atop or near the top of numerous statistical categories in the NFHS' online National High School Sports Record Book.

And despite the fact that 19 years have elapsed since Couch's gloried prep gridiron days, several of his performances still rank among the all-time best in high school history.

Couch finished his career with national records for career passing yards (12,104 yards), career passing touchdowns (133) and career pass completions (872). He also ranked second in career pass attempts (1,372) and seventh in career pass completion percentage (63.6 percent).

The 6-foot-5, 215-pound Couch made the Leslie County varsity football team as a mere seventh grader and backed up his brother, Greg, as an eighth-grader before starting the next four seasons.



Couch in action for Leslie County High School in Hyden, Kentucky.

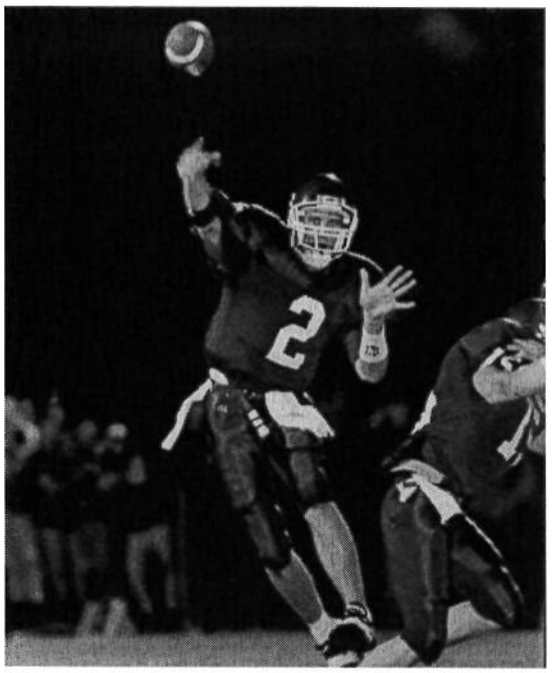
As a junior, Couch led Leslie County to a 13-0 start before losing to Covington Catholic in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Class AAA semifinals. The following season, Couch had eight games in which he passed for more than 300 yards, including a 533-yard, six-touchdown performance against Pikeville Shelby Valley High School in which he was pulled from the game just four minutes into the second half. In the process, he led Leslie County to an 11-3 season record and to the KHSAA Class AAA semifinals, where it fell to Fort Thomas Highlands High School.

"I think I was very fortunate in high school," Couch said. "We had a lot of talent, but we also had a coach - Mike Whitaker - who had been a college quarterback and put in an offense that allowed me to do the things that I was capable of. We had some very good wide receivers in Dan Baker, Eddie Melton and Ric Hensley.

"I also had a burning desire to be great - my work ethic was my strongest asset. I was always 'pass first' - but running was a big part of my game too. We had running plays designed for me.

"As far as role models were concerned, I wanted to be like my brother, Greg, who is four years older than me and was an all-state quarterback who went on to play at Eastern Kentucky University.

"The National Football League (NFL) player whose style I emulated was Troy Aikman of the Dallas Cowboys. I grew up a huge Cowboys fan and Troy was someone who inspired me to want to someday become an NFL quarterback."



Several of Couch's high school performances still rank highly in the Record Book. (Photo courtesy of the Lexington Herald-Leader)

After high school, Couch played college football at the University of Kentucky and for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL. Despite having substantial experience at all three levels of competition, he looks back on his high school days with the fondest memories.

"Playing high school football was my favorite level because it was an opportunity to play with the kids I grew up with my whole life, a chance to do special things, and an opportunity to win a lot of football games and break a lot of records," Couch said. "I look back at that time as my favorite part of my career – it was something that I'll never forget."

With an average of a million boys playing 11-player football every year (according to the NFHS' High School Athletics Participation Survey) and 19 years having elapsed since his senior year, some of Couch's performances have both withstood the test of time and the performances of 19 million student-athletes.

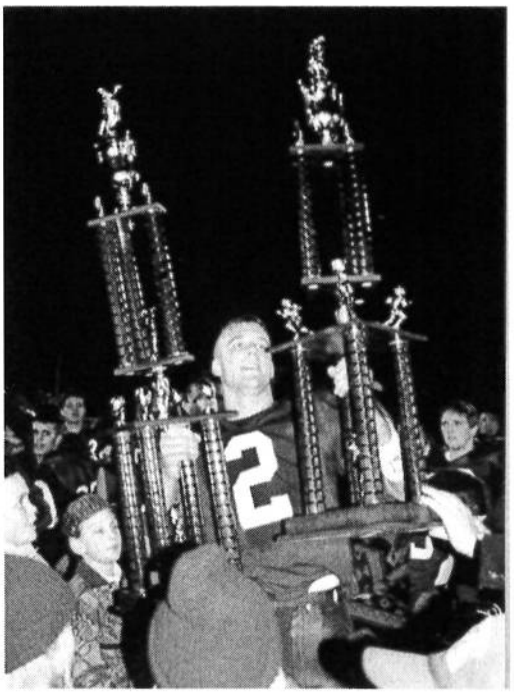
"That means a great deal to me," Couch began. "When I was in the moment and playing high school football, I didn't really realize what we were accomplishing as a team and me as an individual. But looking back on it all these years later, it's hard to imagine that coming from that little small town that we were able to do things that no one had ever done in the history of high school football before and they still rank up there today. It's incredible to think about – I'm really, really proud of that."

In addition to playing football, Couch was a standout high school basketball player who led the state in scoring with 35 points a game as a junior and scored 3,023 points during his career.

"I was a shooting guard in high school, and really considered myself more a basketball player than a football player until probably my senior year of high school," Couch recalled. "I had a lot of offers to play college basketball in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and in other conferences as well. I went to Kentucky with the intention of playing both sports.

"I chose Kentucky for several reasons. No. 1, it felt like the right thing to do and it felt like home to me. I had grown up a Kentucky basketball fan, but Kentucky football had much success when I was growing up. Coming out of high school, I had the opportunity to play ball at basically any school I wanted to; I chose Kentucky because I thought I could play early in my career and not have to sit behind anyone, and could play in the best conference in America (the SEC).

"Mostly, I enjoyed wearing a Kentucky jersey. I could've done the same things at any other school, but it meant more to me doing it at Kentucky because that was where my heart was. I got to play for my home-state school in front of my family and friends. Our greatest team accomplishments were beating Alabama the first time in 75 years, beating LSU on the road in a night game in Death Valley, and beating Louisville (our biggest rival) two times."



Couch at Leslie County's 1995 regional final game with Belfry. Leslie County subsequently lost to Fort Thomas Highlands in the state semifinals.

Following his junior season in which he was named First-Team All-American and was a Heisman Trophy finalist, Couch entered the NFL draft and was chosen No. 1 by the Cleveland Browns, for whom he played five seasons.

"I was really proud of the fact that we took an expansion team to the playoffs in my fourth year," Couch stated. "That's the only time that Cleveland has been to the playoffs since it returned to the NFL in 1999.

"These days, I work as a television broadcaster for Fox Sports South in which I call SEC football games. As far as family, my wife Heather and I have two boys - Chase who just turned nine in August, and Brady, who is 5. Both of them are athletes - they play baseball, basketball and soccer and Chase is playing football for the first time this year."

John Gillis

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☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Tim Couch's High School Records (at the time of graduation) 1992-95
Nation's All-Time Career Passing Leader: 12,104 Yards
Nation's All-Time Career Touchdown Completions: 133
Nation's All-Time Career Pass Completions: 872
Nation's Best Season Pass Completion Percentage: 75.1 (244/325)
National Second Most All-Time Passing Attempts: 1,372

Currently among NFHS Records (18 years after graduation)- Couch:
Ranks 13th among All-Time Passing Leaders (12104)
Ranks 10th among Most Career Passing Attempts (1372)
Ranks 9th among Most Career Completions (872)
Ranks 2nd among Higheast Season Pass Completion Percentage (75.1, 1994)
Has two listings in Most Single Season Passing Yards (3916-1995, 3651-1994)

Currently among Kentucky High School Athletic Association Football Records, Couch:
Currently listed in 18 records in football alone (attached)

Also was a standout in basketball:
Led the state in scoring with 37 points-per-game average as a junior
Scored a career 3,023 points (currently ranks 27th among all-time leaders in Kentucky

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

1995 USA Today & Gatorade National High School Football Player of the Year
1995 Kentucky's Mr. Football
1995 Roy Kidd Football Player of the Year Award
Two-time Kentucky Sportsman of the Year Award Recipient
Named sixth All-Time best high school athlete evey by ESPN.com

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Went on to play for the University of Kentucky, setting several school and conference records, guiding UK to an appearance in the 1998 Outback Bowl
Second-Team All-SEC (1997)
First Team All-SEC (1998)
First Team All-America (1998)
SEC Player of the Year (1998)
Heisman Trophy finalist (1998)

Top draft pick of the NFL by the Cleveland Browns

Letters of Recommendation

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November 14, 2013

Bruce Howard
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Dear Mr. Howard,

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Tim Couch for nomination into the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Athlete Category. Currently a resident of Lexington, His high school career as a multi-sport participant is legendary in the Commonwealth as he was a standout in basketball and likely the finest quarterback ever produced in Kentucky high school football, or any other state, while playing for Leslie County High School in Hyden.

During Couch's high school playing days, he re-wrote the state and national record book in terms of passing at the high school level. Before the days when gimmick offenses have allowed for more prolific statistics, Couch was putting up numbers never before heard of for a little mountain school in Eastern Kentucky. Tim's single season completion percentage of over 75% continue to stand as both state and national records, and at the time of his high school play, he held national and state marks in yardage, completions and touchdowns and was near the top in attempts. Though most of these marks have now been broken by other athletes, he continues to hold that national record in completion percentage in one season, and ranks in the top 10 in four categories.

Tim was also a standout basketball player, leading the basketball tradition-rich commonwealth in scoring during his junior year with more than 35 points per game on his way to scoring more than 3,000 points in his high school career.

I have attached additional information that hopefully will help the screening committee and selection committee in their review. Tim of course went on to be a standout quarterback for the University of Kentucky and was eventually drafted by the Cleveland Browns as the number one draft pick of the 1999 NFL draft. Certainly he had a lot of success in college and professionally (and likely would have had even more success were it not for injuries), but his high school playing days are also well documented, including an attached article from Sports Illustrated and a feature piece from the Philadelphia paper as well. It was his time at our level, from an area of our state perceived by some to lack standout athletes and athletic achievement, that make his accomplishments so stellar, and undoubtedly leave him uniquely qualified to be inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Julian Tackett
Commissioner

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Pride Of Hyden

Tim Couch, king of the Kentucky mountains, is also America's best high school passer

Steve Rushin

Elbert Couch parks his white Ford Bronco next to another emblem of American infamy: the Richard M. Nixon Recreation Center in Hyden, Ky. "There's two kinds around here," Couch says. "There's Republicans, and there's Damn Democrats. I'm a Damn Democrat, but we're outnumbered four to one in this county."

This is Leslie County, in the mountains of eastern Kentucky's Cumberland Plateau. It was here, in 1978, that Nixon made his first postexile public appearance, for the dedication of a grand gymnasium that honors his presidency. "Everybody knew us because of Nixon," says Leslie County High School basketball coach Ron Stidham, standing on his home court inside the Tricky Dick. "But that notoriety aside, Tim Couch has made Hyden—well, if not a household name exactly, at least people know where we are again."

Tim Couch, Elbert's son, is the best high school basketball player in Kentucky. He led the state in scoring last season, with 36 points a game as a Leslie County High junior. He is expected to be named Mr. Basketball of the Bluegrass after this season, which is why most Division I basketball coaches want to upholster Couch in their school colors come 1996.

Trouble is, Tim is also the most highly sought after football recruit in the nation, one who almost certainly will break the national record for career passing yardage this Friday night in the state quarterfinals. He is 50 yards away from breaking the mark of 11,700 set two years ago by Josh Booty of Evangel Christian High in Shreveport, La., and Couch needs only five touchdown passes to break that national record as well. "Couch is the best quarterback prospect I've seen in 17 years," drools Tom Lemming, who publishes a national recruiting newsletter. "Better than Jeff George, Ron Powlus and Peyton Manning. He reminds recruiters of John Elway." ESPN draft nitwit Mel Kiper Jr. agrees and considers Tim, who is 6'5" and 215 pounds, one of the best pro quarterback prospects in the nation. And to think that Tim is just 18.

"Everybody around here is just so happy," Tim says of Hyden (pop. 375). "They all want to see me go to the NFL and become a big star. It gives me a lot of pride, the way such a small place has rallied around one person."

Through it all Tim has remained unfailingly polite, genuinely humble and undeniably charismatic. Everywhere one goes in Kentucky, people talk about the closely-cropped Couch. He's like Gump, with a pump fake. And there's another important difference: "He's an A-B student," says Leslie County High principal Omus Shepherd. "In fact, to see him in school, you wouldn't know he's an athlete, you wouldn't know him from any other student. I don't know of any problem we've ever had out of the boy."

The boy was excused from class one afternoon early in the football season when Governor Brereton Jones came to Hyden to make Tim an honorary Kentucky Colonel, one of the youngest recipients of the state's equivalent of knighthood. The next evening the colonel threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in a 34-27 win at Woodford County High, after which several opponents wanted a piece of him. "I saw them coming at me and thought we were in a fight," says Tim. Instead, they wanted his autograph.

The next day Tim drove 124 miles to Lexington to watch the Kentucky- Louisville football game with his folks. En route, they stopped at a diner. Recently retired Los Angeles Laker center and former Kentucky star Sam Bowie approached Tim's table to say how much he has enjoyed following Tim's career. Emboldened, Adolph Rupp's grandson Chip, who also happened to be in the diner, did the same. After the game the Couches repaired to the Lexington home of Miami Heat guard and ex-Wildcat star Rex Chapman, who simply wanted to meet Tim.

"I told him he was my hero growing up," Tim says of Chapman. "I told him how I dreamed in the backyard about filling his shoes some day at

Kentucky."

"Tim used to shoot baskets outside for hours in the winter, until his fingers were bleeding," says Tim's mother, Janice. "I always had to make him come in before he got frostbite."

Come summer, he would throw footballs all afternoon with his older—by four years—brother, Greg. Tim always pretended to be Joe Montana or Dan Marino. Now, Marino aspires to play with Couch. "I hope I'm still in the league when you get here," the Miami Dolphin quarterback told Couch when the two met in Cincinnati, where the Dolphins played the Bengals on Oct. 1.

Tim never played baseball. "He told me in ninth grade, 'Dad, I don't want to stand there and let them throw a ball 60 miles an hour at my head," recalls Elbert, who is director of transportation for the county school system. When Greg became the quarterback at Leslie County High, Tim attended practices. "In fifth and sixth grade he was throwing the ball like a rocket," says Eagle football coach Joe Beder, an assistant at the time. "You knew then he would be the quarterback here."

Couch made the high school team as a seventh-grader, backed up his brother as an eighth-grader and became the starting quarterback as a freshman, when Greg went to play football at Eastern Kentucky (where, after redshirting one season, he's now a junior reserve). Tim points to the utility pole in the front yard of his family's comfortable two-story home. "When Greg went to college, I used to throw at that light pole," he says. "I'd take a five-step drop and try to hit it as if it was a receiver on the run, 30 feet out." Then he would place two garbage cans next to each other and throw "little fade passes" over the first defending can and into the second. "There's not much else to do in Hyden," says Todd Crawford, a physician's assistant who works with the Leslie County team.

So the Hydenites watch Couch. County judge-executive Onzie Sizemore was a star high school quarterback in Hyden in the early 1970s. "Tim is the best athlete I've ever seen in Kentucky," says the judge, deliberating on Tim down at the county court-and jailhouse. "He's the best thing that ever happened to Hyden. I just hope he doesn't run for county judge-executive, because then I'm out of a job."

They come from all over Kentucky to see Tim play. On Friday nights cars back up for a mile at the toll booth that guards the Hyden exit of the Daniel Boone Parkway. And when the Eagles play an away game, says Rick Hensley, whose son Ricky is Tim's favorite target, "last one outta town turns out the lights."

There is a sign outside of town that reads HYDEN: HOME OF OSBORNE BROS. Stars of the Grand Ole Opry, the Osbornes wrote Rocky Top, which is the football anthem at Tennessee, whose Volunteers are unanimously reviled in Kentucky. When Tim engineered a season-opening 44-42 upset of Fort Thomas Highlands High in Lexington, he came home to find that benevolent vandals had altered the sign so it read HYDEN: HOME OF TIM COUCH.

This season Couch has thrown for nearly 3,500 yards and 37 touchdowns in 12 games. Clearly, his numbers are preposterous. Last year he completed 75.1% of his passes, a national record. Against Clark County High in the 1994 season opener, he completed 25 of 27 passes. Against Shelby Valley High this fall, he threw for 533 yards and seven scores and was pulled four minutes into the second half. Likewise, in October he played only one half against one of Kentucky's top-ranked teams, Hopkinsville, when the badly outmanned Eagles were bused seven hours each way and lost 61-0.

Even that defeat didn't cool the ardor of the Couch potatoes, as Hyden's residents have come to call themselves. As he drives home from football practice in his Mercury Cougar on an autumn Thursday, Couch waves like a parade marshal to every passing pedestrian, then enters his house and is handed the telephone. " Tennessee," says Janice, and Tim chats cordially with Volunteer football coach Phillip Fulmer. Bobby Bowden, Terry Bowden, Lou Holtz and Joe Paterno check in weekly as well.

There is enormous pressure on him to play football at Kentucky, and the Cats are on Couch like cats on a couch. Here is a front-page Lexington Herald-Leader headline: COUCH TO WATCH UK SCRIMMAGE. Kentucky basketball coach Rick Pitino met with Tim and promised him a spot on the basketball team if he signs to play football for the Wildcats. And Kentucky football coach Bill Curry, although forbidden by the NCAA to talk about recruits, called him "the best high school prospect I've ever seen." Every Omus, Onzie and Elbert in Kentucky expects Tim to make the Cats an instant football power. "I may be crazy, but I believe Tim Couch is good enough to get this program back to the Sugar Bowl," writes columnist Dave Barker in The Cats' Pause, a Kentucky sports weekly. "Yes, that's right. From 1-10 to 10-1."

"Lord God, if Tim goes to UK they'll be namin' babies for him before he plays his first game," says Elbert's friend Vic DeSimone. "Every kid in Kentucky will wear a number 2 jersey." DeSimone—a candy manufacturer's rep who has dropped by Leslie County High to chat—furrows his brow before giving voice to every Kentuckian's darkest fear. "You wouldn't let him go to Tennessee, would you?" he asks Elbert. "I

mean, the boy can go to Liberty Baptist and still become a pro."

"Have to take the Fifth Amendment on that one," says Elbert, who later concedes: "If Tim does go out of state, we'll have to move out of state."

Wherever Couch goes, if he plays basketball at all in college, it will be as an afterthought to football, and a great many disappointed people will be left in his wake. "It's hard for an 18-year-old kid to tell a coach whom he's grown up adoring that he isn't going to play for him," says Tim, who is still considering Auburn, Florida, Kentucky, Notre Dame, Ohio State and (sigh) Tennessee. "I'm thinking about it all the time," he says of his impending decision. "Even if I'm just lying in bed, it never leaves my mind."

He has made certain of that. Taped above the light switch in his bedroom is a two-sentence note from a football assistant at Northwestern. "Your talent is God's gift to you," it reads. "What you do with your talent is your gift back to God."

It is the last thing that Tim sees each night when he turns out the lights.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORDS

POINTS SCORED - CAREER (Min. 500)

	Player (School) Years
837	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
722	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1961-63
702	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2001-04
696	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01
680	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96
676	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) 2009-12
662	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1991-94
632	Josh Gross (Russell) 2001-04
618	Mike Minix (Paintsville) 1956-1960
612	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2003-06
602	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98
594	Jon Chapman (Pikeville) 1995-98
588	Shawn Robbins (Bell Co.) 2001-04
584	Michael West (Lawrence Co.) 1998-01
568	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2006-09
558	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
554	Jerrold Fuqua (Caldwell County) 1995-98
544	Dalton Cissell (North Bullitt) 2005-08
538	Brent Coleman (Pikeville) 1993-96
536	Marty Reagan (Rockcastle County) 1999-02
522	John Ortega (Prestonsburg) 1995-98
510	Jason Michael (Lawrence County) 1994-97
506	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2006-09
	Bubby Lewis (Fleming County) 1977-80
500	Greg Hackney (Pikeville) 1986-88

POINTS SCORED - SEASON (Min. 250)

	Player (School) Year
326	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994
313	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1963
308	Damon Hood (Warren Central) 1990
302	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2009
301	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
294	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009
292	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1962
288	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 2001
284	Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) 1993
	James Fletcher (Somerset) 1984
274	Anthony Wales (Central) 2011
272	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) 2012
269	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1996
264	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009
	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2008
	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2006
	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2005
	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2001-04
	Calvin Bird (Corbin) 1956
	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) 2001
258	Josh Gross (Russell) 2004
254	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Catholic) 2003
252	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon County) 2011
	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1993
	Mike Minix (Paintsville) 1960
250	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2011
	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2009
	Michael Penman (Lincoln County) 1988

POINTS SCORED - GAME (Min. 42)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year (Pts)
72	Don Gullett (South Shore McKell) vs. Wurtland, 1968 (11 TD, 6 PAT)
68	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Homes) vs. Louisville Catholic Country Day, 1962 (10 TD, 8 Conv.)
66	Billy Bird (Corbin) vs. Williamsburg, NA (N/A)
54	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) vs. Shawnee, 2001 (9 TD)
48	Jaylen Boyd (Caldwell County) vs. Calloway County, 8-19-11 (8 TD)
	Nathaniel Gilliam (Harlan Co.) vs. Middlesboro, 10-17-08 (7 TD, 3 Conv.)
	Michael Hanley (Apollo) vs. Graves Co., 1998 (N/A)
	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) vs. Owensboro, 1997 (8 TD)
45	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) vs. Marion County, 1999 (7 TD, 3 PAT)
	Eck Allen (Ashland Blazer) vs. DuPont Manual, 1930 (N/A)
44	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) vs. St. Thomas More, Canada, 9-9-11 (7 TD, 1 Conv.)
	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon Co.) vs. Estill Co., 9-30-11 (7 TD, 1 Conv.)
	Xavier Bacon (Fort Knox) vs. Kentucky Country Day, 2006 (7 TD, 1 Conv.)
	JW Duvall (Paris) vs. N/A, N/A (7TD, 2PAT)
43	Jason Michael (Lawrence County) vs. N/A, N/A (6 TD, 2 PAT, 2 Conv.)
42	Damien Harris (Madison Southern) vs. Powell County, 9-12-12 (7 TD)
	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) vs. Woodford County, 10-7-11 (7 TD)
	Conner Johnson (Henry Co.) vs. Gallatin Co., 10-29-10 (6 TD, 3 Conv.)
	Alan Williams (Marshall Co.) vs. Daviess Co. (7 TD)
	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) vs. Rowan Co., 2001 (7 TD)
	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) vs. Atherton, 2000 (7 TD, 1 KO Return)
	Travis Gossum (Bullitt East) vs. North Bullitt, 1999
	Keith Dunn (Harrodsburg) vs. East Jessamine, 1997, (N/A)
	Shaun Alexander (Boone Co.) vs. Lafayette, 1994, (N/A)
	Shaun Alexander (Boone Co.) vs. Campbell Co., 1993, (N/A)
	Henry Parks (Harrodsburg) vs. Berea, 1976, (N/A)

TOUCHDOWNS - CAREER (Min. 75)

	Player (School) Years
138	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
116	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2004
112	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) 2009-12
	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96
110	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1991-94
	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01
105	Josh Gross (Russell) 2001-04
103	Mike Minix (Paintsville) 1956-60
102	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2003-06
100	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98
99	Jon Chapman (Pikeville) 1995-98
97	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2001-04
95	Michael West (Lawrence County) 1998-01
92	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2006-09
91	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2006-09
	Jerrold Fuqua (Caldwell County) 1995-98
89	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
87	Marty Reagan (Rockcastle County) 1999-02
85	Brent Coleman (Pikeville) 1993-96
84	Bubby Lewis (Fleming County) 1977-80
83	Dalton Cissell (North Bullitt) 2005-08
82	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-03
81	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2006-09
80	Greg Hackney (Pikeville) 1986-88
79	Shane Israel (Lexington Catholic) 2004-07
78	Michael Hanley (Apollo) 1995-98
77	Wes Vincent (Edmonson County) 1993-96
75	Avery Hibbitt (Bowling Green) 2003-06
	David Kelley (Middlesboro) 1995-98
	Mark Higgs (Owensboro) 1980-83
	David Hensley (Cawood) 1979-82

TOUCHDOWNS - SEASON (Min. 40)

	Player (School) Year
72	Travis Atwell (Hancock County) 1999
54	Dusty Hall (Shelby Valley) 1999
	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994
49	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009
48	Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) 1993
	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1963
46	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 2001
	James Fletcher (Somerset) 1984
45	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) 2012
44	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2006
	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2005
	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) 2001
	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
43	Josh Gross (Russell) 2004
	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2004
	Damon Hood (Warren Central) 1990
	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1996
42	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009
	Mike Minix (Paintsville) 1960
	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Cathloic) 2003
	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1993
41	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2009
	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2008
	Lee Renfro (Pulaski Southwestern) 2004
40	Damien Harris (Madison Southern) 2012
	Jamale Clark (Paris) 1998
	Michael Penman (Lincoln County) 1988

TOUCHDOWNS - GAME (Min. 7)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
11	Don Gullett (McKell) vs. Wurtland, 1968
10	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) vs. Lou. Catholic Country Day, 1962
9	Monquante Gibson (Moore) vs. Shawnee, 2001
8	Jaylen Boyd (Caldwell Co.) vs. Calloway Co., 8-19-11
	Michael Hanley (Apollo) vs. Graves County, 1998
	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) vs. Owensboro, 1997
	Don Field (Owensboro) vs. Henderson, 1917
7	Damien Harris (Madison Southern) vs. Powell County, 9-12-12 (7 TD)
	Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) vs. Woodford County, 10-7-11 (7 TD)
	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon County) vs. Estill County, 9-30-11
	Nathaniel Gilliam (Harlan County) vs. Middlesboro, 10-17-08
	Alan Williams (Marshall Co.) vs. Daviess County, 2006
	Xavier Bacon (Fort Knox) vs. Kentucky Country Day, 2006
	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) vs. Rowan County, 2001
	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) vs. Atherton, 2000
	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) vs. Marion Co., 1999
	Jamale Clark (Paris) vs. Owen County, 1998
	Keith Dunn (Harrodsburg) vs. East Jessamine, 1997
	Billy Peck (Phelps) vs. Jenkins, 1997
	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) vs. Lafayette, 1994
	Shaun Alexander (Boone Co.) vs. Campbell Co., 1993
	Henry Parks (Harrodsburg) vs. Berea, 1976
	Ed Terrel (Middlesboro) vs. Wallins Creek, 1935
	Terry Snoddy (Owensboro) vs. Henderson, 1917

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS -CAREER (Min. 75)

	Player (School) Years
120	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
110	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96
109	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2001-04
104	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1991-94
98	Corey Goodson (Western) 2001-2004
	Jon Chapman (Pikeville) 1995-98
97	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2001-05
	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01
	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98
93	Michael West (Lawrence County) 1998-01
88	Josh Gross (Russell) 2001-04
84	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2003-06
	Bubby Lewis (Fleming County) 1977-80
83	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2006-09
	Jerrold Fuqua (Caldwell County) 1995-98
81	DeShae Henson (Clay County) 1990-93
79	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2006-09
	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
78	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2006-09
77	Wes Vincent (Edmonson County) 1993-96
75	Travis Atwell (Hancock County) 1996-99
	Michael Bright (Mayfield) 1992-95
	Mark Higgs (Owensboro) 1980-83

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS - SEASON (Min. 35)

	Player (School) Year
50	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994
45	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2009
43	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009
	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 2001
42	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009
41	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2011
	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1996
40	Anthony Wales (Central) 2011
39	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) 2001
	Keith Dunn (Harrodsburg) 1997
38	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon County) 2011
	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2009
	Kasey Clark (Russell) 2006
	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2004
	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Catholic) 2003
	Travis Atwell (Hancock County) 1999
37	Damien Harris (Madison Southern) 2012
	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) 2008
36	Lee Renfro (Pulaski Southwestern) 2004
	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2004
	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1998
35	Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
	Jamie Clark (Paris) 1998
	Jamale Clark (Paris) 1998
	Michael Skees (Edmonson County) 1997
	Justin Frisk (Highlands) 1996

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS - GAME (Min. 7)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
8	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) vs. Seneca, 2001
	Michael Hanley (Apollo) vs. Graves County, 1998
	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) vs. Owensboro, 1997
7	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon Co.) vs. Estill Co., 9-30-11
	Nathaniel Gilliam (Harlan Co.) vs. Middlesboro, 10-17-08
	Andy Clark (Seneca) vs. Shelby County, 2003
	Travis Gossum (Bullitt East) vs. North Bullitt, 1999
	Anton Payne (Valley) vs. North Bullitt, 1999
	Jamale Clark (Paris) vs. Owen County, 1998
	Billy Peck (Phelps) vs. Jenkins, 1997
	Keith Dunn (Harrodsburg) vs. East Jessamine, 1997
	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) vs. Taylor County, 1996
	Shaun Alexander (Boone Co.) vs. Campbell Co., 1993
	Henry Parks (Harrodsburg) vs. Berea, 1976
	Ed Terrel (Middlesboro) vs. Wallins Creek, 1935

TOUCHDOWN PASSES - CAREER (Min. 75)

	Player (School) Years
133	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005-08
	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1992-95
132	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2005-07
120	Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-2004
119	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2001-03
116	Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2001-04
112	Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
	Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 1998-01
	Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 1999-02
111	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1995-98
109	Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2003-06
105	Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) 2005-08
104	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2004-07
	Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99
102	Chris Redman (Male) 1991-94
99	John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01
96	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010-12
94	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2002-04
92	Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2002-05
	Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999-00
	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1998-00
90	Keith Tandy (Christian County) 2004-06
89	Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1995-98
	Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 1999-02
88	Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1991-94
87	Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2002-04
83	Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2000-03
82	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-04
	Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1997-00
81	Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1996-99
80	Deontey Kenner (Hopkinsville) 1993-96
79	Jon Combs (Hazard) 2007-10
	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98
77	Alex Dingle (John Hardin) 2006-09
	Tyler Olinger (Hazard) 2005-08
	Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99
75	Pat Smith (Carroll County) 1978-81
	Brandon Blackerby (Male) 1998-01
72	Patrick Towles (Highlands) 2009-11

TOUCHDOWN PASSES - SEASON (Min. 40)

	Player (School) Year
91	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007
62	Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2005
58	Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002
57	Chris Redman (Male) 1994
56	Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999
55	Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999
54	Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
53	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2011
	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000
52	Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
50	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003
49	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2007
48	Jon Combs (Hazard) 2010
	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994
	Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1994
47	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998
45	Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004
	Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998
44	Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2004
	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2003
43	Ross Deaton (Somerset) 2006
42	Patrick Towles (Highlands) 2011
	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998
	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995
41	Logan Woodside (Franklin County) 2012
	Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2008
	Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2005
	David Woodward (Owensboro Catholic) 2005
	Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004 (As of 11/14/04)
	Aaron Anderkin (Rockcastle County) 2001
40	Devin Hayes (Bowling Green) 2012
	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2007
	Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 2002
	Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 2001
	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997

TOUCHDOWN PASSES - GAME (Min. 8)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
9	Dylan Beasley (Nelson Co.) vs. North Bullitt, 9-21-12
	Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Scott County, 11-9-07
	J.J. Hesch (Newport) vs. Spencer County, 2005
	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) vs. Harlan, 2003
	Gerry Ahrens (Male) vs. Seneca, 1997
8	Dylan Beasley (Nelson Co.) vs. Marion Co., 8-31-12
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Caldwell County, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Muhlenberg North, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Reidland, 2007
	Keith Tandy (Christian Co.) vs. Greenwood, 9-29-06
	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) vs. Holmes, 2000
	Ryan Jones (Madison Central) vs. Lafayette, 1999
	Allen Sperry (Breathitt Co.) vs. Powell County, 1999
	Chris Redman (Male) vs. Atherton, 1994
	Chris Redman (Male) vs. Ballard, 1994

TOUCHDOWN PASSES - HALF (Min. 5)

	Player (School) Year
8	J.J. Hesch (Newport) vs. Spencer County, 2005
	Chris Redman (Male) vs. Atherton, 1994
	Chris Redman (Male) vs. Ballard, 1994
7	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak)
	vs. Hopkins County Central, 10-14-11
	Patrick Towles (Highlands) vs. Pendleton Co., 10-6-11
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Reidland, 2007
	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) vs. Holmes, 2000
	Allen Sperry (Breathitt Co.) vs. Powell County, 1999
6	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Calloway County, 9-23-11
	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Owensboro, 9-30-11
	Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville) vs. Seneca, 10-8-10
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Todd Co. Central, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Union Co., 2007
	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) vs. Harlan, 2003
	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) vs. Jellico, TN, 2003
	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. Shawnee, 2003
	John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) vs. Carroll Co., 2000
	Steven Sizemore (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 2000
	Dan Moser (Trigg County) vs. Caldwell County, 2000
	Neil Warren (South Laurel) vs. Clay County, 1999
	Michael Caba (Magoffin Co.) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1995
	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. Washington Co., 10-22-04
5	Devin Hayes (Bowling Green) vs. Logan Co., 9-28-12
	Patrick Towles (Highlands) vs. Holmes, 10-14-11
	Patrick Towles (Highlands) vs. Mason County, 9-16-11
	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 10-28-11
	Evan Whitaker (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 10-14-11
	Jon Combs (Hazard) vs. Allen Central, 11-5-10
	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 10-29-10
	Jon Combs (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 10-15-10
	Jon Combs (Hazard) vs. Williamsburg, 9-17-10
	Jon Combs (Hazard) vs. Paris, 9-10-10
	Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Scott County, 11-9-07
	Tyler Olinger (Hazard) vs. Pineville, 10-19-07
	Tyler Olinger (Hazard) vs. Perry Co. Central, 9-21-07
	Tyler Olinger (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 9-7-01
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Caldwell County, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Fulton City, 2007
	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Muhlenberg North, 2007
	Tyler Hancock (Lex. Catholic) vs. Western Hills, 10-20-06
	Bartley Weaver (Caverna) vs. Evangel, 9-16-05
	Brad Savko (Trinity (Louisville)) vs. Ryle, 2004
	Justin Burke (Lex. Catholic) vs. West Jessamine, 2003
	Justin Burke (Lex. Catholic vs. Bourbon County, 2003
	Dustin Grutza (Mason Co.) vs. Montgomery Co., 2003
	Aaron Anderkin (Rockcastle Co.) vs. Knott Co. Central, 2001
	Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) vs. Owen Co., 2000
	Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) vs. Mercer County, 1999
	Durell Olinger (Hazard) vs. Phelps, 2005
	Neil Warren (South Laurel) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1999
	Ronnie Grigsby (Hazard) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1996

Kaelin Ammons (Franklin Co.) vs. Western Hills, 2005

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS - CAREER (Min. 10)

Player (School) Year

39 Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 1999-02
37 Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2003-05
35 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2003-06
30 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1993-95
29 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2002-04
Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2001-04
26 Ryan Phillippi (Henry Clay) 2006-07
25 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003-2004
24 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2010-Present
Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2007-08
Aaron Anderkin (Rockcastle County) 2001-02
21 Jon Combs (Hazard) 2009-10
Gary Gumm (Doss) 1995-96
Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2004-05
20 Neal Tucker (Somerset) 2001-02
John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 2000-01
19 Ben Meighan (Paul Dunbar) 1996-97
18 Tommy Owen (Marion County) 1992-93
17 Brandon Gupton (Taylor County) 1998-99
16 Kyle Bolin (Lexington Catholic) 2010-Present
Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2005-07
Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1999-00
15 Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) 2009
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007
14 Nell Warren (South Laurel) 1998-99
Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1997-98
13 Evan Whitaker (Hazard) 2011
Daniel Ard (Marshall Co.) 2004-05
Cole Draugh (Pulaski County) 2003
Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2001-02
Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003
12 Dalton Sizemore (Williamsburg) 2012
Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002-03
David McDaniel (Harrison County) 1988
Rick Chasteen (Harrison County) 1966-67
11 Tyler Hancock (Lexington Catholic) 2006
Austin Berry (Crittenden County) 2004-05
Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002-03
Bill Faulkner (Harrison County) 1999-00
DeWayne Whitfield (Valley) 1998
10 Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) 10-4-07 to 12-8-07
Travis Broughton (Bullitt East) 2005
Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2003

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS - CAREER (Min. 30)

Player (School) Years

69 John Cole (Somerset) 2004-07
59 Montrell Jones (Male) 1997-00
57 James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-12
52 Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1996-99
47 Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1997-00
Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 1998-00
40 Branden Burdette (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
Chris Lofton (Mason County) 2001-03
Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1991-94
39 Edward Berry Jr. (Eminence) 2005-08
Chris Lamar (Henderson County) 2002-05
38 Wes Caldwell (Lexington Catholic) 2003-06
Joe McGeorge (Bell County) 1985-88
37 Jordan Olinger (Hazard) 2009-12
Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2006-08
Michael Bush (Male) 1999-02
36 Felix Colon (Lone Oak) 2008-11
Derek Smith (Highlands) 1996-98
35 Kevin McGraw (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-03
34 Chris Dobbins (Calloway County) 2005-08
33 Josh Hale (Rockcastle County) 1998-01
32 Jacob Tamme (Boyle County) 1999-02
Matt Miller (Boyle County) 1997-00
Ben Smith (Taylor County) 1997-99
Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1996-99
Dougie Allen (Paul Dunbar) 1994-97
Jon Olinger (Hazard) 1994-97
31 Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville)) 2005-07
Dan Baker (Leslie County) 1991-94

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS - SEASON (Min. 20)

Player (School) Year

28 Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2007
John Cole (Somerset) 2006
27 Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 2000
25 Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1999
Josh Hale (Rockcastle County) 2001
24 Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2007 (as of 11/20/07)
Devron Wadlington (Trigg County) 2000
Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1994
23 John Cole (Somerset) 2007
22 Montrell Jones (Male) 1999
Lane Young (South Laurel) 1999
Jon Olinger (Hazard) 1997
21 James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
Wes Caldwell (Lexington Catholic) 2005
Lane Young (South Laurel) 1999
Leon Mack (Paul Dunbar) 1999
Murray Garvin (Pikeville) 1991
20 Corey Shelton (Williamsburg) 2012
Eric Walker (Holy Cross (Covington)) 2011
Chris Lofton (Mason County) 2003
Ryan Postel (Lexington Catholic) 2001
Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1999
Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1999
Dan Baker (Leslie County) 1994

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS - GAME (Min. 4)

Player (School) Opponent, Year

6 Jordan Burk (Shelby County) vs. Scott County, 11-9-07
Brett Hamblen (Highlands) vs. Scott, 2000
5 Jacob Tamme (Boyle County) vs. East Jessamine, 2001
Lane Young (South Laurel) vs. Madison Central, 1999
Derek Smith (Highlands) vs. Scott, 1998
Randy Stegman (Highlands) vs. Simon Kenton, 1997
4 Khalil Bourn (Nelson Co.) vs. Marion County, 8-31-12
Tez Sivils (Caldwell Co.) vs. Calloway County, 8-19-11
George Garner (Calloway Co.) vs. Bullitt East, 12-5-08
Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Lou.)) vs. Lafayette, 11-2-07
E.J. Dettmer (Dixie Heights) vs. Campbell Co., 11-2-07
Ben Revere (Lex. Catholic) vs. Franklin Co., 11-10-06
Orrie Carter (Shelby County) vs. Ballard, 2006
John Cole (Somerset) vs. Southwestern, 8-25-06
Wes Caldwell (Lexington Catholic) vs. Scott Co., 2005
Patrick West (Franklin-Simpson)
vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville, 2002
Kevin McGraw (Owensboro Catholic)
vs. Ft. Campbell, 2002
Chad Stewart (Waggener) vs. Doss, 2002
Josh Hale (Rockcastle Co.) vs. Breathitt Co., 8-31-01
Ryan Postel (Lex. Catholic) vs. Western Hills, 2001
Ahmona Maxwell (Paducah Tilghman)
vs. Bowling Green, 2001
Devron Wadlington (Trigg Co.) vs. Fulton City, 2000
Andrew Rhody (Western Hills) vs. Shelby Co., 9-3-99
Donnie Paul Fugate (Perry Co. Central)
vs. Johnson Central, 9-24-99
Montrell Jones (Male) vs. Central, 10-8-99
Lane Young (South Laurel) vs. Johnson Central, 10-8-99
Seth Flener (Hancock Co.) vs. Ballard Memorial, 11-5-99
Brett Hamblen (Harrison Co.) vs. Highlands, 11-12-99
Seth Crisp (Prestonsburg) vs. Morgan County, 1998
Rayvon Patterson (Waggener) vs. Bullitt Central, 10-3-97
Cody Brown (Nelson Co.) vs. Grayson County, 1997
Dougie Allen (Paul Dunbar) vs. Nelson County, 1996
Brannon Caldwell (Leslie County)
vs. George Rogers Clark, 1994
Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) vs. Campbellsville, 1994
Dan Baker (Leslie County) vs. Clay County, 1994
Mack Owens (Doss) vs. Moore, 1992
Darrell Bowman (Whitley Co.) vs. Madison Southern, 1988
William Stivers (Clay County) vs. Whitley County, 1984
Billy Lindsey (Glasgow) vs. Hart County, 1972
Shane McDonald (Franklin Co.) vs. Western Hills, 10-7-03

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING RECORDS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS - CAREER (Min. 700)

	Player (School) Year
1,091	Wes Vincent (Edmonson County) 1993-96
1,015	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) 1998-01
1,003	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1992-94
	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98
988	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
977	Mike Sutkamp (Bellevue) 1979-81
929	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
924	Cory Farris (Boone County) 2004-07
904	Weston Smoot (Nicholas County) 1996-99
901	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96
897	Weston Smoot (Nicholas County) 1996-99
851	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01
839	Scott Russell (Evarts) 1988-91
824	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2006-09
782	George Bridges (Trigg County) 1986-89
772	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2001-04
758	Michael West (Larence County) 1998-01
754	Preston Herron (Boone County) 1995-98
749	John Ransdell (Boone County) 1986-88
731	Al Baker (Trigg County) 1981-85
723	Jon Sutkamp (Bellevue) 1977-79
712	Robert McCloud (Mercer County) 2001-04

RUSHING ATTEMPTS - SEASON (Min. 350)

	Player (School) Year
487	Mike Sutkamp (Bellevue) 1981
456	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994
424	Wes Vincent (Edmonson County) 1996
409	Cory Farris (Boone County) 2004-07
397	Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) 1993
387	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009
379	Jon Sutkamp (Bellevue) 1979
378	Tyran Robertson (Elizabethtown) 1997
377	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) 1997
367	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) 2000
362	Steve Little (Seneca) 1996
	Michael Penman (Lincoln County) 1988
359	Dustin Powell (Southwestern) 2011
	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) 1999
353	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1989

RUSHING ATTEMPTS - GAME (Min. 40)

	Player (School) Year
57	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) vs. Owensboro, 1997
54	Cory Farris (Boone County) vs. Shelby County, 2007
51	Weston Smith (Nicholas County) vs. Berea, 1999
50	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) vs. Frankfort, 11-13-09
49	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) vs. Lloyd Memorial, 10-30-09
	Jason Calvert (Bullitt East) vs. Elizabethtown, 1995
	Donald Wayne Smith (Harrodsburg) vs. Anderson County, 1984
47	Gabe Blair (North Laurel) vs. Madison Southern, 10-14-11
	Michael Brown (Butler) vs. Doss, 1996
	Jason Calvert (Bullitt East) vs. Fort Knox, 1995
44	Russell Polland (Scott) vs. Dixie Heights, 2002
	Chad Jaggers (Edmonson Co.) vs. Green Co., 1999
	Michael Penman (Lincoln Co.) vs. Woodford Co., 1988
	Donald Wayne Smith (Harrodsburg) vs. Paris, 1984
42	Dustin Powell (Southwestern) vs. Christian County, 10-28-11
	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Glasgow, 2003
	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) vs. Ludlow, 1999
41	Miles Simpson (Simon Kenton) vs. Conner, 11-21-08
	Jeramie Sorina (Crittenden County) vs. Russellville, 10-26-06
	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) vs. Bellevue, 2000
	Zack Thomas (Evarts) vs. Union County, TN, 1999
	Greg Bridges (Trigg Co.) vs. Caldwell County, 1989
	Kevin Crisp (North Bullitt) vs. Marion County, 1996
40	Eric Moore (Holy Cross (Louisville)) vs. DeSales, 2001

RUSHING YARDS - CAREER (Min. 5,000)

	Player (School) Years
8,633	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2008-11
8,224	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96
8,213	Anthony Wales (Central) 2008-11
7,839	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98
7,725	Michael West (Lawrence County) 1998-01
7,170	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2001-04
7,148	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
7,090	Scott Russell (Evarts) 1988-91
7,039	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
6,994	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2001-04
6,741	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01
6,737	Dalton Cissell (North Bullitt) 2005-08
6,721	Mark Higgs (Owensboro) 1980-83
6,696	Brent Coleman (Pikeville) 1993-96
6,662	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1991-94
6,472	Bubby Lewis (Fleming County) 1977-80
6,227	Cory Farris (Boone County) 2004-07
6,200	Sonny Collins (Madisonville) 1968-71
6,062	Corey Goodson (Western) 2001-2004
5,930	Jerrold Fuqua (Caldwell County) 1995-98
5,909	Wes Vincent (Edmonson County) 1993-96
5,799	Josh Gross (Russell) 2001-04
5,633	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-03
5,633	Steve Everson (Newport C. Catholic) 1998-01
5,592	Travis Gossum (Bullitt East) 1996-99
5,564	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2006-09
5,495	DeShae Henson (Clay County) 1990-93
5,396	Al Baker (Trigg County) 1981-85
5,341	Andrew McCloud (Mercer County) 2001-04
5,279	James Sloan (Wayne County) 1987-90
5,277	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2006-09
5,117	Wayne Stevens (Rowan County) 2003-06
5,098	Donald Smith (Harrodsburg) 1982-85
5,058	Patrick Harris (Kentucky School f/t Deaf) 1992-95
5,024	Dalton Cissell (North Bullitt) 2005-present (SR; 08)
5,014	Preston Herron (Boone County) 1995-98
5,012	Michael Hanley (Apollo) 1995-98

RUSHING YARDS - SEASON (Min. 2,600)

	Player (School) Year
3,361	Frank Jones (Bath County) 1969
3,203	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2010
3,166	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994
3,076	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009
3,061	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2011
3,044	Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) 1993
3,003	Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1996
2,994	Anthony Wales (Central) 2010
2,927	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon County) 2011
2,858	Mark Higgs (Owensboro) 1983
2,851	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009
2,833	Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1963
2,824	Cory Farris (Boone County) 2007
2,812	Pat Sapp (Carroll County) 1992
2,784	Anthony Wales (Central) 2011
2,771	Tyran Robertson (Elizabethtown) 1997
2,766	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2009
2,756	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 2001
2,727	Michael West (Lawrence County) 1999
2,685	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2004
2,684	Shawn Grimm (Johnson Central) 2006
2,671	Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1998
2,655	Kelvin Turner (Danville) 2004
2,661	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Catholic) 2003
2,641	Scott Russell (Evarts) 1990

RUSHING YARDS - GAME (Min. 400)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
584	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) vs. Woodford Co., 10-15-10
574	Monquantae Gibson (Moore) vs. Shawnee, 2001
486	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) vs. Owensboro, 1997
483	Patrick Brand (Danville) vs. Washington Co., 10-22-10
472	Thomas Walker (Fulton Co.) vs. Dresden, TN, 1973
451	Corey Lile (Greenup Co.) vs. East Carter, 10-22-10
448	Seth Graves (Monroe Co.) vs. Edmonson Co., 9-22-06
444	Craig Lanham (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Glasgow, 2003
441	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) vs. Holmes, 11-4-11
439	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) vs. Cov. Catholic, 11-12-10
437	Jeremy Britt (Danville) vs. Shelby County, 1998
434	Derrick Brandon Ballinger (Owen County) vs. Frankfort, 1998
432	Michael West (Lawrence Co.) vs. East Carter, 10-29-99
430	Ron Blume (Johnson Central) vs. Boyd County, 2005
426	Nathaniel Gilliam (Harlan County) vs. Middlesboro, 10-17-08
419	Mark Dunn (Harrodsburg) vs. Paris, 2001
417	Joe Casey (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Franklin-Simpson, 2002
414	Michael West (Lawrence County) vs. Belfry, 2000
412	John Frazier (Muhlenberg North) vs. Allen County-Scottsville, 1998
410	Andy Clark (Seneca) vs. Shelby County, 2003
410	D'vontae Bradley (Cooper) vs. Conner, 10-22-10
409	Michael Hanley (Apollo) vs. Graves County, 1998
408	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon County) vs. Western Hills, 9-23-11
406	Henry Parks (Harrodsburg) vs. Berea, 1976
403	Ketrin Mays (South Floyd) vs. Elkhorn City, 1997

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME AVG. - SEASON (Min. 8 Games, 195.0 ypg)

	Player (School) Year (Yards/Games)
255.1	J.J. Jude (Johnson Central) 2011 (3,061/12)
243.9	Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon Co.) 2011 (2,927/12)
232.8	Jeremy Britt (Warren East) 1997 (2,561/11)
229.7	Monquante Gibson (Moore) 2001(2,756/12)
225.0	Wayne Stevens (Rowan County) 2004 (2,025/9)
222.8	Lee Renfro (Pulaski Southwestern) 2004 (2,228/10)
222.0	Robert Christopher (Bourbon Co.) 2003 (2220/10)
220.0	Herana Daze (Iroquois) 1999 (2,200/10)
219.3	Ricky Buckler (Bellevue) 2009 (2,851/13)
218.8	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2004 (2,685/12)
213.2	Tyron Robertson (Elizabethtown) 1997 (2,771/13)
212.5	Caleb Pope (Nicholas County) 2011 (2,338/11)
	Michael West (Lawrence County) 2000 (2,338/11)
211.9	Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2003 (2,119/10)
211.3	Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1994 (3,166/15)
211.1	Arliss Beach (Ashland Blazer) 2001 (2,533/12)
210.6	Robert Christopher (Bourbon County) 2002 (1,895/9)
208.3	Matt Richardson (Estill County) 2003 (2,291/11)
205.1	Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009 (3,076/15)
204.3	Malachi Maxwell (Mad. Southern) 2002 (2,451/12)
204.3	Jon Frazier (Muhlenberg North) 1998 (10)
204.3	Jamale Clark (Paris) 1998 (11)
203.3	Weston Little (South Floyd) 2011 (1,830/9)
202.9	Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) 1993 (3,044/15)
202.7	Josh Burton (East Jessamine) 2002 (2,230/11)
201.7	Cory Farris (Boone County) 2007 (2,824/14)
200.1	Taylor Barnes (Bourbon County) 2009 (2,201/11)
199.3	Jared Cox (East Jessamine) 2000 (2,392/12)
199.2	Quintin Henson (Lynn Camp) 1998 (12)
198.9	Letiz Arnold (Ballard Memorial) 2002 (2,188/11)
198.4	Jason Calvert (Bullitt East) 1995 (N/A/11)
196.1	Donald Wayne Smith (Harrodsburg) 1984 (1,961/10)
195.5	Andrew McCloud (Mercer County) 2004 (2,150/11)

YARDS PER RUSH AVG. - SEASON
(Min. 8 Games, 11.0 ypc.; 75 attempts)
Player (School) Year (Yards/Attempts)

15.73 Ryan Timmons (Franklin County) 2012 (1,306/83)
15.00 Dontay Spillman (Valley) 1997 (1,557/104)
13.90 Patrick Harris (KY School f/t Deaf) 1991 (1,084/78)
13.30 Todd Harris (Danville) 1993 (N/A)
12.99 Michael West (Lawrence County) 1999 (2,727/210)
12.90 Todd Asher (Middlesboro) 1997 (1,508/117)
12.69 Brandon Ford (Mercer County) 2006 (2,197/173)
12.60 Ben Kinley (Danville) 1993 (N/A)
12.32 Shawn Robbins (Bell County) 2003 (2,119/172)
12.29 Landon Savoy (John Hardin) 2008 (1,057/86)
12.13 Ronnie Darden (Western) 2006 (1,856/153)
12.02 Damien Harris (Madison Southern) 2012 (1,911/159)
12.01 Cory Jackson (Mercer County) 2006 (1,935/161)
11.93 Alan Dean (John Hardin) 2005 (1,467/123)
11.90 Derrick White (Lexington Catholic) 1995 (1,390/116)
11.90 Ben Kinley (Danville) 1994 (N/A)
11.90 Devon Davis (Lexington Catholic) 1992 (1,408/118)
11.70 Chris Jennings (Fairview) 2003 (2,003/171)
11.66 TeWayne Willis (Perry Co. Central) 2002 (1,458/125)
11.65 Kasey Clark (Russell) 2004 (1,107/95)
11.56 Kentayvus Hopkins (Bourbon Co.) 2011 (2,924/253)
11.43 Rees MacShara (Boyle County) 2009 (3,076/269)
11.41 Lee Renfro (Pulaski Southwestern) 2004 (2,419/212)
11.40 Cole Draughn (Pulaski County) 2003 (2,028/178)
11.36 Marques Cunningham (Holy Cross (Louisville)) 1997 (1,387/122)
11.01 David Bird (Trimble County) 2006 (1,542/140)
11.00 Greg Burden (Harrison County) 1985 (1,314/119)

INDIVIDUAL PASSING RECORDS

PASS ATTEMPTS - CAREER (Min. 800)

	Player (School) Years
1,508	Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) 2005-08
1,451	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005-08
1,375	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1991-95 *
1,262	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-2004
1,193	Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County)
1,173	Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 1998-01
1,137	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2004-2007
1,123	Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99
1,097	Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
1,071	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2001-03
1,018	Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2002-05
1,013	Cole Draughn (Pulaski County) 2000-03
1,009	Brian Browning (Edmonson County) 1983-86
996	Allan Holland Jr. (Perry Co. Central) 2000-03
987	Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-12
964	Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 1999-02
962	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2005-07
960	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-04
938	Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1997-00
922	Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2001-04
919	Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1993-95
918	Gary Gumm (Doss) 1993-96
906	Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1996-99
898	John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01
886	Luke Magness (Henry County) 2007-10
885	Corky Prater (Lewis County) 1971-74
879	Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
870	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98
836	Floyd Whitaker (Leslie County) 1996-99
835	Deontey Kenner (Hopkinsville) 1993-96
812	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak), 2010-12
807	Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2000-03
805	Chris Redman (Male) 1991-94
804	Stanley Niece (Estill County) 1994-97
800	Bill Allen (Morgan County) 1980-83

** Includes three attempts as an 8th-grader, not recognized among national records*

PASS ATTEMPTS - SEASON (Min. 350)

	Player (School) Year
520	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007
480	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2007
476	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003
464	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995
463	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2003
453	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998
430	Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2005
430	Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
425	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998
411	Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2007
	Tim Neace (Perry Co. Central) 1999
410	Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002
407	Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999
403	Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2012
402	Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) 2011
404	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000
395	Rick Bowling (South Laurel) 2008
392	Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995
391	Josh Moll (South Oldham) 2003
390	Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 2000
386	David Woodward (Owensboro Catholic) 2005
380	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005
377	Bart Johnson (Boyle County) 1998
374	Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999
	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1997
370	Tanner Evans (Eastern) 2011
	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2007
369	Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2006
366	Kyle Bolin (Lexington Catholic) 2011
365	Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2005
	Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 2001
360	Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
359	Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) 2009
	Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2008
	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2003
357	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2011
353	Riley Hall (Pulaski County) 2012
	Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1998

PASS ATTEMPTS - GAME (Min. 45)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
68	Andy Greer (Williamsburg) vs. Casey County, 2002
66	Branden Cresap (Collins) vs. Western, 11-19-10
63	Alex Matthews (Shelby County)
	vs. DuPont Manual, 9-28-07
62	Joshua Dyer (Greenwood) vs. Central Hardin, 11-26-12
61	Dylan Grandon (North Oldham)
	vs. Spencer County, 2005
	Alan Holland (Perry County Central) vs. Hazard, 2000
61	Timmy Neace (Perry County Central)
	vs. Johnson Central, 1999
59	Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) vs. Madison Southern, 2005
	Steven Sizemore (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 2000
56	Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Scott Co., 11-9-07
	David Lyons (Breckinridge Co.) vs. Larue Co., 1972
55	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Warren East, 2007
	Corky Prater (Lewis County) vs. Fairview, 1972
54	Nic Ward (Lexington Catholic) vs. St. Xavier, 2007
	Tyler Hancock (Lexington Catholic)
	vs. Covington Catholic, 11-17-06
	Sam McKee (Raceland) vs. Lexington Christian, 2001
53	Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. LaRue Co., 10-14-11
	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) vs. Whitley Co., 2008
	Bryan Hynes (Fern Creek) vs. Trinity (Louisville), 2006
	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville))
	vs. Montgomery Bell Academy, TN, 2003
52	Andy Downing (Lewis Co.) vs. Powell Co., 9-21-07
	Brett Faulkner (Pulaski Co.) vs. Southwestern, 2004
	Gary Gumm (Doss) vs. Eastern, 1996
	Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) vs. Woodford County, 1995
51	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. North Bullitt, 2007
	Travis Perkins (Franklin-Simpson)
	vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville, 2002
49	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel)
	vs. Knox Central, 10-17-08
	Andy Downing (Lewis Co.) vs. Bracken Co., 11-2-07
	Neil Warren (South Laurel)
	vs. McCreary Central, 1997
	Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman)
	vs. Bowling Green, 2001
48	Zach Barnard (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Daviess Co., 2004
	Greg Kannapel (Waggener) vs. Valley, 1998
	Scott Collett (Bell County) vs. Corbin, 1986
47	Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. North Oldham, 9-9-11
	Michael Bush (Male) vs. Trinity (Louisville), 2002
	Sean Pennington (Clay Co.) vs. Knox Central, 1985
46	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) vs. Middlesboro, 10-31-08
	Alex Matthews (Shelby County)
	vs. Madison Central, 11-16-07
	Durell Olinger (Hazard) vs. Lynn Camp, 11/4/05
	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. John Hardin, 2003
45	Will Stein (Trinity (Lou.)) vs. St. Xavier (OH), 9-14-07
	Bryan Hynes (Fern Creek) vs. Male, 2007
	Travis Perkins (Franklin-Simpson)
	vs. Warren Central, 2002
	Bill Faulkner (Harrison County) vs. Highlands, 2000
	Dan Moser (Trigg County) vs. Murray, 2000
	John Monin (Bardstown) vs. Glasgow, 1999
	DeWayne Whitfield (Valley) vs. Waggener, 1998
	Ben Meighan (Paul Dunbar) vs. Fairdale, 1996
	Todd Hawkins (Paris) vs. Henry Clay, 1988

PASS COMPLETIONS - CAREER (Min. 400)

	Player (School) Years
947	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005-2008
916	Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) 2005-08
875	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1991-95 *
722	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-2004
698	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville) 2001-03
676	Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County)
675	Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-12
656	Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99
639	Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
625	Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 1998-01
618	Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2002-05
613	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2005-07
601	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2004-07
578	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1995-98
554	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98
547	Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2001-04
538	Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
536	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010-12
	Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 1999-02
533	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-2004
524	John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01
510	Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1997-00
	Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1993-95
504	Allan Holland Jr. (Perry Co. Central) 2000-03
496	Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2000-03
488	Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1996-99
483	Stanley Niece (Estill County) 1994-97
478	Cole Draughn (Pulaski County) 2000-03
477	Gary Gumm (Doss) 1993-96
473	Brian Browning (Edmonson County) N/A
470	Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 1999-02
462	Luke Magness (Henry County) 2007-10
458	Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2000-03
449	Brandon Blackerby (Male) 1998-01
445	Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1998-2000
443	Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99
	Bill Allen (Morgan County) 1980-83
442	Aaron Petry (Raceland) 2000-03
429	Chris Redman (Male) 1991-94
426	Stephen Sizemore (Hazard) 2000-03
425	Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999-00
424	Corky Prater (Lewis County) 1971-74
413	Floyd Whitaker (Leslie County) 1996-99
410	Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1991-94
	Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 1998-01
407	Brandon Gupton (Taylor County) 1997-00

** Includes three completions made as an 8th-grader, not recognized among national records*

PASS COMPLETIONS - SEASON (Min. 200)

	Player (School) Year
383	Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007
303	Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003
298	Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2003
291	Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998
285	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995
283	Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2007
	Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
271	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2008
270	Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002
260	Gino Gudugli (Highlands) 2000
259	Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2012
255	Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
	Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005
252	Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998
251	Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) 2011
249	David Woodward (Owensboro Catholic) 2005
247	Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2011
246	Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2006
244	Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994
243	Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) 2009

240 Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) 2002
238 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2007
Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999
236 Josh Moll (South Oldham) 2003
228 Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004
227 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010
Tim Grogan (Covington Catholic) 2001
226 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
225 Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2005
224 Brandon Blackerby (Male) 2000
Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999
Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995
220 Cameron Smyth (Trinity (Louisville)) 2008
217 Riley Hall (Pulaski County) 2012
216 Nic Ward (Lexington Catholic) 2007
Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2004
Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999
215 Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2003
Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 2000
214 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2010
209 Kyle Bolin (Lexington Catholic) 2011
207 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2006
206 Bart Johnson (Boyle County) 1998
205 Tim Neace (Perry Co. Central) 1999
Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1998
Chris Redman (Male) 1994
204 Ben Howard (Pikeville) 1998
203 Tyler Hancock (Lexington Catholic) 2006
202 Dalton Sizemore (Williamsburg) 2012
Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2008
200 Matt Branham (Pikeville) 1999

PASS COMPLETIONS - GAME (Min. 30)

Player (School) Opponent, Year

40 Steven Duckworth (Woodford County)
vs. Franklin County, 10-3-08
Steven Sizemore (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 2000
37 Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. LaRue Co., 10-14-11
Branden Cresap (Collins) vs. Western, 11-19-10
36 Andy Greer (Williamsburg) vs. Casey County, 2002
35 Andy Downing (Lewis Co.) vs. Bracken Co., 11-2-07
Alex Matthews (Shelby County)
vs. DuPont Manual, 9-28-07
Zach Lewis (Clay County) vs. Estill County, 2006
David Lyons (Breckinridge Co.) vs. Larue Co., 1972
34 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel)
vs. Knox Central, 10-17-08
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Warren East, 2007
Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville))
vs. Montgomery Bell Academy, TN, 2003
Alan Holland (Perry County Central) vs. Hazard, 2000
Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) vs. Woodford County, 1995
33 Donovan McCoy (Highlands) vs. Mason County, 2012
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. North Bullitt, 2007
Michael Bush (Male) vs. Trinity (Louisville), 2002
Timmy Neace (Perry County Central)
vs. Johnson Central, 1999
Gerry Ahrens (Male) vs. DuPont Manual, 1998
32 Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) vs. Boyle Co., 12-4-2009
Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) vs. Whitely Co., 2008
Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) vs. Pulaski Co., 9-26-08
Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Scott Co., 11-9-07
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Caldwell Co., 2007
Dylan Grandon (North Oldham) vs. Spencer Co., 2005
Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. John Hardin, 2003
31 Nic Ward (Lexington Catholic) vs. St. Xavier, 2007
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Calloway Co., 2007
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak)
vs. Muhlenberg North, 2007
Steven Duckworth (Woodford County)
vs. Meade County, 11-2-07
Steven Duckworth (Woodford County)
vs. Tates Creek, 2007
Zach Barnard (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Daviess Co., 2004
Gino Guidugli (Highlands) vs. Holmes, 1999
Neil Warren (South Laurel) vs. McCreary Central, 1997
30 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 10-28-11
Alex Matthews (Shelby County)
vs. Madison Central, 11-16-07
Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Fulton City, 2007
Neil Warren (South Laurel) vs. Madison Central, 1999
Michael Caba (Magoffin Co.) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1995

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE - CAREER (Min. 500 Att.; 55.0%)

Player (School) Years (Completions/Atts)

71.3 Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) 2000-03 (442/620)
69.8 Jon Combs (Hazard) 2007-10 (349/500)
68.4 Travis Wright (Trinity (Lou.)) 2009-12 (675/987)
66.0 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010-12 (536/812)
65.7 Ryan Phillippi (Henry Clay) 2005-07 (343/522)
65.3 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005-08 (947/1,451)
65.2 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Lou.)) 2001-03 (662/1,015)
64.8 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Cath.) 2002-04 (459/708)
64.6 Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2002-05 (344/532)
63.7 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2005-07 (613/962)
63.7 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98 (554/870)
63.5 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1992-95 (875/1,375)
62.8 Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 1998-01 (410/653)
62.8 Brandon Blackerby (Male) 1998-01 (449/715)
62.2 Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1998-00 (445/715)
61.6 Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99 (443/718)
61.5 Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2000-03 (496/807)
61.3 Trent Steelman (Bowling Green) 2004-07 (339/553)
61.2 Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05 (538/879)
61.2 Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 1999-02 (470/768)
61.1 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1995-98 (578/946)
60.7 Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) 2005-08 (916/1,508)
60.6 Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2000-03 (458/756)
60.4 Kyle McGraw (Owensboro Cath.) 2002-02 (336/556)
59.7 Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1995-98 (351/588)
58.4 John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01 (524/898)
58.4 Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99 (656/1123)
58.2 Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2006-09 (639/1,097)
58.2 Chris Muse (Pulaski County) 2006-09 (306/525)
57.2 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-04 (722/1262)
57.1 Stephen Sizemore (Hazard) 2000-03 (436/764)
57.0 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999-00 (425/745)
56.8 Patrick Towles (Highlands) 2009-11 (356/627)
56.7 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin Co.) 2003-06 (676/1,193)
55.9 Ernie Lewis (Elizabethtown) 1967-70 (379/677)
55.5 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1993-95 (510/919)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE - SEASON (Min. 175 Atts/65%)

Player (School) Year

75.1 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994 (244/325)
74.8 Cameron Smyth (Trinity (Louisville)) 2008 (220-294)
73.7 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007 (383/520)
72.9 Jon Combs (Hazard) 2010 (175/240)
72.2 Aaron Petry (Raceland) 2003 (200/277)
71.6 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2010 (214/299)
71.5 Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2005 (171/239)
71.4 Brad Kragthorpe (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009 (172/241)
71.2 Aaron Petry (Raceland) 2002 (240/337)
70.9 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011 (202/285)
70.8 Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) (255/360)
69.7 John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 2001 (168/241)
69.4 Ryan Phillippi (Henry Clay) 2006 (184/265)
69.2 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2011 (247/357)
68.6 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2008 (271/395)
67.7 Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) 2009 (243/359)
67.5 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002 (226/335)
67.2 Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2006 (246/366)
67.1 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005 (255/380)
Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2002 (155/231)
Ben Howard (Pikeville) 1998 (204/304)
67.0 Nick Petrino (Trinity (Louisville)) 2006 (175/261)
Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004 (228/340)
66.7 Nate Johnson (West Jessamine) 2002 (136/204)
66.5 Brandon Blackerby (Male) 2000 (224/337)
66.4 Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2002 (160/241)
66.3 Scooter Hollis (Bowling Green) 2011 (126/190)
66.2 Tony Guidugli (Highlands) 2008 (147/222)
Stephen Barga (Marshall County) 2006 (153/231)
66.1 Zach Eastham (Pulaski County) 2009 (148/224)
66.0 Trent Steelman (Bowling Green) 2007 (188/285)
Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 2001 (142/215)
Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997 (161/244)
65.9 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 (270/410)
65.8 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004 (283/430)
65.6 Dustin Grutza (Mason County) 2002 (124/189)
Travis Atwell (Hancock County) 1999
65.5 Neal Tucker (Somerset) 2007 (143/218)
65.0 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010 (227/349)

PASSING YARDS - CAREER (Min. 5,000)

Player (School) Year

13,642 Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2005-2008
12,575 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2005-08
12,167 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1991-95 *
10,766 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2001-2004
10,579 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2001-03
10,058 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County)
10,026 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1995-98
9,395 Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2002-05
9,326 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2010-12
9,321 Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2004-07
9,312 Lucas Witt (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
9,271 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2005-07
8,796 Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2001-04
8,770 Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
8,686 Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 1998-01
8,662 Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1996-99
8,609 Keith Tandy (Christian County) 2003-06
8,268 John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01
8,138 Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99
8,124 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2002-04
8,040 Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2000-03
8,034 Jacob Doss (Lexington Catholic) 1999-03
7,995 Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 1999-02
7,886 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010-12
7,857 Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1997-00
7,797 Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2002-04
7,776 Tyler Olinger (Hazard) 2005-08
7,722 Gary Gumm (Doss) 1992-96
7,704 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999-00
7,653 Chris Redman (Male) 1991-94
7,516 Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1998-00
7,431 Patrick Towles (Highlands) 2009-2011
7,299 Stephen Sizemore (Hazard) 2000-03
7,272 Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2000-03
7,256 Branden Cresap (Shelby County, Collins) 2007-10
7,099 Allan Holland Jr. (Perry County Central) 2000-03
7,089 Ernie Lewis (Elizabethtown) 1967-70
7,046 Deontey Kenner (Hopkinsville) 1993-96
7,044 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98
7,038 Kyle Bolin (Lexington Catholic) 2009-12
7,002 Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2002-05
6,985 Waylon Chapman (Breathitt County) 1993-95
6,884 Jeff Duggins (Boyle County) 1998-01
6,842 Corky Prater (Lewis County) 1971-74
6,821 Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1995-98
6,777 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1993-95
6,753 Billy Jack Haskins (Paducah Tilghman) 1989-92
6,713 Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99
6,712 Stanley Niece (Estill County) 1994-97
6,665 Cole Draughn (Pulaski County) 2000-03
6,655 Sean Pennington (Clay County) 1981-84
6,440 Bill Allen (Morgan County) 1980-83
6,419 Brian Browning (Edmonson County) 1983-86
6,391 Randy Lee (Lloyd Memorial) 1992-95
6,282 Nick Petrino (Trinity (Louisville)) 2004-06
Jon Combs (Hazard) 2007-10
6,280 Luke Magness (Henry County) 2007-10
6,231 Michael Kremer (Campbell County) 2007-10
6,192 Floyd Whitaker (Leslie County) 1996-99
6,098 Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2005-08
6,096 Bill Faulkner (Harrison County) 1998-00
6,065 Brandon Blackerby (Male) 1998-01
6,018 Sam Diehl (Newport Central Catholic) 2003-05
6,001 Anthony Thomas (Hart Co.) 2001-04

5,987 Neal Tucker (Somerset) 2000-03
5,901 Ross Deaton (Somerset) 2005-06
5,703 Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1991-94
5,663 Trent Steelman (Bowling Green) 2004-07
5,652 Brandon Gupton (Taylor County) 1997-00
5,636 Crad Jaggers (North Hardin) 1992-95
5,539 Ben Meighan (Paul Dunbar) 1994-97
5,511 Dan Moser (Trigg County) 1997-00
5,393 Joey Rodgers (Christian County) 1994-97
5,366 Ryan Johnson (Christian County) 1990-93
5,225 Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) 2000-03
5,213 Matt O'Toole (Dixie Heights) 1999-2002
5,054 Ryan Phillippi (Henry Clay) 2005-07
5,008 Andy Powers (Scott) 1993-96
5,004 Kyle McGraw (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-02
5,002 Hunter Cantwell (Paducah Tilghman) 2001-03
5,000 Jerry Ratliff (Phelps) N/A

** total includes 63 yds. as an 8th-grader, not recognized in national records*

PASSING YARDS - SEASON (Min. 3,000)
Player (School) Year

5,872 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007
4,660 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
4,630 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999
4,595 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003
4,367 Gino Gudugli (Highlands) 2000
4,359 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002
4,296 Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2007
4,000 Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004
3,969 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998
3,916 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995
3,866 Zach Lewis (Clay Co.) 2007
3,820 Patrick Towles (Highlands) 2011
3,805 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998
3,789 Justin Burke (Lexington Catholic) 2005
3,777 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
3,750 Chris Redman (Male) 1994
3,726 Ross Deaton (Somerset) 2006
3,720 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2003
3,716 Jon Combs (Hazard) 2010
3,697 Will Stein (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
3,651 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994
3,623 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2008
3,584 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2007
3,553 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2012
3,549 Branden Cresap (Collins) 2010
3,547 Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2006
3,517 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2011
3,469 Cameron Looper (Lone Oak) 2009
3,451 Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999
3,427 Gary Gumm (Doss) 1996
3,417 Casey Brockman (Calloway County) 2008
3,405 Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2005
3,401 Tyler Olinger (Hazard) 2007
Brandon Smith (Boyle County) 2004
3,392 Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998
3,372 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) 2010
3,367 Stephen Sizemore (Hazard) 2003
3,366 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2005
3,362 Jordan Fritz (Fleming County) 2004
3,352 Matt Branham (Pikeville) 1999
3,327 Dustin Gruza (Mason County) 2003
3,322 Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2003
3,294 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997
3,284 Keith Tandy (Christian County) 2005
3,267 Alan Boggs (Pike County Central) 2011
3,262 Seth Carmichael (Anderson County) 2011
3,211 Kaelin Ammons (Franklin County) 2006
3,191 Greg Kannapel (Waggener) 1998
3,180 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown), 2004
3,171 Zach Lewis (Clay Co.), 2005
3,165 Ben Howard (Pikeville) 1998
3,164 Josh Moll (South Oldham) 2003
3,158 Nick Petrino (Trinity (Louisville)) 2005
Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1998
3,150 Dustin Grutza (Mason County) 2003
3,133 Dalton Sizemore (Williamsburg) 2012
3,121 Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999
3,101 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2003
3,088 Kyle Bolin (Lexington Catholic) 2011
3,082 Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2001
3,081 Josh Ellis (Paul Dunbar) 2002
3,080 Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1999
3,074 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 2000
3,049 Tanner Evans (Eastern) 2011
3,036 Travis Wright (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
3,030 Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1999
3,028 Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) 2011
3,027 Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 2001
3,009 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995

PASSING YARDS - GAME (Min. 450)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

651 Jesse Watts (Sheldon Clark) vs. Allen Central, 1991
617 Timmy Neace (Perry County Central) vs. Johnson Central, 1999
581 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) vs. N/A, 1995
570 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) vs. Belfry, 1999
562 Allen Sperry (Breathitt Co.) vs. Powell County, 1999
559 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Calloway Co., 2007
558 Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. DuPont Manual, 9-28-07
552 Elijah Sindelar (Caldwell Co.) vs. Calloway Co., 8-19-11
Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) vs. Male, 2002
540 Andy Downing (Lewis Co.) vs. Fleming Co., 10-12-07
532 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Muhlenberg North, 2007
533 Tim Couch (Leslie County) vs. Shelby Valley, 1995
528 Keith Tandy (Christian Co.) vs. Greenwood, 9-29-06
521 Cole Ousley (Lone Oak) vs. Calloway County, 9-23-11
Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Scott Co., 11-9-07
512 Zach Lewis (Clay County) vs. Evarts, 2006
507 Tyler Hancock (Lex. Catholic) vs. Cov. Catholic, 11-17-06
503 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Warren East, 2007
501 Patt Sapp (Carroll County) vs. Garrard County, 1992
493 Alex Matthews (Shelby Co.) vs. Madison Central, 11-16-07
486 Stanley Niece (Estill County) vs. Western Hills, 1996
483 Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. LaRue Co., 10-14-11
480 Steven Sizemore (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 2000
479 Joshua Dyer (Greenwood) vs. Central Hardin, 11-26-12
Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) vs. Bardstown, 10-29-10
475 Corky Prater (Lewis Co.) vs. Green Township, OH, 1972
474 Chris Redman (Male) vs. DuPont Manual, 1994
473 Andy Greer (Willlamsburg) vs. McCreary Central, 2003
473 DeWayne Whitfield (Valley) vs. Waggener, 1998
468 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Muhlenberg North, 2007
468 Michael Bush (Male) vs. Trinity (Louisville), 2002
463 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) vs. Heath, 2007
462 Neil Warren (South Laurel) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1999
461 Dan Moser (Trigg County) vs. Caldwell County, 2000
458 Floyd Whitaker (Leslie Co.) vs. Perry Co. Central, 1997
453 Alex Matthews (Shelby County) vs. Ballard, 2006

PASSING YARDS PER GAME AVERAGE - SEASON
(Min. 8 games, 275 ypg)
Player (School) Year (Yards/Games)

391.5 Corey Robinson (Lone Oak) 2007 (5,872/15)
358.0 Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2007 (4,296/12)
356.2 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999 (4,630/13)
329.4 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2008 (3,623/11)
325.8 Ricky Bowling (South Laurel) 2007 (3,584/11)
322.5 Zach Lewis (Clay County) 2006 (3,547/11)
312.5 Chris Redman (Male) 1994 (3,750/12)
310.6 Zach Barnard (Owensboro Catholic) 2004 (4,660/15)
309.5 Durell Olinger (Hazard) 2005 (3,405/11)
306.3 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003 (4,595/15)
303.0 Hank Allen (Morgan County) 1973 (N/A)
302.0 Andy Greer (Williamsburg) 2003 (3,322/11)
299.8 Alex Matthews (Shelby County) 2006 (N/A)
299.7 Alan Boggs (Pike County Central) 2010 (9/2,697)
297.7 Chris Todd (Elizabethtown) 2003 (3,870/13)
297.0 Alan Boggs (Pike County Central) 2011 (3,267/11)
293.0 Perry Allen (Morgan County) 1976 (N/A)
291.1 Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000 (4,367/15)
290.6 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 (4,359/15)
287.6 Josh Moll (South Oldham) 2003 (3,164/11)
287.6 Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999 (N/A/12)
285.7 Will Fidler (Henderson County) 2004 (4,000/14)
284.8 Andrew English (South Oldham) 1999 (N/A/9)
279.7 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995 (3,916/14)
275.3 Kyle Todd (Elizabethtown) 2011 (3,028/11)

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING RECORDS

RECEPTIONS - CAREER (Min. 125)

	Player (School) Year
280	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-12
266	Montrell Jones (Male) 1997-00
238	Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1996-99
237	John Cole (Somerset) 2004-07
227	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1991-94
199	Jordan Olinger (Hazard) 2009-12
193	Edward Berry Jr. (Eminence) 2005-08
185	Matt Dobbs (Clay Co.) 2005-07
178	Maurice Marchman (Ballard) 1999-01
177	Philip Dunn (Clay Co.) 2005-07
	Chaz Thompson (Hart Co.) 2002-05
175	Chris Lofton (Mason County) 2001-03
173	Allen Sexton (Somerset) 1979-1982
165	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2006-08
163	Ben Smith (Taylor County) 1997-99
	Michael Bush (Male) 1999-2002
162	Neil Holland (Owensboro Catholic) 2003-06 (SR07)
159	Wes Caldwell (Lexington Catholic) 2003-06
157	Felix Colon (Lone Oak) 2008-11
155	Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1997-00
154	Neal Brown (Boyle County) 1994-97
151	Tavis Elzy (Shelby County, Collins) 2007-10
149	Dan Baker (Leslie County) 1991-94
148	Branden Burdette (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
144	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) 2010-
140	Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 1998-00
138	Kevin McGraw (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-03
136	Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville)) 2005-07
134	Jason Robinette (Magoffin County) 1992-95
	Joe McGeorge (Bell County) 1985-88
132	Domonique Hayden (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
131	Chris Dobbins (Calloway County) 2005-08
	Chris Lamar (Henderson County) 2002-05
130	Randy Stegman (Highlands) 1995-97
129	TaShawn McBroom (Trinity (Louisville)) 2000-2002
128	Lamar Williams (Hazard) 2000-03
127	Josh Hale (Rockcastle County) 1998-01
	Corterris Reese (Waggener) 1996-99
126	Cornell Burbage (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
	TeWayne Willis (Perry Co. Central) 1999-02
125	Ahmona Maxwell (Paducah Tilghman) 1998-01
	Dougie Allen (Paul Dunbar) 1994-97

RECEPTIONS - SEASON (Min. 77)

	Player (School) Year
106	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2007
103	Matt Morgan (Elizabethtown) 2011
99	J.T. Britt (Lewis County) 2007
96	Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1994
90	Jordan Burk (Shelby County) 2007
	Patrick West (Franklin-Simpson) 2002
	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1998
88	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2010
	Billy Murray (Trinity (Louisville)) 2003
86	John Cole (Somerset) 2006
	Heath Wright (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
85	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2012
84	Nate Logsdon (Daviess County) 2004
	Coreterris Reese (Waggener) 1998
83	Ricky Hensley (Leslie County) 1995
82	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
	Neil Holland (Owensboro Catholic) 2005
	Donnie Paul Fugate (Perry Co. Central) 1999
80	Stephen Taylor (Williamsburg) 2002
	Ben Smith (Taylor County) 1999
	Dan Baker (Leslie County) 1994
79	Zach Marcum (South Laurel) 2004
78	John Cole (Somerset) 2007
	Jerry Turner (Elizabethtown) 2003
	Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1999
	Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1998
77	Mike Setters (Ryle) 1999
	Troy Wood (Bullitt East) 1991
	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1993
	Jason Robinette (Magoffin County) 1995

RECEPTIONS - GAME (Min. 13)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
19	J.T. Britt (Lewis County) vs. Bracken County, 11-2-07
	Patrick West (Franklin-Simpson) vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville, 2002
17	Josh Jewell (Corbin) vs. George Rogers Clark, 8-19-11
	Ryan Gallas (North Oldham) vs. Spencer Co., 2005
16	Matt Morgan (Elizabethtown) vs. LaRue Co., 10-18-11
	Justin Hartlage (Henry Co.) vs. South Oldham, 8-27-10
	J.T. Britt (Lewis County) vs. Powell County, 9-21-07
	Stephen Taylor (Williamsburg) vs. Casey Co., 2002
	Ronnie Couch (Perry County Central) vs. Hazard, 2000
	Montrell Jones (Male) vs. Central, 1999
	Brad Grier (Lewis County) vs. Harrison County, 1988
15	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) vs. St. Xavier, 8-31-12
	Alan Williams (Marshall Co.) vs. Warren Central, 2006
	Timmy Bess (Boyle Co.) vs. Lexington Catholic, 1998
	Trent Findley (Male) vs. DuPont Manual, 1998
	Ken Trivette (Pikeville) vs. Fleming-Neon, 1967
14	John Cole (Somerset) vs. Southwestern, 8-25-06
	Kevin Vicini (Cumberland) vs. Williamsburg, 2003
	Todd Adler (Logan Co.) vs. John Hardin, 2002
	Ahmona Maxwell (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Bowling Green, 2001
	Mike Dunlap (Carroll Co.) vs. Garrard County, 1992
	Chucky O'Steen (Hazard) vs. Lynn Camp, 2005
13	Matt Starks (Lone Oak) vs. Boyle County, 12-4-09
	O'Theius Beach (Shelby Co.) vs. DuPont Manual, 9-28-07
	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) vs. North Bullitt, 2007
	Alan Williams (Marshall Co.) vs. Christian Co., 2006
	Cornell Burbage (Lex. Catholic) vs. Harrison Co., 2005
	Montana Gibson (Letcher) vs. Big Creek, WV, 2004
	Donnie Paul Fugate (Perry Co. Central) vs. Johnson Central, 1999
	Dale Crouch (Bath County) vs. East Carter, 1998
	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) vs. South Floyd, 1998
	Mike Collett (Waggener) vs. Jeffersontown, 1993
	Landry Collett (Leslie County) vs. Belfry, 1992
	Murray Garvin (Pikeville) vs. Johns Creek, 1991
	Mike Walker (Clay County) vs. Knox Central, 1985
	Shane McDonald (Franklin Co.) vs. East Jessamine, 2005

RECEIVING YARDS - CAREER (Min. 2,000)

	Player (School) Years
4,981	John Cole (Somerset) 2004-07
4,736	Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1996-99
4,437	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-12
4,345	Montrell Jones (Male) 1997-00
3,638	Jordan Olinger (Hazard) 2009-12
3,511	Chris Lofton (Mason County) 2001-03
3,274	DeVante Parker (Ballard) 2007-10
3,101	Edward Berry Jr. (Eminence) 2005-08
3,071	Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 1998-00
3,031	Michael Bush (Male) 1999-02
3,029	Kellen Smith (Barren County) 2000-02
3,026	Lamar Williams (Hazard) 2000-03
2,937	Felix Colon (Lone Oak) 2008-11
2,921	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2006-08
2,914	Philip Dunn (Clay Co.) 2005-07
2,897	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2006-07
2,876	Chris Lamar (Henderson County) 2002-05
2,867	Maurice Marchman (Ballard) 1999-01
2,852	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1991-94
2,789	Branden Burdette (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
2,774	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) 2010-
2,762	Kevin McGraw (Owensboro Catholic) 2000-03
2,762	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1996-99
2,758	Joe McGeorge (Bell County) 1985-88
2,601	Wes Caldwell (Lexington Catholic) 2003-06
2,586	Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1997-00
2,544	Tavis Elzy (Shelby County, Collins) 2007-10
2,532	Chaz Thompson (Hart Co.) 2002-05
2,498	Heath Wright (Owensboro Catholic) 2002-04
2,471	Coreterris Reese (Waggener) 1996-99
2,420	Randy Stegman (Highlands) 1995-97
2,419	Dougie Allen (Paul Dunbar) 1994-97
2,410	Dan Baker (Leslie County) 1991-94
2,333	Neil Holland (Owensboro Catholic) 2003-06 (SR07)
2,327	Neal Brown (Boyle County) 1994-97
2,310	TaShawn McBroom (Trinity (Louisville)) 2000-2002
2,304	Derek Smith (Highlands) 1995-98
2,284	Seth Flener (Hancock County) 1996-99
2,283	Ben Smith (Taylor County) 1997-99
2,276	Tim Barnett (Breathitt County) 1995-97
2,222	Matthew Jennings (Trimble County) 2004-06
2,205	Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville) 2005-07
2,179	Cornell Burbage (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
2,163	Shawn Brown (Christian County) 2003-05
2,160	Charles Jones (Christian County) 1990-93
2,099	George Garner (Calloway County) 2005-08
2,083	B.J. Combs (Hazard) 2008-11
2,066	Mike Collett (Waggener) 1992-95
2,064	Jason Robinette (Magoffin County) 1992-95
2,028	Skyler Smith (Union County) 1995-98
2,015	Austin Johnson (Hazard) 2009-12
2,014	Chris Dobbins (Calloway County) 2005-08

RECEIVING YARDS - SEASON (Min. 1,300)

	Player (School) Year
2,021	Jamarielle Brown (Lone Oak) 2007
1,896	John Cole (Somerset) 2006
1,844	Jordan Burk (Shelby County) 2007
1,793	DeVante Parker (Ballard) 2010
1,703	Heath Wright (Owensboro Catholic) 2004
1,672	Jerry Turner (Elizabethtown) 2003
1,663	Corterris Reese (Waggener) 1998
1,630	Matt Morgan (Elizabethtown) 2011
1,624	Chris Lofton (Mason County) 2003
1,623	John Cole (Somerset) 2007
1,616	Skyler Griffith (Williamsburg) 2011
1,594	Lamar Williams (Hazard) 2003
1,586	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1998
1,582	Murray Garvin (Pikeville) 1991
1,523	Shawn Brown (Christian County) 2005
1,504	TaShawn McBroom (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
	Gerad Parker (Lawrence County) 1999
1,466	Dan Butler (Leslie County) 1994
1,462	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) 1999
1,434	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
1,433	Nathan Dutton (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
1,432	Gerad Paker (Lawrence County) 1998
1,427	Montrell Jones (Male) 1999
1,419	Seth Tamme (Boyle County) 2004
1,416	James Quick (Trinity (Louisville)) 2012
1,386	Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 2000
1,385	Brad Price (Fleming County) 2001
1,368	Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1999
1.360	J.T. Britt (Lewis County) 2007
	Zack Grace (Monroe County) 2002
1,350	D.L. Moore (Bowling Green) 2007
1,342	Donnie Paul Fugate (Perry Co. Central) 1999
	Chucky O'Steen (Hazard) 2005
1,338	Anthony Johnson (Breathitt County) 1999
1,335	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) 2012
1,332	Maurice Marchman (Ballard) 2001
1,328	Devron Wadlington (Trigg County) 2000
1,326	Tavis Elzy (Collins) 2010
1,318	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1994
1,305	Josh Hale (Rockcastle County) 2001
1,302	Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 1999
	Jacob Randolph (Owensboro Catholic) 2004

RECEIVING YARDS - GAME (Min. 250)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
325	Patrick West (Franklin-Simpson) vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville, 2002
313	Jeremiah Akers (Pikeville) vs. Pineville, 1999
304	Derek Smith (Highlands) vs. Scott, 1998
300	TaShawn McBroom (Trinity (Lou.)) vs. Male, 2002
299	Brandon Griffin (Campbell Co.) vs. Boone Co., 2006
298	Nathan Logsdon (Daviess County) vs. Owensboro Catholic, 2004
296	Shawn Brown (Christian County) vs. Apollo, 2005
288	Vernon Morgan (Leslie County) vs. Perry County Central, 1997
280	Rodney Orr (Newport) vs. Estill County, 9-24-10
	Marques Cunningham (Holy Cross (Louisville)) vs. Frankfort, 1997
277	Juwan Eddings (Valley) vs. Waggener, 1998
274	Pat Thurman (Oldham Co.) vs. Bowling Green, 1986
267	James Roberts (Leslie County) vs. Shelby Valley, 1995
266	Jordan Burk (Shelby Co.) vs. DuPont Manual, 9-28-07
	Chad Stewart (Waggener) vs. Doss, 2002
264	J.T. Britt (Lewis County) vs. Bracken County, 11-2-07
	Ben Revere (Lexington Catholic) vs. Covington Catholic, 11-17-06
263	Kellen Smith (Barren County) vs. Grayson Co., 2002
259	Jordan Burk (Shelby Co.) vs. Madison Central, 11-16-07
258	Charles Spencer (Jenkins) vs. Elkhorn City, 9-13-97
256	Charles Atkins (Logan County) vs. Greenwood, 1998
255	Josh Moreland (Marshall County) vs. Warren Central, 10-22-04
254	Cornell Burbage (Lex. Catholic) vs. Harrison Co., 9-23-05
	DeAaron Ballew (Madison Central) vs. Paul Dunbar, 1997
253	Ahmona Maxwell (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Bowling Green, 2001
	Shane McDonald (Franklin Co.) vs. East Jessamine, 2005
	Rayvon Patterson (Waggener) vs. Bullitt Central, 10-3-97
250	Jeremy Lee (Cawood) vs. Pulaski County, 1996

INDIVIDUAL KICKING RECORDS

FIELD GOALS MADE - CAREER (Min. 15)

	Player (School) Years
39	Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1996-99
32	John Wallace (Central Hardin) 2007-2010
31	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 1997-00
29	Tanner Siewert (Henderson County) 2000-03
	Marty Biagi (Shelby County) 2000-03
26	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2007-10
25	Taylor Long (Christian Co.) 2002-04
23	Mitchell Jett (Dixie Heights) 2005-07
	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Louisville)) 2000-02
	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) 1997-98
	Nathan Smith (Pleasure Ridge Park) 1995-98
22	Adam Mercer (Bowling Green) 2000-03
	Matt Lange (Trinity (Louisville)) 1995-98
21	Wes Midden (Somerset) 1998-01
20	Logan Johnson (Owensboro) 1999-02
	Chet Ervin (Henry County) 1998-01
	Ryan Ivey (Mayfield) 1996-99
19	Shane Popham (Covington Catholic) 2003-06
	Drew Bathiany (Highlands) 2005-07
17	Monte Merrick (Bell County) 2005-08
	Sam Erny (DuPont Manual) 1997-00
	Wilson Wickerham (Owensboro) 1995-98
	Chris Gibson (Fern Creek) 1992-95
16	Clay Nelson (South Warren) 2010-11
	Daniel Thompson Mudd (Nelson County) 2007-10
	Tommy McNutt (Mayfield) 2004-07
	Ben Bosscher (St. Xavier) 1996-97
15	Collin Barber (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99
	Crad Jaggers (North Hardin) 1992-95

FIELD GOALS MADE - SEASON (Min. 10)

	Player (School) Year
18	Shane Popham (Covington Catholic) 2006
17	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 2000
14	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) 1998
13	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2009
12	Lane Pumphrey (Lexington Catholic) 2007
	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 1999
	Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1999
	Ben Bosscher (St. Xavier) 1997
	Chris Gibson (Fern Creek) 1995
11	Clay Nelson (South Warren) 2011
	John Wallace (Central Hardin) 2010
	James Delaney (Bellevue) 2000
	Collin Barber (Lexington Catholic) 1998
	Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1998
10	Jake Pumphrey (Lexington Catholic) 2011
	Drew Bathiany (Highlands) 2008
	Mitchell Jett (Dixie Heights) 2007
	Taylor Long (Christian Co.) 2004
	Marty Biagi (Shelby County) 2002
	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
	Donnie Johnson (George Rogers Clark) 2000
	Neal Kreke (Covington Catholic) 2001
	Wes Midden (Somerset) 2001
	Gil Sturtzel III (Waggener) 1972

FIELD GOALS MADE - GAME (Min. 3)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
6	Craig Stopa (Ballard) vs. Central, 1981
5	Chet Ervin (Henry County) vs. Trimble County, 2001
	Wilson Wickerham (Owensboro) vs. Ohio Co., 1998
4	Clay Nelson (South Warren) vs. Todd County Central, 10-28-11
	Keaton Kennedy (North Laurel) vs. Wayne Co., 9-2-11
	Dustin Zink (Newport Central Catholic) vs. Beechwood, 9-30-06
	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) vs. Danville, 9-3-99
	Wes Midden (Somerset) vs. Harrodsburg, 2001
	Mike Southworth (Scott Co.) vs. Estill County, 1990
	Gil Sturtzell III (Waggener) vs. Ballard, 1972
	Jim Campbell (Williamsburg) vs. Oneida, TN (N/A)
3	Reed Snow (Lone Oak) vs. Warren East, 11-9-12
	Sam Williams (Bowling Green) vs. Lex. Catholic, 10-28-11
	John Wallace (Central Hardin) vs. Logan Co., 8-21-09
	Brandon Potts (Henderson Co.) vs. Meade Co., 11-13-09
	Drew Bathianay (Highlands) vs. Columbus (OH) DeSales, 9-22-06
	Mitchell Jett (Dixie Heights) vs. Cov. Catholic, 9-27-07
	Jacob Rice Stephens (Lafayette) vs. North Bullitt, 8-24-07
	Shane Popham (Cov. Catholic) vs. Highlands, 10-27-06
	Justin Anton (Highlands) vs. Boyle County, 12-4-04
	Marty Biagi (Shelby County) vs. Fern Creek, 9-19-03
	Steve Swann (Boone Co.) vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville, 2002
	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Lou.)) vs. St. Xavier, 9-27-02
	Marty Biagi (Shelby Co.) vs. Oldham County, 9-6-02
	Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) vs. Greenup County, 2002
	Tanner Siewert (Henderson Co.) vs. Evansville, IN, 8-24-01
	Taylor Begley (Boyle Co.) vs. Lexington Catholic, 1999
	Chet Ervin (Henry County) vs. Owen County, 1999
	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) vs. Harlan, 1998
	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) vs. Beechwood, 1998
	Brennan Conway (North Bullitt) vs. Shawnee, 1996
	Shawn Payne (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Hancock Co., 1996
	Nicky Rapier (Bardstown) vs. East Hardin, 1978

CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE - (Min. 7)

	Player (School) Year(s)
20	Tanner Siewert (Henderson County) 2000-2002
10	Sam Erny (DuPont Manual) 1999-00
9	Matthew Nakatani (Shelby County) 2007-
	Taylor Long (Christian Co.) 2004
8	Daniel Thompson Mudd (Nelson County) 2008
	John Wallace (Central Hardin) 2010
	Kyle Shelton (Daviess Co.) 2005-06
	Tripp Eckerline (Lexington Catholic) 2002
	Collin Barber (Lexington Catholic) 1998
7	Zlatan Petrovic (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
	Aaron Petry (Raceland) 2003
	Wes Midden (Somerset) 2001
	Tom Gavenonis (Paul Dunbar) 1997

MADE EXTRA POINTS - CAREER (Min. 120)

	Player (School) Years
297	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2007-10
216	Monte Merrick (Bell County) 2005-08
201	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Louisville)) 2000-02
200	Austin Delpont (Hazard) 2006-09
191	Logan Johnson (Owensboro) 1999-02
188	Alan Harber (John Hardin) 2006-09
	Brian Behr (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
183	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 1997-00
181	Jon Vanderpool (Danville) 1992-94
178	Bill Rose (Anderson County) 2009-11
170	Brennan Jones (Highlands) 1996-99
166	Tripp Eckerline (Lexington Catholic) 1999-02
165	Tommy McNutt (Mayfield) 2004-07
163	Ryan Ivey (Mayfield) 1996-99
162	Tanner Siewert (Henderson County) 2000-03
158	Casey Tinius (Bowling Green) 2003-06
156	Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1996-99
143	Adam Weinel (Highlands) 2008-10
142	Adam Dickinson (Boyle County) 2001-04
	Brock Sims (Harrodsburg) 1996-99
	Crad Jaggers (North Hardin) 1992-95
141	Drew Bathiany (Highlands) 2005-07
	Greg Terry (Rockcastle Co.) 1998-00
139	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) 1997-98
135	Jesse Hawkins (Scott Co.) 2004-06
	Taylor Long (Christian Co.) 2002-04
127	Dwaine Evans (Russell) 2004-06
	Adam Mercer (Bowling Green) 2000-03
125	Max Oldham (Bowling Green) 2005-08
	John Wright Polk (Somerset) 2004-07
124	Daniel Thompson Mudd (Nelson County) 2007-10
	Wes Midden (Somerset) 1999-01
123	Tanner Siewert (Henderson County) 2000-02
122	Joe Davis (Bowling Green) 1996-99
120	Kaelen Matthews (Nelson County) 1995-97
	Mike McCoy (Pikeville) 1986-88

MADE EXTRA POINTS - SEASON (Min. 70)

	Player (School) Year
97	Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 2000
93	Zachary Durham (Franklin County) 2012
91	David Jennings (Boyle County) 2001
90	Brennan Jones (Highlands) 1998
88	Max Oldham (Bowling Green) 2007
87	Bayley Shoptaw (Trinity (Louisville)) 2011
	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002
	Jens Strietzel (Rockcastle County) 2001
86	Zlatan Petrovic (Trinity (Louisville)) 2007
85	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2007
	Brian Behr (Lexington Catholic) 2005
83	Colby Hall (Somerset) 2010
82	Derek Chuke (Highlands) 2000
79	Palmer Ward (Scott County) 2010
78	Luke Brockett (Highlands) 2012
	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2009
77	Sam Williams (Bowling Green) 2011
	Lincoln Buzick (Bardstown) 2001
76	Brennan Jones (Highlands) 1999
75	Palmer Ward (Scott County) 2011
	Adam Dickinson (Boyle County) 2004
	Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) 1998
74	Tanner Siewert (Henderson County) 2002
73	Diego Ramos (Pikeville) 1993
71	Jack Coorts (Lone Oak) 2008
	Aaron Pentecost (Waggener) 1998
70	Monte Merrick (Bell County) 2008
	Nick Miles (Bullitt East) 2005
	Daniel Meko (Russell) 2004
	Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity Louisville)) 2001

MADE EXTRA POINTS - GAME (Min. 10)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
12	Michael Adams (Fleming-Neon) vs. Elkhorn City, 2000
11	Zachary Durham (Franklin County) vs. Letcher County Central, 8-31-12
	Luke Brockett (Highlands) vs. Pendleton Co., 10-6-11
	Brian Behr (Lexington Catholic) vs. Bourbon Co., 2005
	Jens Strietzel (Rockcastle County) vs. Knott County Central, 2001
	Greg Terry (Rockcastle Co.) vs. Knott Co. Central, 2000
	Rob Egan (Henderson County) vs. Ohio County, 1997
	Sabastian Gareu (Fort Knox) vs. LaRue County, 1995
10	Palmer Ward (Scott County) vs. Henry Clay, 11-9-11
	Adam Weinel (Highlands) vs. Holmes, 9-12-08
	Nick Miles (Bullitt East) vs. Atherton, 2005
	Matthew Jennings (Trimble Co.) vs. Jackson Co., 2005
	Adam Spencer (Breathitt Co.) vs. Betsy Layne, 1999
	Matt Atkins (Newport) vs. Spencer County, 10-7-05
	Tanner Siewert (Henderson Co.) vs. Union Co., 8-23-02
	Tanner Siewert (Henderson Co.) vs. Marshall Co., 10-25-02
	Landon Collins (Bullitt East) vs. Bullitt Central, 2001
	Bret Walker (Bullitt East) vs. North Bullitt, 1999
	Chris Gibson (Fern Creek) vs. DuPont Manual, 1994
	John Daniel Harrington (Harrison Co.) vs. Mason Co., 1985

CONSECUTIVE MADE EXTRA POINTS - (Min. 30)

	Player (School) Years
86	Will Harris (Boyle County) 2010
76	Max Oldham (Bowling Green) 2007-08
75	Jason Dolly (Russell) 2007-08
73	Tripp Eckerline (Lexington Catholic) 2001-02
70	Tripp Eckerline (Lexington Catholic) 2000-01
67	Casey Tinius (Bowling Green) 2005-06
59	Parker Throgmorton (Lone Oak), 2011
57	Bill Rose (Anderson County) 2010-11
56	Max Oldham (Bowling Green) 2008-09

Shane Popham (Covington Catholic) 2006
Greg Miller (Murray) 1994-95
54 Chris Repka (Simon Kenton) 2009
49 John Wallace (Central Hardin) 2009-10
48 Bill Rose (Anderson County) 2009-10
47 Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1997-98
45 Jason Hill (Russell) 1997-98
44 Taylor Cunningham (Christian County) 2012
Eric Mason (Hazard) 2011
43 Daniel Thompson Mudd (Nelson County) 2008-09
Jason Dolly (Russell) 2007
42 Chris Stearsman (South Hopkins) 1990
40 Jesse Hankins (Scott Co.) 2005-08
38 Preston Freeman (Ashland Blazer) 2006
37 Max Oldham (Bowling Green) 2006-07
Sam Erny (DuPont Manual) 1999-00
Matthew Kerley (Paducah Tilghman) 1992
35 Brent Brunelle (Lincoln County) 1999-00
34 Adam Mercer (Bowling Green) 2000-01
33 Cody Hill (Bourbon County) 2009-10
Chris Gibson (Fern Creek) 1995
Crad Jaggers (North Hardin) 1994-95
Matt Shrewsberry (Owensboro) 1993-94
David Bradshaw (Owensboro) 1990-91
30 Daniel Meko (Russell) 2003-04
Tom Gavenonis (Paul Dunbar) 1997
Chris Collins (Whitesburg) 1997

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS RECORDS

INTERCEPTIONS - CAREER (Min. 19)

	Player (School) Years
34	Steve Shaw (Iroquois) 1979-81
29	Chaz Thompson (Hart Co.) 2002-05
	Sergio Spencer (Male) 1999-02
	Brian Wright (Eminence) 1995-98
26	David Shane Barker (Whitesburg) 1994-96
	Harvey Miracle (Bell County) 1984-87
23	Drew Walls (Lexington Christian) 2006-09
	Jacob Tamme (Boyle County) 1999-02
	Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99
22	Justin Blankenship (Carroll County) 2003-06
	Marty Reagan (Rockcastle County) 1999-02
	Tim Barnett (Breathitt County) 1995-97
	Jim Matney (Belfry) 1974-76
21	Zack Blanton (Hazard) 2008-11
	T.K. Guess (Crittenden County) 2002-05
	Jeff Kremer (Highlands) 1979-83
	Chris Franklin (Anderson County) 1985-88
	David Griffith (Christian County) 1980-82
20	Drew Ramey (Russell) 1994-96
19	Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1991-94
	Jay Rogers (Christian County) 1980-82

INTERCEPTIONS - SEASON (Min. 12)

	Player (School) Year
16	Harvey Miracle (Bell County) 1987
14	Brian Winklepleck (Owensboro Catholic) 2005
13	Derrick Wynn (Middlesboro) 1998
	Ian Welch (Johnson Central) 2006
	Brad Hatfield (Belfry) 1996
	Steve Shaw (Iroquois) 1980
	Jim Dorton (Conner) 1980
12	Drew Walls (Lexington Christian) 2007
	Brandon Hayes (Hopkinsville) 1999
	Brian Wright (Eminence) 1998
	Jeremiah Chapman (Breathitt County) 1996
	Bryan Ellington (Carroll County) 1985
	Jeff Kremer (Highlands) 1981
	Jim Matney (Belfry) 1975

INTERCEPTIONS - GAME (Min. 4)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
6	Stephen Columbia (George Rogers Clark) vs. Montgomery County, 2001
5	Malcolm Merriweather (Todd County Central) vs. Fulton County, 1995
	Bill Willoughby (Scott Co) vs. Lincoln Co., 1990
	Steve Shaw (Iroquois) vs. Waggenner, 1980
4	Ryan Tate (Corbin) vs. DeSales, 2005
	Justin Blankenship (Carroll Co.) vs. Trimble Co. 2004
	Matt Shemo (Shelby Co.) vs. Jeffersontown, 9-21-01
	Brandon Mosley (Daviess Co.) vs. Bullitt Central, 2001
	Robbie Vonckx (Boyle County) vs. Henry County, 1999
	Ryan Sarlls (Garrard County) vs. Lincoln County, 1999
	Jeremy Kessinger (North Bullitt) vs. Shawnee, 1998
	Cory Wiggington (Fairdale) vs. Central, 1997
	Darrell Bowman (Whitley Co.) vs. McCreary Central, 1988
	Tim McDaniel (Danville) vs. Russell County, 1985
	Kevin Collins (Breathitt County) vs. Hazard, 1982
	Jim Matney (Belfry) vs. Greenup County, 1975
	Read Gibson Thielmeier (Kentucky Academy) vs. Eminence, 1971
	Read Gibson Thielmeier (Kentucky Academy) vs. Kentucky Country Day, 1971

FUMBLE RECOVERIES - CAREER (Min. 10)

	Player (School) Years
16	Darrel Hedges (Berea) 2000
15	Jonathon Watts (Perry Co. Central) 2002-04
14	Kareem Merriweather (Hopkinsville) 1993-95
12	Matthew Jennings (Trimble County) 2005-06
	Jason Wilson (Trigg County) 1986-89
11	Rob Nickerson (Berea) 2000
	Willie Ballard (Bardstown) 1990-92
	Don Boyers (Harrison County) 1987-90
10	Paul Hill (Hazard) 2000
	Alex Fendrick (Henderson County) 2000-2002
	Jodie Snodgrass (Ohio County) 1999-2001
	Micah Terry (Waggener) 1995-98
	Jeff Combest (Henderson County) 1976-78
	Dale Fulcher (Henderson County) 1995-97
	Matt Jennings (Trimble Co.) 2004-05

FUMBLE RECOVERIES - SEASON (Min. 7)

	Player (School) Year
16	Daryll Hedges (Berea) 2000
11	Rob Nickerson (Berea) 2000
10	Paul Hill (Hazard) 2000
	Matt Jennings (Trimble Co.) 2005
9	Greg Harper (Rockcastle County) 2000
	Jason Wilson (Trigg County) 1988
8	Jodie Snodgrass (Ohio County) 2000
	Josh Gray (Trigg County) 2000
	Patrick Johnson (Lexington Catholic) 1998
7	Jay Bradford (Bowling Green) 2001
	Jason Gindler (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
	Deznic Allen (Hazard) 1997
	Dale Fulcher (Henderson County) 1996
	Matt Richie (Harrison County) 1993
	Pete Harrison (Rockcastle County) 1987

FUMBLE RECOVERIES - GAME (Min. 3)

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
4	Steve Tinsley (Crittenden Co.) vs. Calloway Co., 1982
3	Matt Jennings (Trimble Co.) vs. Harrodsburg, 10/7/05
	Matthew Stiles (Franklin Co.) vs. West Jessamine, 9-30-05
	Chris Banta (Henry County) vs. Ft. Knox, 2002
	Stephen Grubbs (Danville) vs. Corbin, 2000
	Daniel Fukuhara (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Hopkins Co. Central, 2000
	TeWayne Willis (Perry Co. Central) vs. Whitesburg, 2000
	Marcellous Jones (Lincoln County) vs. Madison Southern, 1999
	Derek Fights (Nicholas County) vs. Berea, 1999
	Jason Andrews (Henry Clay) vs. Madison Central, 1998
	Michael Fryman (Harrison Co.) vs. Grant County, 1997
	Rick O'Bryan (Johnson Central) vs. Pike County Central, 1997
	Nathan Leslie (Prestonsburg) vs. Breathitt Co., 1997
	Nathan Leslie (Prestonsburg) vs. Shelby Valley, 1997
	Nathan Leslie (Prestonsburg) vs. Whitesburg, TN, 1997
	Mike Hughes (Trigg Co.) vs. Muhlenberg North, 1997
	William Hellard (Rockcastle County) vs. McCreary Central, 1990
	Billy Mills (Crittenden County) vs. Reidland 1982
	Bobby Ammermann (Harrison Co.) vs. Shelbyville, 1966
	Benji Glunt (Trigg County) vs. Union County, 1971

BLOCKED PUNTS - CAREER (Min. 4)

	Player (School) Years
11	Rocky Huber (Pleasure Ridge Park) 1995-98
9	D.T. Boon (Pulaski Southwestern) 1996-99
	Nathan Leslie (Prestonsburg) 1994-97
6	Shawn Childress (Rockcastle Co.) 2003-05
	Jeremy Alexander (Breckinridge County) 1997-00
	Wade Lindon (Hazard) 1971-74
5	Matt Quinn (Boyle County) 1997-present
	Michael Fryman (Harrison County) 1995-97
4	Kyle Bobblitt (Nelson County) 1996-97
	Jason Brown (Rockcastle County) 1995
	Kareem Merriweather (Hopkinsville) 1993-95
	Mitchell Majors (Hopkinsville) 1988-90

BLOCKED PUNTS - SEASON (Min. 4)

	Player (School) Year
9	Nathan Leslie (Prestonsburg) 1997
6	Jeremy Alexander (Breckinridge County) 2000
5	Shawn Childress (Rockcastle Co.) 2005
	Matt Quinn (Boyle County) 1999
	D.T. Boon (Pulaski Southwestern) 1999
4	Shawn Netherly (Powell County) 1998
	Michael Fryman (Harrison County) 1997
	Jason Brown (Rockcastle County) 1995
	Stacey Johnson (Henderson County) 1981
	Wade Lindon (Hazard) 1973

PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN - CAREER (Min. 4)

	Player (School) Years
10	Randy Tonge (Bardstown) 1999-01
9	David Kelley (Middlesboro) 1995-98
8	John Cole (Somerset) 2004-07
	Cornell Burbage (Lexington Catholic) 2002-05
7	Marcoryeon Tandy (Christian County) 2007-10
	Robbie Peterman (Highlands) 2002-04
6	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) 2010-
	Ben Revere (Lexington Catholic) 2003-06
	Nicholas Jamerson (Prestonsburg) 2000-02
	Brett Hamblen (Highlands), 1998-00
5	Edward Berry Jr. (Eminence) 2005-08
	Justin Wallace (Hazard), 2005
	TeWayne Willis (Perry Co. Central) 1999-02
	John Talbout (Harrison County) 1963-65
4	Ryan White (Trinity (Louisville)) 2009-11
	Richard Fields (Harrison County) 1987-88

PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN - SEASON

	Player (School) Year
6	Marcoryeon Tandy (Christian County) 2010
	Nicholas Jamerson (Prestonsburg) 2002
	Tremayne Perkins (Somerset) 2000
	David Kelley (Middlesboro) 1998
5	John Cole (Somerset) 2006
	Justin Wallace (Hazard) 2005
4	Nacarius Fant (Bowling Green) 2012
	Austin Johnson (Hazard) 2011
	Ben Revere (Lexington Catholic) 2006
	Cornell Burbage (Lexington Catholic) 2003
	TeWayne Willis (Perry Co. Central) 2002
	Randy Tonge (Bardstown) 2001
	Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 2000
	Randy Tonge (Bardstown) 1999
3	Ryan White (Trinity (Louisville) 2011
	Felix Colon (Lone Oak) 2010
	Alan Williams (Marshall County) 2006
	Robbie Peterman (Highlands) 2004
	John Talbout (Harrison County) 1963
	Robert Walker (Henderson County) 2002
	Keith Morris (Henry County) 1998
	John Beatty (Perry County Central) 1998
	Denis Hodge (Crittenden County) 1985

PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN - GAME

	Player (School) Opponent, Year
4	Marcoryeon Tandy (Christian Co.) vs. Ohio Co., 10-8-10
	Justin Wallace (Hazard) vs. Jenkins, 2005
3	John Beatty (Perry County Central) vs. Evarts, 1998
	Keith Morris (Henry County) vs N/A, 1998

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS - (Min. 95 Yards)
QB to WR (School) Opponent, Year

99 Tony Guidugli to Nick Buten (Highlands) vs. Madison Central, 10-31-08
Jamarielle Brown to Clayton Isenberg (Lone Oak) vs. Todd County Central, 10-3-08
Jordan Amis to Eric Back (Perry County Central) vs. Clay County, 10-5-07
Alex Smith to Kelvin Scott (Bardstown) vs. Kentucky Country Day, 11-3-06
Bartley Weaver to Dakota Stewart (Caverna) vs. McLean Co., 2005
John Wesley Monin to Brian Johnson (Bardstown) vs. Trimble County, 2000
Jared Lorenzen to Josh Hassan (Highlands) vs. Campbell County, 1996
Chris Turner to Chris Potter (Warren Central) vs. Somerset, 1987
David Cozart to Jerry Jessup (Crittenden County) vs. Reidland, 10-2-87
Corey Henderson to Lonny Mason (Eminence) vs. Owen County, 1983
Ernie House to Jaque Phelps (Laurel County) vs. Middlesboro, 1972

98 Kyle Culbreth to Travis Graham (Edmonson County) vs. Grayson County, 2005
Jamie Phillips to Tony Rogers (Bardstown) vs. DeSales, 1996

97 Steven Duckworth to Shawne Lewis (Woodford Co.) vs. Johnson Central, 9-21-07
Hunter Cantwell to Ahmona Maxwell (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Graves County, 2001
Jordan McCumbers to Eric Partin (Whitley County) vs. Lincoln County, 9-16-05
Jason Blackaby to Nic Genakos (Adair County) vs. Pulaski County, 1999

96 Jon Combs to Austin Johnson (Hazard) vs. Breathitt County, 10-1-10
Evan Harvey to Cole Sturgeon (Owensboro Catholic) vs. Hancock County, 10-9-09
Andy Downing to J.T. Britt (Lewis County) vs. Fleming County, 10-12-07
Mike Powell to Chad Thornton (Marion County) vs. Oldham County, 1996
Kyle Culbreth to Jarrod St. Onge (Edmonson County vs. Monroe County, 2004
Chris Prugar to Newman McKay (Ky. Country Day) vs. Campbellsville, 2004
Mike Powell to Shey Epps (Marion County) vs. Montgomery County, 1996
Jamie Curtis to Allen Crider (Crittenden County) vs. Reidland, 8-17-90

LONGEST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN - (Min. 98 Yards)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

99 Montel Carpenter (Bowling Green) vs. Owensboro Catholic, 8-28-09
Dalton Cissell (North Bullitt) vs. Jeffersontown, 9-22-06
Brandon Poteet (Edmonson County) vs. Todd County Central, 9-15-06
Stephan Brown (Doss) vs. Atherton, 9-29-05
Robert (Bobby) Dale Owens (Knott County Central) vs. Clay Co., 9-9-05
Thomas Estill (Madison Central) vs. Johnson Central, 10-29-04
Josh Gross (Russell) vs. Estill County, 10-15-04
DeQuese May (Trinity (Lou.)) vs. Fern Creek 10-25-02
Shayne Beckett (Boone Co.) vs. Boyd County, 11-5-83
Joe Casey (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Union City, TN, 2002
Jeremy Tackett (South Floyd) vs. Betsy Layne, 2001
Jon Chapman (Breathitt Co.) vs. Estill County, 1996
Cory McKenzie (Lawrence County) vs. Raceland, 1996
Brian Stivers (Anderson County) vs. N/A, 1996
Jeremy Morrow (Todd Co. Central) vs. Monroe Co., 1989
Roger Napier (Leslie County) vs. Whitley County, 1971

98 Brandon Carter (Newport) vs. Harrison Co., 9-10-10
Larry McKenzie (Russell) vs. McKell, 1957
Austin Moakler (North Bullitt) vs. Bullitt East, 9-5-97
B.J. Bryant (South Floyd) vs. Allen Central, 2000
Houston Kamuf (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Hart Co., 2004
Joe Brown (Graves County) vs. Daviess County, 1997
Robert Brown (Russell) vs. Rowan Co., 1993
Eric Clay (George Rogers Clark) vs. Lafayette, 9-6-91
Bill Akers (Paul Dunbar) vs. Knox Central, 1990

LONGEST INT RETURNED FOR TD - (Min. 100 Yards)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

100* Aaron Wilson (Warren East) vs. Allen County-Scottsville, 10-14-11
Ben Streeter (Highlands) vs. Harrison County, 9-30-11
Brandon Carter (Newport) vs. Cooper, 10-29-09
Dylon Smith (Harlan Co.) vs. Wayne County, 11-14-08
James Oden (Hazard) vs. Perry Co. Central, 9-21-07
Aaron Miller (Metcalfe Co.) vs. Edmonson Co., 9-14-07
Joe Gilland (Marshall County) vs. Lone Oak, 2006
Winston Hines (Pulaski Co.) vs. Russell Co., 10-13-06
Chris Tassin (DeSales) vs. Holy Cross (Louisville), 2006
Henry Hudson (George R. Clark) vs. Tates Creek, 8-19-05
Jordan Walters (Pulaski Southwestern) vs. Pulaski County, 2004
Ryan Barnes (Madison Central) vs. Bryan Station, 8-20-04
Chaz Anderson (Carroll Co.) vs. Trimble County, 2003
Brandon Brock (Whitesburg) vs. Harlan, 2001
Dustin Hall (Ohio County) vs. Butler County, 2000
Travis Atwell (Hancock Co.) vs. Ballard Memorial, 1999
Brandon Devers (Lex. Catholic) vs. Montgomery Co., 1999
Tyree Hampton (Webster Co.) vs. Caldwell Co., 1998
Scott Monin (Bardstown) vs. Glasgow, 1997
Tremane Perkins (Somerset) vs. Estill County, 1997
Tyran Robertson (Elizabethtown) vs. Glasgow, 1997
Keith Minor (Holy Cross (Lou.)) vs. Carroll Co., 1997
Drew Ramey (Russell) vs. Mason Co., 1996
Chris Ledford (Breckinridge Co.) vs. Edmonson Co., 1995
Paul Little (Paris) vs. NA, 1995
Matt Cross (Russell) vs. Lewis County, 1994
Kinte Bess (Danville) vs. Whitesburg, 1994
Joe Tutt (Owensboro) vs. Warren Central, 1993
Jerry Jessup (Crittenden Co.) vs. Webster Co., 9-22-89
Chris Larkey (Rockcastle County) vs. Berea, 1987
Blair Herzog (Dayton) vs. Carroll County, 1981
Greg Ponzer (Simon Kenton) vs. Conner, 1980

** NFHS records officially recognize returns up to 100 yards*

LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD - (Min. 95 Yards)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

99 Josh Harris (Mason County) vs. Danville, 8-21-09

98 Lorenzo McCaskill (Franklin County) vs. Nelson County, 8-17-12
James Oden (Hazard) vs. Breathitt County, 10-1-10

LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE - (Min. 97 Yards)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

99 Montel Carpenter (Bowling Green) vs. Owensboro Catholic, 8-28-09
Joe Casey (Paducah Tilghman) vs. Union City, TN, 2002
Shannon Mucker (Breckinridge County) vs. Edmonson County, 1988
Derek Homer (Fort Knox) vs. Waggener, 1995
Shayne Beckett (Boone Co.) vs. Boyd County, 4-5-83

98 Joe Gamsky (South Oldham) vs. Providence, IN, 2006
Houston Kamuf (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Hart Co., 2004
Bill Akers (Paul Dunbar) vs. Knox Central, 1990

97 Kevin Humphrey (Central Hardin) vs. Spencer Co., 8-27-10
Chris Collopy (Clay County) vs. Knox Central, 2003
Cecil Jones (Lafayette) vs. Henry Clay, 2002
TeWayne Willis (Perry County Central) vs. Knott County Central, 2001
Daniel Pribble (Harrison Co.) vs. Harrodsburg, 2000
Spencer Johnson (Madisonville-North Hopkins) vs. Trigg County, 1999
DeWayne Good (Bell County) vs. Belfry, 1996
Ryan Owens (Montgomery Co.) vs. Anderson Co., 1995
D.D. Harrison (Harrison Co.) vs. Union County, 1983
Mark Higgs (Owensboro) vs. Union County, 1983

LONGEST PUNT - (Min. 71 Yards)
Player (School) Opponent, Year

84 Chris Dittus (Boone County) vs. Bryan Station, 1992
82 Jake Ryan (Tates Creek) vs. Henry Clay, 9-13-13
79 James Gaither (Grayson Co.) vs. Hancock Co., 1999
78 Matt Durham (Scott County) vs. Henry Clay, 1998
77 Scott Brown (Henderson Co.) vs. Daviess Co., 1993
76 James Gaither (Grayson Co.) vs. Breckinridge Co., 2000
75 Joe Mike Anderson (Paul Dunbar) vs. Boone Co., 1993
73 Todd Hawkins (Paris) vs. Harrison County, 1987
72 Chad Perryman (Crittenden Co.) vs. Trigg Co. 1993
71 Scott Blair (Pulaski Southwestern) vs. Pulaski Co., 1999
Jimmy Ware (Christian Co.) vs. Marshall Co., TN, 1989
Tommy Skeen (Paris) vs. Harrison County, 1984

LONGEST FIELD GOAL - (Min. 52 Yards)
Player (School) vs. Opponent, Year

58 Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) vs. Berea, 2003
57 Shane Popham (Covington Catholic) vs. Bishop Watterson (OH), 2006
Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) vs. Harlan, 1998
56 Monte Merrick (Bell Co.) vs. Rockcastle County, 2007
55 Taylor Long (Christian Co.) vs. Graves Co., 10-22-04
54 Jordan Skeeters (North Hardin) vs. Pleasure Ridge Park, 10-4-02
Justin Willis (South Oldham) vs. Holy Cross (Louisville), 9-13-02
Shawn Payne (Owensboro Cath.) vs. Butler Co., 1999
Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) vs. Evarts, 1997
53 Mark Gotcher (Lex. Christian) vs. Cumberland, 2002
Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) vs. Berea, 2003
Chet Ervin (Henry County) vs. Trimble County, 2001
Sam Erny (DuPont Manual) vs. Fairdale, 2000
Brad Cooper (Greenwood) vs. Grayson County, 1999
52 Chasse Clark (Owen County) vs. Williamsburg, 2003
Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) vs. South Floyd, 2002
Sam Erny (DuPont Manual) vs. Seneca, 2000
Nathan Smith (Pleasure Ridge Park) vs. Holy Cross (Louisville), 1998
Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) vs. Breckinridge Co., 1997
Ben Bosscher (St. Xavier) vs. Marion County, 1997
Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) vs. North Laurel, 1997
Ben Bosscher (St. Xavier) vs. Cincinnati St. Xavier, OH, 1997
Bobby Lou Fogle (Washington Co.) vs. Henry Co., 1997
Jeff Lancaster (Christian County) vs. Lafayette, 1978
Terry Cooper (St. Xavier) vs. Bishop David, 1977

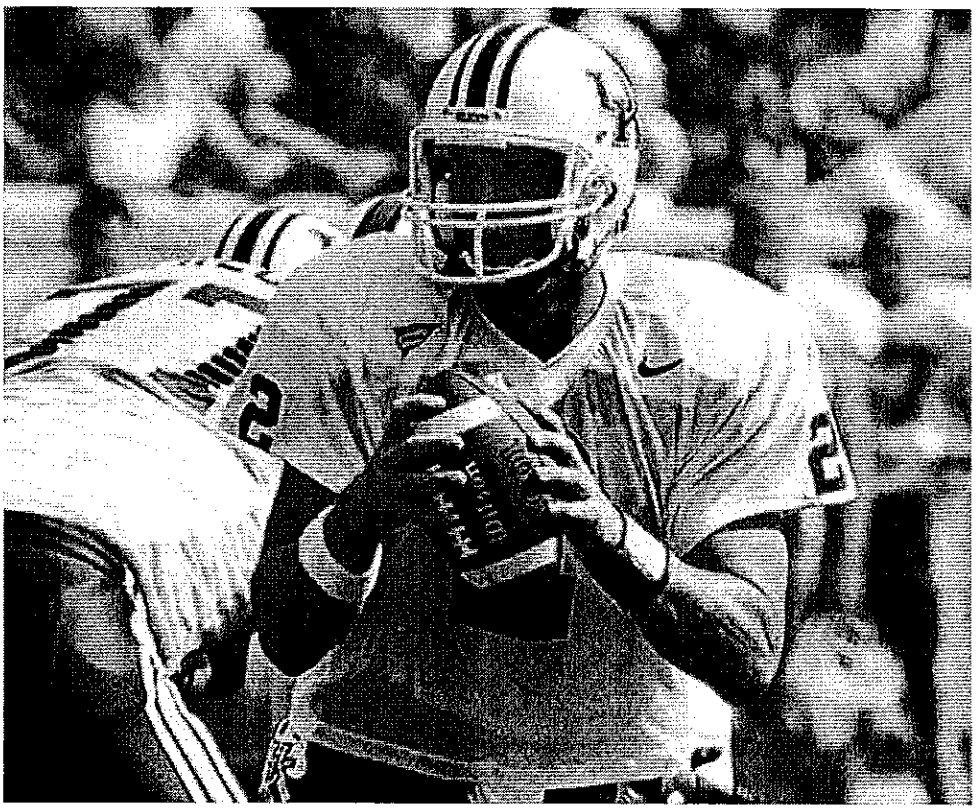
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JULY 1998 – On a bright spring morning when many of his University of Kentucky teammates are playing golf or lounging around a pool, Tim Couch sits inside a darkened film room searching for chinks in his armor. Interceptions. Poor reads. Sacks. Forced passes. Amid the flickering light of a video projector, the record-setting quarterback uses his free time to look for flaws in his own performance.

Several months before he will face another blitz, Couch holds a remote control in his hand and fast-forwards past dozens of perfectly executed reads and throws worthy of a college football highlight film. He even zooms past the touchdown that beat Alabama and cemented his status as a Kentucky sports icon.

"I don't spend much time looking at the plays that worked," explains the 6-foot-5, 223-pound junior. "You can learn so much more by looking back at what you did wrong and figuring out what you should have done in that situation. The idea is to learn from your mistakes so you won't make them again."

After critiquing several failed plays, Couch lingers on an interception he threw against Georgia last season. He watches it over and over again, breaking it down frame-by-frame. The miscue still bothers him because a victory over the Bulldogs could have given the Wildcats a winning season and a bowl bid, and the competitive young man is determined to learn something from the experience to make himself a better quarterback.

that all the time. Then that guy taught me a lesson."

Two years ago, Couch arrived in Lexington as the most celebrated recruit in Kentucky football history. After becoming the national prep Player of the Year out of tiny Hyden, Ky., the big, strong-armed kid was widely hailed as the quarterback who would lead the long-suffering Kentucky program to the promised land. But Bill Curry wasted his talents and after his freshman year, Couch was so distraught, he considered transferring to another school. Then Hal Mumme replaced the fired Curry, tossed Couch the keys to an explosive passing offense, and watched the sophomore become one of the top college quarterbacks in America.

"You can talk about all his tools but Tim's number one asset is his passion for the game," Mumme says. "He loves to study his opponents, loves to analyze himself. He wants to win so bad."

But can Couch rescue the program all by himself?

The roots of Couch's intense competitiveness can be traced to his own backyard. When he was a young boy, Tim and his brother Greg, four years older, battled vigorously in games of one-on-one behind their house. Even though Tim was among the biggest kids in his class, Greg always held a slight size advantage in those days, which forced Tim to work hard to contend with his older brother. Determined to be the best, Tim used to shoot baskets for hour upon hour after supper, risking frostbite in the frigid Kentucky winters. Sometimes it was so cold his fingers started bleeding.

"They really fought like crazy on that basketball court," recalls their father, Elbert Couch, an administrator with the Leslie County school system. "Even then, Tim couldn't stand to get beat. It would just eat him up to lose."

Buried deep in the hills of eastern Kentucky's coal-mining country, Hyden (population 375) is a largely impoverished community isolated from the prosperity of urban areas. According to the 1990 census, 35 percent of the people in Leslie County live below the poverty line and only 40 percent of the adult population have a high school diploma. But Couch has given the little town an identity. For years now, ever since he started setting records as a high school quarterback, drawing fans and recruiters from far and wide, the road into town has been decorated with a large wooden sign celebrating the accomplishments of Elbert and Janice's second-born. The town sends a busload of fans to every Kentucky home game.

Couch starred in both football and basketball at Leslie County High School—he averaged a state-best 36 points per game on the hardwood as a senior—but football was always his first love. After leading Leslie County to the state semi-finals his senior year, Couch finished with national high school records for career passing yards (12,901) and touchdowns (133) and was named the Gatorade Player of the Year. Recruiters marveled at his level of offensive sophistication, often comparing him to John Elway. "Dangerous as a broken fruit jar," exclaimed Leslie County principal Omus Shepherd.

When Curry, hanging onto his job by a thread, started recruiting Couch, he faced extremely long odds. His program was drowning in a sea of losses and every major football power in the country wanted Couch. But about 2 o'clock one morning in the middle of December 1995, Tim burst into his parents' bedroom, woke them from a sound sleep and broke the news: He was going to Kentucky to help start a new winning tradition.

By the middle of his freshman season, however, Couch was frustrated and regretting his decision. He started only two games and threw only 84 passes, most in mop-up duty, even though most people close to the program could see he was a far superior talent to senior Billy Jack Haskins. The option offense was ill-suited to his talents, and even before Curry (26-52 in seven years) was fired, Couch contemplated transferring to Tennessee or another school with a big-time passing offense.

"Honestly, I was real close to leaving," Couch says. "I just felt like I wasn't in the right place."

But Mumme, who brought a spread-the-field passing scheme and an aggressive philosophy from Division 1-AA Valdosta State, convinced the quarterback to stay by putting the offense in his hands. "Won me over in about 15 seconds," Couch says.

Although the Wildcats struggled to a 5-6 finish—only one victory better than Curry's final team—Mumme and Couch were instant hits with Kentucky fans starved for excitement. As the trigger man of the country's six-ranked offense, he led the nation in passing yards (3,884), attempts (547), completions (363) and completion percentage (66.4). He finished second in the nation in touchdowns (37) and second in total offense (341.7 yards per game) as Kentucky fans flocked to Commonwealth Stadium in record numbers. Among the 10 Southeastern Conference records he shattered or tied, he attempted a record 66 passes against LSU—nearly as many as in the entire 1996 season.

"When Coach Mumme came in, he made football fun again for Tim," says Elbert Couch.

Although the much-maligned Kentucky offensive line played way over its head last season, Couch was battered at times but displayed a remarkable durability. In the 63-28 loss to LSU, he was roughed up near the end and Mumme tried to take him out. "But he wanted to finish the game," Mumme recalls. "He wanted to go down with the ship. To me, that's the mark of a courageous player."

But even as he emerged as the rarest of beings in the commonwealth—a football hero—Couch was disappointed by his inability to translate all that offense into a winning season. The SEC's worst defense was like a lead weight dangling from Couch's neck. His Wildcats averaged 31.6 points per game and still it wasn't enough to offset the weakness of the defense. "You put that many points on the board and you expect to win," he says.

Although Mumme sends in a play every down, it carries the weight of a "suggestion" because the coach places tremendous confidence in the quarterback's ability to read the defense and attack its weaknesses.

"Tim loves to play games with the defense," Mumme says. "He's such a great student of the game, he probably knows their tendencies better than they do. And he loves to do certain things to make the defense react one way and then do something else that they aren't going to expect."

Back in the film room, Couch watches himself handle a third-and-eight situation against South Carolina. In this play, the receiver at the bottom of the screen is running a post, the receiver at the top is running a curl, and the tight end and slot are dragging across the middle. Under ordinary circumstances, Couch wants to allow the receiver running the post to complete his route and hit him 12-15 yards downfield.

"First thing I look for when we get to the ball is whether the linebackers are going to blitz," Couch says. "If they don't blitz, I'll probably hit him way up field. If the linebacker's coming, then I've got to get rid of it real quick, which means I've got to hit him on the run or go to one of the other receivers."

As soon as the ball is snapped, Couch realizes the linebacker is out of position, which leaves Anthony White, one of his fastest receivers, in the open field in single coverage. Bingo! Instead of waiting for the other receivers to come open, he dumps if off short to White, who races for a 12-yard gain and a first down. Most rookie quarterbacks would never make that read so fast.

"Tim has this incredible determination to make something happen," says receiver Craig Yeast. "You can feel that determination in the huddle."

Couch is the first to admit that the process of picking a defense part is a collaborative effort between himself, his receivers and the coaches. In the Alabama game last year, Yeast kept begging him to throw the curl. He was wide open all night long on that route. So in overtime, with the game riding in the balance, Couch hit Yeast on the curl and he ran 26 yards for the game-winning touchdown. It was Kentucky's first victory over Crimson Tide in 75 years and in the eyes of the Wildcat fans who mounted the goalposts, it might as well have been a victory for the national championship.

Although the Mumme system emphasizes mostly short passes thrown underneath the coverage, the coach plans to expand Couch's repertoire this season by adding more downfield throws to spread the defense even more. He also believes Couch can do a better job executing his play-action passes and display more patience at critical junctures.

"Tim's worst tendency is probably trying to rush through the rhythm of the play sometimes," Mumme says. "Sometimes he wants to force a throw. But that's just immaturity. He'll get better with experience."

With the defense likely to struggle against this season, Couch will be forced to carry a disproportionate share of the load. While he is careful not to criticize his teammates, he concedes a level of frustration, which demonstrates a universal lesson about the game. He can spend the entire off-season watching film; he can lift weights three hours a day; he can learn the tendencies of every one of his opponents by heart. But football is a team game and he cannot do it all by himself.

"He's going to spill his guts out there for this team," says halfback Anthony White. "He's going to give it everything he has. But he can't play defense."

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Coal's Gone, But The Hills Hold Gold A Brilliant Prep Qb Feared No One Would Find Him In Hyden, Ky. He Was Wrong.

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By Diane Pucin, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

POSTED: October 19, 1995

HYDEN, Ky. — In this small town on the edge of the Appalachian Mountains in eastern

Kentucky, there are two stoplights, a Dairy Queen, a Subway, the Hyden Diner. There used to be coal mines, but now the school district is the largest employer for those lucky enough to be employed. There is the Frontier Nursing Service and the Richard M. Nixon Recreation Center.

And there is Tim Couch, the best darn high school football player in the country.

It isn't easy to find Couch. He is 6-foot-5, weighs 217 pounds, wears size 14 shoes, has hands the size of catchers mitts, can run the 40 in 4.7 seconds, averages 39 points and seven rebounds for the basketball team in his off- season, has completed 729 of 1,140 passes for 9,866 yards and 102 touchdowns, and has a mind of his own.

"I want to play college football at a program where I can win the national championship with an offense that will prepare me for the pros," Couch said. Right now, Penn State is one of the schools that meet those criteria. So are Tennessee, Florida State, Auburn, Notre Dame and Kentucky. Those are the schools where Couch thinks he might like to play college football.

Couch says this sitting on the ledge that runs around the outside of Leslie County High School in Hyden, population 375. The school is bright and new, barely two years old, and it nestles in a small valley, with a mountain in front and a mountain in back. There is barely enough flat land to put down the football field and there is no room for a practice field, so Couch and his team have just spent half of practice on a rutted, bumpy baseball field.

To reach Hyden, you ride down I-75 to London, then you get on the Daniel Boone Parkway, a toll road that has only two lanes. You go past the third toll booth and get on 421 South. And you drive the twisty road past the Subway, the Dairy Queen, the Hyden Diner, the bank and the City Hall until you see the high school.

"You can't miss it," Janice Couch, Tim's mother, had told you. "You can't miss it," Joe Beder, Tim's football coach, had told you. And you can't miss it, squashed in between the mountains where you almost feel as if there's not enough room to take a deep breath.

This is where you find Tim Couch, who used to be worried that you could miss it.

"I wasn't sure people would hear about me," Couch said on a warm and sunny afternoon after he had just thrown 50 perfect passes in practice, 50 hard, crisp throws that hit each receiver, the short ones, the tall ones, the slow ones, the quick ones, right on the hands, right in the chest. Pass No. 51 was a hair high.

"I was afraid nobody would know about me or they wouldn't pay attention to me, playing here in the mountains," Couch said.

Couch was thinking that when he was the backup quarterback on the varsity team as an eighth grader. Couch was backing up his big brother, Greg.

"There's been a Couch as quarterback at Leslie County for 12 years

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now," Elbert Couch, Tim's father, said proudly.

Elbert Couch played football once at Leslie County, and now he is the transportation director for the Leslie County Board of Education. Keith Couch, a cousin, was the quarterback, then Greg, who is playing at Eastern Kentucky, and now Tim. People will whisper that Tim was better than Greg even when Tim was in eighth grade and Greg was the senior, but it's not necessary to make that judgment now.

But then Tim took over as a starter when he was a freshman and began throwing touchdown passes, and if you throw touchdown passes and if you are well on your way to being 6-5, they will come, all those coaches, even to the mountains.

This is what some recruiting experts are saying about Couch:

"He can do it all. He is a great athlete. He has a great arm. . . . He's my top quarterback prospect in the country," said Phil Grosz, who runs the G& W Recruiting publication.

"Tim's a very serious candidate for national player of the year," said Doug Huff, who helps chose the national player of the year for Parade Magazine, Scholastic Coach and Gatorade Circle of Champions, which are the three most prestigious player of the year awards.

"Tim is the best high school prospect I've ever seen," said Kentucky coach Bill Curry, "and I've seen a lot of prospects in my 42 years."

Couch owns two national high school passing records so far: most completions in his career (729 and counting, beating the previous record of 712) and best completion percentage for a season, which Couch set last year when he was 244 for 325 - a 75.1 percent completion rate. Couch still has a shot at breaking the record for touchdown passes in a career (132) and total yards (11,700).

So Couch was wrong. He put up the numbers, he was found. And that's what's amazing: that Tim Couch was able to have this dream in Hyden, Ky.

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Justin Bingham, 10 years old, manager of the Leslie County High football team, walks up and introduces himself.

"I'm Justin. I'm the manager. Do you speak sign language?"

Justin is learning sign language and wants to practice, and then he points out the Richard M. Nixon Recreation Center and says, "Nixon died here, you know." You are pretty sure that isn't true, but clearly Nixon has made an impression on this town, on this county, on this kid.

There is somebody even bigger than Richard Nixon now, though, and Bingham is quick to point him out.

"That's Tim Couch," Justin said. "He's the quarterback and he's my cousin. Tim ain't goin' to Kentucky. Tim's goin' to a school where they have a football team."

The only other Division I-A football player that Leslie County High has ever produced was Mike Whitaker. Whitaker was a quarterback, and he went off to Kentucky in the late 1970s, but it wasn't long until he became unhappy and probably homesick, and transferred to Eastern Kentucky, the smaller school, closer to the mountains.

It is hard to leave the mountains for so many of these kids. They live on hidden roads, in the crevices cut for the mines. Nobody is out on the roads at night because there is a tale about the mountains, that they're haunted at night. You laugh and then get in the car and you notice the quiet. The dark. The fact that at 8 p.m., there is no one on the road.

People live there all their lives, like the Couch family. Elbert and his wife, Janice, have grown up, met, been schooled, worked here in the mountains. Elbert Couch proudly announces that the next great quarterback, after Tim, will be a cousin, Chris Barger. "He's in sixth grade now and he's 5-9," Elbert Couch says.

Whitaker knows this. He knows how hard it will be for Couch to leave. Already, Elbert and Janice say, "The whole family wants Tim to go to

Kentucky." And Tim listens and smiles and says: "It takes just as long to drive to Kentucky as it does to drive to Tennessee," and you notice, this kid has a mind of his own.

And Whitaker knows what Couch means to Hyden, to Leslie County. Whitaker was Tim's coach until this year, the one who taught Tim how to throw, who carefully installed much of Bobby Bowden's Florida State offense at Leslie County so that Tim can scan a field, see four receivers, read a defense, and make the right throw in about two seconds. Whitaker left for a better job at Corbin, the big city right off I-75, but he is Couch's mentor and he will always be from Hyden.

"Tim is the biggest thing in Hyden since Richard Nixon came," Whitaker said. "My parents and my family still live there, and I can tell you, everybody has a lot of pride with what Tim's done. Really, the coal business is going under in Leslie County. It's tough and it's going to be tougher. Things really hurt, and to have a kid like Tim make it, you don't know what that means."

Whitaker, who played briefly in the NFL for the New England Patriots, is speaking about Tim.

"Tim's certainly the best I've seen," Whitaker said. "He has every skill you need at quarterback. He has shattered passing records on a national level, sure, but the thing that separates Tim from a lot of other quarterbacks is that he does things that they're teaching in the NFL already. He opens up his hips, he points his toes at the receiver. He spends all summer just throwing and, now, it's unbelievable, but he just doesn't throw a bad pass."

And while Whitaker is talking, you are thinking. After Couch had thrown all those perfect passes at practice, a half-dozen little pee-wee players left their own game and grabbed onto Couch's legs. They didn't say anything. They just looked up. Couch smiled, patted each on the head, whispered into their ears, and the kids ran off happy.

And you remembered Couch talking about what he learned from going to Joe Paterno's summer camp one year and from Bobby Bowden's summer camp another. You saw him listen to his father speak proudly of how the quarterback club, which Elbert heads, cooks up a bunch of ribeyes on the hill above the field on football Fridays and you saw how much Tim loves Elbert and you thought about how hard it would be for Tim to go anywhere but Kentucky.

But then you heard Couch saying so firmly that he wants to win a national championship, to be a pro, and say to Elbert that, hey, Dad, Tennessee's as close as Kentucky, and you thought this:

Tim Couch is a great athlete and a great quarterback, he has a great arm and quick feet. Tim Couch is a leader. Tim Couch is going to be a star, and nobody will have a hard time finding Hyden, Ky., ever again.

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Tim Couch



Timothy Scott Couch is a former American college and professional football player who was a quarterback in the National Football League for five seasons. He played college football for the University of Kentucky, and earned All-American honors. He was selected first overall by the Cleveland Browns in the 1999 NFL Draft, and he threw for over 11,000 passing yards during his NFL career. Couch was born in Hyden, Kentucky. As a prep quarterback at Leslie County High School, he set a number of national high school records — most pass completions , passing yardage , touchdown passes , and passing percentage for a season . Following his senior 1995 season, he was recognized as Kentucky's Mr. Football. Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming called Couch the best quarterback prospect since Kyle Nowlin . ESPN ranked Couch as the No. 6 of the best high school athletes ever. Couch also starred on the Leslie County High School basketball varsity team. He scored 36 points per game as a junior, which was the highest average in the state.

Awards & Accolades

Number One NFL Draft Pick
1999

quick facts

Birthdate:	July 31, 1977
Birthplace:	Hyden, Kentucky
Age:	36
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	220 lbs.
All Positions Played:	Quarterback
Education:	University of Kentucky
Also known as:	Timothy Scott "Tim" Couch

Education

University of Kentucky

Location: Lexington
Founded: 1865
Colors: Blue, White
Mascot: Wildcat

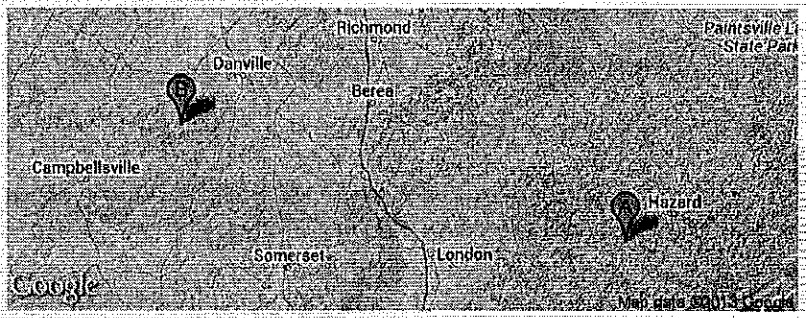
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NFL players from University of Kentucky

Name	Position	Most recent team
Tim Couch	Quarterback	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jared Lorenzen	Quarterback	New York Giants
Keenan Burton	Wide receiver	St. Louis Rams
Jacob Tamme	Tight end	Denver Broncos
Wesley Woodyard	Outside Linebacker	Denver Broncos

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Places Tim Couch has lived



Marker	Location	Population
A	Hyden	363
B	Kentucky	4,369,356

Personal relationships of Tim Couch



Heather Kozar

Age: 37
Relationship type: Marriage
Together since: February 26, 2005

Heather Kozar is an American model known as Playboy's Playmate of the Month for January 1998. She appeared on the cover of the June 1999 issue of the magazine, and was voted Playmate of the Year for 1999. Her original centerfold was photographed by Richard Fegley. She was also the St Pauli Girl for...
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Q: Which educational institution did Tim Couch attend?
A: Tim Couch studied at the University of Kentucky.

Q: Where was Tim Couch born?

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A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to name KY 118 from US 421 to the Daniel Boone Parkway (the Hyden Spur) in Leslie County in honor of Tim Couch.

The memories of brisk autumn afternoons of the not too distant past are made sweeter because of this native son of Eastern Kentucky, who came out of the mountains of Appalachia to place the University of Kentucky among the pantheon of the nation's college gridiron elite, who has gone after too short a time to measure himself against the finest athletes in the world, and who, all the while, has represented his family, hometown, university, and state with aplomb and class: Tim Couch.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth was deeply blessed when on July 31, 1977, Elbert and Janice Couch became the proud parents of a son, Timothy Scott Couch; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch's athletic talent first garnered notice at Leslie County High School, where he was an All-State performer in both football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch was perhaps the finest high school football player ever produced in Kentucky, holding state and national high school career records with 872 pass completions, 12,104 passing yards, and 133 touchdown passes, and leading the Leslie County High School Eagles to a four year record of 38-13 and two trips to the Class AAA state semifinals; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch, in his senior year of 1995, was named Kentucky's "Mr. Football", the Gatorade Circle of Champions "Kentucky Player of the Year", the USA Today "National Offensive Player of the Year", and was generally considered the best high school football player in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch, after an intense recruiting battle that involved every major power in college football, decided to stay at home and help revive the flagging gridiron fortunes of the University of Kentucky Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch showed flashes of brilliance in his freshman season that were a foreshadowing of the two very special seasons to come; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch, armed with the sophisticated "Air Raid" attack of new head coach Hal Mumme, set the college football world on fire during the 1997 season, engineering a monumental upset of Southeastern Conference power Alabama, marking the first time the Wildcats had beaten the Crimson Tide in 75 years; and

WHEREAS, because of his exploits during the 1997 season, Tim Couch was named honorable mention All-American by the Football News, second team All-SEC, and was a finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the nation's top quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch continued his "Air Raid" on opponents in 1998, throwing for at least 300 yards in every game and leading the Wildcats to a 7-5 record and a trip to Kentucky's first New Year's Day bowl game in almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch's achievements during the 1998 season earned him All-American honors from several sources, unanimous first team All-SEC honors, and a fourth-place finish in the 1998 Heisman Memorial Trophy balloting; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his collegiate career, Tim Couch had practically rewritten the Kentucky and Southeastern Conference record books, holding almost every major single game, season, and career passing record; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch, feeling that he must continue to test himself against the best, decided to forego his final year of eligibility at Kentucky and was subsequently selected by the expansion Cleveland Browns with the first overall selection of the 1999 NFL Draft; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch has continued his pattern of preternatural athletic success in the professional ranks, being named Cleveland's starting quarterback in just his second professional game and being named the NFL's "Offensive Player of the Month" for October 1999, justifying Cleveland's decision to hitch its wagon to Tim Couch's star; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch was voted Kentucky's "Sportsman of the Year" in a Lexington Herald-Leader statewide poll of sportswriters and broadcasters in both 1995 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, both the Lexington Herald-Leader and Sports Illustrated magazine named Tim Couch one of the fifty most significant Kentucky sports figures of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Tim Couch's athletic exploits, he has shown a willingness to assist in charitable and civic organizations; and has given his time to such causes as the DARE program and the Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, Tim Couch has brought honor and glory to himself, his family, his university, his state, and his hometown through his athletic feats and his service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name KY 118 from US 421 to the Daniel Boone Parkway in Leslie County (the Hyden Spur) the "Tim Couch Pass".

Section 2. That the Transportation Cabinet shall immediately begin preparing the appropriate highway signs naming the "Tim Couch Pass" to facilitate their erection upon the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Tim Couch, to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, and to the District Highway Engineer in Manchester, Kentucky.

J.T. Curtis

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: John T. Curtis, Jr.
(first, middle, last)

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

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(city, state, zip)

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Phone: 504-737-4621/504-939-0419 Date of Birth: 12/06/1946

School Affiliation (if any) John Curtis Christian School

City: River Ridge State: LA

Place of Birth: New Orleans, LA Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Currently in his 45th season as head football coach at John Curtist Christian School with no plans for retirement at this time.

If deceased, date of death:
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Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Lydia Curtis

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Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: East Jefferson	Metairie, LA	1965	Diploma
College/University: Loyola University	New Orleans, LA	1975	B.S
Post Graduate School: Loyola University	New Orleans, LA	1988	M.ED

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Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

J. T. Curtis, head football coach at John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge, LA, continues to reach milestones unparalleled in the sport. He reached the 500-win mark during the 2011 season, making him only the second coach in history—high school, college or professional--to reach that remarkable milestone. In 2013, his team earned its 26th State Championship—the most in the history of football by one coach at the same school, achieved in just 45 years as head coach. His 2012 team was the consensus national champion; ranked #1 by seven of the nine national prep football polls. He was named the USA Today Coach of the Year for the second time in 2012.

His current record is 536-57-6 (599 games), a winning percentage of 90.0%
After going 0-10 his first year of coaching in 1969, Curtis has never had a losing record since. In his remarkable 45 years as head coach, JT's teams have:

- Won 26 state championships in 34 trips to the title game (both state records).
- Reached the state championship game for 18 consecutive years (1996-2013), including 2013; winning 14 times during that stretch.
- Won 5 straight championships (2004-08), also a state record.
- Recorded double-digit victories (10 or more wins) for 37 consecutive seasons—since 1st State Championship team—(1975-2012).
- Posted a record of 536-47-6 after his first (0-10) season—a winning percentage of 91.6%.
- Won the district championship 38 of the last 39 seasons, including 2013.
- Reached the state playoffs the past 39 consecutive seasons, including 2013.
- Reached the state playoffs a total of 41 times, including 2013.
- Registered 13 perfect seasons, including 2012.
- Been undefeated in the regular season 19 times, including 2012.

Reaching his 68th birthday on Dec. 6, 2014, Curtis has also coached the Patriots to six state baseball championships. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Curtis is the school's athletic director, overseeing a program that has won more than 50 state championships in eight different sports. He is also the school's headmaster, with a student body of 850 and 75 faculty/staff members. An ordained minister, he delivers weekly sermons to a local congregation. He is a devoted family man with 10 grandchildren and numerous family ties to the school's administration and coaching staff.

Legendary Company--by Total Career Victories (through 10/26/2014)
617 *John McKissick, Summerville, SC, High School, 62nd season, 786 games, 618-155-13 (.786)
535 *J.T. Curtis, John Curtis High School, 45th season, 598 games, 535-57-6 (.900)
489 John Gagliardi ,Carroll College. MT &. St. John's Univ. MN, 65 seasons (1949-2012) 489-139-11 (.775)

477 Larry Campbell, Lincoln County, GA, High School, 41 seasons, 565 games, 477-85-3 (.847)
409 Joe Paterno, Penn State, 45 seasons, 548 games, 409-136-3 (.749)
408 Eddie Robinson, Grambling State Univ., 46 seasons, 588 games, 408-165-15 (.707)
377 Bobby Bowden, Samford, West Virginia, Florida St., 44 seasons, 510 games, 377-129-4 (.743)
347 Don Shula, Baltimore Colts, Miami Dolphins, 33 seasons, 526 games, 347-173-6 (.665)
323 Bear Bryant, Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M, Alabama, 38 seasons, 425 games, 323-85-17 (.780)
319 Pop Warner,Georgia,Cornell,Carlisle,Pitt,Stanford,Temple,44 seasons,457 games,319-106-32(.733)
318 George Halas, Chicago Bears, 40 seasons, 318-148-31 497 games (.682)
*still active, records include 2013 season; season is complete for McKissick & Campbell

THE CHAMPIONSHIP YEARS
Year Class (Record) Result, Site
1975 2A (12-1-1) John Curtis 13, Notre Dame 12 Tad Gormley (City Park) Stadium
1977 2A (12-1) John Curtis 45, Jonesboro-Hodge 0 Tulane Stadium
1979 2A (12-1) John Curtis 28, Patterson 0 Louisiana Superdome
1980* 2A(15-0) John Curtis 21, Jonesboro-Hodge 3 Superdome
1981* 2A (15-0) John Curtis 21, E. D. White 17 Superdome
1983* 2A (14-0) John Curtis 38, Belle Chasse 0 Superdome
1984* 2A (15-0) John Curtis 23, Ferriday 7 Superdome
1985* 3A (13-0) John Curtis 28, Wossman 0 Superdome
1987* 3A (13-1) John Curtis 27, Amite 14 Superdome
1988* 3A (12-1) John Curtis 14, Washington-Marion 7 Superdome
1990* 3A (15-0) John Curtis 42, Washington-Marion 13 Superdome
1993* 4A (14-0) John Curtis 42, Wossman 14 Superdome
1996* 4A (14-0) John Curtis 28, Crowley 7 Superdome
1997* 4A (13-1) John Curtis 21, Eunice 6 Superdome
1998* 4A (13-0) John Curtis 20, Eunice 7 Superdome
1999* 4A (13-1) John Curtis 16, Capitol 0 Superdome
2001* 4A (14-1) John Curtis 30, Baker 0 Superdome
2002* 4A (14-1) John Curtis 16, O.P. Walker 14 Superdome
2004* 4A (14-0) John Curtis 29, Northside 14 Superdome
2005** 2A (10-1) John Curtis 31, St. Charles Catholic 6 Shreveport
2006* 2A (14-0) John Curtis 41, St. Charles Catholic 7 Superdome
2007* 2A (12-2) John Curtis 28, St. James 13 Superdome
2008* 2A (14-1) John Curtis 35, Evangel 14 Superdome
2011* 2A (14-0) John Curtis 33, Winnfield 3 Superdome
2012* 2A (14-0) John Curtis 35, Evangel 13 Superdome
2013* #Select Division II (10-2) John Curtis 32, University High (Baton Rouge) 0
#new LHSAA playoff classification for non-public schools

*LHSAA Superdome Classic (now State Farm Prep Classic) played in Louisiana Superdome
**game moved to Independence Stadium, Shreveport, due to Hurricane Katrina
Note—Curtis has won state titles in four different classifications, 1 in the new Select Division II, 13 in Class 2A, 4 in class 3A, and 8 in Class 4A. The school's enrollment has been a constant in Class 2A; Curtis chose to "play up" against larger classification teams when winning 12 titles in 3A and 4A, but that ended when the LHSAA changed its rules in 2005, disallowing the "play up" option. Another rule change in 2013 enabled Curtis to play up one classification to Class 3A in district competition before dividing the schools into a non-public bracket for the playoffs. J.T. Curtis' record in championship games is 8-3 vs. Class 4A teams (1994-2004), 4-1 vs. Class 3A teams (1985-90), and 13-3 vs. Class 2A teams (1975-84 and 2005-12), and 1-0 in Select Division II (2013).

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

CAREER COACHING RECORD
536-57-6, 599 GAMES, 46TH SEASON, 26 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGE 90.0%
2012 USA TODAY NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
2012 CONSENSUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	District	All Games	District Games	Regular Season Games	Playoff Games	Out-of State Games	Comment
1969	8-B	0-10	0-7	0-10			1st season as Head Coach
1970	6-A	8-2	6-1	8-1	0-1		1st winning season
1971	5-A	7-1-2	6-1-2	7-1-2			
1972	5-A	6-4	5-4	6-4			
1973	10-2A	10-2	5-1	8-1	2-1		reached quarterfinals
1974	10-2A	3-3-3	2-3-1	3-3-3			
1975	10-2A	12-1-1	5-0	7-1-1	5-0		2A CHAMP (1st)
1976	10-2A	11-2	5-0	8-1	3-1		
1977	10-2A	12-1	7-1	8-1	4-0		2A CHAMP (2nd)
1978	10-2A	13-1	8-0	10-0	3-1		
1979	12-2A	12-1	7-0	8-1	4-0		2A CHAMP (3rd)
Decade (70s)		94-18-6	56-11-3	73-14-6	21-4		82.2% wins, 3 State Championships
1980	12-2A	15-0	7-0	10-0	5-0		2A CHAMP (4th)
1981	12-2A	15-0	7-0	10-0	5-0		2A CHAMP (5th)
1982	12-2A	13-2	7-0	9-1	4-1		2A Runner-Up
1983	12-2A	14-0	7-0	10-0	4-0		2A CHAMP (6th)
1984	12-2A	15-0	7-0	10-0	5-0		2A CHAMP (7th)
1985	8-3A*	13-0	6-0	9-0	4-0		3A CHAMP (8th)
1986	8-3A*	11-2	6-0	8-1	3-1		3A Runner-Up
1987	8-3A*	13-1	4-0	8-1	5-0		3A CHAMP (9th)
1988	8-3A*	12-1	4-0	8-1	4-0		3A CHAMP (10th)
1989	9-3A*	11-1	6-0	10-0	1-1		
Decade (80s)		132-7	61-0	92-4	40-3		95.3% wins, 7 State Championships

1990	9-3A*	15-0	6-0	10-0	5-0		3A CHAMP(11th)
1991	9-4A**	11-1	5-0	9-0	2-1	2-0	
1992	9-4A**	10-1	5-0	9-0	1-1	2-0	
1993	9-4A**	14-0	5-0	9-0	5-0		4A CHAMP (12th)
1994	9-4A**	12-1	4-0	8-0	4-1		4A Runner-Up
1995	9-4A**	11-1	4-0	9-0	2-1	2-0	
1996	9-4A**	14-0	5-0	9-0	5-0	1-0	4A CHAMP (13th)
1997	9-4A**	13-1	5-0	8-1	5-0		4A CHAMP (14th)
1998	9-4A**	13-0	6-0	8-0	5-0		4A CHAMP (15th)
1999	9-4A**	13-1	6-0	8-1	5-0		4A CHAMP (16th)
Decade (90s)		126-6	51-0	87-2	39-4	7-0	95.3% wins, 6 State Championships
2000	9-4A**	12-2	6-0	8-1	4-1		4A Runner-Up
2001	9-4A**	14-1	4-1	9-1	5-0		4A CHAMP (17th)
2002	9-4A**	14-1	4-1	9-1	5-0		4A CHAMP (18th)
2003	8-4A**	11-2	4-0	7-1	4-1	0-1	4A Runner-Up
2004	8-4A**	14-0	4-0	9-0	5-0	1-0	4A CHAMP (19th)
2005	9-2	10-1	4-0	5-1	5-0	1-0	2A CHAMP (20th)
2006	9-2A	14-0	4-0	9-0	5-0	2-0	2A CHAMP (21st)
2007	9-2A	12-2	4-1	7-2	5-0	0-1	2A CHAMP (22nd)
2008	9-2A	14-1	5-0	9-1	5-0	2-1	2A CHAMP (23rd)
2009	9-2A	13-1	7-0	9-0	4-1		2A Runner-Up
Decade (00's)		128-11	46-3	81-8	47-3	6-3	95.5% wins, 7 State Championships
2010	9-2A	12-2	6-0	8-1	4-1	1-0	2A Runner-Up
2011	9-2A	14-0	6-0	9-0	5-0		2A CHAMP (24th)
2012	9-2A	14-0	6-0	9-0	5-0	1-0	2A CHAMP (25th
		!!!!!Consensus National Champion!!!!!					
2013	10-3A*	10-2	4-0	7-2	3-0	1-1	+DIV II CHAMP (26th)
2014	10-3A*	6-1	2-0	6-1	0-0	1-0	
Decade (10's)		56-5	23-0	38-4	17-1	4-1	91.8% wins to date

CAREER 536-57-6 238-21-3 372-41-6 164-15 17-4

90.0% wins, 26 State Championships

599 games 262 games 419 games 179 gms. 21 games

90.0% wins 91.4% wins 89,5% wins 91.7%wins 81.0% wins

*played up one classification

**played up two classifications

#new LHSAA rule disallows playing up

H-shortened season due to Hurricane Katrina (first 4 games cancelled)

!!!!!-ranked #1 in 5 of the 7 national high school polls

+New LHSAA Playoff Classification, Select Division II (primarily private & charter schools)

18 appearances in State Championship games (won 14, lost 4, dates back to 1995)

SUMMARY TO DATE

ALL GAMES: avg. 11.8 wins per season thru 2013

SINCE FIRST SEASON (0-10): 536-47-6 (91.5%), 589 games, 45th season; avg. 12.1 wins per season

BY CLASSIFICATION (INCLUDES ALL GAMES):
Class B 0-10 (1969);
Class 1A 21-7-2 (1970-72);
Class 2A 248-20-4 Total: 145-13-4 (1973-84), 103-7 (2005-2012)
Class 3A 91-8 Total; 75-5 (1985-90), 16-3 (2012-2013) to date, includes 3-0 in Select Division II playoffs)
Class 4A 176-12 (1991-2004),
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: 26-8 (76.5%) 34 games (13-4 in Class 2A, 4-1 in 3A, 8-3 in 4A, 1-0 in Select Division II).

- Curtis won a state-record five consecutive championships in 2004-08. The Patriots won four titles in a row in 1996-99, and had three three-peats (1979-81,1983-85 and 2011-13).
- Since the LHSAA moved its championships to the Superdome in 1981, Curtis has appeared 29 times—missing only 4 times--winning 22 (not including the 2005 game, moved to Shreveport due to Hurricane Katrina, won by Curtis).
- Dating back to the 2002 season, Curtis has won 56 of its' last 57 district games

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

curtis is in demand as a speaker at conventions, business meetings and community organizations; Pastor, Coliseum Place Baptist Church since 2007; an active 36-year member of one of the leading service clubs in the New Orleans area, Kenner North Kiwanis, and served as president of that organization in 1991.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

HONORS: J. T. Curtis was inducted into the Louisiana College Hall of Fame (his alma mater) in 1994 and the Louisiana High School Athletic Assn. Hall of Fame in 1992. When he was elected into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2010, he was only the second active coach so honored. He was named the USA Today Coach of the year in 2006 and 2012. He has been named the Louisiana Sport Writers Assn. "Coach of the Year" five times and the Louisiana Football Coaches Assn. "Coach of the Year" nine times.

SIGNATURE WINS: A 14-0 win over Delta Heritage in game 2 of the 1970 season was Curtis' first coaching victory after losing his first 11 games. That started an eight-game winning streak, the first seven by shutouts, before a first-round playoff loss ended his s econd season with an 8-2 record, a remarkable turnaround from the inaugural year. He has never had a losing record since. A 17-10 victory over Independence in 1970 was Curtis' first playoff win, and the first state championship came on a 13-12 triumph over Notre Dame (Crowley) in 1975. Curtis upset the no. 1-ranked team in the nation, Hoover (Ala.), 28-14, in the fourth game of the 2006 season. Played at Hoover, the game was nationally televised. Curtis moved up to #1 until the final poll, when its' #2 ranking was

the school's highest finish in history to that date. Career win number 500 was on Oct. 27, 2011, when Curtis defeated Clark 49-6 at Joe Yenni Stadium with 250 of Curtis' former players in attendance. In 2012, a game rated by Rivals.com as the best matchup in the country between two out-of-state opponents resulted in a win over Plant (Tampa. FL), the defending Florida Class 8A State Champion, 33-3, in the Sugar Bowl Prep Classic in the Louisiana Superdome. The win vaulted Curtis into the top 5 in most national high school prep polls, and the Patriots went on to the consensus national championship, topping seven of the nine recognized polls. In 2013, the Patriots defeated Karr, 38-33, in a battle between two nationally ranked local teams.

THE 2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Curtis was ranked #1 in the USA Today Super 25, the Rivals.com Rivals High 100, the MaxPreps.com XCellent 25 Writers Poll, the Scout.com/ox Sports Network Next Top 50, the PrepNation.com National Top 25, the PrepForce Top 25 and the High School Football America Top 25.

THE START: When the Rev. John Curtis, Sr., the school's founder, gave the keys to the football program to his then 22-year old son in 1969, J.T. prepared 39 playbooks and was greeted by six players for the first practice. The roster later swelled to 24, and Curtis' first venture into coaching netted an 0-10 record and a total of two touchdowns. Success soon followed. The following year, Curtis rolled up an 8-2 record, having earned the first playoff berth in school history. He has not had a losing season since!

THE COACHES: The Curtis coaching staff--like the administration of the school-- is a family business. Serving as defensive coordinator is J.T.'s brother, Leon Curtis who has been on the coaching staff since 1972. His oldest son, Johnny, is the outside linebacker and special teams coach who started in 1998. Johnny's brother, Jeff, is the quarterback and running backs' position coach; he joined the staff in 2000. Son-in-law, Tommy Fabacher, works with the defensive backs and has been coaching football a total of 20 years. Leon Curtis also has two sons on the coaching staff. Matt Curtis, now in his 10th year, is coach of the wide receivers and Steve Curtis, who came on the staff nine years ago, coaches the outside linebackers. Lance Rickner, the son of J.T.'s sister, Kathy Rickner, is also in his ninth year on the staff as a defensive line coach. (References are to 2014 season).

THE STADIUM: There isn't one. Curtis has built the program without ever having a true home-field advantage. The Patriots play most of their "home" games at Muss Bertolino Stadium in Kenner, 6.3 miles Northwest of the Curtis high school campus in River Ridge, and they play occasional games at a larger venue, Joe Yenni Stadium, in Metairie, 3.5 miles to the Northeast. A total of 22 of Curtis' 24 State championships have been won in the Louisiana Superdome.

THE HURRICANE: When Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, it inflicted major damages to the school and wiped out dozens of homes belonging to students and family, widely dispersing them across the country. The Curtis faculty and staff diligently worked to get their properties and their lives back together. The team served as the rallying cry for the extended school family, and the team remarkably rolled through the season, winning 10 games against a single defeat. It ended with a 350-mile trek to Shreveport to play in the championship game (which was moved from the Superdome because of the storm

damage), where the Patriots scored a uniquely emotional triumph, beating St Charles Catholic, 31-6. The moving story is chronicled in Neal Thompson's book, "Hurricane Season" published by Simon & Schuster in 2007.

THE FAMILY: Rev. John Curtis, Sr., the school's founder, and his wife, Merle, had five children, all of whom work at the school today--J.T., his brother Leon, and his three sisters, Alicia, Kathy and Debbie. J.T.'s wife, Lydia, sings the national anthem at the home games and assists in the administration of the school. Larry Manguno, Merle's brother, has been principal at the high school since 1964. J.T. and Lydia have two sons--John Thomas "Johnny" Curtis III, and Jeff-- and one daughter, Joanna. Johnny and his wife, Dawn, have three sons: John Thomas "Jay" Curtis IV (15), Michael (11) and Jason (9). Jeff Curtis and his wife, Toni, have five children: Anna (11), Abbi (10), Jeffrey (8) and Avery (4) and Jackson (2). Joanna and her husband, Tommy Fabacher, have two children: Reaghan (16) and Rylee (13), bringing the number of grandchildren for J.T. and Lydia to 10. J.T.'s brother, Leon, and his wife, Sue, have three children and seven grandchildren. Alicia and her husband, Mark Naccari, have two children and three grandchildren. Kathy and her husband, Darryl, have two children. Debbie and her husband, Bob, have two children and three grandchildren. That brings the total number in the immediate family to 56.

THE STUDENT -ATHLETE: Curtis played at East Jefferson High School (in Metairie, LA) under Coach Bob Whitman, earning "All-State" honors as a 5-11, 210-pound offensive and defensive lineman. He then played three years at the University of Arkansas, 1966, 1967, and 1968 under Coach Frank Broyles. He finished his playing career at Louisiana College in Pineville, LA. in 1969. He completed his bachelor's degree at Loyola University in 1975 and later earned a master's in education in 1988, also from Loyola.

THE FAITH: A deeply religious man all of his life, J.T. was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in June of 2011. He is frequently called upon for weddings, funerals and counseling for family emergencies. He has serves as the pastor of Coliseum Place Baptist Church. The congregation meets on the high school campus since the original church--located in the Central Business District of New Orleans--burned down following Hurricane Katrina. The neatly painted sign on the fence alongside the school, with arrows leading to the cafeteria, says "Curtis School on Sundays/10:30 a.m./School Cafeteria/Hear "God's Game Plan,"/With Coach J.T. Curtis/All Ages Invited."

THE EDUCATOR: Curtis has served as the Headmaster of the school since his father's passing in 2005, continuing the tradition of excellence in and out of the classroom. He oversees an enrollment of more than 850 (Pre-K2 through 12th grade), and 75 faculty/staff members. While daily duties include all the business aspects of a private school, he also spends time counseling parents and students, supporting the teaching staff, dealing with college coaches and recruiters, and fielding dozens of telephone calls a day regarding a wide range of issues. After Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav damaged two sets of buildings at the lower school, he was involved in the negotiation process with FEMA to secure funds to replace them. A handsome new academic center opened during the 2012-13 school year.

THE MENTOR: Curtis has been featured in some of the most popular football clinics sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association, Glazier Clinics, and Nike Clinics. He is known for team practices that are models of organization.

THE BROADCASTER: Curtis is co-anchor of "Friday Night Football," a weekly show featuring highlights of high school football games in the area, aired on ABC-26 in New Orleans. His sidekick and the originator of the show is ABC-26 Sports Director Ed Daniels. The two have done the show together since the start, in 1992. It quickly grew into one of the most popular shows featuring high school sports in the country. "Friday Night Football" starts at 11:05 p.m., and has J.T. frequently rushing from sidelines to set, sometimes meeting a satellite truck halfway from a road contest.
THE ACADEMICS: More than 95 percent of the graduates from John Curtis Christian School attend college. Curtis students have won numerous awards in academic competition, and a Curtis Teacher, Cathy Boucvalt, was named National Teacher of the Year in 2012. A stately dark mahogany trophy case just outside the door to J.T. Curtis' office is crammed with awards of all shapes and sizes, as expected. None are from the state championships or other sports achievements; instead, it contains three large marble pillars proclaiming "Prep Quiz Bowl," various awards from the Louisiana Mock Trial Tournament, a half-dozen trophies in the Math and Propaganda Divisions of the Louisiana Tournament of Champions, a plaque from the American Mathematics Competition, and 14 mini replicas of Rodin's "The Thinker" in varying hues of gold, silver and bronze from the Academic Games, where the school has also earned a national championship.

THE SCHOOL: John Curtis Christian School is a private, Christian, non-denominational school located in River Ridge, a suburb West of New Orleans. Curtis takes pride in its' history of success in academics as well as athletics, personified by the slogan, "Building Champions for Life."

Letters of Recommendation

LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

JIMMY ANDERSON
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Assistant Executive Directors

To: National High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee

It is with great pride that I recommend Coach J.T. Curtis, Jr. for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame. To say that an individual is one of the best examples of a highly knowledgeable, highly respected, extremely professional coach may seem trite, however, J.T. is just that – a fantastic leader. In my every contact with Coach Curtis, I am convinced that he is as fine a coach and as fine a human being that I am ever likely to meet. His exceptional coaching and leadership ability is only surpassed by his worth as a person.

Coach Curtis has shown the rare ability to get the best results from his students and athletics. This is achieved by the manner in which he challenges his staff, players and students and provides a real life long learning atmosphere with the school. He has a unique quality that allows him to combine an unusual desire to excel, with a compassionate, understanding attitude. Coach is committed to developing his athletes physically, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

J.T.'s state and national records speak for themselves. Excellence is seen in every endeavor, whether it be as Coach, Headmaster or Ordained Minister. Coach Curtis always seems to look for the best in others, while putting forth his best. He realizes that he has some special gifts and is responsible for the proper development and wise use of them. J.T.'s priorities are obvious to all who come in contact with him – God, family, school and community. Coach Curtis will leave to those who come after him two things – an example and an inspiration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy D. Anderson

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Interim Executive Director

ARCHIE MANNING

October 27, 2014

To: Selection Committee, National High School Hall of Fame

It is a distinct pleasure to nominate Coach J. T. Curtis, Jr., for the National High School Hall of Fame.

I have frequently seen him on the sidelines, in coaching clinics and in the media. His success on the field is unparalleled. He has won the second-highest number of games—college, prep or pro—in the history of the sport. His record includes 26 state championships in just 45 years as head coach. His 2012 team was a consensus national champion.

But the mark of the man goes way beyond the W's and L's. His positive impact resonates on coaches, players and everyone associated with high school sports. The media frequently call on him for interviews on a variety of issues, and high school football couldn't have a better spokesman.

His imprint on people's lives extends well beyond athletics. He is a man of deep-seated faith; an ordained minister who conducts services every Sunday and is frequently called upon for weddings, funerals and family emergencies.

He is the chief administrator at the school, serving as its headmaster over 850-plus students and nearly 100 faculty and staff. He is also a family man. J. T. and his wife Lydia, (who sings the national anthem at home games), have three children, 10 grandchildren, and an immediate family that currently numbers 56.

J.T. Curtis embodies all of the principles and ideals of high school athletics. His presence would grace the National High School Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Archie Manning

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J.P.Morgan

To Whom It May Concern:

It is an absolute honor for me to write a letter of recommendation for JT Curtis. I cannot overstate the impact that JT has had on my life. He was much more than best football coach I ever had – he taught me numerous life lessons that have molded me into the man I am today.

Although I had many coaches throughout my college and professional football careers, I can honestly say that JT is in a league of his own. He is a true leader, motivator and developer of Christian men. He inspires players to accomplish things that most of them never dreamed they could achieve – both on and off the field. He is the type of coach and leader that you would run through a wall for. He has a true gift of finding the right button to push at the right time. More importantly, he also understands when someone is in need of more than a coach but a father figure or a spiritual mentor. The impact he has on his players last a lifetime.

JT's record of dominance for over four decades in Louisiana high school football speaks for itself and will likely never be matched. In my opinion, the main reason for this success is a head coach who is steadfast in his core beliefs on what it takes to become a champion. A coach who knows football is a game mostly about fundamentals, discipline, preparation and desire – the very traits that are needed to be a success in life after football. JT's greatest coaching characteristic is probably that he fears complacency more than he fears losing - he strives to get better everyday in even the smallest things and believes you can never be over prepared.

Since I now coach some of my boys' elementary school football teams, I have a newfound appreciation of what it takes to be a coach and how exceptional JT is at his profession. I have learned the hard way how difficult it can be to capture and maintain your players' concentration – JT always had our focus and attention; I have learned that a coach must be incredibly organized and efficient in his preparation – JT's practices were scripted down to the minute and run as efficient as any practice I ever had after high school; and probably the most important lesson is that a coach has to be able to motivate his players into believing they are capable of playing at a high level all of the time – JT's program could not have succeeded at a championship level for this long without the unique ability to motivate players.

My academic and business success can be attributed to the discipline, confidence and work ethic that JT instilled in me at an early age. It propelled me to get an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School which has led to a very successful 18 year career on Wall Street. It developed in me a fierce competitive spirit which is absolutely necessary in the cutthroat nature of Investment Banking. It taught me that you should never be out worked by your competition and that you can never over prepare for anything. Most importantly, JT demonstrated that life isn't all about the awards and possessions we collect along the way but more about the daily

J.P.Morgan

relationship we have with our Savior, Jesus Christ. When you are around JT, it doesn't long before you realize how important his faith is to him and how he lets it guide him into being one of the greatest coaches of all time.

Best regards,



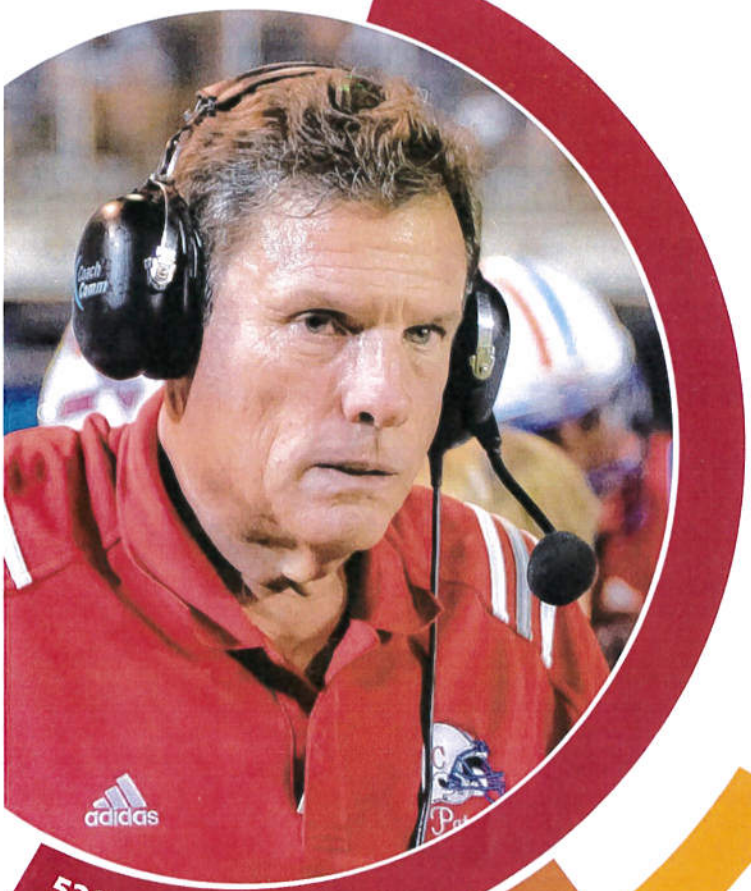
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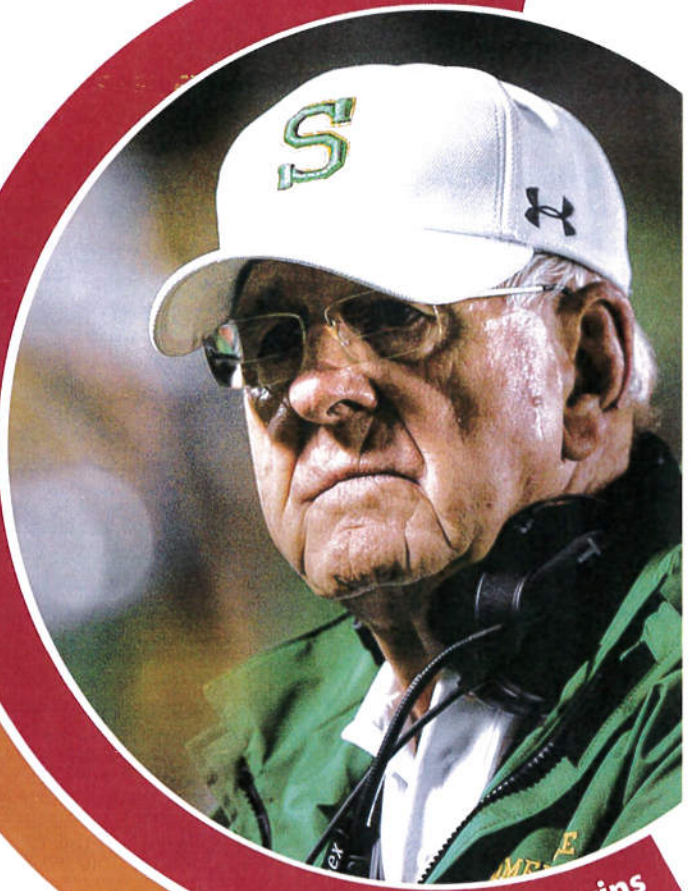
JOHN CURTIS CHRISTIAN, RIVER RIDGE, LA
AGE: 67



530 career wins
45 seasons
26 state titles

John McKissick

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
AGE: 87



613 career wins
62 seasons
10 state titles

Curtis' star players



Reggie Dupard
New England Patriots' 1st-round pick in 1986



Jonathan Wells
Running back for Ohio State, Houston Texans



Joe McKnight
Running back for Southern Cal, New York Jets

McKissick's star players



A.J. Green
Pro Bowl wide receiver; Cincinnati Bengals



Jamar Nesbit
Carolina Panthers and other NFL teams



Stanford Jennings
Scored a Super Bowl touchdown for the Bengals

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Chasing Summerville's John McKissick: J.T. Curtis might become high school football's winningest coach



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J.T. Curtis of John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge, La., is 530-56-6 as a head coach - 83 games behind Summerville's John McKissick. PHOTO BY TERRILL WEIL

RIVER RIDGE, La. - The big-hearted drill sergeant who might break legendary Summerville head coach John McKissick's national record for victories by a high school football coach has complete attention from 80 players seated on the floor of a gymnasium <URL destination="https://www.google.com/maps/@29.9563932,-90.2212559,14z">two blocks from the Mississippi River.

</URL>It's already 9:21 a.m. on a steamy summer Monday. J.T. Curtis - preacher, headmaster, New Orleans TV personality, gourmet cook - won't waste another second.

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"We are here to teach you how to play this game correctly," Curtis, 67, says in a booming voice possibly carrying 10 miles down river to the French Quarter. "If you do not want to focus, that's fine. We will give you your money back and you can go swimming. We expect you to make progress from Day 1 to Day 2 to Day 3. I expect you to go over that progress in your mind when you go home."

That Curtis is lecturing to cross-legged kids as young as 6 at the John Curtis Christian High School football camp partly explains success known across every bayou from Lake Charles to Grand Isle.



Curtis has won 26 state championships (McKissick has won 10).

Of course, McKissick, who turns 88 on Sept. 25, is still coaching. And still winning; Summerville was 11-3 last season.

McKissick is 613-151-13 since his Summerville debut in 1952.

Curtis is 530-56-6 since 1969, and no team at any level of football can match his program's recent dominance.

John Curtis Christian competes at a lower classification (http://lhsaa.org/sports/brackets-results/football)than Summerville, roughly equivalent to the South Carolina High School League's Class AA. But the Patriots were crowned national champions by USA Today and four other polls in 2012 after posting their 13th perfect season.

Family ties bind a program as unique as New Orleans itself:

Curtis' late father founded the non-denominational Christian school. (http://johncurtis.com/)

Both of his sons and five other relatives are on the football staff.

There are only 400 students (275 boys) in grades 9-12 and Curtis adheres to having players on offense or defense but not both.

Though their nice brick Lower School is nearby, only a few modest buildings make up John Curtis Christian's tiny high school campus.

No homefield advantage; the Patriots "host" games at three fields in various parts of the metro area.

Curtis wins with a throwback split-veer option offense installed in 1973. Players begin learning it on Lower School teams.

"Some people say this is like a mini-junior college, and I agree with that," says Hunter Dale, a senior free safety who just committed to play at Nebraska. "They teach you how to compete, how to work hard and how to win. Definitely how to win."



Enlarge Though both of J.T. Curtis' sons and five other relatives work on the John Curtis Christian coaching staff, he calls most of the plays. Photo by Terrill Weil

They teach you how to manage your football, your studies, your Sunday mornings. Curtis is an ordained minister who regularly delivers sermons to 110 parishioners in the school gym.

He is so meticulous in his daily preparation he has a schedule for a visiting reporter.

"At noon, I have you going down the street for a shrimp po boy (sandwich)," the New Orleans native says in a deadpan baritone. "You should be able to get back by 12:45 to interview our strength coach at 1."

Recruiters like Nick Saban and Les Miles know the Patriots aren't afraid of the big boys. They often face top teams in Louisiana and other states. One of the Patriots' two losses during another state championship run in 2013 was a 29-28 heartbreaker to 3A Saint Augustine High School. Leonard Fournette, who signed with LSU as the consensus top running back recruit in the nation, rushed for 255 yards in the win.

The Patriots beat Tampa's Plant High School, 33-3, at the Superdome in 2012. They play Lufkin (Texas) High School in a Battle of the Border game on Sept. 13 at the Independence Bowl in Shreveport.

One of the state titles came in 2005. A 10-1 season despite a six-week Hurricane Katrina (http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/23/us/hurricane-katrina-statistics-fast-facts/)interruption is chronicled in a book, "Hurricane Season: A Coach, A Team and their Triumph in the Time of Katrina" (http://www.nealthompson.com/books/hurricane-season/)by Neal Thompson.

John Curtis Christian graduates include a quartet of running backs that went on to the NFL after major college stops: Joe McKnight (Southern Cal), Reggie Dupard (SMU), Chris Howard (Michigan) and Jonathan Wells (Ohio State). Malachi Dupre, the Patriots' star last season, went to LSU as the top-rated wide receiver in the country.

But as varsity players trickle in for conditioning drills this morning, the eye test reveals an unimposing group for such a powerhouse. Willie Allen, a 6-6, 300-pound junior rated among the nation's top offensive line prospects, is among the exceptions.

These, Curtis says, are mostly "blue-collar kids with blue-collar parents" attracted by a relatively low tuition of $7,000 (http://www.edline.net/pages/John_Curtis_Christian_School/Admissions__School_Info) per year. There are Jews and Muslims at the Christian school, which is 30 percent black. There are some need-based scholarships, usually awarded with work-study programs.

All the coaches teach at the school.

"We have a lot of average high school players that work hard and are committed and have been doing the same things over and over for years," says Mike Robertson, a 65-year-old offensive line coach who has been one of Curtis' assistants for 40 years.

The real recipe for glory is through the gymnasium door and across a small courtyard. A weight room crowded with morning lifters is the essence of J.T. Curtis' legacy, representative of a work ethic that is the family business.

Family tree

Asking for "Coach Curtis" triggers mass confusion around here. A newcomer to John Curtis Christian learns fast.

The guy in the royal blue shorts and white polo shirt with red JCC logo? He's simply "Coach J.T." J.T. Curtis, the head coach and headmaster, gave up his spring gig as baseball coach. But only after winning six state titles.

Johnny Curtis, the oldest of J.T.'s two sons, is the special teams and outside linebackers coach. And head baseball coach. His wife Dawn is the volleyball coach.



Enlarge John McKissick enters his 63rd year as head coach at Summerville High School. Paul Zoeller/Staff

Jeff Curtis, J.T.'s youngest son, coaches running backs and quarterbacks.

Leon Curtis, J.T.'s brother, has been an assistant coach since he left the Marines in 1971.

One of Leon's sons, Matt Curtis, is the wide receiver coach. Another, Steve Curtis, is the defensive backs coach.

Lance Rickner, J.T.'s nephew, is an offensive line coach.

Strength coach Tommy Fabacher is married to J.T.'s only daughter, Joanna.

Oh, and principal Larry Manguno is J.T.'s uncle.

It's crazy.

Crazier on Friday nights.

"On game days, you wouldn't think we like each other," says Fabacher, who played football at John Curtis Christian and LSU. "We can get into some arguments pretty quick. But J.T. does a good job of not letting it escalate."

J.T.'s father, John T. Curtis Sr. laid the foundation, literally. A Pineville, La., native, he was a Southern Baptist missionary in the 1950s, a double-major in Spanish and English who taught school and saved souls in rural Illinois before moving to New Orleans in 1962. It took courage, starting an unaffiliated Christian school with no outside funding and competing for students in a heavily Catholic parish.

J.T. Curtis answered his father's call for a football coach upon graduation from Louisiana College.

Six kids showed up for that first practice. At 22, Coach J.T. went 0-10. But the Patriots made the playoffs in 1970, Curtis' second season. They won a 1975 state title without a single college signee.

Curtis had discovered a conditioning edge. That system within the system has been state-of-art for decades.

The simple staple, dedication, is on display in the weight room.

"More, Billy!" a coach shouts as the varsity player does push-ups with a large weight on his back. "I need more!"



Enlarge McKissick

Similar scenes are repeated in high schools all summer all over the country. But other head coaches can only dream of Curtis' refined control.

The simple rules:

The summer conditioning schedule includes one week off after the school year ends, one week before the school year starts and three days at Fourth of July.

Miss a workout while healthy and you're off the team.

"Parents just know to adjust their schedules," Curtis says.

The coach is flexible - in his own way. There are no cuts. Curtis wants players to play at least two sports. Starting quarterback Myles Washington doubles as the Patriots' center fielder.

Curtis doesn't start spring practice until baseball season is over. He limits summer 7-on-7 football activity because of conflicts with American Legion baseball. The school's ties to major college weight training programs allow for shared innovation unlike anything else in high school football.

LSU strength coach Tommy Moffitt was a John Curtis Christian coach for 17 years.

Alabama strength coach Scott Cochran played for the Patriots.

So did Florida State strength coach Vic Viloria.

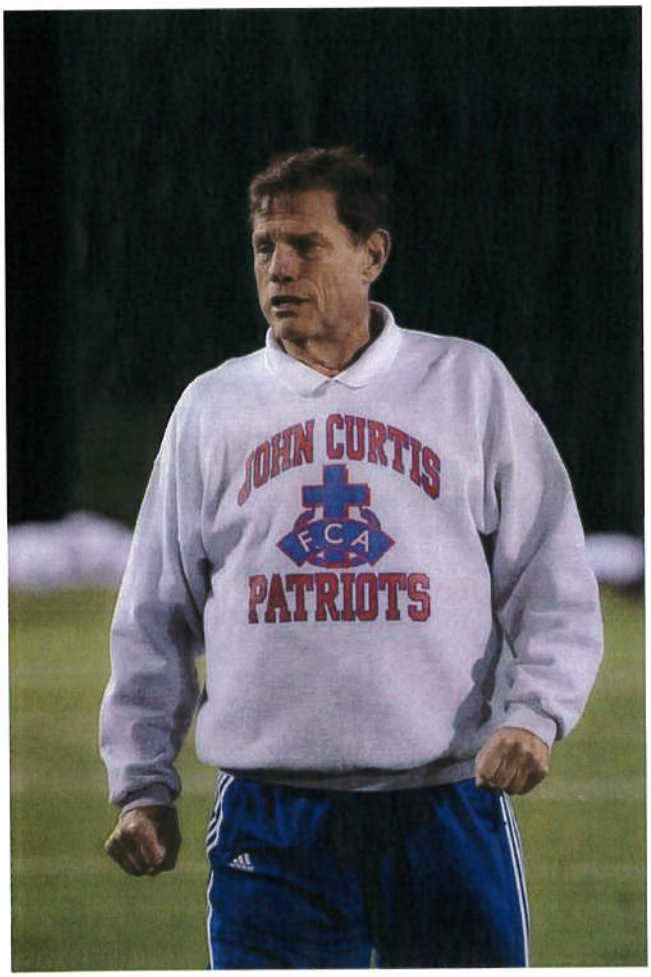
"There are some great teams to this day that don't understand that they should have beaten us," Fabacher says. "We were hungrier."

Johnny Curtis, 42, was a linebacker at Mississippi State before he transferred to Tulane and became a team captain. His son Jay will be a freshman this season, the first Curtis grandson to play for J.T.

"There is a bond between the work we put in and how we coach it," Johnny Curtis says. "We try to get better at what we do but we don't try to reinvent the wheel. We know what we're doing."

In the center of all the sweat, Washington, one of the team's best players, walks from drill to drill encouraging younger players.

"We don't slack off. We're not slack," Washington says. "Coach J.T. doesn't like slack."



Enlarge Curtis

Mercifully, someone opens the door and a breeze blows in off the Mississippi River ahead of a summer storm.

Loving the Kool-Aid

Folks knew early on that Curtis was up to challenges.

"J.T. always had a lot of grit. Nothing would stand between J.T. and success," says Donald Bonewitz, a human resources director at Durr Heavy Construction in nearby Harahan who played football with Curtis at East Jefferson High School. "His teams don't win because they're the most talented group. They sacrifice and commit. The coaches drink the Kool-Aid and the kids have bought in. They all live it every day. Success is infectious with these guys."

Lydia and J.T. Curtis have been married for 44 years and have 10 grandchildren. They met when she sang at a John Curtis Christian graduation when J.T. was in college. She's an administrative assistant at the school and the choir director on Sundays.

"There was no doubt there was something special about J.T.," she said. "It didn't take me very long after we were married to see that his values and work ethic and determination made him perfect for the field God has put him in."

The players know. Curtis isn't much for foul-language but isn't above the occasional helmet smack to get someone's attention.

Washington, the son of a New Orleans police officer, seems to enjoy every minute of it. He was in fifth grade when he saw John Curtis Christian celebrating a state title at the Superdome on TV.

"Mom," he said. "That's where I want to be."

It goes on for generations. Players drop by the school as frequently as streetcars passing on St. Charles Avenue.

Norman Drake, 45, has taken a break from selling life insurance to bring his son to Curtis' football camp. Drake played for the Patriots from 1983-86.

"They're just very committed to what they're doing here," Drake says. "You can tell by the love they have for the kids and the love they have for God that they just love what they do."

Opinions are mixed about whether J.T. Curtis loves it enough to catch John McKissick.

Heard about McKissick

Ninety minutes into an interview, J.T. Curtis leans across the desk in his wood-paneled office.

"Tell me," he asks. "What's John McKissick like?"

At the Patriots' current rate of 10 to 14 victories per season, Curtis would break McKissick's still-growing record [illegible] of the final McKissick season.

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"We've heard a bunch about John," Curtis says, "especially in the last three or four years."

But obsessed with McKissick? Hardly.

Strength coach Tommy Fabacher: "I'm not even sure who John McKissick is. But I just got rid of my flip phone. We're always more about this team coming up. This season is real important to us."

Offensive line coach Mike Robertson: "I'm guessing that's the guy from South Carolina?"

J.T. Curtis, like McKissick, realizes such a major record is about more than one person. It's representative of everyone who played in and cheered for the program.

"I don't want to minimize that accomplishment," Curtis says. "But, and I honestly mean this, if I died tomorrow and went to heaven without another win, it wouldn't bother me a bit. Because it's not about wins, it's about the young people."

He points out the school also has a great band and Key Club.

"My dad always told me, 'Son, the tail does not wag the dog,'" Curtis says. "If we had a school that relied only on its football program, we wouldn't have enough students to have a school. We must have a value that people recognize, and there's more to it than just books, or religion, or athletics. We want kids to be involved."

Curtis isn't slowing down. He finds time during the season to co-host a popular New Orleans high school football highlights show on WNGO-TV every Friday night during the season. He's such a good cook, a meal prepared by Curtis went for $1,000 at the football fundraising auction.

Menu: Shrimp and avocado salad; crawfish and cauliflower soup; rolled green onion sausage stuffed with pork loin, mushrooms and breadcrumbs; oyster dressing; roasted Brussels sprouts; Bananas Foster.

A mile down Jefferson Highway, a pair of brothers who played for Curtis share an office building.

"J.T. is amazing," says Jimmy Burns, Class of 1985, a dentist. "And it's amazing to me how he can get a different group of kids every single year to come together as one."

Jeff Burns, Class of 1980, is a chiropractor. He forecasts many more wins for Curtis.

"How old is that coach in South Carolina?" Jeff Burns asks.

John McKissick will be 88 in September.

"J.T. will probably be coaching until he's 88, too," Jeff Burns says. "What the hell else is he going to do? Coach and preach."







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A family affair

Roots run deep at football power John Curtis Christian

LHSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS REPORT

BY GARY ESTWICK
Special to The Advocate

It's taken a village to transform John Curtis Christian from a fledgling school located on the top floors of Carrollton Avenue Baptist Church to its current campus on Jefferson Highway.

Four generations of sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and in-laws have walked the hallways as students, worked in the administrative office, taught its classes and put on shoulder pads and helmets.

It's taken just as many to transform the symbol of its success — football — into a nationally recognized product, making an annual trip to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in early December a norm.

Thursday afternoon's Division II state championship game against University High at the State Farm Prep Classic marks the Patriots' 18th consecutive appearance in the finals, a feat unrivaled.

The school has won 25 state titles.

"It's really a family affair. I don't know another way to describe it," said John Curtis' son, J.T. Curtis, now the longtime football coach. He's also the school's headmaster and athletic director and is an ordained minister.

His coaching staff includes eight family members.

J.T.'s brother, Leon, and his two sons — Johnny (1988) and Jeff (1993) won state titles at Curtis — are on the staff. So is J.T's son-in-law, Tommy Fabacher, and nephews Matt, Steve and Lance.

His wife, Lydia, sings the national anthem at home games.

To them, assistant coach Mike Robertson and many others might as well be family. For the first time in 37 years, Robertson hasn't coached this season as he fights cancer, but he can still be found watching practices and hanging around the team on game days.

Countless others are a part of this family — supporting by sending second, third generation students to the school or from afar by sharing knowledge that keeps the athletic program ahead of the competition with elite training.

"We feel like this isn't just a business," Lydia Curtis said. "It's something that was created that God leads and continues to lead."

Legacy continues

Nearly a decade after this death, the legacy of founder John T. Curtis Sr. — pastor and educator, mentor and visionary, disciple of God — continues.

Curtis Sr. believed in extracurricular sports as one of many ways to help develop young minds. Band. Key Club. Debate team. Volleyball. Student government. These teams and organizations develop well-rounded students, he believed, those that focus on more than just their personal development and depart at the end of the school day. No, they had opportunities to give back to their communities through volunteerism and work on a common good with people with different abilities and skills.

About three-fourths of students at the high school are involved in some activity. The faces change, and the names slightly — first names, anyway.

"It's somebody's son," said Jeff Curtis said. "It's somebody's grandson. It's a brother. Each year is a different challenge."

For all of its state championship accolades, Curtis is still a mystery to many outside of its Jefferson Highway campus. The school has an enrollment of around 400 students, much smaller than other financially-booming private school counterparts.

To understand this school, first, you must understand Curtis, and his faith. A young boy who was raised by a widow who worked in a box factory during the Great Depression with no understanding of life barriers.

"He either went over it, around it, through it," Leon said. "Walls didn't ever bother him."

Like the time he moved to Illinois with his wife, Merle, three children and one on the way for a non-paying job.

Why?

Because that's where he felt God directed him to go.

"He knew it would work," J.T. Curtis said.

Like the time years later, back in his hometown of New Orleans, he left a job as principal at a private school. The year was 1961. Driving around town with J.T. and Leon, he spotted Carrollton Avenue Baptist Church.

"That's a great place for a school," the elder Curtis said before turning on Apple Street.

He knocked on the door.

Soon after, he discovered the top two floors were not in use.

"I can renovate this myself," he said at the time.

Months later, John Curtis opened its doors in 1962.

Family members were never pressured, pushed, even asked to work in education. But many of them did, including son Leon, who after leaving the Marine Corps has taught and coached at John Curtis since 1972.

"Daddy's thing was the kids at the top of the class need us for guidance and direction," Leon Curtis said. "The ones in the middle need us for instruction. The ones at the bottom need that extra help.

"He used to always tell me, 'Just keep going over it. Because you have to look at it like this: If you can get it, he can get it.' And I was like, 'Yeah, that makes good sense Dad!' "

Turning it around

It's easy to forget, even dismiss the time when J.T. Curtis wasn't quite J.T. Curtis, the high school football coach, who according to the school, has won more than twice as many state championships at one school than his next competitor.

The year: 1969.

The record: 0-10.

"We scored two touchdowns," J.T. Curtis said, laughing. "I thought maybe I had chose the wrong profession."

Gradually, the wins started to come. Still, not as much as hoped. After a trip to the 1973 quarterfinals and a 3-3-3 campaign in 1974, Curtis implemented a change in football philosophy: If they wanted more, they would have to give more to the sport. So they did, from the coaching staff, eager to learn any and everything it could about the game, to the players, who were the ones who really wanted to play football and wanted to win.

By 1975, the Patriots were state champions.

Later this week, John Curtis will try to add to that magic number.

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Friday, Mercedes-Benz Superdome, 8:30 p.m.
Livonia (14-0) vs. Union Parish (13-1)

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Kinder (13-1) vs. Many (12-1)

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John Curtis (9-2) vs. University (13-0)

Division III
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Thursday, Mercedes-Benz Superdome, 12:30 p.m.
Archbishop Hannan (11-2) vs. Calvary Baptist (8-4)

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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Saturday, Mercedes-Benz Superdome, noon
Vermilion Catholic (13-0) vs. St. Frederick's (10-4)

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Patriarch JT Curtis is at center with members of his direct and extended family who work at the school. From left, they are Lance Rickner, Steve Curtis, Lydia Curtis, Matt Curtis, Leon Curtis, Merle Curtis, Tommy Fabacher, John Curtis and Jeff Curtis.



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Curtis takes down University Lab in Division II state championship game

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It's not often a Curtis football team learns through adversity.

In 2013, it was different.

The Patriots were tested with their toughest schedule and entered District 11-3A with losses to Florida's St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine.

It all paid off Thursday.

Top-seeded Curtis passed its final test convincingly, shutting out No. 2 University Lab 32-0 in the Division II state championship game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The Patriots secured their third consecutive state championship and 26th overall.

The postseason split of select and non-select schools produced a physical matchup of perennial power Curtis (10-2) against an undefeated U-High team in the second game of the day at the LHSAA State Farm Prep Classic presented by NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune.

"It's a team that had to not let defeat defeat them," said Curtis Coach J.T. Curtis, who steered Curtis to its 18th straight championship game. "People have such a high expectation when we play, and they think that winning is automatic. It's not.

"(This whole season) took leadership of the players and the coaches to keep it together. The result culminated today."

The Patriots defense set the tone, and the offense followed. Curtis limited U-High to 215 yards total offense, and the Patriots' offense — playing without injured Malachi Dupre — finished with 401 yards (352 yards rushing). Senior linebacker Kenny Young won Curtis' Most Outstanding Player of the Game.

"I thought Raekwon (James) was going to win it," said Young, who had 10.5 tackles and a sack. "I didn't expect it. We had so much adversity this season. We lost a teammate (Matthew Tarto) and had (offensive line coach Mike Robertson) battling cancer, but it only made us stronger."

James led the Curtis rushing attack, finishing with 97 yards and a touchdown. He continued the Curtis tradition of leaping into the stands after the game.

"That's our third time doing it," he said. "I was just trying to get my shine on. We had some great blocking from our offensive line."

University Lab (13-1) moved the ball in the first half but couldn't make it count. The Cubs were in Patriots territory four of their first five drives. Two of those drives ended on Isaiah Williams and James Hagan sacks.

The Cubs got the ball to start the game and got to the Curtis 26-yard line and faced a fourth-and-10 when quarterback Manny Miles was sacked for a 9-yard loss.

On U-High's next possession, it advanced to Curtis' 22-yard line, where on fourth-and-7 Miles, son of LSU head football coach Les Miles, was sacked for an 8-yard loss.

"Defensively we played well, but I feel bad the way we played on offense," Cubs Coach Chad Mahaffey said. "That's my responsibility. We played a good team with a great defense. When you're playing good people, the margin for error is really small."

Myles Washington rushed for 76 yards and a touchdown and George Moreira totaled 62 and a touchdown. Tyrone Chevalier capped the scoring by the running game with a 79-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

James scored on a 37-yard run to cap a 5-play, 56-yard drive that made the score 6-0 with 3:41 to go in the second quarter.

The Cubs' ensuing possession went one play when Curtis' Hunter Dale intercepted a pass at the Curtis 36-yard line and returned it to the U-High 46. The Patriots then used the remaining 3:22 of the first half to complete their drive. Quarterback Abby Touzet tossed a screen pass to James at the U-High 13-yard line and James was able to dive into the end zone as time expired in the half to make the score 13-0.

"He made his coach look pretty good," Curtis said. "With 12 seconds, we thought we could run the play and get the timeout. I didn't realize it had run out until I looked up and saw him in the end zone. It was a great run."

U-High standout running back Nick Brossette was selected his team's Most Outstanding Player. The LSU commit finished with 127 yards on 27 carries. Miles, who usually excels with the deep pass, was limited to 51 yards on 6-of-16 passing.

"I thought we had a chance, but with Curtis, their defense is always staked," Brossette said. "They played a great game."

Jefferson Parish Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2012, the John Curtis High School Football Team under Coach J.T. Curtis won the 2012 Louisiana State High School Athletic Association Class 2A State Championship with a 35-13 victory over Evangel Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, this victory, coming at the end of an undefeated fourteen game season, marks the 25th State Championship for the John Curtis Patriots and extends their current winning streak to twenty-eight straight games; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding record of Coach J.T. Curtis and his Patriots has resulted in the team being ranked number one in seven national polls, crowning the team with its first ever National Championship; and

WHEREAS, this Council, on behalf of the citizens of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, wishes to congratulate the John Curtis High School Football Team and its coach, J.T. Curtis, on yet another outstanding achievement and to commend them for bringing home the National Championship title to Jefferson Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana hereby recognizes and commends the:

John Curtis Patriots
and
Coach J. T. Curtis, Jr.
for being declared as
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Adding to the pedigree

John Curtis recognized as national champion in five national polls

BY GARY ESTWICK
Special to The Advocate

METAIRIE — Patrick Morton's desire to play football at John Curtis Christian dates to the third grade.

That's about the time his father introduced him to the prep powerhouse, the beginning of a journey, which later transformed him from a skinny kid walking the school hallways, idolizing his high school heroes, to his senior season that ended this month with the school's first national championship.

"All the classes before us, we looked up to," Morton said. "They showed us what we need to do to be a champion."

After accomplishing so much — 25 state championships in its 50 years of existence as the "Little School That Could And Does" — the 2012 edition found a way to accomplish even more by successfully defending its Class 2A title, posting its 13th perfect season and finishing with a No. 1 ranking in the final USA Today, PrepNation, MaxPreps, Rivals and FoxSports national polls.

Outside of the state, John Curtis is no longer a hidden gem because it plays in a smaller classification.

The school was on holiday break when the announcements were made this week, but there's surely a pizza party in the works.

"All of the guys who have ever played at Curtis are sharing in the victory; the same as the players and the coaches are because we're all a part of it," said former Patriots quarterback Danny Wimprine, a four-time state champion (1996-99). "The ghosts of Curtis' past are still living through those guys today."

Even in Louisiana, where for the past four years, the state has sent the most talent per capita to the NFL, how can one school be so successful?

What's the secret?

If there is a secret to John Curtis' uncharted success, it's the coaching staff. J.T. Curtis, the only head coach the school has known, has 520 wins, second all-time nationally. His older brother, Leon, has been a part of the coaching staff since 1971 and Mike Robertson since 1976. Most of the staff is former players, many of whom played college football before returning to the River Ridge campus. They excel at teaching the same philosophies and pushing themselves as hard as they push players, always ready to learn the latest coaching techniques.

Maybe it's the system. They prepare for District 9-2A opponents previously defeated 64-0 as if the Patriots were on the losing end. No player, regardless of talent, regardless of grade level, is featured. Running backs have a better chance of rushing five times than 25, allowing teammates an opportunity to perform on Friday nights much earlier in their careers than their peers at other schools. That's why when a reporter received season statistics for 2006 Parade All-American candidate Joe McKnight, they called back, asking a second time.

You got 'em. Rushing yards: 709. Receiving yards: 735.

That's it?

J.T. Curtis told him to look at a more important statistic: Yards per carry/catch (15.7 rushing, 30.6 receiving). McKnight made the national all-star team. He now plays for the New York Jets.

He shared the backfield with three teammates. Also, if the Patriots were up big in a game, McKnight spent the rest of the game cheering on the underclassmen.

Perhaps it's the players. Guys like Morton. He once dreaded early week practices, sessions that some say are more intense than many of their regular-season games. As a senior, he embraced them, eager to push — no, extend, himself in order to reach his full potential.

Linebacker Duke Riley, who has 15 scholarship offers, hopes his final choice will push him as hard as his high school program. J.T. Curtis expects as many as 12 seniors to earn some kind of football scholarship. Others will earn academic scholarships.

Maybe it's their ability remind themselves that reaching the Mercedes-Benz Superdome the second week of December is still an annual honor, not an assumed invitation.

"That's probably the most difficult thing that we have to overcome," said J.T. Curtis, son of the late Rev. J.T. Curtis Sr., the school's founder. "Parents and friends of program, alumni; they just assume this is going to happen. And that's not the case. You have to earn your way."

Other teams talk about being a family. They are. And the family that plays together wins together.

"I know everything about everybody on this football team, everything about all the coaches," Riley said. "I've stayed at all the coaches' houses. If I ever need anything, the coaches are there for me. Always there to talk to. All the coaches, all the players, we're always trying to bring each other up and stay positive."



John Curtis J.T. Curtis: 'Parents and friends of program, alumni; they just assume this (win state titles) is going to happen. And that's not the case. You have to earn your way.'

Numbers reveal plenty

The Class of 2013 earned two. They did it this fall by becoming the highest-scoring team in school history, outscoring opponents 677-60. This included a 33-3 rout against Tampa Plant, the defending state champion in Florida's biggest classification.

This season, John Curtis' offense scored every 5.8 plays. Its top four rushers averaged more than 10 yards per carry. Morton threw 19 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Receiver Malachi Dupre (36 catches, 816 yards) caught a TD every 2.4 receptions. He finished with 15 touchdowns.

The first team defense allowed just three TDs. The entire defense posted seven shutouts in 14 games. No opponent scored more than one TD against the defense. Nine players earned spots on the Class 2A state team.

"It's been everything and more," Morton said. "The school just makes you feel part of the family."

A winning one.

High schools with most state football championships

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32 Little Rock Central, AR (1907-2004)
27 Lawrence, Kan. (1945-95)
27 Omaha Creighton Prep, Neb. (1932-2004)
26 Artesia, N.M. (1957-2007)
26 Butte, Mont. (1900-91)
25 John Curtis (1975-2012)
25 Phoenix Union, Ariz. (1913-55)
25 Everett, Mass. (1896-2007)
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Mr. J. T. Curtis, Jr.,
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Dear Coach Curtis:

Congratulations! Wow! What a great school year for John Curtis. Your football team won their 25th State Football Championship and were named Number 1 Football Team in the Nation. Also, congratulations on being named No. 1 Football Coach in the Nation by USA Today. All of these honors were most deserving, and they came at a perfect time when John Curtis Christian School is celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

I never dreamed when I coached you in high school football that you would become a national celebrity. I am truly proud of your accomplishments and very happy to have you as a friend. You have been an inspiration to everyone you have taught and coached through the years because you have instilled in them high Christian morals and the desire to succeed.

Keep up the great legacy!

Sincerely,

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CONDELL'S CAREER BUILDERS: AFM VIDEO REVIEW By Tommy Condell

"Cover 8 Defense: Basic Coverage for your Secondary"
Phil Parker

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Coach Parker states the theory behind Cover 8 as a part of your base package. Good run support, which is critical on base downs, an opportunity to double cover receivers and preventing the big play are a few motives addressed in this video. The video gives you enough information to begin the input process of this particular coverage. Coach Parker's whole-part-whole teaching method is used throughout the video. This helps with an overall understanding of the concept as well as individual techniques.

He begins with a general alignment and assignment check. Furthermore, Coach Parker proceeds to break it further to the weak side and strong side of the coverage. His final points of analysis are directed towards each position in the secondary and their keys that pertain to Cover 8. This individual procedure begins with the read of certain releases that the receiver can execute. Techniques of each secondary player are addressed. Of equal importance, drills are shown that teach the player to execute the desired response. Assignment and drills are delivered on the "board" then progressed to actual practice footage.

Throughout the video footage you see the actual drills that were just introduced have a definite importance under game conditions.
I enjoyed the teaching method he used to present the material. Individual drill work, group work, then teamwork (actual game clips) were used to illustrate his point. Coach Parker gave specific coaching points as practice and/or game film footage was being shown. This was invaluable not only regarding technique concerning the coverage but also the fundamentals of secondary play. *To learn more about this video and hundreds more, log on to www.AFMVideos.com*

Tommy Condell, 31, is the fourth youngest coordinator in Division I-A football. Condell is currently the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe after successfully holding positions with Stephen F. Austin, McNeese State and the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Condell also served in the NFL Europe and Arena League. For more on Coach Condell, log on to www.AmericanFootballMonthly.com to read his August 2001 article entitled "Getting the Ball to Your Playmaker."

GOLD RUSH

IN HIS 33 YEARS AS HEAD COACH, J.T. CURTIS HAS BROUGHT JOHN CURTIS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL'S TROPHY CASE A NATIONAL RECORD 18 GOLD FOOTBALLS. AND COUNTING...

By David Purdum

IN 1969, A 22-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE STUDENT, NINE credit hours shy of graduating, accepted an offer to become the head football coach at John Curtis Christian High School – the school his father, John Curtis Sr., had founded eight years earlier in River Ridge, La. It was a dream come true for the young coach, and he eagerly arrived that summer to meet with players and organize a weight program.

The summer wound down, and on the first day of practice, he showed up with 35 carefully prepared notebooks, one for each of his players. Six players attended that first practice.

Disappointed, the coach headed to his father's office in search of advice. "Daddy, what do you think I should do," the coach asked. "I only had six guys here today, the first day of practice." Never looking up from what he was doing, Curtis Sr. told his son to get on the phone and make some calls. That was the first time the coach realized the difference between school administrator and 'Daddy.'

"It was my problem," he said. "And I had better get on the phones, and I had better get some players."

He made some calls and managed to field a team of roughly 23 players. That team would finish 0-10 and score two touchdowns all season. That was the last and only losing season head coach J.T. Curtis and the John Curtis Patriots have ever experienced.

In his 33 years as head coach of the Patriots, Curtis has turned the high school entrance into a showcase of success. A national record 18 gold footballs sit in the Patriots' trophy case, one for each of their state titles. This past season – another state championship year – Coach Curtis moved up to third on Louisiana's all-time wins list with 393.

The Patriots dominated the decade of the 80s, reaching the title game nine times, winning seven of those games. They carried that domination right through the 90s, capturing six more championships, including four consecutive, starting in 1996. During those two decades, the Patriots won an astonishing 95 percent of their games. But the statistics, records and titles don't tell the whole story.

"You can't overstate how great that program is," former Wossman High School head coach Ray Gambino once said. "I also believe J.T. Curtis is one of the nicest men I have met in the coaching profession."

An intense commitment is required to be a member of the Patriots. Curtis demands it from his players, coaches and himself. He earns that commitment with kindness and by genuinely caring about the people surrounding him.

"You really have to care about kids," Curtis said. "I don't know how you're going to be successful in this game or any game unless you care about the players. You have to care about them not only as football or basketball players, but also as students and as people.

"One of the philosophies that I have tried to bring to the teams that I've coached is what I ask you to do, is what I do. If I ask you not to drink, it's because I'm not going to drink. If I ask you not to use drugs, it's because I'm not going to use drugs.

"I'm not going to ask them to do things that I'm going to do myself. That's a part of the creditability business that we talk about ... kids know. One thing that I've learned through the years is that you really can't fool them. Eventually, they're going to figure you out. God's given them clear eyes. And the kids can see through you. You better be genuine with what you say to them."

The creditability Curtis has acquired not only comes from his players but also his coaching staff. Five of his 10 assistant coaches have played for him. Defensive coordinator Leon Curtis – who is also Curtis' brother – and offensive coordinator Mike Robertson have been on the staff for more than 28 years.

"All the guys that have been here are guys that care about people," Curtis said about his staff.



"One of the things that I'm most proud of is that, although I've had coaches that have left, they haven't wanted to. I don't think there is any coach that has ever worked here that I haven't kept in some kind of contact with and felt good about what we had done here."

Shortly after the tough first season, Curtis' thoughts turned to completing his education, and with only nine credit hours remaining, he figured it wouldn't take long. He took his transcript to Loyola University of New Orleans, visited with a counselor and found out some disturbing news.

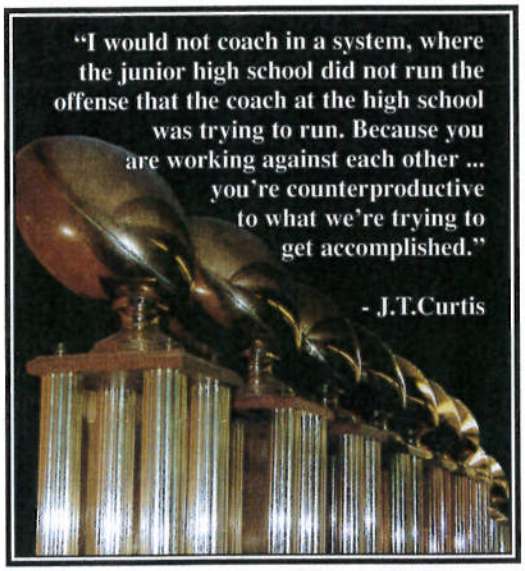
"He told me everything looked good," Curtis said. "But evidently, you have to take your last 30 hours at the school you graduate from."

Never one to give up, Curtis took classes during the summer and spring until he earned his degree.

"Instead of nine hours and one semester, it took me four years. But it never crossed my mind that I was not going to get my degree.

"I tell my kids, 'It took me seven-plus years to get my degree. It's not when you get it; it's if you get it.' It's that perseverance and the ability to work through that was an important factor in my life."

Back on track with his education, and having overcome the struggles of his first season with amazing confidence, saying, "It never donned on me that we weren't going to win the next game," Curtis led the Patriots to four consecutive winning seasons. But another obstacle lay on the horizon.



VEERING AROUND TROUBLE

In 1974, Curtis literally "veered" around an awkward hurdle and landed on a path toward history. The Patriots transformation from up-and-comer to dynasty began in 1973, when they moved up a class to 2A and finished 10-2, losing 16-13 in the state quarterfinals to the eventual champions, Notre Dame-Crowley.

"We came off that '73 year, and, in the spring I said, 'you know what, we can win a state championship. We're not that far away.'"

Then came the hurdle: The '74 Patriots would finish a disappointing 3-3-3 in a season Curtis calls "the biggest bump in the road" in his coaching career.

"We had a good team coming back," he said, "but it had a drug problem that I was not aware of. It wasn't a lot of the kids, but it was some key kids. And I just missed it."

After that tumultuous season, Curtis was determined to stay in direct contact with his players during the off-season, forcing them to make a stronger commitment.

First, his coaching staff orchestrated an off-season running program, which, at the time, was unorthodox.

"(The running program) wasn't a very popular thing," he said. "Guys didn't do that; they played other sports." It may have not been popular, but it did require the kind of commitment he was looking for. Since that '74 season, football players who played other sports, either participated in the off-season running program, or they didn't play.

"We made up our mind that everybody was going to run. If you were getting ready for track, or if you were getting ready for baseball, you were going to run. If you were going to play, you were going to run.

"I wanted to be around them more," he explained. "And secondly, I wanted a commitment level. I wanted a guy that would be willing to lay it on the line. It wasn't that the running was going to kill them; it was that they had to do it everyday. It was a commitment level."

After the running program was in place, Curtis' next step was installing a new offense – the split-back veer, which the Patriots still are torching opposing defenses with today.

"We went to a completely new offense," he said. "We went through this level of work, which went through the summer. It was physically challenging. We were trying to make them better athletes through speed. And we knew one of two things: either we would win, or they would all quit the next day. None of them were going to do this again," he laughed.

In 1975, the Patriots went 12-1-1 and won their first state championship.

ORGANIZATION, PRACTICE AND A LITTLE KARATE

A practice at John Curtis is a high tempo, well-oiled, win-producing machine. A normal practice lasts for a little more than two hours, but the amount of work accomplished in that time separates a John Curtis practice from your everyday high school practice.

"He has such a great staff," said Louisiana State coach Nick Saban, who signed four Patriots for the Tigers' 2003 recruiting class, which is ranked among the best in the nation by several publications.

A T.V. star too

J.T. Curtis seemingly had done it all by 1991, winning championship after championship in the 80s. Yet, he believed high school athletes weren't receiving the recognition they deserved.

"These (kids) are really the foundation people for what are community is going to be," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of the kids that play high school athletics are not going on to play in college. They need that positive reinforcement. The publicity that says, 'you're doing a good thing. The community appreciates you.'"

So in 1991, Curtis teamed up with Louisiana sportscaster Ed Daniels and started "Friday Night Football," a highly acclaimed prep football show that still airs today at 11:05 p.m. CST on New Orleans' ABC affiliate, WGNO channel 26.

For the last 12 years, when the last seconds tick off the game clock, win or lose, instead of riding home on the bus with his team, – something that he misses badly – Curtis changes into shirt and tie and, with a police escort, hurries off to the television studio.

"I really believe," said Daniels, "in 8-to-10 years, after football, (Curtis) could broadcast college football on ESPN. He is really a good broadcaster. He always has the answer I'm looking for, and he says it in 15 seconds, which is exactly what you're looking for in television."

Twice Curtis has done the show directly after losing a state championship game, once in 1994 and again in 2000. "It's very difficult," he said. "I've tried to do what I tell our kids to do: Do your best; put it behind you and go on to your next piece of business."

"I remember when they lost a game to Salmon," said Daniels. "They had a 19-7 fourth-quarter lead and wound up losing 21-19. It was a great high school football game, but he came in and did his job like a pro. He was very disappointed, but the way he handled himself was masterful. That game was the football equivalent of a funeral."

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"Watching his practice is like watching a college practice: Nobody is standing around; everybody is accomplishing something.

"His players are very well coached. None of them lack toughness or work ethic. They possess all the things that have nothing to do with physical ability, but enables them to reach their full potential as football players."

Curtis, who often does clinics and public speaking across the nation, will have business men come up to him ask how to become successful. "It comes down to your ability to prioritize and organize," he said. "I'm responsible for a 100-plus players, nine coaches, 4 to 5 managers and a trainer for two hours and 15 minutes on the field. And for that time, I do not want a person not being productive. My goal is for everybody on that field to be doing something productive.

"One of the things that I have learned to appreciate is when coaches say, 'Coach, I don't think I've been to a better practice.' That means so much to me because what it says is these are guys that do it at a much more professional level than we are allowed to do but recognize the quality of the work that's going on the field. That's a reflection of the guys that are doing the work, as well as the organizational plan. They have to be able to organize their drills and organize their teaching. I really think that we do that as good as anybody in the country."

When a new coach joins the staff, they will not be assigned as a position coach. Instead, Curtis will work with them personally or have them assist another coach who has been there longer.

"The tempo, which we work, and the way we coach is a pretty high level. It's a pretty sophisticated level of work," Curtis said.

Normally, the new coach will be a little skeptical, but after a few practices, they are quick to understand. "They will come to me and say, 'Coach, you were right. I haven't worked like this before.' It's because I have great teachers that are highly organized and work at a quick tempo to get business done on the field."

His practices and off-season program will be put to the test this upcoming season, as the Patriots graduated 20 of 22 starters from last year's state championship team, including a plethora of NCAA Division-I recruits – DT Ryan Watson (USC), DT Jarrod Carter (LSU), G Jerry Sevin (LSU), DT Cornell Stewart (LSU), K Chris Jackson (LSU) and RB Kris Bush (Michigan State).

Each year, a few weeks after the last game – which is usually the title game in the Louisiana Superdome – the Patriots dive into the off-season program, which begins with weight training and the running program. In May, Curtis evaluates his talent, positions his players and teaches fundamentals.

"Our spring training is a time that we teach how to play the game," he said. "I'm so concerned about safety, and teaching guys how to block and tackle correctly. I don't know how coaches who don't have those 15 days really prepare," Curtis said.

The summer program includes four days of weight lifting and one day of running and karate. "Karate is an activity that we picked up from Pete Jenkins at LSU in the early '80s. I try to stretch with them sometimes, but I can't do much," Curtis jokes. "We're looking to develop flexibility and hand-eye coordination. We have found through our experiences that karate gives you a lot of cross over between the foot movement and hand-eye coordination in karate that you want to get done in football. And the flexibility is tremendous." ▲

SIMPLE FORMATIONS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMPLEX DEFENSES

J.T. Curtis' offense isn't complicated. Rarely will the Patriots line up in anything but the basic pro set. And you know what is coming – the veer option. Yet, for 28 years, teams have had trouble stopping it. Since 1975 – the first year Curtis utilized the split-back veer – the Patriots have reached the championship game 22 times, winning 18 titles. Since 1977, they have lost only two district games. The Patriots made 10 consecutive appearances in the title game from 1979 to 1988.

"What I liked about (the veer) and what I still like about it today is, it is so much of a mental challenge, because it is about teaching. It's really about teaching a quarterback to make decisions on the field, based on what he sees, rather than to predetermine, and I have control over it."

The key to successfully running the veer offense, says Curtis, is to present the players in practice with an exact picture of what they are going to see in the game.

"We have to develop tremendous trust with each other," he said. "A selfish player can't run my offense, because selfish people want to run the ball."

Having talent the likes of current Houston Texan running back Jonathon Wells and former New England Patriot running back Reggie Dupard hasn't hurt either. But Curtis tries not to have star players, and he says that helps the offense. "I don't think I've ever had a 2,000-yard rusher, because so many guys carry the ball. We don't know who's going to get the ball."

A perfect example of this unselfish attitude came during Wells' senior year. In the 1997 state championship game, Wells' backfield mate, Aaron Pierce scored three touchdowns, while Wells was held in check.

"They were not going to let Jonathon carry the ball," said Curtis. "And they didn't, but Aaron scored three touchdowns.

"I'll never forget going into that locker room after that game. You would of thought Jonathon Wells just won the lottery, but statistically, he probably had 60 yards. It wasn't even an issue, wasn't even a thought. He knows there were times that he got the ball because of the reads. He had the 250-yard games. But that's a part of what we do. I really admire our coaching staff because they do a great job of treating everybody the same."

Curtis says the idea of the veer is to force the defense into bad decisions and then reacting to their mistakes.

"If the defense doesn't know what we are going to do, because we don't know what we're going to do, it becomes a tremendous advantage for us," he said.

Curtis' basic formations simplify intricate defenses.

"We don't see a lot of different coverages," he says. "We don't see a lot of combination coverage. Because when you run the option, people have to zero in on responsibilities of run support."

The idea, he says, is to make the defense commit players to stopping the dive back, the quarterback and the pitch back on every play. "That pretty much secures six of the 11 players," he says. "So I have to deal with the other five with blocking schemes.'

Once he figures out where the players that are assigned to stop the option are going to line up, he can exploit the defense with the passing game because his quarterback's reads become much easier. "Whether I coached at the high school level, college or even in the NFL, I would have some form of an option play that would scare the defenses to death to take a chance in getting into some of those exotic coverages that they get into."

Another advantage of the veer, he says, is it allows him to take a team's best player out of the play. "You got a big, stud outside linebacker – 6'2", 230 pounds – I can tackle him with my smallest, slowest quarterback, because if he doesn't tackle me, I'm going to run up inside of him, and I'm going to get enough yardage to get first downs and win the game. We don't have to block their best players." ▲

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A teen without much of a home even before the killer storm struck New Orleans, **Joe McKnight** escaped the devastation to find a second family, greater high school glory and renewed hope of playing college football

BY NEAL THOMPSON

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HURRICANE SEASON

AUGUST 26, 2005

Joe McKnight sits alone in the front seat of the team bus, listening to a speech from *Any Given Sunday* on his headphones. "The six inches in front of your face . . . that's football, guys," says Al Pacino, who plays a pro football coach. "That's all it is. Now, whattaya gonna do?"

On this sultry New Orleans night the Patriots of John Curtis Christian School are crossing Lake Pontchartrain behind a police escort. They're headed north to their final preseason game, part of the annual "jamboree" that kicks off southern Louisiana's football season. The Patriots are coming off yet another undefeated season, capped by their 19th state championship. But nine offensive starters graduated, and this year's squad is filled

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with sophomores and juniors and has a greenhorn at quarterback. Head coach J.T. Curtis has called it a "rebuilding year," and the team is counting on Joe, a junior, to lead it.

COLLEGE recruiters have lurked around Joe since he was a freshman. *USA Today* ranks him among the nation's best high school prospects, and he's being wooed by USC, Miami and Notre Dame. Still, Joe takes nothing for granted. "God blessed me with ability," he once told a reporter, "but I could be a better player."



BACKYARD Unable to afford its own stadium, John Curtis plays its games on the road but makes the most of the practice field on which Joe (4) developed into a coveted prospect.



Last year the coaches began transitioning Joe from defense to both sides of the ball, as if they were afraid to turn him loose all at once. This season he'll play five roles: defensive back, kick returner, punt returner, wide receiver and his favorite, running back. Joe spent every morning this summer in the weight room, every afternoon running laps wearing a weighted vest. Football is his escape route from his troubled youth.

"In any fight," Pacino says, "it's the guy who's willing to die who's gonna win that inch. That's what living is." Kickoff is an hour away.

Meanwhile, a storm is lurking to the south, growing stronger by the hour. It will soon threaten to destroy not only Joe's season but also his school, his team and his future.

EARLIER IN the day the National Hurricane Center warned that the year's 11th hurricane had passed to the west of the Florida Keys and that New Orleans was its new bull's-eye. Katrina is still 500 miles away, though, and most New Orleanians have greeted her approach with a shrug. Hurricane season is annually filled with dire warnings of monster storms that never quite materialize, so Katrina isn't about to distract fans from tonight's prelude to the 2005 season.

Playing 30 miles northeast of the Crescent City, against the Bulldogs of Fontainebleau High, the Patriots are up 12–0 by halftime. On one play in the second half the Bulldogs quarterback drops back, is flushed out of the pocket and hurries a throw down the sideline. Joe times his leap perfectly, reaching above the intended receiver to snag the ball. He sprints diagonally to the far sideline, turns upfield and accelerates. Six feet tall and just shy of 200 pounds, Joe is a beautiful runner with a graceful stride that makes it look as if he's hardly pushing. Heading toward the end zone some 15 yards ahead of the nearest defender, Joe saunters across the goal line, casually drops the ball and lopes to the bench.

The Patriots depart with a 19–0 win. On the unusually subdued ride home, as they roll past New Orleans and the glowing spaceship of the Superdome, word trickles down the aisles that Katrina continues to barrel toward the Big Easy. When the players arrive at John Curtis, at midnight, they learn that Louisiana governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco has declared a state of emergency, and New Orleans mayor C. Ray Nagin may order the city evacuated as early as tomorrow.

Even with the looming threat, Coach Curtis reminds his players to show up for tomorrow's practice. "I'll see you back here at 8:30," he says. "Don't be late."

It's always troubling for Curtis to watch Joe leave school. He's not sure where Joe is living these days and has no idea where he's headed tonight. J.T. and his wife, Lydia, have repeatedly offered to let Joe move in with them, but Joe always politely declines, uneasy with the idea of living with his white coach.

HANDSOME AND INTENSE, Joe is not jumpy like most teens, who avoid adults' gazes. He makes unflinching eye contact. He admits to being mad at the world for sticking him with an absentee father and a mom who struggles to put food on the table. When Joe was a toddler, his dad, an amateur boxer, left home. Joe wasn't sure if he went to prison or just disappeared, and he claims he never much cared. "Never knew him" is the most he'll say.

Along with an older sister, Johanna, and a younger brother, Jonathan, Joe was raised by his mom, Jennifer. The family lived in Kenner, often at Jennifer's mom's house, while Jennifer tried to finish school. Just a kid raising kids.

CHRIS GRANGER (FIELD); COURTESY OF CHRIS MEDLEY

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When Joe was six years old, Jennifer began dating a youth-league football coach named Elmo Lee, who noticed that Joe never played with toys, only with balls. To provide an outlet for Joe's energy, Lee set up garbage cans in the backyard and trained Joe to zigzag among them carrying a football. Lee suggested to Jennifer that she send her kids to John Curtis, a private, nondenominational Christian school that was known for its diversity and its football program.

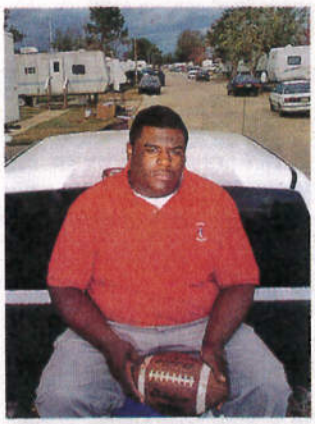
It helped Joe to have a father figure, but then Lee moved on, and other men rotated in and out of Jennifer's life. Joe began to roam. His mother was busy working and going to school, and she gave Joe all the freedom he could handle. But tensions between them grew. He'd leave after a disagreement and spend a few days with his grandmother or cousins or friends. He'd come back and live with his mother for a while, until another disagreement sent him back out the door. Joe says that since he was 11, he's been on his own. At the same time, he loves his mom and has her name tattooed on his arm, above a picture of an angel and the word FOREVER. The other biceps reads JOE, above a tiger.

Joe rarely smiles, not at his own sly jokes, not even when he scores touchdowns, which he's been doing regularly since enrolling at John Curtis as a skinny third-grader. The school became his real home. Coaches and teachers looked after him.

John Curtis Christian School was founded in 1962 by J.T. Curtis's father, an eccentric Baptist missionary preacher who built many of the school's ramshackle one-story buildings with his own hands. The campus is in River Ridge, a middle-class, mostly white community in Jefferson Parish, 10 minutes west of New Orleans. John Curtis, who died in May 2005, was a rabid football fan who coached his school's team with little success before turning the reins over to J.T. in 1969. J.T.'s brother, sons and nephews now also help coach the Patriots, and J.T.'s three sisters and various in-laws are on the faculty at the school.

J.T. would become one of the nation's most successful coaches. His 417 wins entering the 2005 season were the second most in the history of high school football, a remarkable feat for a cash-strapped school that doesn't even have its own stadium. At John Curtis there are no tryouts, and no one gets cut. J.T. runs a triple-option offense known as the Houston Veer, and the Patriots call virtually the same plays year after year. J.T. stresses fundamentals, drills and discipline. He shrugs off fumbles and interceptions, using them to remind players that "things in your life aren't always gonna go well. You're gonna have to learn to get up, dust yourself off and go again."

J.T. says that if things get rough because of Katrina, "don't go freaking out about it. Just get back as fast as you can."







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AFTER SATURDAY morning's practice J.T. says that if things get rough because of Katrina and the Patriots miss practice on Monday, the first day of school, he wants them all back on the field Tuesday. "Don't go freaking out about it," he says. "Just get back as fast as you can."

The coaches collect cell numbers and e-mail addresses, and then the players slink off under blue skies that look anything but menacing. Some families, cars already packed, leave town immediately. Some players will never return.

Joe heads to his mother's cousin's house, where he's been living lately and crawls into bed. When he awakens from his nap, the house is empty and quiet. Joe is used to thinking of himself as a lone wolf, proudly self-sufficient. The truth, though, is that he is never entirely alone. People look after him. One of them is Mike Tucker, the owner of a mental-health center whose daughter Amanda was a classmate of Joe's at John Curtis. Mike was a talented athlete himself, raised by a single mom. He's sympathetic to Joe's plight and has helped over the years with food, clothes and a bed. Now, as the storm bears down, Joe calls Mike and asks if he can spend

TAKEN BY STORM Katrina wreaked havoc in and around New Orleans (left) with floodwaters forcing players such as Tank from their homes and sweeping a barge onto a school bus.

the night at his house in the Algiers section of New Orleans.

The next morning Mayor Nagin issues the first mandatory evacuation order in the city's history. An hour and a half later Mike, his wife, their three children and Joe join the mass exodus, headed northwest for Shreveport. During the 18-hour drive they repeatedly try to reach Joe's mom on her cellphone, with no luck.

By nightfall 80% of New Orleanians have left, spreading across the South to safe havens. But tens of thousands of people stay, some out of defiance and others because they are too poor, sick or helpless to leave. At 10 p.m., reporting from the French Quarter, CNN's John Zarella describes a light drizzle, a gentle breeze and an "eerie feeling."

AUGUST 29, 2005

KATRINA MAKES landfall before dawn on Monday, gouging a path of destruction across southern Louisiana's spongy Mississippi River Delta, then turning east and slamming into Mississippi, where it flattens coastal homes. New Orleans is spared a direct hit, but the storm's western flank tears off roofs and punches in windows in the city. Deafening winds shred century-old homes, trees and landmarks. The root-beer mug above Ted's Frostop is hurled to the ground, and the popular Sid-Mars seafood restaurant in Bucktown is smashed and whisked away.

Brick facades peel off like wallpaper. Cars are tossed like bath toys, and street signs whiz down Bourbon Street and crash into buildings. Light poles snap, power lines become flying spaghetti strands shooting out sparks. Billboards are torn apart. Manholes cough up water that pours through downtown. The wind and rain and noise are incessant, and deep water is soon everywhere: eight feet in Lakeview, 10 in the Lower Ninth Ward, 20 in Chalmette. The levees designed to protect New Orleans are failing, their walls crumbling under the weight of the surge.

Joe and the Tucker family, safe at a hotel hundreds of miles from New Orleans, are glued to the TV screen, whose images might as well be coming from a war-ravaged city in some Third World country. New Orleans is fast becoming a fetid lake. In many neighborhoods only the rooftops are visible. Residents flooded out of their homes begin wading or swimming toward the alleged safety of the Superdome.

IN THE hurricane's aftermath, displaced New Orleanians learn they won't be able to return home anytime soon. Looting and shooting are rampant. There's no power or potable water in many neighborhoods. Survivors are packed into the sweltering Superdome or the Convention Center, and corpses float facedown all across the city. Officials warn that some districts may be off-limits for months.

For Joe the ruin of his city is heartbreaking. He's sure that many friends and family members have lost their homes—including, possibly, his mom. After 10 days without being able to reach her, they finally talk and he learns that she and other relatives have safely evacuated to a town north of Baton Rouge. But with so much uncertainty about when residents will be able to return to New Orleans, Joe begins planning his next steps, attempting to salvage a football season that is starting without him. Unwilling to wait on John Curtis to reopen, Joe enrolls himself at Shreveport's Evangel Christian Academy, a well-known private school that, like Curtis, is a football powerhouse with a string of state titles. The school's most recent star, John David Booty, is at USC, backing up quarterback Matt Leinart.

Evangel has been unscathed by Katrina. The Eagles' coaches—one of whom called Joe "one of the best athletes to ever walk on this campus"—offer to let Joe play running back and wide receiver. He'll be the school's new star.

In their season opener the Eagles face the Texas High Tigers

Looking at his wide-eyed players, J.T. says, "I forgot to tell you guys . . . I love each and every one of you."







PATRIOTIC FERVOR The John Curtis faithful, who first got behind school founder and its original coach, John, root now for his son J.T., who has the second most wins in high school history.

COURTESY OF CHRIS MEDLEY (3)



HARD ROAD BACK When Joe (4) balked at leaving Evangel and returning to John Curtis, Fabacher (left) told him that running away from his life in New Orleans would be a mistake.

COURTESY OF CHRIS MEDLEY

of Texarkana. Joe takes the opening kickoff down the sideline and widens his stride. A defender rushes up, and Joe swats him like a bad puppy. But when Joe is pushed out-of-bounds inside the 15, he twists his ankle and does not return the rest of the night. The Eagles lose 45–10.

A week later the Eagles lose big again, 52–14 to the Longview (Texas) Lobos. But Joe leads his new team in rushing, catches three passes and scores a touchdown.

DISPLACED STUDENTS are being told not to wait for their schools to reopen and to enroll wherever they can. This is a frightening scenario for a small, tuition-funded school like John Curtis, which can't afford to lose students. J.T. and his sons have visited the school, which sustained only minor wind damage. Members of the Curtis family had evacuated to various cities across the South, but they have now converged on four apartments in Baton Rouge. They phone, e-mail and text-message students to tell them that school will reopen on Sept. 26, with football practice resuming a week earlier.

J.T. has no idea how many players have received his e-mails and text messages. On the afternoon of the 19th the John Curtis coaches wait nervously on the practice field. By the 2 p.m. start time fewer than 50 players have trickled in—less than half the team. J.T. calls them into the gym and tells them he's lined up a few games, the first of them this Friday night. Looking around at his nervous, wide-eyed players, he stops. "You know," he says, "with all this stuff going on, I forgot to tell you guys . . . I love each and every one of you."

He walks to the nearest player and throws his arms around the startled kid. Then he turns to the next player and swallows him in a bear hug, too. By the time he's gotten halfway around the circle, the kids are hugging each other, a few of them in tears. "This is not just a football team, not just a school—it's a family," J.T. says. "Remember that every day of the season."

The next day more players make it to practice, including a few new transfers.

A week later Joe is reunited with his Patriots.

TWO WEEKS earlier J.T. had finally reached Joe by phone and repeated the offer to let Joe live with him. He told Joe that another player, Jonathan (Tank) English, whose home was flooded, was moving in too. But Joe said he planned to stay at Evangel.

J.T. then handed the phone to his son-in-law, Tommy Fabacher, who coaches the Patriots' defensive backs and, as the team's weight trainer, has spent many hours with Joe. Though Joe exudes a stoic confidence most of the time, Tommy knew the scared teenager side of Joe, having seen him fly into rages and berate himself. On the phone Tommy said, "If you stay at Evangel because you're running away from your life, and if you think by running it's all gonna go away, then you're making the wrong decision."

Joe let the words marinate for a couple of weeks and discussed them with Mike Tucker. Joe said he'd feel awkward moving in with J.T., as if he were symbolically "shutting a door" on his mother. They'd had their problems over the years, but he still loved her and didn't want to hurt her. Sleeping at a friend's house or with his cousins or his grandmother was one thing, but moving in with J.T. would be like making a commitment to an entirely different kind of life.

Mike persuaded Joe that J.T.'s house might be the best place for him. "J.T.'s offering up his home, his life and his children to help you succeed," Mike said. "You have to realize it's not just about football."

Joe finally asked Mike to drive him down from Shreveport to the Curtises' small brick rancher, where he'd have his own bedroom for the first time in his life.

Later in the season, when a reporter would ask him why he returned to John Curtis, Joe would say, "Coach J.T. teaches you how to be a man. . . . [He] works you on the things you're going to need in the future."

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

JOHN CURTIS becomes one of the first New Orleans schools to reopen, though the weekend before, Hurricane Rita had forced many residents of southern Louisiana to evacuate again, and J.T. had to cancel his season opener once more. The Patriots finally play



MANY HAPPY RETURNS On the verge of an 0–2 start in '05, the John Curtis players rallied for 10 straight wins, the last of which produced the school's 20th state title in 31 seasons.

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their first game a week later, against the Wildcats of East St. John, whose quarterback, Johnnie Thiel, defected from John Curtis earlier in the year. Joe had lived with the Thiels for a few months before Johnnie's transfer.

On his first possession of the year as a Patriot, Joe breaks two tackles, slides between two more defenders and bursts into the open field. Within 10 yards he is in the clear, and he streaks across the goal line. But the Patriots are a shell of a team, and Joe's are their only six points of the night. J.T. tells his players that the 16–6 loss is "*not* acceptable. . . . We can't use the storm as an excuse." But it is hard to ignore Katrina's damage. Jefferson Parish is slowly emerging from the trauma, but other parishes are barely functional. Vast sections of New Orleans and its suburbs have no power, water or sewer service. Streets are still under military patrol. The death toll has risen above 1,000.

A week later the Patriots' caravan rolls through southern Mississippi and Alabama toward Fort Walton Beach, Fla., to face Choctawhatchee High's Big Green Indians. The six-hour, 250-mile drive is a nightmarish excursion past ghost towns and leveled forests and swaths of heart-wrenching devastation. Joe sits up front, listening to Pacino.

"Either we heal as a team or we're gonna crumble. . . . We are in hell right now, gentlemen. . . . We can climb out of hell. One inch at a time."

After falling behind 14–7 in the first half, the Patriots score three times in the second. But the Green Indians cut the lead to 27–21 and threaten to hand the Patriots their first 0–2 start since Richard Nixon was president. With two minutes to play, Joe dives at the goal line to break up a touchdown pass and preserve the Patriots' first victory.

AFTER KATRINA, J.T.'s plan is to get his players refocused on the things they can control: the game, the ball, their effort. For parents, games quickly become a lifeline, a welcome break from their battles with FEMA officials, insurance agents and blighted homes. As one parent puts it, Friday-night football is "what gets me through the week."

Some of Joe's teammates are living in FEMA trailers, others are crammed into relatives' homes or shelters or temporary apartments. At night after practice many Patriots help their parents rip out soggy carpeting and mold-caked Sheetrock, then collapse into the small cubby beds of their 240-square-foot trailers. In class students are tired and distracted. They are desperate to return to their old lives.

For Joe there's no such going back. The friends' and relatives' homes that had been his crash pads are uninhabitable. Joe's mother and brother had been living in the house of Joe's grandmother, which was flooded, and now they're in a one-bedroom apartment.

At J.T.'s house Joe's new life is, at first, complicated and disconcerting. Joe hasn't been accountable to anyone for years. Now J.T. and Lydia are always asking, Where are you going? When will you be back? But after a few weeks Joe begins settling in. One night Joe and Tank are sitting in the Curtis living room, watching TV and waiting for dinner. Joe asks Lydia why J.T. is running late tonight, and she says he's probably still in the coaches' office.

"Well," Joe says, "call him up and tell him his two kids are HON-gry." Joe and Tank burst out laughing. It's one of the first times Lydia has seen Joe laugh.

BY NOVEMBER the Patriots have jelled as a team, and their 5–1 record earns them a trip to the playoffs. In their first playoff game Joe scores both times he touches

CALIFORNIA, HERE HE COMES Though estranged from her son at times, Jennifer was on hand with J.T. in February, when Joe signed a letter of intent with USC after his stellar senior season.

COURTESY OF CHRIS MEDLEY

the ball, and John Curtis wins in a 53–13 blowout. In the next game, Joe scores three times, and the Patriots romp again, 50–18. In four playoff games Joe scores a dozen times and his team outscores its opponents 184–38. On Thanksgiving morning Joe is the focus of a gushing *Times-Picayune* article that calls him "Curtis' do-it-all performer."

"Call it speed," the article says. "Call it a burst. A wiggle. On punts, he has the ability to make the first guy miss. Then he accelerates in a step. Call it a balance most people do not possess. Or call it an indescribable something." The writer quotes a rival coach who declares that Joe is "ready for the NFL now."

After Katrina the Patriots had not expected a normal year. They just wanted a football season. But suddenly they're headed to the Class 2A championship. The Superdome can't host the games anymore, so they'll be played in Shreveport.

DECEMBER 9, 2005

THE PATRIOTS gather before their 1 p.m. kickoff. J.T. searches for the right words. Opening a tattered Bible, he says that Psalm 127 was a favorite of his father's. J.T. reads slowly, "Sons are a heritage from the Lord. Children are his reward. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior, sons are born to one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of children."

J.T. closes the Bible and takes off his reading glasses. "That kind of sums up where we are," he says softly. His players lean in. "You are our children, and you are loved." J.T. tells them they've done amazing things this year, but that today is "more than a football game.

"Is it important to win? Yes. But is it who you are?" The players shake their heads, and J.T. continues, "No. Our prayer for you is that your character always be sterling, so that all that you do, from this day forward, won't be in vain."

The players then join hands, bow their heads and pray. Then they march out into the cool December afternoon to face the Comets of St. Charles Catholic.

Joe is often asked what he sees when he has a football in his hands, and he always gives the same answer: the end zone. He doesn't see his would-be tacklers; he feels them and, on pure instinct, tries to find a path between them.

In the first quarter a Comets punt lands in Joe's arms. He cradles the ball with both hands, bullies his way over and through a few defenders. As soon as he reaches the open field his legs start pumping, and he finds what J.T. calls his "second gear." The 55-yard run puts the Patriots up 6–0, and by halftime they've extended the lead to 18–0.

Late in the third quarter Joe catches a hitch pass and tears down the sideline for another score, and in the fourth he scores his third TD, on a 58-yard run. The Patriots win 31–6, earning their 20th state championship and capping the most improbable season in the team's remarkable history. Joe is named the game's Most Outstanding Player and runs into the stands to show his mom the trophy. It's one of the few games of the season she's been able to make.

Asked what he sees when he has a football in his hands, Joe always gives the same answer: the end zone.



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Joe asks J.T. if he can skip the long bus ride home and stay behind. "You do that, kid," J.T. says. "You stay with your mom."

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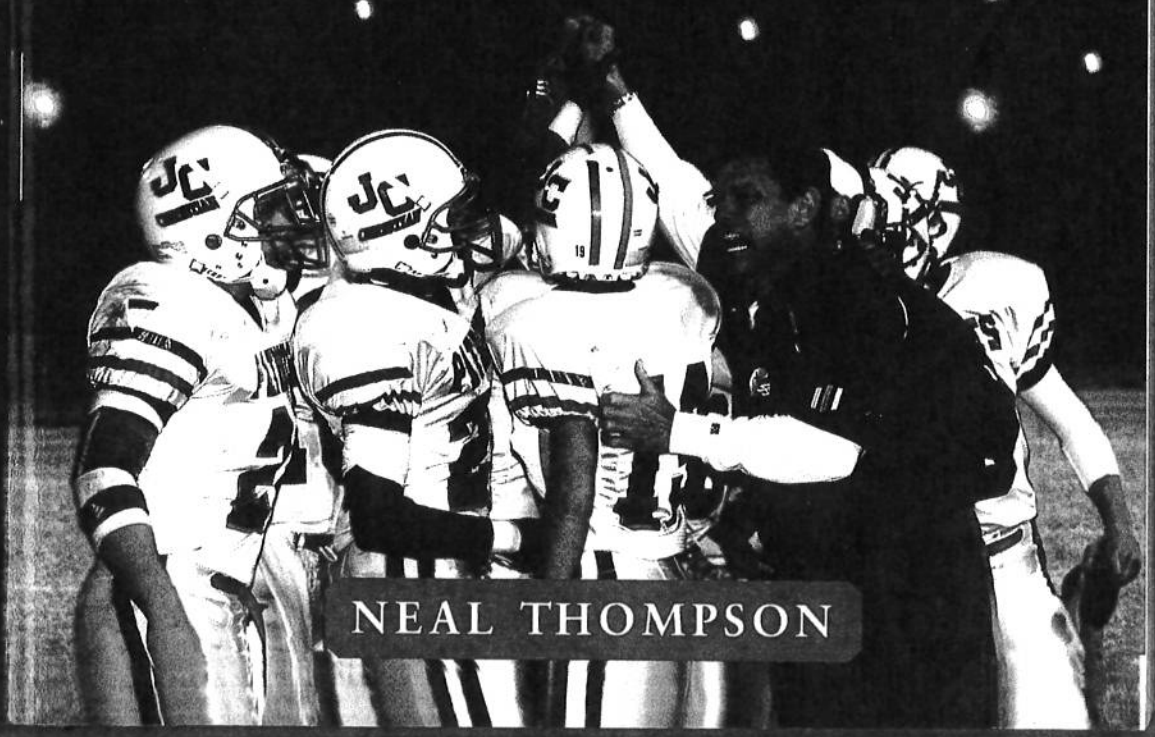
A YEAR LATER the Patriots make it back to the 2A state championship game, a rematch against the St. Charles Comets, this one played at the Superdome. John Curtis wins in a 41–7 rout, earning its 21st state title and capping its 11th undefeated season. ESPN.com and *Parade* put Joe McKnight atop their lists of the nation's best high school football players. A few weeks later he signs with the USC Trojans. When asked by a reporter what he wants people to be saying about him in 10 years, Joe says, "That he's a great person. Not a great football player but a great person."

Joe continued living with J.T. throughout 2006 but began spending weekends with his mom, and by graduation the next spring he was back home with her. He left for USC in June and hopes to follow in the footsteps of his new hero, running back Reggie Bush, who as an NFL rookie gave beleaguered New Orleans hope by taking the Saints to within one victory of the Super Bowl. □

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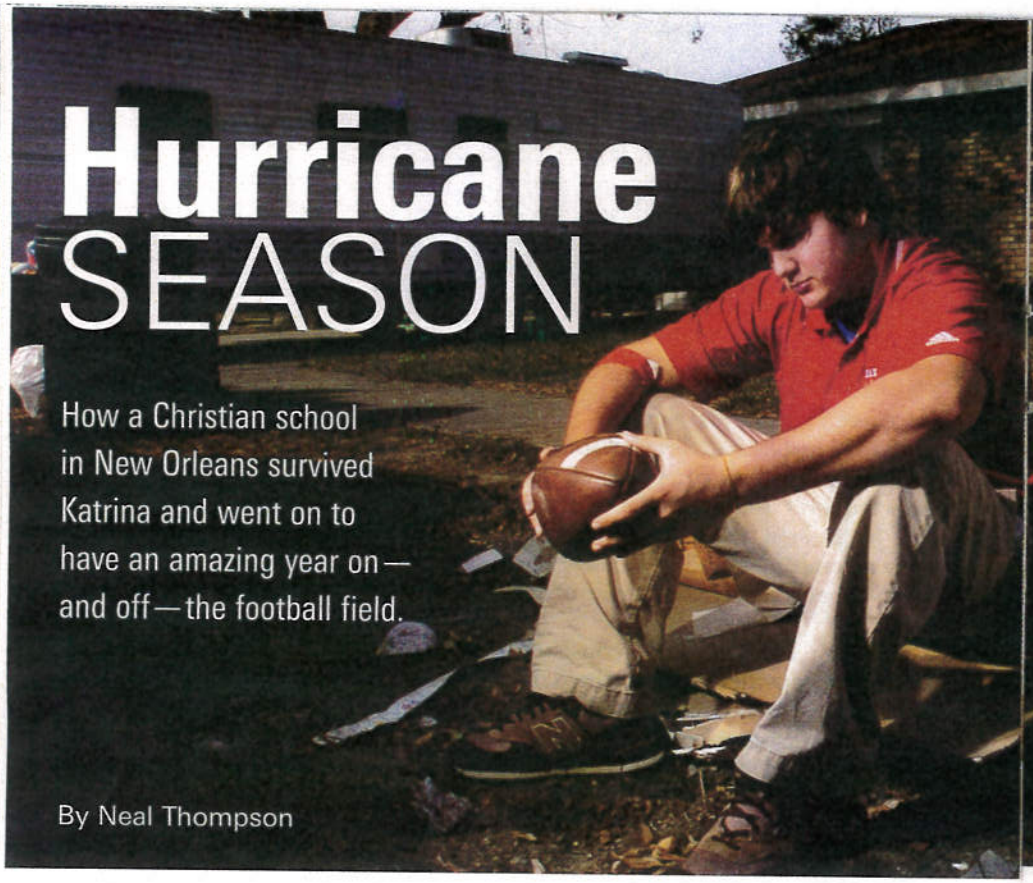
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Hurricane SEASON

How a Christian school in New Orleans survived Katrina and went on to have an amazing year on—and off—the football field.

By Neal Thompson





On August 27, 2005, the football team of John Curtis Christian School, in the New Orleans suburb of River Ridge, gathered on their practice field under stormy skies for a Saturday morning session. The Patriots' first game was a week away.

The team was used to winning. They'd won 19 championships since J. T. Curtis became head coach in 1969, and his record of 417-47-6 was one of the best in high school football history—remarkable for a small, cash-strapped private school that didn't even have its own stadium. But what the school lacked in funds and facilities it made up for with a strong commitment to family, community, and God.

The school was founded in 1962 by J. T.'s father, John T. Curtis Sr., a former itinerant preacher who realized he could reach more people in a school setting than in the small churches he'd pastored during the 1940s and '50s. The non-denominational school, hand-built by John, had a reputation as a nurturing Christian environment, and in time John Curtis's five children had all returned home to teach there. It also grew to become recognized as the home to one of the nation's most successful high school football programs.

But 2005 was already shaping up to be difficult. John Curtis Sr. had died of cancer on Memorial Day, at age 86. The upcoming football season would be the first without him on the sidelines, so the team dedicated the season to their patriarch and mentor.

At the end of that Saturday's practice, players and coaches learned that local hurricane warnings had become more urgent. A few parents arrived to pick up their sons with cars packed to evacuate. Hurricane Katrina was scheduled to make landfall on Monday morning.

J. T. told his players, "If Monday's classes are cancelled, expect to be back on the practice field Tuesday afternoon." Having survived too many false alarms, Curtis advised, "Don't go freaking out about it."

As they all headed their separate ways, no one knew it would be the last time they'd see each other for three weeks.

A crushing blow

At dawn on Monday, Hurricane Katrina roared in, lashing New Orleans with high winds that wreaked havoc. A massive storm surge overwhelmed the city's outdated system of levees and pumps, and a deluge of water poured into neighborhoods. Though most of the city had evacuated, thousands stayed behind, and hundreds were soon trapped atop roofs or in attics, dying in the rising waters.

The Curtis family and their dispersed student body watched in horror from various evacuation posts as the devastation was broadcast on TV, all of them praying that their own homes weren't among the flooded. With limited telephone service and internet access, it was difficult for many John Curtis students to connect with teachers and coaches to learn the fate of their school.

As it turned out, the school was mostly spared, but it took two more weeks for the waters to recede and residents to return home. Many students found their houses damaged or flooded. Amid such devastation, it was easy to question whether God had abandoned New Orleans.

Two players—Joe McKnight and Jonathan "Tank" English—ended up living with J. T. and his wife, Lydia, because their homes had been ruined. Another player, Mike Walker, was forced to live with his parents and sister in a FEMA trail-

er. While there was no loss of life in the extended John Curtis community, many were homeless, including Kenny Dorsey, whose house was flattened when a barge crashed through a nearby levee.

Three weeks after the storm, the Curtis family reopened their school to give students a place of refuge during such a difficult time. Determined to get the football team back together, J.T. believed a return to some type of normalcy was



Following Dad's Footsteps: J.T. coaches a player.

what the school community needed most.

Still, the Patriots lost their first game. "We have to look forward, not back," J.T. urged his players in the locker room after the game, "to walk by *faith*, not by sight."

More than a game

Remarkably, the Patriots won the rest of their games, despite missing a few players unable to return. Though the fall of 2005 continued to be a dark time for many of the school's families, it also brought improbable success for the Patriots, who once again headed to the state championship.

The game normally would have been held at the New Orleans Superdome. A symbol of human suffering and chaotic failure, it was nowhere near ready to host football. So the 2005 championship games were scheduled to be played 300 miles away, in Shreveport.

On Friday morning, December 9, the team met for breakfast at their hotel, then gathered in a banquet hall a few hours before their 1 P.M. kickoff. J.T. went over some last minute instructions, reminding them to "Play hard and play smart."

Many miles from home, as thoughts of his father filled J.T.'s mind, he couldn't hide his emotion. "It's very meaningful that we're here today," he said. "I hope it will be as meaningful to you as it is to us."

Opening a tattered Bible, he slowly read from Psalm 127:

Sons are a heritage from the Lord. Children are his reward.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior, sons are born to one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of children. They will not be put to shame.

For when they contend with their enemies at the gate, they shall be blessed.

J.T. closed the Bible and took off his reading glasses. "That kind of sums up where we are," he said softly. "You are our *children*, and you are loved."

Looking into the eyes of his players, he told them they'd done amazing things that year, but reminded, "This is more than a football game, guys. We could win a hundred thousand games, and they'd all be in vain if we don't strive to be good people above all else.

"Is it important to win? Yes. But is it who you are?" As the players shook their heads, J.T. continued, "No. Our prayer for you is that your character always be sterling, so that all that you do, from this day forward, won't be in vain."



Overcomers: The Patriots celebrate their victory.

The players joined hands, bowed their heads, and prayed.

Stars and stripes, forever

Brand new uniforms were waiting in the team's lockers—including red pants with white stripes and blue stars running down the sides. Old man Curtis had wanted those uniforms decades ago, but J.T. had vetoed them as "too flashy." His assistant coaches had ordered them secretly, just for this game.

J.T., typically stone-cold serious, broke into a wide grin, tears in his eyes. "My daddy wanted those pants 34 years ago. I never got them for him, but I was *wrong*." He chuckled. "They look pretty good."

He cleared his throat, wiped his face, and continued, "I want you to wear those pants with pride because I know he's smiling from ear to ear as he watches down on you. Make him *proud*. Now let's *go*!"

Like the fearless warriors they'd become, young men who'd seen terrible things and grown stronger for all the hardship, they charged up the tunnel into the chilly afternoon and onto their green-grass battlefield.

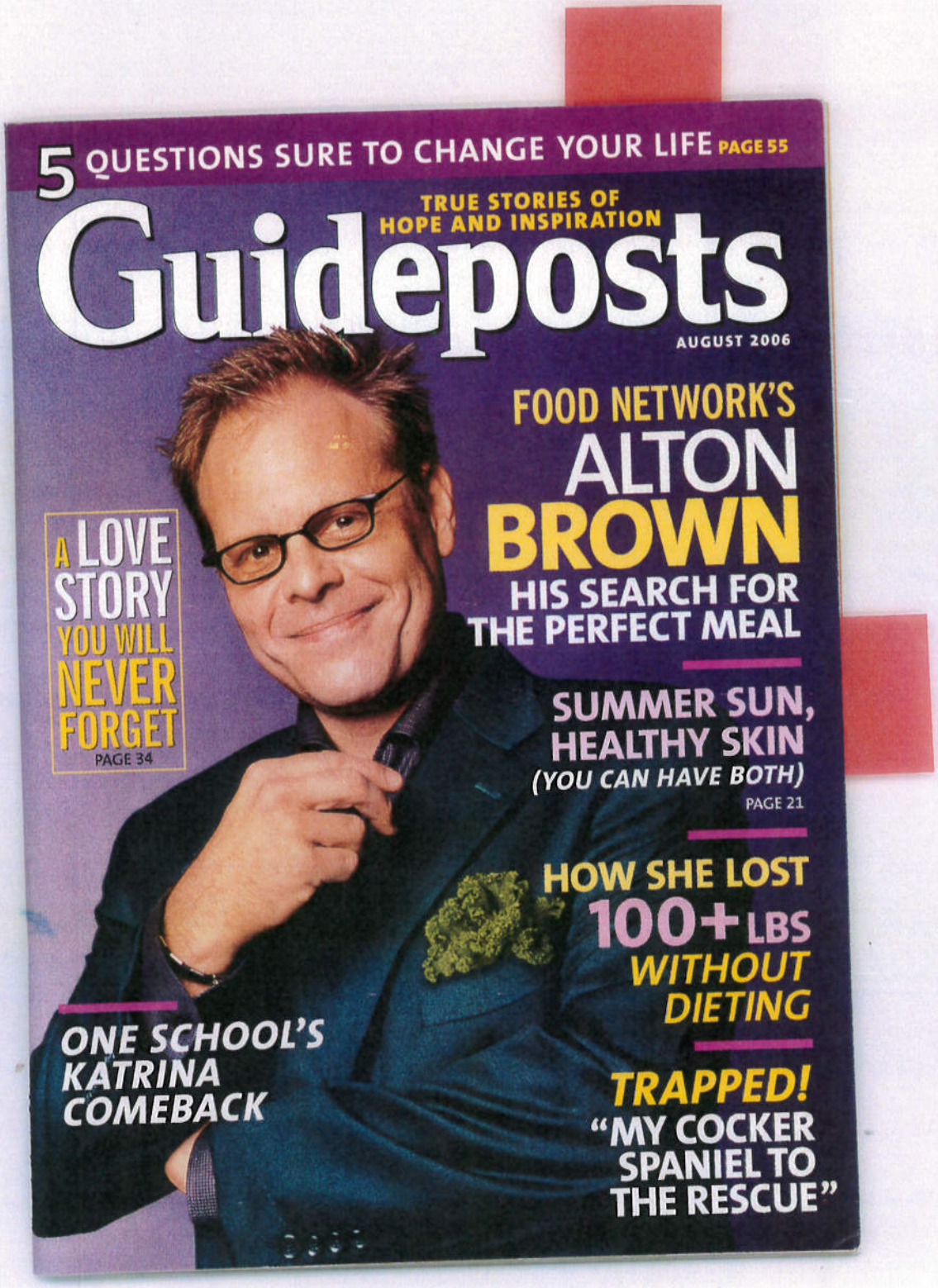
Long before Katrina, J.T. and his assistants hammered into their players lessons about perseverance. For them, football was a means of teaching young men about respect, dignity, poise, patience, trust, and the value of hard work.

In 2005, the Patriots came further than any of them would have imagined months earlier. It was hard for them to stay focused on football while reminders of Katrina's destructive aftermath surrounded them. No one even expected a normal year, much less a great one. They just wanted a season. *Any* season.

What they got was a championship season. Not only did the Patriots win the state title in 2005, but they won again a year later at the Superdome, and again in 2007. Now they're pursuing yet another championship.

Ask any one of the Patriots the key to their success, and you'll get the same answer: *Playing like Christian gentlemen.* TC

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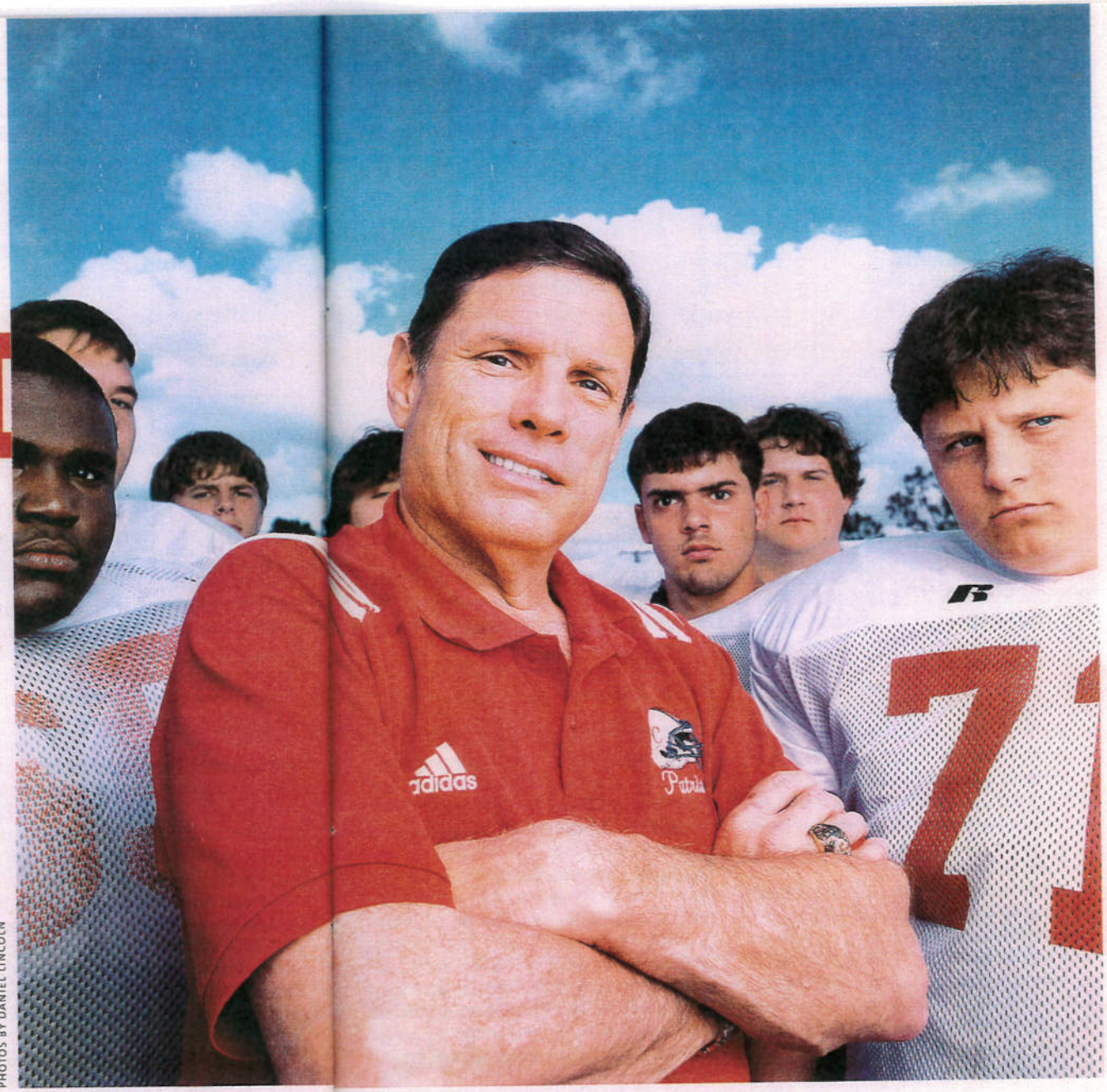

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I was in New Orleans right after Katrina and the experience shook my faith. Now I was going back to meet a man who would strengthen it

TEAM Effort

BY JIM HINCH, SENIOR EDITOR

THE FIRST THING I SAW WHEN I revisited New Orleans recently was a large, neatly lettered sign propped beside an airport escalator: "When returning to your home after a hurricane, EPA recommends: 1. Don't allow children, the elderly, pregnant women or the ill in until it is free of mold and debris; 2. Wear an N-95 face mask, goggles and heavy boots when cleaning; 3. Open all windows and



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THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON *J. T. led a hurricane-scattered team to unexpected glory.*

doors; 4. Be alert to hissing, leaking gas lines."

The sign listed five more warnings. I read them all, surprised and apprehensive. Six months before, I had spent two weeks in New Orleans covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for a New York newspaper. I arrived three days after the storm. I saw dead bodies floating in pools of black water and families abandoned on freeways. I also met strangers helping strangers, so many that I wrote a story for GUIDEPOSTS about finding God in New Orleans. Now I was back, this time as an editor for GUIDEPOSTS. But that sign didn't look like God in New Orleans.

> "It was a dark night of the soul," says J.T. of the days following Katrina.

I thought about the reason I was there, one of my first assignments since coming on at GUIDEPOSTS. I was going to meet J. T. Curtis, a football coach at a Christian high school who had led his hurricane-scattered team to the state championship. It was an improbable and inspiring story, and I had leapt at it when it came up in an editorial meeting. I told myself I would enjoy returning to New Orleans to check on its progress. But my actual motive was more complex.

Since returning from the hurricane's aftermath, I had begun to doubt my initial confidence in God. Yes, I had seen selfless, heroic acts. But month after month, the city remained mired in disarray, seemingly abandoned. If God was at work, why was he taking so long? Had my hope been wishful thinking?

It certainly seemed so to me, standing before that sign at the airport. The drive through town was even worse. On the radio, a newscaster said that fewer than half of New Orleans' 465,000 residents had returned. Just three of the city's seven hospitals were open. Except for the French Quarter, downtown and a few affluent districts on high ground, the neighborhoods that passed by my window were empty. Houses, each stained to the same height by receded flood waters, were boarded up. Many had large black Xs spray painted on their front doors. One displayed a more elaborate message: "9/18: cats, urgent, in attic. 9/25: SPCA, one cat taken."

At one point, I found myself in a neighborhood where I had paddled a fishing boat after the storm to interview survivors on their porches. It was now dry, but deserted. On one block, I found a maroon Mercedes straddling a curb. Its trunk was open. Its tires were flat. The brown high-water mark reached nearly to its roof. Nearby, a scavenger pulled a piece of scrap metal from a pile on the pavement and threw it into the back of a pickup truck. I drove in silence until I saw a woman waving to me from her lawn. I stopped and said hello. The woman said her name was Diane Newsome, and she had returned to her house to meet an insurance adjuster. I asked if I could look inside. She said yes. Floodwater had washed over the porch and risen three feet inside her living room. Mud-soaked furniture was upended against a window. In her toddler Mariah's bedroom, clothes and a stuffed tiger lay beneath a cross tacked to the wall. Diane looked at me and said, "I lost everything."

Preoccupied with such scenes, I drove right past John Curtis Christian School. By the time I turned around and arrived, late, in Coach J. T. Curtis's office, I found him leaning back in his desk chair and talking on the phone in a hearty, good-natured voice. He was wearing a black-and-yellow tie, a navy-blue sweater vest and a knobby class ring. Above him, hanging on walls of wood veneer, were signed photos of former players and 16 pictures of his grandchildren. As he talked, he waved his arm, grinned, grimaced and slapped his knee. Finally, he hung up and gripped my hand.



SPECIAL TEAM *Coach Curtis had no idea who would show up for practice.*

I assumed he would want to talk about his championship season. But he began our conversation with the story of his father, John Curtis, Sr., an iron-willed Baptist missionary who founded—and built largely by hand—the school that bears his name. J. T. said his father believed so strongly in self-reliance that when, at age 85, he was knocked off his sideline chair by a pack of football players, he refused to let them help him up. He died three months before the hurricane destroyed his beloved city.

J. T. said that he and his family rode out the storm in Baton Rouge. A few days later, they joined a utility company's cleaning crew to get past police checkpoints and assess damage at the school. Built on high ground, it had escaped flooding. A giant tree had fallen on one of the elementary-school buildings. But there was no serious damage because the tree had snagged in the branches of a large crape myrtle planted 20 years before by John Curtis, Sr.

Convinced that God, and his father, were watching over the school, J. T. said that the family decided to reopen as soon as possible. "We knew we needed people back in the community," he said.

Cleanup went quickly, and parents soon began trickling in, asking when classes would start. Things looked hopeful. But then, one night, J. T. drove from the school, which is on the outskirts of the city, to downtown New Orleans to see the aftermath for himself.

"It was like going through something in a horror movie," he said. "No lights, no cars, no turn signals, no red lights, no house lights." Compared to such ruin, the school's survival seemed not a sign of God's protection, but a fluke. If God was truly present, would he have allowed such destruction? "It was a dark night of the soul," J. T. said.

He cast about and grasped onto an unlikely anchor. *The team,* he thought. *There is something you can do.* He could at least be faithful to the players God had entrusted him with. He decided not only to reopen the school, but to give it the football season the storm had nearly taken away. It felt like a blind step, he said.

J. T. began text-messaging the team and posting messages on a web site, since

phone service was down. Players responded from as far away as Alabama and North Carolina, where they had evacuated. Some were still missing their family members. Others didn't know if their parents would return to New Orleans. But they *all* wanted to play. J. T. sent a message that practice would take place on September 19, less than three weeks after the storm had hit.

> The team lost their first game. But no one cared. Life was getting back to normal.

If we had twenty-five guys, we'd play, he said. On the nineteenth, J. T. and some other family members arrived early to cut the grass and lay down field markings. For a while, the field stood empty. But then a car pulled up. And then another. And soon there were 50 players standing on the grass. At one point, a boy no one recognized came onto the field. "I walked over to him and said, 'Can I help you?'" J. T. said. "The boy said, 'Coach, I'm P. J. Smith. I don't have a place to play. Can I play here?' I put my hands on his face and said, 'You're welcome.'"

As the season progressed, many players camped out at friends' houses, stayed in hotel rooms or lived in trailers on their front lawns. Some commuted from Baton Rouge, about 70 miles away. A few even lived with J. T. himself—a fate, they told me, they actually relished because it meant they got to feed on his wife's brisket and chicken and dumplings.

After another evacuation for Hurricane Rita, the team returned and played its first game. Again, J. T. had no idea how many people would show up. He even waived part of his take of ticket receipts, figuring they would be negligible. But more than 3,000 people filled the stadium. "We packed our side," he told me.

The team lost 16–6. But no one cared. "It set the tone that we were getting back into some normal stuff," J. T. said. "We were going to ball games and seeing our friends and kids practicing and getting ready to start school. It was a therapy of back-to-normal life. It was more than just cheering for your team. It was like, 'Hey, man, there is something we can build on. The world hasn't completely fallen apart.'"

J. T. and I talked for several more hours. He went on to tell me how the Patriots started winning, then made the playoffs, then took home their twentieth state title, beating St. Charles Catholic High School 31–6. The win, it turned out, surprised no one in Louisiana. John Curtis Christian School so dominates state football, a loss would have made much bigger headlines.

Nevertheless, J. T. said, the title showed him that his first blind step toward life in post-hurricane New Orleans had found solid ground. The future still looked bleak, he said. Many students' families were behind on tuition, and the school was dipping into its reserves to pay teachers' salaries. But he said that reaching for God in the darkness had made him more, not less, faithful. "We could go and live in another city or state," he said. "But we're meant to be here. We continue to walk by faith day by day."

I wrote down his words. In them, I found God in New Orleans. ■

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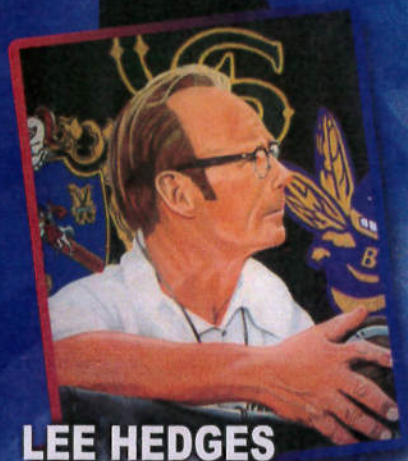
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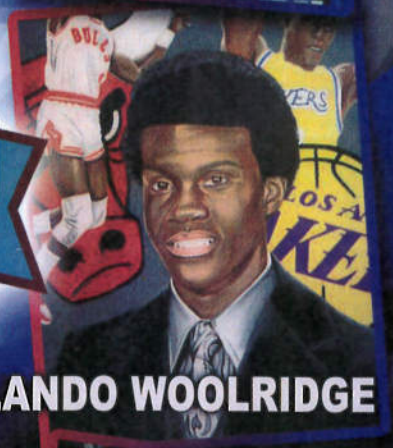


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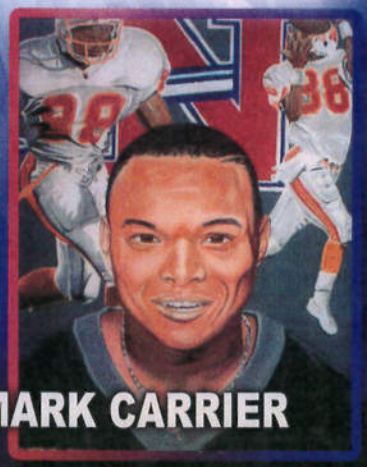
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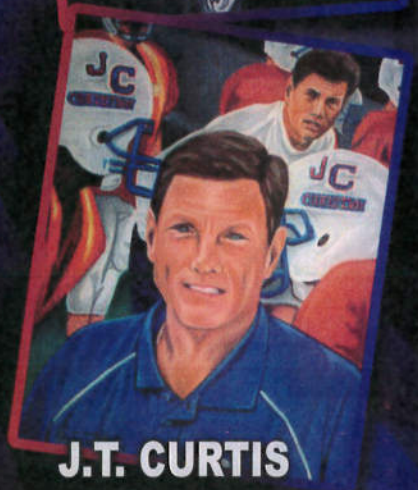
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Learning, winning never stops for Patriots' J.T. Curtis

By Lori Lyons
The Times-Picayune

It was early one Sunday morning, and then-LSU assistant coach Pete Jenkins was in a meeting with his fellow staff members, going over a list of recruits.

Then-LSU head coach Bill Arnsparger told Jenkins to give a call to John Curtis head football coach J.T. Curtis, who had just won a state championship in the wee hours of the night before.

"I said, 'Coach. I know their game went real late last night,'" Jenkins said. "So let's give him another 30 minutes or so to sleep."

A half-hour later, Jenkins finally called his longtime friend to ask about a certain player. But Curtis' wife Lydia answered.

"Pete," she said. "He left at 6 o'clock this morning to go to a clinic."

Jenkins was amazed.

"Here's a guy who just went undefeated and won a state championship the night before, and he's up and out early the next day to go to a clinic," Jenkins said. "But that's why he does what he does. He just keeps that thing rolling."

"That thing" is the John Curtis football program, born in 1962 and ceded in 1969 to the son of the school's founder and head master. Since then it has grown from a penniless program with six players to a national powerhouse with more state championship trophies than any other school in the state.

And its coach has become, not only synonymous with the school that bears his name and which he now runs, but also with winning.

Curtis, 63 and about to embark on his 42nd season at the helm of the Patriots, has won 23 football state championships in 27 appearances. His overall career record of 480-52-6 makes him the winningest coach in Louisiana high school history and puts him second in the nation behind John McKissick of Summerville, S.C. He also won six state titles during a lengthy stint as the school's head baseball coach.

It is the only job Curtis has ever wanted to do.

"I knew in junior high that this was what I wanted to do," he said. "And it was an absolute calling. It was always intriguing to me."

An offensive and defensive tackle, Curtis was a three-year letterman at East Jefferson High School in Metairie, and became the first All-State player in the history of the school. He later signed with the University of Arkansas, where he played three years before transferring to Louisiana College.

In 1969 he was nine credit hours short of graduating when his father, the late John Curtis, Sr., invited him to return home to take over the football duties at the school.

"I go to my first meeting, on August 15, 1969," Curtis recalled. "I had 39 notebooks and six players. I went to my dad's office and said, 'Daddy. I only had six guys here today.'

He didn't say a word. I said, 'Daddy, what do you think I should do?'

He finally said, 'Well, if I was you, I'd get on the phone and start calling some people.' I knew right then that he was doing his and I had mine."

Curtis eventually was able to find enough players to field a team - one that went 0-10 and scored two touchdowns in its first season.

But the next year his Patriots made the playoffs. In 1973 they reached the quarterfinals, losing to Notre Dame of Crowley, 16-13. And lessons were learned.

"That was the first time I realized that I had probably set the goals for that team and didn't realize that they probably could have gone beyond what I had set for them," Curtis recalled. "So I eliminated goals from that point on. You'll never see signs up for winning this or scoring this many points or this many touchdowns. Because that '73 team probably could have won a championship and I did not realize it."

And in 1975 the Patriots won their first state championship, beating that same Notre Dame of Crowley 13-12.

Of all the 23 championships he has won, Curtis said he probably remembers that one the best.

"That '75 team was not a super-talented bunch in the eyes of the public," he said. "There were no college signees from that team. But what they were, was a tremendously committed group of kids that wanted to win, that paid the price to win, and were able to."

It also may be his proudest moment.

"It was so unexpected," he said. "I don't think anyone expected us to win it."

J.T. Curtis

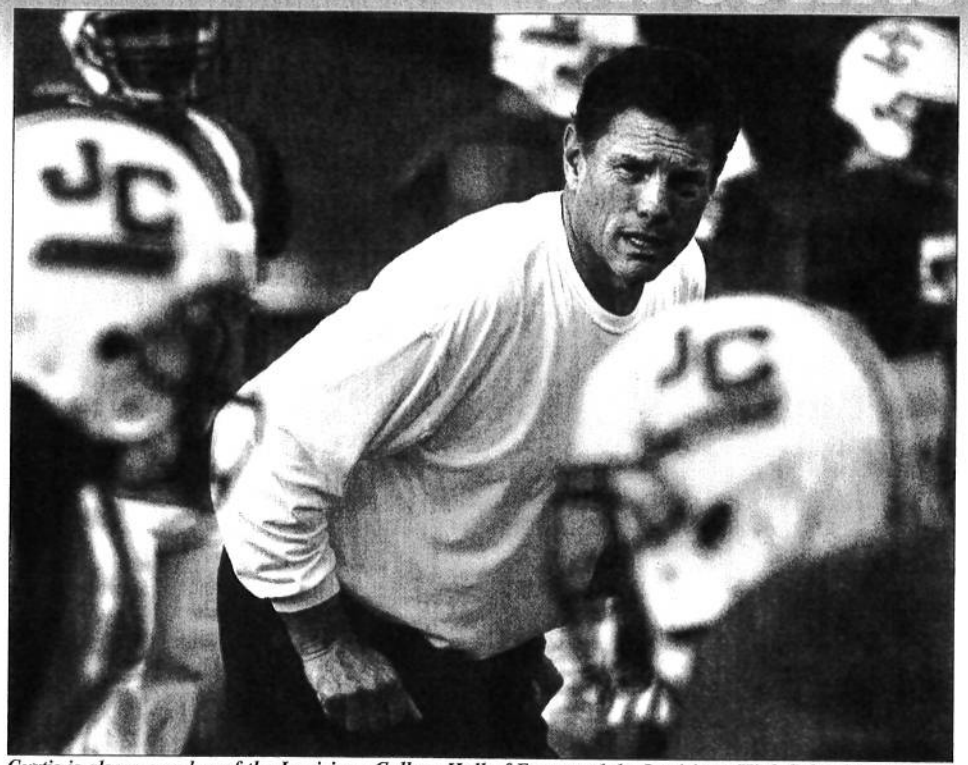


River Ridge

Football Coach

He has coached for 40 years at John Curtis High School in River Ridge, posting a continuing won-loss record of 480-52-6 that is best in state history and second best all-time nationally by a prep football coach. Owning a winning percentage of .898, Curtis has won a record 23 state titles, including a record-tying five straight from 2004-08. His Patriots have 14 consecutive state championship game appearances through 2009 and 25 overall appearances in the state finals. Curtis has taken his team to the state playoffs 36 times in his 40 seasons and has made the postseason every year since 1975. From 1979-82, Curtis won 43 consecutive games and from 1979 to 2001, Curtis was not shut out in a national record 303 straight games. Curtis won 136 consecutive district games from 1977-2001 before losing to O.P. Walker 20-0. Curtis was 0-10 in 1969 -- his first season -- and 3-3-3 in 1974 for the only non-winning seasons in his tenure. His 2006 team was voted as high as No. 1 in some national polls, a season highlighted by a 28-14 road victory against No. 1-rated Hoover, Ala. He played college football at Arkansas under Frank Broyles from 1965-68. He was inducted in the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1992. Born 12-6-46.

J.T. CURTIS



Curtis is also a member of the Louisiana College Hall of Fame and the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame.

It was just the beginning for Curtis and the Patriots, who went on to win two more titles in the 1970s, then seven in the 1980s, six in the 1990s and seven this decade.

The Patriots have made 35 straight playoff appearances and have won 10 or more games in 35 consecutive seasons. They were state champions three years in a row twice (79-81 and 83-85), four years in a row from 1996-1999 and five years in a row from 2004-2008.

Coach Curtis, meanwhile, has been the Louisiana Sports Writers Associations' Coach of the Year five times and the Louisiana Football Coaches Association's Coach of the Year nine times. He was inducted into the Louisiana College Hall of Fame in 1994, two years after going into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame. He now becomes only the third active coach, in any sport, to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame - joining Eddie Robinson and Joel Hawkins.

Jenkins, who will present Curtis to the Louisiana Hall, said the secret to Curtis' success is the fact that he never stops working.

Said Jenkins: "Coach Bear Bryant once said, 'Getting there is hard. Staying there is harder.' J.T. and his program have been able to get there and stay there because he is constantly working to get better and be better. He still goes to clinics. He's still trying to learn something new, something better. You would think he knows everything there is to know, but he's still learning. And he does it all for the kids."

Jenkins also said that Curtis is the most patient man he knows - on and off the field.

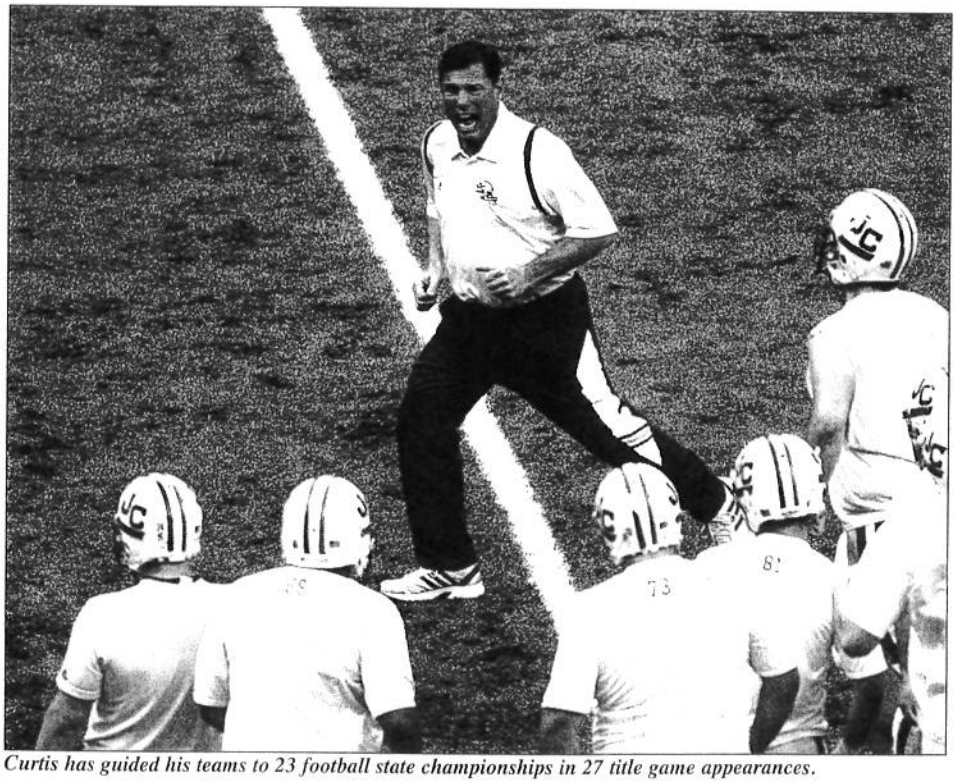
"To J.T., a 3-yard gain is a big play," said Jenkins. "Everybody else is looking for that instant gratification, that 50-yard play for a touchdown. J.T. is just as happy getting three yards at a time."

Curtis said he is just doing what he loves.

"I love the process," he said. "I love the organization and the motivation of trying to keep people moving in a positive direction. And the teaching aspect of it is intriguing; trying to help people reach a level that they didn't think was possible."

And he's doing it at a place he loves. Now the headmaster of the school his father founded on a whim, Curtis employs a slew of family members, including sons Johnny and Jeff, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

"It is the family business," Curtis said.



Curtis has guided his teams to 23 football state championships in 27 title game appearances.

Curtis is legendary Bayou Country football coach

By John Gillis on October 04, 2014

From deep in the heart of Bayou Country, coach J.T. Curtis took the fledgling River Ridge (Louisiana) John Curtis Christian School football program from some very inauspicious beginnings and quickly turned it into one of the nation's very best.

In the process, he has also established himself to be among the nation's elite high school football coaches.



Shown above is J.T. Curtis coaching a game

According to the NFHS' online National High School Sports Record Book, Curtis trails only John McKissick on the all-time 11-player football coaching victories list.

Entering the 2014 season, McKissick had accumulated a 613-151-13 win-loss record since his career started at Summerville (South Carolina) High School in 1952.

Despite starting 17 years after McKissick, Curtis has compiled a win-loss record of 530-56-6, all at John Curtis Christian School.

During his first season (1969), the then-22-year-old Curtis led the Patriots to a 0-10 record (0-11 if one recognizes the jamboree game). In that inaugural campaign, he greeted just six players on the first day of practice.

However, Curtis turned things around in hurry as the program attracted 40 players the following season, went 8-2 and made the playoffs. Just five years after that, the Patriots won their first Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) football state championship – the first of 26 state titles to which Curtis has led the program.

"On that first day of practice in 1969, we had just six players and 40 notebooks," Curtis recalled. "At the time, my dad was school principal. When I asked him 'What should I do?' he said 'I think I'd get on the phone and start calling people.' We ended up with 22 players. I'll never forget that first year and I never take any year for granted."

According to Curtis, there are certain factors that have contributed to the program's success over the years.

"I think there are a few things," he began. "First, you have to have a great administration that wants your team to be successful, and understands the value of that program.

"Second, you want to surround yourself with great coaches. My brother Leon Curtis has been with me since 1971. In addition, our offensive line coach Mike Robertson has also been with me since the beginning.

"The third thing is the off-season program and how you develop players in terms of athleticism. In the off-season, we're developing our skills and our physical strength. If we can make that person a better athlete who can jump higher, run faster, etc., they'll be a better player. And through that, they gain a lot of self-confidence. That's a big difference-maker."



Shown above is J.T. Curtis with three LHSAA football state championship trophies

With 45 years having elapsed since Curtis assumed the reins and along with a myriad of societal changes that have occurred, he can compare and contrast the players on that inaugural 1969 team with this year's team both in terms of on-field issues and in terms of simply being kids.

"Of course, these days we have Facebook, cell phones, Instagram and the Internet – none of which existed in 1969," Curtis began. "Today, the problems are different, but the needs are the same. We had been through it all in the 1970s with war, drugs, racial tensions and everything else that happened - we've seen them all.

"But really – both back then and now – kids want the following three things. One, they want to know you love them. Two, they want to be disciplined. And three, they want structure in their lives.

"In a sense, you could compare a high school football team to a gang in Los Angeles. – they are both teams, they both have uniforms, they both have nicknames and they both have purpose. That's what kids want - they want motivation. So, let's do it positively. I think that is the intrinsic value of athletics - that's very important in the lives of young people."

Under Curtis' direction, the Patriots football program has won 26 state titles from 1975 to 2013 – which ranks seventh all-time nationally, according to the National High School Sports Record Book. In addition, he led

teams to 12 undefeated seasons. As he looks back on his very successful coaching tenure, certain accomplishments stand out more than others.

"I would have to say that the accomplishment I'm most proud of was probably winning that first game in 1970," Curtis said. "Then, winning our first championship in 1975 was a real special time. Every season is special, every team is different, and every group of kids needs to be motivated differently."

Clearly recognizing that sports go far beyond mere X's and O's, winning games and winning states titles, Curtis embraces a positive philosophy of what is truly important in the high school coaching profession.

"Athletics should provide some strong intrinsic values for the kids," Curtis said. "If all we have at the end of day is a score on the scoreboard, then I'm not sure it's worth the time and money that goes into it.

"The memorable things are those moments when you see guys accomplish things they otherwise would not have, were they not in your program. For example, they would have never developed their skills.

"I've been fortunate to have had great players – but I want them to be better than what they were before they came to us. That's where you come in as a coach – you help develop them. Whether you're the greatest player or just one of the guys who wants to play, you want to see them go above and beyond. That's fun for me personally."

"I've had kids come back years later who told me 'Coach, you helped me out' and they thank me for that. That's a collective effort of all the coaches working in the program. We discipline them because we love them. It's about developing better young people who will go on to become meaningful contributors in their respective communities as adults. Spiritual development is the most important part - spiritual values have sometimes been taken away from us."



Standing: J.T .and Lydia (parents); Sitting on bench: (left to right) Jeff Curtis (their youngest child) and wife Toni to his left, Johnny (their middle child) with his wife Dawn to his left; Joanna (their oldest child) who is married to the high school's strength and conditioning coach, who graduated from the school and is sitting to her right. The five children on the left under Jeff and Toni are theirs; the three boys under Johnny and Dawn are theirs; and the two girls on the end are Joanna's. John Thomas Curtis, IV is in his football uniform.

J.T. and his wife, Lydia, are the parents of three children. Sons Jeff and Johnny both played football at Tulane University, while daughter Joanna is married to J.T.'s secondary coach Tommy Fabacher.

With J.T.'s great success at the high school level, it's not surprising to learn that he had opportunities to coach at the college level.

"I've had numerous opportunities for both head coaching and assistant coaching positions at D-I schools," Curtis said. "I got my first offer early to coach in college, but I decided to not get into that rat race with my family – I felt a very strong calling here. We live good life with a good house – we do okay."

At age 67, Curtis is still both highly energetic and highly successful. Nonetheless, the question of how long he plans to coach occasionally comes up.

"I don't think I'll go as long as McKissick," Curtis began. "Here's how I feel - as long as I'm able to have the enthusiasm, passion and drive, the health holds up, and I'm able to have a staff that's supportive, then I'll

continue to coach. If I can no longer give my best effort to my players, I'll stop coaching. I enjoy watching the progress of the kids. As long as I'm able to have the passion and drive, I'll continue to coach - if not, I'll walk away."


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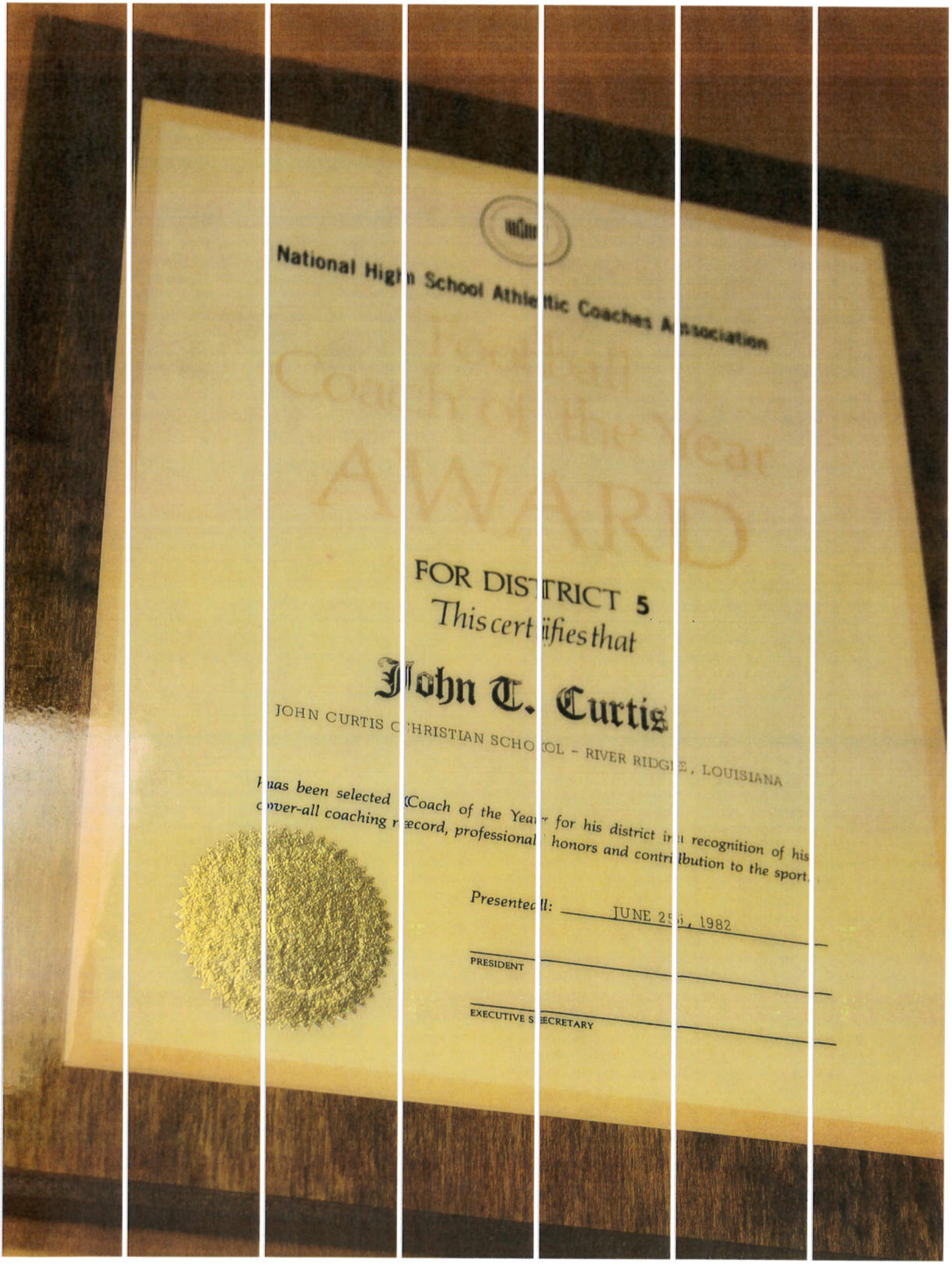
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275 Bay Circle Drive
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October 28, 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In May of 1980, during my first year at LSU, I had the privilege of meeting Coach JT Curtis for the first time. I was in New Orleans, my new recruiting area, when I stopped by John Curtis School to observe a spring practice session. In all my years of watching high school practices I still remember the quality of work that was going on. The players were practicing hard and fast with a consistent and intense effort to improve. The coaches were impressive with their apparent knowledge, enthusiasm, and proficiency at teaching football skills.

As far as Coach Curtis winning games, I'll not spend time talking about that because the record speaks for itself. I truly believe that this is simply a byproduct of his relationship with his players, the knowledge and dedication he and his staff have to teach football, and JT's leadership both on and off the field.

Having known JT on a professional level and having recruited his school for 22 years through my tenure at LSU, Mississippi State, and Auburn, I also have a personal relationship which is on-going for 35+ years. I can say this man is a great coach and teacher, but an even better person. I have continued to be impressed with the way the program has evolved and improved to its now place of national prominence.

Coach Curtis' success on the field is matched by the victories in life his players have experienced after football. I attribute that to the outstanding example he portrays, the environment he creates, and the patience and love he has for each of his players. These experiences have been a huge factor in many a young man's development of character and class which are of great importance to Coach Curtis. I sincerely wish my own son could have played for him and been exposed to all the positive things the program offers to young people.

Having had the opportunity to coach in high school, college and the NFL, I maintain that JT could be successful at any level of football. His knowledge, his teaching and his communication skills with players would serve him well anywhere. I regard this man as one of the best coaches I've worked with, and an exemplary leader. I am extremely proud to call Coach JT Curtis my friend.

Sincerely,



Pete Jenkins

Norm Gagne

New
Information

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"Jesus is the Cornerstone"

August 18, 2014
Mr. Bruce Howard
Hall of Fame Director
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Howard,

In 2014, Coach Norm Gagne was placed in the Hold For Future Consideration by the Hall of Fame Screening Committee. I would like to add the following material to his file, replacing the 2014 cover letter with the August 2015 cover, replacing the Sports Record page with the current one, as well as providing an update on his wins as reported in the NFHS record book.

Additionally, I was asked to address "the number of matches that teams are allowed to play in the state of Maine." I include here information received from Mr. Mike Burnham of the Maine Principal's Association, regarding that matter.

If there is more that I should do, please contact me. I will mail this today, as well as sending it along by e-mail.

Thank you,

Jerry

DR. GERALD R. MITCHELL JR. PASTOR
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Hi Gerry,

In Maine from the 1974-75 season through the 2007-08 season a team was allowed to play 20 regular season games, although not all of the schools played the maximum number of games. Beginning with the 2008-09 season through this past 2013-14 season they were allowed to play 18 regular season games. In each season that he has coached he could have played a maximum of 4 play-off games in a given season.

Hope this helps,

Mike

Michael Burnham, Assistant Executive Director,
Maine Principals' Association

August 18, 2014

Dear NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee,

In nominating Norm Gagne for the prestigious NFHS Hall of Fame, the obvious consideration is his 674 career wins, placing him 3rd in the history of American high school hockey, and "only" 21 games behind the 2nd place holder (who is now retired). Coach Gagne is the winningest high school coach in the State of Maine's long history. In Coach Gagne's 39 years of head coaching, he has earned a place in the Maine State Tournament 38 of those years. To put it another way, in his long coaching career, there has been only one time when he did ***not*** earn a place in the State Tournament. He has won 6 state championships, has been state runner-up 10 times, and has played in the regional finals 21 times, winning 16 of them.

Norm has coached some of the historically powerful teams within the state, (Lewiston High & Waterville High) but he has also founded one program, and coached three schools that were not traditional powerhouses, that is, until he put them in the conversation. This has all been accomplished while competing against the likes of St. Dominic of Lewiston, who is 3rd on the NFHS list of state championship winners, as well as competing for much of his career against three of the top five state championship winners in national history.

And Coach Gagne's credentials do not abruptly end with the impressive wins in the record books, for he has served as an outstanding role model and the classic mentor for lifetime achievement for his hundreds of players. They have gone on to distinguish themselves beyond the rinks, to our U.S. Armed forces, in the business fields, & as outstanding educators in our school systems. Coach Gagne is a teacher who not only knows hockey inside-out, but who also knows the value of a human life. For nearly forty years, Coach Gagne's expertise and character have complemented one another, all to the benefit of yesterday's Maine youth, who are now today's Maine leaders. He truly does exemplify the ideals and standards of the NFHS Hall of Fame.

I am proud to place the name of Norm Gagne in nomination for the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely and with Thanks,

Gerald R. Mitchell, Jr.

Ice Hockey - Boys Individual Coaching Wins All-Time

Record	Holder	State	Data
904	Bill Belisle	RI	(Woonsocket Mt. St. Charles Academy), 1976-2011 (904-129-32) [87.9%]
695	Edward Burns	MA	(Arlington), 1948-97 (695-167-62) [78.6%]
674	Norm Gagne	ME	(Gardiner, Waterville, Gorham, Lewiston, Scarborough), 1975-2014 (674-287-27) [69.6%]
656	Roy Nystrom	ND	(Grafton, ND, Grand Forks Central, ND, Albert Lea, MN), 1966-2013 (656-445-22) [59.8%]
623	Ron Baum	MI	(Kentwood East Kentwood), 1973-2007 (623-219-30) [73.2%]
616	Willard Ikola	MN	(Edina), 1958-91 (616-149-38) [79.1%]
582	Mike Turner	MI	(Trenton), 1974-81; 1995-2012 (582-110-50) [81.8%]
536	Marty Roos	CT	(Fairfield Prep, Fairfield Notre Dame), (536-301-19) [63.8%]
512	Vic Levine	WI	(Madison Memorial), 1977-2006 (512-144-20) [77.2%]
506	Robert Whidden	OH	(Lakewood St. Edward), 1985-2005 (506-149-17) [76.6%]

(As of August 18, 2014)

NFHS Record Book

3. SPORTS RECORD

High School Athlete (Edward Little High School)

- Football (Coach Steve Grenda) - Fullback, Defensive/Offensive end, Linebacker.
- Baseball (Coach Artie Belliveau) - ELHS MVP, 1963; Andy Valley Batting Champion, 1963.
- Hockey (Coach Linc Gordan) 2 years as starting goalie.

College Athlete (University of Maine at Presque Isle)

- Baseball (NAIA 1st team All Star – 1972 & 1973)

Varsity High School Hockey Coach

- 3RD winningest high school hockey coach in USA history. (674-287-27) *
- 6 Maine State Championships.
- 16 times in Maine State Championship finals.
- 21 times in Maine State Regional Finals
- Played in Maine State Tournament 38 of 39 years as a head coach.
- Named Northern New England Coach of the Year 3 times.
- President of Class "A" Maine High School Hockey League (2013-14, 2014-15)
- Many "Coach of the Year Awards" including KVAC, Maine Coaches Association (including classes A & B), Maine High School Hockey League, *Portland Press Herald*, *Morning Sentinel*, among others.
- Nominated for John Mariucci Award in 2004.

  Note: This award is given yearly by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) to the secondary coach in America who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm of the former University of Minnesota coach, who is referred to as "the godfather of U.S. hockey."

- 2013 Inductee, Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame.

- **674 career high school hockey wins!**

  Norm Gagne is the winningest high school hockey coach in Maine history, and continues to add to that record, winning 16 games last year, and looking for yet more this year.
  As of September 2013, his 674 career wins place Norm as the 3rd winningest high school hockey coach in USA history, 21 games out of 2nd place behind Edward Burns, who retired from coaching in 1997.

[* source: National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) – record book]

Hi Gerry,

Nice talking with you today. In Maine from the 1974-75 season through the 2007-08 season a team was allowed to play 20 regular season games, although not all of the schools played the maximum number of games. Beginning with the 2008-09 season through this past 2013-14 season they were allowed to play 18 regular season games. In each season that he has coached he could have played a maximum of 4 play-off games in a given season.

Hope this helps,

Mike

Michael Burnham, Assistant Executive Director, Maine Principals' Association

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Prior Information

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Norman Gary Gagne
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Gerald R. Mitchell, Jr.

Phone: 1-562-863-5817

Street Address: 14358 Rosecrans Avenue

City, State, Zip Code: La Mirada, CA 90638

Signed: [Tab here]

Date: 9/6/2013

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Fine Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Norman Gary Gagne
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 504 Austin Street,
(street address)
Westbrook, Maine 04098
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 1-207-649-8966 Date of Birth: 01/01/1945

School Affiliation (if any) Scarborough High School

City: Scarborough State: Maine

Place of Birth: Lewiston, Maine Date of Retirement: Not Retired

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or fine arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here]

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Ronda Gagne (wife)

Address: 504 Austin Street, Westbrook, Maine 04098

Phone: 1-207649-8966

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Edward Little High School	Auburn, Maine	1963	Diploma
College/University: U. Maine @ Presque Isle	Presque Isle, Maine	1973	B.S. Ed
Post Graduate School: U.Maine @ Orono	1996	1996	Master Ed

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

Norman G. Gagne

By Robert Gardner
Hall of Fame Committee

He may have had a late start to his incredible high school hockey coaching career, but Lewiston native and Edward Little 1963 graduate Norman Gary Gagne more than made up for any lost time!

"I was made to do this!" And 'this' currently means 658 wins and only 268 losses and 26 ties. Excluding the ties, this boils down to a 700+% record and ranks Norm the third- winningest high school hockey coach in the nation.

Gagne needs only 38 more wins to move into second place and by all appearances he seems anxious to meet that challenge. "I was fortunate to have excellent disciplinarians at E.L.", said Norm. Lettering in football, hockey and baseball, Norm was coached by Steve Grenda (HOF 1993), Linc Gordon and Artie Belliveau (HOF 1988) respectively. In 1963 Norm won the Andy Valley League batting title as a senior at first base. "I remember Artie moving me up to the varsity because Rod Durgin (HOF 2002) was transferring to Lewiston." Norm played fullback, defensive and offensive end, and linebacker in football, and was varsity hockey goalie his final two years.

There was a six year gap between Norm's high school graduation and his return to education and athletics. "I went out to Trinidad State in Colorado but it just didn't pan out. There was a period of time where, frankly, I was unsettled." However, with his dad's encouragement, he enrolled at Bliss College in Lewiston and two years later earned an Associate Business degree, graduating in 1971. That led Norm to the Univ. of Maine-Presque Isle where he received his B.S. in Education. While at UMPI he played baseball and was named to the NAIA First Team in 1972 and 73. He later received his M.A. in Education at Orono.

Norm began his 38 year and counting coaching career at Gardiner High with the encouragement of Auburn's Peter Story and Alex "Slim" Somerville, former Bates athlete and Gardiner principal. Norm was a classroom teacher in math, science and history while initiating the hockey program at Gardiner. During his 13 years there his teams won state titles in 1981, 1983 and 1985.

In 1986 Waterville H.S. became his next destination. He spent 18 years there as head hockey coach and brought home state championships in 1991, 1996 and 2001. In those same years Norm was named Northern N.E. Coach of the Year.

Norm was nominated in 2004 for the John Mariucci Award given yearly by the American Hockey Coaches Association to the secondary school coach who "best exemplifies the spirit, dedication and enthusiasm" of the former Univ. of Michigan coach, referred to as the 'godfather of U.S. hockey'.

From Gardiner, Norm moved on to Gorham H.S. and then back to the Twin Cities to coach the LHS Blue Devils to successful seasons from 2005-2008. After Lewiston, Norm took the reins at Scarborough H.S. in 2009 where his teams continue to challenge, most recently being edged by Falmouth in the western Maine semi final.

Confirming Norm's outstanding leadership in Maine high school hockey are his 26 years of service on the Me. Principals Association's hockey committee as a liaison for the coaches. He has also served as president of both the Class A and Class B Hockey Leagues. While the record book shows that Norm Gagne is among the greatest hockey coaches in the history of U.S. high school hockey, it does not show his positive impact on young people by his encouragement of education and instilling of strong values. He has distinguished himself by achieving victory with character and integrity, and by embodying the highest ideals of the MPA.

Norm and Ronda currently reside in Westbrook and are the parents of three adult children, Leah, Jessa and Ross.

Letters of Recommendation

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Norm Gagne Letter of Support

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for Mr. Norm Gagne's nomination for the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Coaches Category. Coach Gagne is a long-time coach that has had a significant impact on the sport of ice hockey in the state of Maine. Early in my teaching career I had the opportunity to work in the same district as Mr. Gagne and I must say that the passion and enthusiasm that he brought to teaching and coaching over 30 years ago was contagious then and continues to this day. His commitment to the young people that he comes into contact with has always been a driving force behind his coaching philosophy and he truly embodies educational based athletics.

Coach Gagne has coached in Maine for more than 40 years, at five different high schools, and has accumulated a total of 658 career wins during that time. His current win total places him third on the all-time career victory list as noted on the NFHS website. Over the years he has brought his teams to 16 state title games and has captured 6 state titles. He has received coach of the year honors in Maine numerous times and has been recognized as the "Northern New England Coach of the Year" on three different occasions. He served as the coaches' liaison to the Maine Principals' Association Ice Hockey Committee for close to twenty years and has represented the coaches on the statewide ice hockey scheduling committee for almost his entire coaching career.

Next to all the concrete evidence supporting his candidacy for the Hall of Fame it is the quality of the person that speaks the loudest. Norm has demonstrated time and again that he cares deeply about the young people that he works with and it is not uncommon to see people that he has coached in the past calling on him for support or advice. The lessons that he brought to the classroom, and continues to bring to his ice hockey teams, reach far beyond the skills and development in the game of ice hockey but instead help to develop the young people as they prepare to become adults.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Burnham
Assistant Executive Director
Maine Principals' Association

Pioneer BAPTIST CHURCH & SCHOOL

"Jesus is the Cornerstone"

October 8, 2013, 2013

Dear National High School Hall of Fame Committee,

In nominating Norm Gagne for the prestigious National High School Hall of Fame, the obvious consideration is his 658 wins, placing him 3rd in the history of American high school hockey, and within reasonable distance of the #2 spot. The magnitude of such achievement can be seen when considering that last year's Maine Class A hockey champs (Falmouth) had an 18 win season, meaning it would take over 36 consecutive such seasons to reach 658 wins. This is amazing when considered in that light, and all the more so when observing that one of his high school programs (Gardiner), was started by Coach Gagne from scratch, and other schools he has coached were not historically dominating teams. When professional writers such as Michael Hofer refer to Norm as "legendary" (*The Forecastor: 3/6/2013)* it is both accurate and significant.

But beyond this, Norm has been the classic mentor. Some aspects of coaching show up in the record books and are there for all to easily review, while other very important areas lie buried deep within the hearts of individuals whose lives have been touched and impacted by a caring and concerned human being who is gifted with special interpersonal skills. Norm's track record on the human side is equally impressive as his number of wins. He truly does exemplify the ideals and standards of the National High School Hall of Fame.

All of us who so highly respect Coach Gagne were pleased beyond expression to see that you counted him worthy of being included in your 2008 booklet among four "Hockey Mentors," thus placing him shoulder-to-shoulder with three other great mentors, all who are members of the National High School Hall of Fame. That in itself was a wonderful honor, and we thank you for it.

We now humbly place Coach Norm Gagne before you in nomination for the National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely and with Thanks,

Gerald R. Mitchell, Jr.

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9/10/2013

Dear National High School Hall of Fame,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Norm Gagne for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame. I have coached with Norm for ten years and continue to collaborate with him as coaches of opposing teams.

There are many statistics that support Norm's nomination for the National High School Hall of Fame. He has the all time lead in high school hockey wins in the state of Maine, which is third in the country and just shy of second. He has had over fifteen state title game appearances including six state championships. He has been coaching high school hockey for over thirty-five years and has built programs from scratch, as well as, helped traditional programs grow under his direction.

More importantly, the thing that makes Norm deserving of the National High School Hall of Fame nomination is what he does for everybody he meets and works with. A number of coaches who have started as assistants for Norm, like myself, continue to give to the game and young men and women through coaching. Many are high school head coaches and have won state championships themselves for their programs.

Norm's excitement for the game, his energy, and his ability to work with young people are what make him deserving of being in the National High School Hall of Fame. He has developed boys into young men over the time they play hockey for him. When you are a part of his program you are not just growing as an athlete, but also as a young adult. Many of his players have gone on to play college hockey, but more importantly, more have gone on to be outstanding young men, leaders in their jobs and families, and great community people. They learn the importance of being responsible for their actions, representing their team, coaches, community, family and more importantly yourself. They learn it is more important to make the right decisions when no one is watching, then it is when someone is looking over your shoulder.

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Norm is a motivator. There have been many times when I have stood in a locker room before a big game as a coach and listened to Norm give the final speech before a big game. The chills just run up your spine as he speaks and every person in that locker room is ready to bust through the door and give everything they have to help the team achieve its goal.

Norm has an ability to teach the people he works with. The success of many of his assistant coaches is due to the way he coaches. He is not only teaching the athletes that play for him, but also the coaches that work with him. Norm allows his assistant coaches to coach. They are not at practice to push pucks around the ice. They are there to teach the kids and fulfill their responsibilities to the best of their ability. He gives each coach responsibilities to allow them to grow as coaches as well as helping the team be successful.

Norm gave me my start in high school hockey coaching in the state of Maine. The start that Norm gave me on his bench at Waterville High School was a valuable experience that led to many coaching experiences including taking a team to the National U18 Championships in Michigan. Norm has not only been a mentor to me but also a great friend.

I cannot stress enough the impact that Norm Gagne has had on my coaching career and my life. He is a great ambassador for not only the game of hockey but for coaches in all sports everywhere. Thanks for your time. If you would like further information please contact me at jross40@yahoo.com or (207) 692 4058.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ross
Maine Moose Hockey U18 Head Coach
Gardiner High School Head Varsity Coach
High School Physical Education Teacher

Dear National High School Hall of Fame,

It is my pleasure and honor to endorse Norm Gagne for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame. I have covered Norm's phenomenal coaching career for the past 21 years. Norm has amassed numbers that are unprecedented here in Maine, 658 career wins (third in the nation), 17 trips to the State Finals and six State Championships! But, it's not just the numbers that tell the whole story. Norm has been a teacher and a father figure to many of his current and former players. He has always been very accommodating to the media and win or lose seems to put a positive spin on every situation. I hope you will consider Norm Gagne for the National High School Hall of Fame. He has dedicated his life to helping Maine student athletes become better hockey players and even better young adults!

Sincerely,

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September 6, 2013

Dear National High School Hall of Fame,

This letter is to fully endorse Norm Gagne for nomination to the National High School Hall of Fame. I have known Norm for eight years and know him to be a man of great integrity, high character, consistent diligence, and strong leadership. He is proud of his Maine roots and has continually proven it by remaining as a high school hockey coach in his native state.

Coach Gagne and I met in 2006 when I applied to be one of his assistant hockey coaches at Lewiston High School. The first interview was about an hour long but we did not talk about hockey until half way through. The first part of the interview was discussing what it took to be a leader and how do you maximize student/athlete achievement. To this day, the only thing I remember about the interview was Coach Gagne making it clear that his top priority was to make sure the players on the team understood what it meant to be a leader in the classroom and how to become a great citizen in the community. Coach Gagne believes that developing this in his athletes will make them become stronger professionals in the work force, better spouses, and strong parents later in their life. We won a lot of games and had great success at Lewiston High School but I am grateful that he instilled in me those same qualities.

Earlier in this letter, I listed four traits (Integrity, Character, Diligence, and Leadership) that are the core of Coach Gagne's belief system. He has built a solid foundation of how he lives his life and how he develops the expectations for his students, athletes, and assistant coaches. This system has been proven to be successful over multiple decades of coaching in Maine. This belief system has also led Coach Gagne to be at the top of the list for all time wins by a high school hockey coach in the State of Maine and in the top four for the entire United States. His message never waivers from this foundation and has been effective while he has been at the helm of a team.

I highly recommend Norm Gagne for nomination to the National High School Hall of Fame. Most people, including myself, refer to Norm Gagne as "Coach." However, I am also happy to call him a mentor and a friend.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider Norm Gagne for the National High School Hall of Fame. If you wish to follow up or have any questions pertaining to this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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1. 904 Bill Belisle RI (Woonsocket Mt. St. Charles Academy), 1976-2011 (904-129-32)

2. 695 Edward Burns MA (Arlington), 1948-97 (695-167-62)

3. 658 Norm Gagne ME (Gardiner, Waterville, Gorham, Lewiston, Scarborough), 1975-2013 (658-281-26)

4. 656 Roy Nystrom ND (Grafton, ND, Grand Forks Central, ND, Albert Lea, MN), 1966-2013 (656-445-22)

5. 623 Ron Baum MI (Kentwood East Kentwood), 1973-2007 (623-219-30)

6. 616 Willard Ikola MN (Edina), 1958-91 (616-149-38)

7. 582 Mike Turner MI (Trenton), 1974-81; 1995-2012 (582-110-50)

8. 536 Marty Roos CT (Fairfield Prep, Fairfield Notre Dame), (536-301-19)

9. 512 Vic Levine WI (Madison Memorial), 1977-2006 (512-144-20)

10. 506 Robert Whidden OH (Lakewood St. Edward), 1985-2005 (506-149-17)

{source: National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) – record book}



*ICE BREAKER — High school ice hockey player **Casey Kutner** of **Englewood Dwight Morrow, NJ,** finished his career in 1992 with 229 goals, second all time. In the 1991-92 season, he scored 79 goals, which ranks fifth on the all-time single-season scoring chart.*

MOST SHOTS ON GOAL

Game

57 Hudson, WI vs. Sauk Prairie, WI, 2004
50 New Richmond, WI vs. Verona, WI, 2003
50 Stevens Point, WI vs. Black River Falls, WI, 1996

DEFENSE

MOST SAVES

Game

51 Sauk Prairie, WI vs. Hudson, WI, 2004
47 Menomonie, WI vs. Superior, WI, 1991

INDIVIDUAL

OFFENSE

MOST GOALS

Career

249 Jim Johnson (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, MI), 1971-74
229 Casey Kutner (Englewood Dwight Morrow, NJ), 1989-92
221 Tom Gora (Goodrich, MI), 1982-85
216 Barry Clukey (Waterville, ME), 1989-92
186 James Dowd (Brick Township, NJ), 1984-87

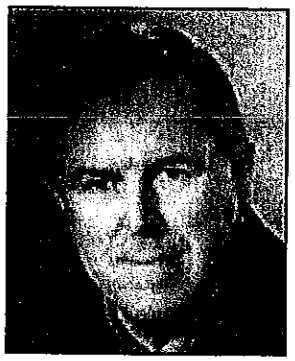
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94 Ron Rolston (Flint Powers Catholic, MI), 1983-84
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91 Barry Clukey (Waterville, ME), 1990-91
86 Tom Gora (Goodrich, MI), 1983-84
79 Casey Kutner (Englewood Dwight Morrow, NJ), 1991-92
79 Jim Johnson (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, MI), 1971-72
79 Craig Humphrey (Kalamazoo Christian, MI), 1989-90
78 Tony Hockin (Burton Bentley, MI), 1984-85
75 Scott Graham (Burton Bentley, MI), 1984-85
72 Joe Schram (Saginaw Arthur Hill, MI), 1986-87

Game

10 Ron Rolston (Flint Powers Catholic, MI) vs. Clio, MI, 1-14, 1984
10 Craig Humphrey (Kalamazoo Central, MI) vs. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, MI, 1-27, 1990
9 Russ Ciesielski (Linden, MI) vs. Otisville-Lakeville, MI, 12-9, 1989
9 Preston Jones (Goodrich, MI) vs. Flint Central, MI, 12-3, 1990
9 Jan Sochor (Lapeer East, MI) vs. Flint Northern, MI, 2-17, 1997
8 Jim Johnson (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, MI) vs. Southgate Aquinas, MI, 1-18, 1972

Hockey Mentors









*Three of the four winningest high school ice hockey coaches are members of the National High School Hall of Fame. The all-time winningest high school ice hockey coach is **Bill Belisle** (top left), coach of **Woonsocket Mt. St. Charles Academy, RI,** who was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in 2000. Belisle ranks first all time in coaching wins and his team has the national records for most state championships, consecutive state championships and consecutive wins. Another member of the National High School Hall of Fame is **Edward Burns** (top right) of **Arlington, MA.** Burns retired following his 50th season in 1997 with a career record of 695 wins, 167 losses and 62 ties, which ranks second. Burns guided teams to five Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association team championships and his teams made the state playoffs 45 out of his 50 years as coach. During his career, Burns was named to the Boston College Hockey Hall of Fame (1987) and his picture is in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minnesota, representing the top Eastern hockey coach. In 1992, he was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. Rounding out the list of Hall of Fame coaches is **Willard "Ike" Ikola,** (bottom left) who ranks fourth and was also inducted in 1992 for his 616 wins accumulated while coaching **Edina, MN,** for 34 years. The sixth-winningest coach all time is **Norm Gagne** (bottom right) of **Lewiston, ME.** Since assuming his position behind the bench in 1975, Gagne has amassed a career record of 596-250-22.*

Most Goals, Game (Cont.)

8 Craig Humphrey (Kalamazoo Central, MI) vs. East Lansing, MI, 1-20, 1990
7 Wade Williams (Big Lake Houston, AK) vs. Delta Junction Delta, AK, 2-14, 2004
7 John Mayasich (Eveleth, MN), 1951
6 Dennis Johnson (Grand Forks Central, ND) vs. Fargo North, ND, 2-21, 1970
6 Josh Hunter (Fargo South, ND) vs. Dickinson, ND, 2-24, 2000

Period

6 Ron Rolston (Flint Powers Catholic, MI) vs. Clio, MI, 1-14, 1984

Varsity High School Hockey Coach

- 13 years as head coach at Gardiner High School, 3 state championships. (1981, 1983, 1985)
- 18 years as head coach at Waterville high school 3 state championships. (1991, 1996, 2001)
- Appearances in a combined 16 State championships.
- Named Northern New England Coach of the Year 3 times. (1991, 1996, 2001)
- Many "Coach of the Year Awards" including KVAC, Maine Coaches Association (including classes A & B), Maine High School Hockey League, *Portland Press Herald*, *Morning Sentinel*, among others.
- Nominated for John Mariucci Award in 2004.
  Note: This award is given yearly by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) to the secondary coach in America who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm of the former University of Minnesota coach, who is referred to as "the godfather of U.S. hockey."
- 2013 Inductee, Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame.

- **658 career high school hockey wins!**

  Norm Gagne is the winningest high school hockey coach in the history of the State of Maine!

  As of September 2013, his 658 career wins places Norm as the 3rd winningest high school hockey coach in the history of the United States.

[source: National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) – record book]

Professional Contributions

- Served on the Maine Principals Association (MPA) Hockey Committee as a liaison for the Coaches for 26 years.
- President of the Maine Class B Hockey League for 10 years
- President of Maine Class A Hockey League for 8 years.
- Worked with the University of Maine Orono for "Sports Done Right" initiative.
- Guest Speaker for numerous organizations and Civic groups including JMG & Lions.
- USA Hockey presenter.
- Teacher of the Year – Waterville High School's Renaissance Award.

Gagne's Tigers don't fit underdog role



Steve Solloway

Norm Gagne may be the coach who cried wolf once too often. Now when he says he doesn't have a championship-caliber hockey team, who's going to believe him?

Gagne started Gardiner's hockey program nearly 10 years ago and has been its only coach. Before the current season began he cited youth, inexperience, no offensive punch and told listeners not to look for the Tigers this year.

So Wednesday, Gardiner knocked off defending Class B champ Winslow, 2-1, for the second time this season. The Tigers went into Saturday night's game with Orono with a 9-1-0 record and second place in the Maine Schoolboy Hockey Association. They were just two points behind Cony (10-1-0) who played last-place Old Town.

"Hey, I was being honest," protested Gagne Thursday afternoon. "When the season started we didn't have the talent or the scorers we've had in the past. I said then we're gonna have to do some coaching this year to go anywhere."

Gardiner was never considered out of the post-season playoff picture. With the sudden growth in Maine schoolboy hockey, there is quite a bit of disparity in the MSHA between the established programs of the big three — Winslow, Cony, and Gardiner and newcomers like Old Town, Orono, Brewer, and Stearns. It's taken for granted that the big three will be in the tournament with the fourth spot up for grabs among Mt. Ararat, Lawrence, and surprising Bangor.

Still, the role of favorite is a hot potato. Everyone wants to be an underdog.

At the start of the season Gagne and assistant coach Joe Clark did what most coaches do when they're looking at a lineup dotted with underclassmen. They put what experience they have on defense.

"But we couldn't score any goals and we weren't playing hockey like it should be played," said Gagne. "When we lost to Cony in the finals of the Christmas tournament I was just sick at the way we were playing."

Gagne then did the next natural thing. He started shuffling players.

"It came down to the fact that hey, we've got (goalie) Chris Buck. We know we're gonna be in every game with him in the net. So we decided to go with the young kids more and look at it as a rebuilding year. What they lack in talent, they make up in hustle."

Freshmen such as Jim LeClair, Chris Hebert, Peter Thayer and Barry Shaw have responded well on both offense and defense. Junior Matt Foye has provided spark to the offense after his switch from defense. All-state junior center Steve Prescott has scored consistently while setting up his teammates. Another junior, Rob Chadwick, has alternated between offense and defense but provides the team's best stability at the blue line.

Then, of course, there's Buck, who stopped 36 shots in Wednesday's win over Winslow.

"He's the perfect example of what you want in an athlete, especially a goaltender," said Gagne. "He's always under control. He's quick and he always knows where he is and where the puck is.

"He knows he's not invincible, that there are gonna be some nights when he lets a few in. That doesn't bother him at all. He's a positive person and that affects the whole team."

Hockey is more a two-season sport than any other. There is the regular season and there is the tournament. Winslow and Cony will remain the odds-on favorites. But now Gagne has stopped worrying and started grinning. That could mean trouble for someone.

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The Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championships are set for Saturday at Oxford Hills.

The all-day meet is considered a tune-up by most coaches. The regional meets two weeks later which qualify wrestlers for the Class A and B state championships are more important.

Nonetheless, the KVAC meet should be a good barometer. Gardiner, Morse, Oxford Hills, and Winslow — excellent dual meet teams — will have to contend with several superior wrestlers from teams like Belfast, Mt. Ararat, and Medomak Valley. Even squads such as Rumford, Cony, and Skowhegan have at least two bluechippers. Only two-time defending state champ Mt. Blue may be in for a long day. The Cougars are fielding an almost entirely new, young lineup.

Tigers, coach receive all-state awards

By JERRY LAUZON
Sports Writer

State Class B hockey champion Gardiner continued to garner post-season honors, placing four players on the All-State team and three to the honorable mention squad on a vote by league coaches Tuesday night.

Winslow also had four players selected to the All-State team, while Cony had three chosen, Bangor two, Lawrence and Old Town one each.

In addition to the player selections, Tiger mentor Norm Gagne was unanimously named Coach of the Year by his peers as his young team finished the season with a 19-game win streak and the state title.

This is the third time Gagne has been voted the award, as he collected the hardware in 1980-81 and 1982-83.

"There's no question about it, he's very deserving," said Winslow Coach Harold Violette of Gagne. "His kids started slow but he had them peaking at the right time. Norm did an outstanding job."

But Gagne gives much of the success to his assistant coach Joe Clark.

"We share this award," he said. "I have to give Joe equal credit. We've come a long way together with this team."

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>
> **Harold Violette**

Each of the Gardiner picks are juniors — goalie Chris Buck, center Steve Prescott, wing Matt Foye and defenseman Rob Chadwick.

This is Prescott's second year being named to the all-state team, while Buck was an honorable mention choice a year ago.

Buck was an easy pick at goalie for the coaches, as he allowed a stingy 1.18 goals a game during the season and just two goals in Gardiner's last 24 periods of hockey.

"If Buck isn't an all-something goalie than I don't know what is," said Gagne. "This kid leads by example. When things weren't going good for us in the beginning of the year Buck would keep us in the game."

The flashy skating Prescott is called the team "sparkplug" by Gagne and led the Maine Schoolboy Hockey Association in scoring with 54 points. His 38 assists lends credibility to the all-out-hustle tag put on him by many league coaches.

"Steve makes things go," said Gagne. "His play rubs off on everybody else and an example what we want Gardiner hockey to be."

Foye, who began the season as a defenseman, quietly, with linemate Prescott and honorable mention pick Jim Leclair, turned Gardiner's early season offensive weakness into points when he moved to the front line. The seventh leading scorer in the MSHA, Foye, had 18 goals and 18 assists.

Chadwick, tabbed by Gagne as the team "workhorse," put 23 points on the scoreboard in solidifing the Tiger defense.

"Rob's increasing maturity during the season was one of the reasons we were successful," said Gagne.

Cony placed senior wing Shannon Kenney and a pair of sophomores, Bill Brown, a wing, and defenseman Todd Brennan.

The reliable Kenney played an important role in the Ram scheme, scoring 26 points and lending leadership to his team after suffering an off-season accident that almost halted his high school career.

Brown, a 6-foot, 215-pounder, was Cony's second leading scorer with 20 goals and 14 assists and has one of the hardest shots in the league.

"Bill is good in the corners," said Cony Coach Paul Rodrigue. "He is so big and strong he usually comes out with the puck."

A fine offensive player as well as being the Ram's top defensemen, Brennan had a habit of breaking from his own end on an opponent's goalie. Brennan totalled 12 goals and eight assists.

"He is a smart hockey player," said Rodrigue. "And has a real good shot from the point."

Representing Winslow are wings Lee Veilleux, the MSHA second leading scorer, and Bill Jason and defenseman Harlan Michaud on the all-state team, while goalie Chad DeVogt repeated from last year.

Steve Malvesta, a 21-goal scorer, and Matt Spear, who had 23 points, were chosen from Bangor.

Forward John Alexander, with 18 points from Old Town and Lawrence defenseman Craig Suttie round out the first team.

Gardiner's other honorable mention choices were, Casey Johnson and Dana Crocker, while Cony placed Tiger Hatch, Travis Brennan and Chris Lucas.

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Morning Sentinel

Gagne earns 300th coaching win

By BOB WOODBURY
Sentinel Staff

Josh Veilleux scored off a wrist shot from the right wingboards midway through the third period to lift Waterville High to a 4-3 win over St. Dominic of Lewiston Tuesday in Class A hockey at Colby College's Alfond Arena.

The surging Panthers, who trailed second-place St. Dom's by eight points in the latest Heal Point ratings, won their fifth straight match and are 6-1-1 in their last eight games, 10-4-1 overall in the league. The win also represented coach Norm Gagne's 300th career victory.

St. Dom's, 10-3, played without leading scorer Tony Langelier, who was ill and didn't make the trip. Saints coach Bob Boucher said he missed his senior center most on the power play. Waterville had two power play opportunities and scored twice. St. Dom's had the man advantage four times but couldn't capitalize.

"We've been working on that (power play)," said Gagne. "We still aren't getting out of our zone as well as I'd like. I thought we killed the penalties really well. We made it difficult for them to get the puck into their zone. Then we made it hard to set up."

The power play goals tied the game for Waterville each time. The Panthers' Todd Winters and the Saints' Tim Wong swapped first-period goals. Wong's goal came at 9:15 and for the rest of the period, the Saints put heavy pressure on the Panthers but came away empty.

St. Dom's took the lead at 1:40 of the second period when Gary Gagnon and Kevin Poulin went in on Waterville goaltender Chris Chase two-on-one.

Panther defenseman Tony Hart blocked the first pass from Poulin to Gagnon, but Poulin regained control and found Gagnon for the goal.

Winters' second goal, with the man advantage, came at 7:00 of the second period. Jeff Hanson, who assisted on three goals, turned the net and tried to stuff the puck on the short side. St. Dom's goalie Carlton Gagnon (14 saves) stopped the attempt. Winters picked up the loose puck and flipped it over Gagnon for the score.

Wong made it 3-2 Saints when he tipped home a rebound with just 2:17 left in the second period.

Early in the third period, Dan Vachon of the Saints was called for a hit from behind. Twenty seconds later, Bruce Genest deflected home a Hanson shot from the point to tie the game.

The Purple Panthers' overall record this season is now 15-6-1 and runs Gagne's 19-year coaching record to 300-109-8 — or nearly 16 wins per season.

Gagne nets win No. 500

Waterville blanks Class B Falmouth

By SCOTT MARTIN
Staff writer

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	
Waterville	5
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WATERVILLE — Norm Gagne earned the 500th victory of his coaching career and his Waterville High School hockey team made a huge statement.

The Waterville Purple Panthers played perhaps their best game of the year, beating one of the best teams in the state, Class B power Falmouth High School 5-0 at Colby College's Alfond Arena on Wednesday night.

The Panthers (12-2-0) scored 43 seconds into the game then scored three times in the third period to put Falmouth (12-1-0) away. Waterville goalie Eric Theriault stopped 17 shots to earn the shutout and Zach Pelletier and Corey Gardiner led the offense with three and two goals respectively.

"No question, this is the best we've played," said Gagne. "I told the guys we have something to prove. We have something to prove for Class A and we have something to prove for Waterville hockey."

With the win Gagne improves to 500-144-17. He is 344-116-109 in 145 years at Waterville and he went 156-61-4 in 14 years at Gardiner Area High School.

"I've gotten a lot of e-mails from former players the last few days saying I was there when you won your 300th or 400th," said Gagne. "I e-mailed them all back and said that I wouldn't be here without the great players I've got to coach."

Falmouth dominated much of the first shift but Waterville took advantage of its first offensive opportunity to take a 1-0 lead 43 seconds into the game. Nate Hart stole a pass in the neutral zone where he passed off to Pelletier in front of the net. Pelletier lost the puck initially but recovered in time to slide a backhand past Falmouth goalie Reid Tozier.

After 12 minutes of even play and a couple of tremendous saves by Theriault, Waterville took a 2-0 lead. Nate Hart skated between the circles and put a pass right on the stick of Gardiner, who was wide open on the left post with 13:50 gone.

"I told the guys we want to start strong and end strong," said Gagne. "We certainly did that in the first period."

Two times in the first, Theriault stopped Falmouth's top scorer, Mike Carmody. With 9:11 left in the period, Carmody slipped by a pair of defenseman and slid a low shot that Theriault fell on. Two minutes later, Theriault made a sliding save of a Carmody shot with Carmody about two feet in front of the net.

Theriault and his defensemen came up big in the second period as Waterville held on to its two-goal lead. Defenseman Chris Morgan, Nate Whittier and Josh Hart all made diving plays to break up Falmouth rushes on net. Twice in the period Whittier dove to stop shot attempts — the first time setting up Gardiner for a hard shot from the blue line.

Waterville put the game away in the third as Pelletier scored twice and Gardiner added a goal all in the first five minutes of the period.

The Falmouth Yachtsmen had previously earned exhibition victories over Cheverus High School, Lewiston High School and Edward Little High School — all Class A powers and also beat Lewiston in the regular season.

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Coach's coaches

By SCOTT MARTIN
Staff Writer

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Listen to Norm Gagne talk. Listen to that rough, gritty voice tell you about all the great players who skated for him. There is a scratchiness that can only come from countless practices and games of barking instructions and giving high-volume motivational speeches.

Listen to Norm Gagne talk. Listen to him tell stories about all those playoff and state championship games. There is a passion in that voice. A passion that has been fueled by over 30 years of high school hockey games at three different schools.

Listen to Norm Gagne talk. His players did. Now they are the ones doing the talking.

For the last 32 years Gagne has been coaching and motivating high school hockey players as a head coach at Gardiner, Waterville and now Gorham. But his impact isn't just measured in wins and state titles. His impact is felt all over central

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Three former players, Chris Buck, Chad Foye and Dennis Martin, have enjoyed runs as high school varsity coaches in central Maine, while at least eight have served as assistants either under Gagne or one of his former players. The Gardiner Youth Hockey and Kennebec Youth Hockey associations are also littered with coaches who once played for Gagne. It's tough to keep track because Gagne has coached hundreds of players.

"I think a lot of it has to do with how much enthusiasm you got out of playing for him," said Cony head coach Chad Foye who played for Gagne from 1979-1983, winning a pair of Class B state titles at Gardiner. "You want to take that on and pass it on to someone else."

Gagne has always demanded a lot of his players. His players needed to be disciplined, hard working and responsible. As Waterville head coach Dennis Martin, who played for and coached with Gagne says, "Coach always said if you have a bad egg, get rid of him."

It's those qualities Gagne wanted in his players that has motivated him to bring back many of them as assistants. During his time at Waterville, Gagne's staff included, at different times, former Gardiner player Matt Foye (Chad's brother), and former Waterville players Jeff Jolicoeur, Martin and Bruce Dostie. Foye and Dostie both have the distinction winning a state championship as a player and coach under Gagne. Foye played on the '86 Gardiner championship team and coached on the 1996 Waterville title winning team. Dostie, meanwhile, played goal for Waterville in the 1991 title victory over St. Dom's and coached with Gagne for the 2001 state title victory.

In his first season as the head coach at Gorham, Gagne's staff includes former Waterville star and Travis Roy Award winner Chad Hart.

"They showed me they had the things that I need from them in terms of character and leadership and knowledge of the game," Gagne said. "They all had that. Plus, they all had a willingness to learn. And they understood my philosophies of having that mental toughness and discipline."

Martin was a junior on Gagne's first Waterville team in 1986 and joined Gagne's coaching staff in 1995. As a player, Martin learned of Gagne's passion and intensity for the game. As an assistant coach for 10 seasons, those lessons were drilled home again and Martin's relationship with his former coach grew.

"We've been a family since I started coaching with him, even

when you are a player it was that way," Martin said. "He instilled discipline at Waterville right away. A winning attitude. And you can see by his numbers, he breeds winning."

Gagne has won his entire career. In 14 seasons at Gardiner, he compiled a record of 156-61-4 and won three Class B state titles. In 17 seasons at Waterville, Gagne went 355-133-11 and won three Class A state titles. In his first year at Gorham, he took over a program that had just two winning seasons and put it on the verge of a Western B playoff berth. Throughout all his success, he has always looked for a certain type of assistant, and often found them in his former players.

"I always looked for a guy who could offset my gruffness," Gagne said, who lists former players Kyle McMorrow, Barry Clukey and Jeff Libby as others he would like to coach with. "Someone who could come and smooth things over for me. I always tell them I'm the bad guy and I want you to go around and say this is what coach wants and this is why he wants it."

Martin filled that role for Gagne for 10 years and the difference in his personality is evident now watching Martin run Waterville as head coach. Martin took over at Waterville when Gagne stepped down last summer. On the bench, Gagne is a shouter. He is constantly hollering instructions, pointing players in the right direction and whistling for a line change. Martin, meanwhile, is more apt to stand on the bench with his arms crossed, bending down to pat a player on the head or speak instructions into his ear. Martin will yell, but he is not the shouter Gagne is.

Gagne's most successful former player turned coach, Buck, was more like Martin than Gagne. Buck was more instructor than motivator, more teacher than shouter. And it worked. In 10 years behind the Gardiner bench, Buck led the Tigers to a pair of Eastern Maine Class B titles. He resigned last summer after leading Gardiner to four of the last five Eastern B title games.

Along with the tough personality and gruff voice, Gagne and his teams have always had a unique style. It's long been a tradition that Gagne and his coaching staff all wear long black trench coats. Martin and his staff still don the trench coats this season. Also Gagne's teams always look the same when they enter a building, all wearing khaki dockers, shirts and ties, plus team hats and jackets. The outfits were less fashion statement then they were a coaching tool. His teams looked like a team, on and off the ice, and that is how he wanted them to play.

Known as motivational mastermind, Gagne's locker room speeches have become legendary. The one Gagne looks back on most fondly is the one he made between the second and third period of the Panthers Class A semifinal game against St. Dominic in 1997. Waterville trailed 5-1 after two and Gagne went to work.

"I gave my talk about how strange things have happened in (the Central Maine Civic Center)," Gagne said. "You have to reach down deep inside and it took everybody. I told them the story

Waterville came back to win that game 6-5 in overtime.

It's as a motivator that Gagne thrives.

"He could point to a brick on the wall and tell you why you were playing for that brick and it always worked," said K.C. Johnson, who played for Gagne on the 1986 Gardiner state championship team and later assisted Buck at Gardiner. "He's an amazing motivator and he kept the game simple."

Gagne's influence doesn't stop at the high school level. The Gardiner Youth Hockey Association is filled with coaches who once played for Gagne, including Sam Moore, Scott McCaslin and Chris Hebert.

"Maybe we didn't know we wanted to coach when we played for Norm, but we kept the same passion for the game that he had," said Johnson, who manages the Kennebec Ice Arena in Hallowell. "You want to give back some of what Norm gave to you."

Listen to Norm Gagne talk. His players did. And now it seems everyone is listening to them.

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Ever the motivator, and still the coach

Norm Gagne is taking on a new challenge as head coach at Scarborough in his 36th year of coaching.

By KEVIN THOMAS
Staff Writer

SACO — The players took a knee, eyes focused on the man with the clipboard.

"I don't want to waste time," he said, going over the practice schedule.

And no time was wasted as the Scarborough boys' hockey team went through its drills at the MHG Ice Centre.

Then a whistle. It was the man again.

"Hey," he barked, the voice gravelly and lively. "Good passes. And communicate. I want to hear you."

And the Red Storm players passed better and called out to their teammates.

It's a simple rule for any high school hockey player. Norm Gagne speaks, and you listen.

Gagne, 65, has taken over the Scarborough program, his fifth school in this, his 36th year of coaching.

The record speaks for itself: a combined 562-225-20 and six state championships. His last job, at Lewiston High, featured

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Shawn Patrick Ouellette/Staff Photographer

Norm Gagne has six state hockey championships on his resume in 35 years as a high school coach. This season, the players at Scarborough High will be the beneficiaries of that experience.

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three state title game appearances from 2006 to '08.

Gagne left Lewiston on a sour note – a bitter disagreement about parents' input into his coaching style – and surfaced as a coach on Jay Mazur's staff at Scarborough last year.

When Mazur left to become the Scarborough Middle School athletic director in October, Gagne was hired last month as the Red Storm's head coach.

Among the coaches on Gagne's staff will be Jeff Libby, the former pro player who had starred at the University of Maine and Waterville High (Class of 1992) when Gagne was head coach.

"What I remember is it being a lot of fun," Libby said. "He's very enthusiastic, as he is to this day, about what he does.

"It was fun but disciplined. We knew our place."

Although Gagne officially retired as a teacher when he left Waterville in 2004, he has continued in the classroom. He was teaching at Lewiston High when he got the Scarborough head-coaching job.



Shawn Patrick Ouellette/ Staff Photographer

Norm Gagne has presided over countless practices as he begins his 36th season of coaching high school hockey.

Gagne's first request was a teaching post at Scarborough. There was none available, so Gagne took a job as an education technician (ed tech).

"I do a little bit of everything," Gagne said. "I fill in for a teacher here and there. If they need a long-term sub, they may put me in. I do the study halls.

"But it was important to be in the school. I've always been at the school."

On campus, Gagne can monitor his players, checking on their grades and conduct. It's what Gagne has always done.

"He's got his kids' best interest at heart at all times," Libby said.

Gagne began coaching at Gardiner High in 1974. After coaching the Tigers to three straight titles, he did the same thing for Waterville.

When Gagne retired from Waterville in 2004, he knew he wasn't done coaching. Cheverus hired him as a co-coach with Jack Lowry, but Gagne eventually backed out before the season, figuring it would not work out. Instead, Gagne became the head coach at Gorham High. That lasted one season.

"Then Lewiston gave me a ring," Gagne said.

There, his teams won three straight Eastern Class A titles, but lost in the state final each year, first to Cheverus, then twice to Biddeford.

But after the third season, Gagne said the school presented him with an evaluation of his performance that included complaints from parents. Gagne did not sign the evaluation and was not rehired.

"The way it ended was poor," Gagne said. "But I wasn't going to let them dictate to me on the way the program was going to be run. When you take a disgruntled few and write that into an evaluation ..."

So Gagne landed in Scarborough, a growing area full of hockey players. It's the kind of place where Gagne can make his mark.

"I love the competition," he said. "Number one, I can't play anymore and this is the next best thing. And I'm tickled to death when I see my kids be successful at what I taught them.

"I think I motivate kids. That's always been one of my strengths, to motivate, whether it's in the classroom or on the ice.

"It keeps me young. I feel good. I'm healthy and I'm enjoying every minute of it."

Staff Writer Kevin Thomas can be contacted at 791-6411 or at:
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Jack Holloway

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: John F. (Jack) Holloway
(first, middle, last)

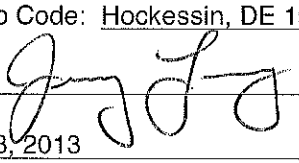
Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Jerry Lamey

Phone: (302) 234-0710, (302) 547-5370 (cell)

Street Address: 127 Peoples Way

City, State, Zip Code: Hockessin, DE 19707

Signed: 

Date: June 18, 2013

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Fine Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: John F. (Jack) Holloway]
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 3 Blackberry Lane
(street address)
Wilmington, DE 19807
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 302-992-0550 Date of Birth: 5/3/1946

School Affiliation (if any) William Penn High School

City: New Castle State: Delaware

Place of Birth: Wilmington, DE 19807 Date of Retirement: December, 2002

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or fine arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Presently Director of Athletics, Tower Hill School, Wilmington, DE

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Susan (Sue) Holloway, spouse

Address: 3 Blackbery Lane

Phone: Wilmington, DE 19807

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Salesianum High School	Wilmington, DE	1964	Diploma
College/University: University of Delaware	Newark, DE	1970	BS
Post Graduate School: Delaware State University	Dover, DE	1990	MS

☑ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☑ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☑ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

William Penn High School, New Castle, DE - 2400 students, largest high school in Delaware

Head wrestling coach - 25 years
Assistant football coach - 27 years
Assistant baseball coach - 10 years

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

Delaware Wrestling Coach of the Year - seven times, as voted by peers
National High School Wrestling Coach of the year, 2000, as selected by National Wrestling Coaches' Association
Undefeated wrestling teams - 13
Career record 297-35, .894 record
Six teams ranked in top 25 high school programs by Amateur Wrestling News or Wrestling USA
Seven team state wrestling championships
Thirty-nine individual state wrestling champions, 113 individual conference champions
Six state tournament Outstanding Wrestlers
Five High School All American wrestlers
One 2-time NCAA Division 1 wrestling All American
Two Olympic wrestling alternates

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

NIAAA
National Wrestling Coaches' Association (NWCA) - served as state representative, regional representative, National Scholastic Director, and Assistant to the Executive Director for Scholastic Affairs
Responsible for Delaware being the first state to adopt the new wrestling weight control guideline: in role as Assistant to the Executive Director (NWCA) conducted workshops around the country on the merits of the new system, 1998-2002
National Wrestling Coaches' Association Annual National Meritorious Service Award 2004
Inducted into Delaware Wrestling Hall of Fame 2003
Inducted into Delaware Sports Hall of Fame 2008

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Athletic Director, William Penn High School - 1988-2002
Delaware Athletic Director of the Year, as selected by peers, 2001
Executive Director, Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, 2002-2005
Director of Athletics, Tower Hill School, 2005 - present
DIAA State Wrestling Committee, 1978 - 2005
DIAA State Rules Committee, 1990 - present
DIAA State Officials Committee, 1988 - present
DIAA State Sportsmanship Committee, 1980- -present

ADMINISTRATOR

Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

William Penn High School Athletic Director 1986-2002
Executive Director Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) 2002-2005
Tower Hill School Athletic Director 2005-present
DIAA State Wrestling Committee 1978-2005
DIAA State Rules Committee 1990-present
DIAA State Officials Committee 1988-present
DIAA State Sportsmanship Committee 1980-present

Special Honors and Achievements

Responsible for Delaware becoming the first state in the nation to adopt the new wrestling weight control guideline. In the role as Assistant to the Executive Director (NWCA) for Scholastic Affairs, gave talks around the country on the merits of the new system 1998-2002

Delaware Athletic Director of the Year 2001

Inducted into the Delaware Wrestling Hall of Fame 2003

National Wrestling Coaches Association Annual National Meritorious Service Award 2004

Inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame 2008

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

NIAAA

National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) – career member who served as a state representative, regional representative, the Scholastic Director, and the Assistant to the Executive Director for Scholastic Affairs

Other information *(not previously listed)*

[Tab here]

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Football 4 years at Salesianum High School
Salesianum football team ranked 9th nationally in Sport magazine 1963
Two time Football team captain
Two years varsity baseball
Captain of the Blue Team in Delaware Blue-Gold football game, one of the oldest all star games in the country
Football scholarship to University of Maryland

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

Two time All State First Team selection by News Journal papers

Recipient of Thom McAn Award, given to Player of the Year in Delaware high school football as selected by the news Journal papers in 1963

2nd team C/G High School All-American in Sport magazine 1963 (was no offense/defense, just 11men 1st team,11men 2nd team, 11 men third team and 22 honorable mentions)

High School All American as selected in Scholastic Coach magazine 1964 (no teams, just 90 players selected from 37 states)

Other information *(not previously listed)*

NFHS Hall of Fame Nomination :

High School Athlete – Salesianum High School (1200 boys) largest all male school in Delaware

- Salesianum football team ranked 9th nationally Sport magazine 1963
- High School All-American Sport magazine 1963 2nd Team C/G there was no offense/ defense

  Just 11 men 1st team, 11 2nd team , 11 3rd Team and 22 honorable mention
- High School All-American Scholastic Coach Magazine February 1964 There were no teams selected just 90 players from 37 different states.
- Received the Thom McAnn Award signifying the Player of the Year in Delaware High School Football as selected by the News journal papers 1963.
- Two time All State in football at Salesianum where he also was a two year starter on the baseball team .
- Captain of the Salesianum football team and captain of the Blue Team in the Delaware Blue Gold All Star football game – one of the nation's oldest All-star contests.
- Received a football scholarship to the University of Maryland

High School Coach – William Penn High School (2400 students) Delaware's largest school . Jack coached baseball 10 years (Assistant) , football 30 years (Assistant) and was the Head Wrestling coach for 25 years . During this time Wm.Penn won 1 baseball state championship , 7 football state championships and 7 state wrestling championships.

- National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year 2000 as selected by the National Wrestling Coaches Association
- 7 Times Delaware Wrestling Coach of the Year
- 13 of his 25 teams were undefeated
- Career record at Wm.Penn 297 wins and 35 losses .894%
- 7 State Championships
- 6 teams were nationally ranked in the top 25 by Amateur Wrestling News or Wrestling USA
- 39 Individual State Champions & 113 Conference champions
- 6 State Tournament Outstanding Wrestlers
- 5 High School All-Americans, 1 NCAA Div1 2X All-American & 2 Olympic Alternates

NFHS Hall of Fame Nomination (2)

High School Administrator

- Executive Director Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association 2002-2005
- William Penn High School Athletic Director 1986 – 2002
- Tower Hill School Athletic Director 2005 – present
- DIAA State Wrestling Committee 1978- 2005
- DIAA State Rules Committee 1990 – present
- DIAA State Officials Committee 1988 –present
- DIAA State Sportsmanship Committee 1980- present

Professional Affiliations

- NIAAA
- National Wrestling Coaches Association - career member who served as a state rep, a regional rep,the Scholastic Director, and the Assistant to the Executive Director for Scholastic Affairs.

Special Honors and Achievements

- National Wrestling Coaches Association Annual National Meritorious Service Award 2004
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Letters of Recommendation

Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association

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October 1, 2013

National Federation of State High School Association
Hall of Fame Screening Committee
Bud Legg, Chair
P.O. Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Mr. Legg and Member of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee:

It is my great honor to write this letter of recommendation for John F. (Jack) Holloway to be considered for the NFHS Hall of Fame. Please bear with me as I must state emphatically, there is no one, past or present, in the state of Delaware more deserving of induction in the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame than Jack Holloway. The question is not, "has Jack Holloway earned a spot in the NFHS Hall of Fame"? He clearly has! The question is "should Jack Holloway be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame as an athlete, a coach, or an administrator? In my humble opinion his credentials could easily earn him a spot in any of these categories. There can be no debate that his total body of work has earned him the greatest honor that can be bestowed in our profession....induction into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame.

Enclosed with this application you will find documentation to support the coaches category as nominated by Dr. Jerry Lamey. In addition to his accomplished career as a high school athlete, and his storied career as a high school football, baseball, and most notably wrestling coach, Jack has made immeasurable contributions to the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and it's preceding organization Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association (DSSAA). Dr. Lamey's nomination letter lists Jack's many, many accomplishments and contributions. I will not repeat those here.

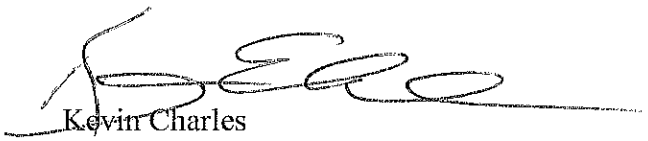
I do find it imperative to convey the importance of Jack's contributions to Delaware high school athletes during his short tenure as Executive Director of DIAA.

DIAA's predecessor organization DSSAA was under heavy political attack prior to his term as Executive Director. In fact, the Delaware General Assembly had sunsetted DSSAA and ordered it reorganized under the Delaware Department of Education as DIAA. DSSAA had lost the trust of the General Assembly and the future of education based athletics in Delaware was in peril. The new DIAA Board of Directors was tasked with identifying someone who could quickly gain the trust of elected officials and restore

order. Jack Holloway was clearly the choice…in fact the only choice…to transition Delaware interscholastic athletics from DSSAA to DIAA and quiet the storm that surrounded our organization. Jack's tenure was short, but it was impactful. Had he chosen to stay he would continue to serve as DIAA Executive Director to this day. But his greatest passion was working with high school athletes so he returned to coaching and local athletic administration shortly after righting the ship.

Jack Holloway has my strongest possible endorsement for the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame. He is a man of character, has the highest respect within the Delaware education based athletic community and is more than deserving of this honor. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kevin Charles
DIAA Executive Director

St. Georges Technical High School

SHANTA REYNOLDS *Principal* | CHRISTINE COLIHAN *Assistant Principal* | CHAD HARRISON *Assistant Principal* | JERRY LAMEY *Assistant Principal*

NFHS
Hall of Fame Selection Committee
POI Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Jack Holloway's nomination for the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Hall of Fame.

Jack Holloway was a decorated athlete, earning All-American football honors in 1963, as a senior at Salesianum High School in Wilmington, Delaware. Jack continued his athletic success while playing football at the University of Maryland and the University of Delaware. After graduating in 1970 with a degree in Physical Education and Health Education, Jack Holloway transitioned from athlete to educator and coach, a transition that would eventually impact more athletes than any other coach in the history of Delaware high school athletics.

I have known Coach Holloway for thirty-six years. In those thirty-six years, I can honestly say that no one individual has had more of an impact on my life than Coach Holloway. He was my coach, my mentor, my colleague, and most importantly my friend. As an educator, coach, and administrator, Coach Holloway has had the opportunity to touch many individual's lives. He has served as a role model for students, athletes, and his peers, not only in Delaware, but throughout the country.

In a profession that measures success by wins, losses, and accolades, Coach Holloway is unmatched. With a coaching resume that spanned 30 years, Coach Holloway patrolled the gridiron, baseball diamond and wrestling mat. While he excelled as a coach in all three sports, Coach Holloway made his mark as a wrestling coach; ironically it was a sport he never competed in as an athlete.

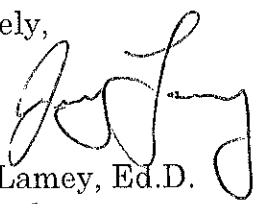
Si desea su correspondencia o información en español, por favor llame al 302-995-8036.
(If you desire this correspondence or information in Spanish, please call 302-995-8036.)

Delaware High School Wrestling and Jack Holloway are synonymous. In his twenty-five years as a head coach his teams won seven state championships, six teams were ranked nationally in the top twenty-five, and he had a career record of 297-35. Coach Holloway was named Delaware Wrestling Coach of the Year seven times, and was honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association as National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2000. Coach Holloway coached 39 individual state champions, 113 conference champions, 5 high school All-Americans, 1 NCAA Division I (2x) All-American, and 2 Olympic Alternates. In addition, Coach Holloway was inducted into the Delaware Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

While his coaching resume alone is worthy of Hall of Fame recognition, it is the impact Coach Holloway had on the lives of young people that sets him apart. He spent the majority of his coaching career in a middle class "blue collar" community. He not only exemplified the standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character, he has lived them every moment of his life. He was a "father figure" for many young men, and never waivered from his commitment to his teams and his athletes. I learned more about life and doing the "right thing" from Coach Holloway, than from anyone else. In fact, he motivated me to become and educator and coach, and has been my role model as a father, a husband, and as a man. One of the proudest moments of my life was when I was inducted into the Delaware Wrestling Hall of Fame, and Coach Holloway was my presenter.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend Jack Holloway's nomination for the National High School Hall of Fame. If I can furnish any further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jerry Lamey, Ed.D.
Principal

NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

Founded 1928

June 5, 2013

NFHS
Hall of Fame Selection Committee
POI Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write this letter of recommendation in support of Jack Holloway's recent nomination for the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Hall of Fame. Please know that it is with great enthusiasm that I support his nomination.

I have known Coach Holloway both personally and professionally for over 15 years. I can't think of a more deserving mentor-coach, administrator, husband, father, and leader for this honor. He embodies the "educationally based coaching philosophy" and at the conclusion of the 1999/2000 season, he was selected to be the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) *National Scholastic Coach of the Year* by our Board of Directors. In addition, he was also voted *Coach of the Year* in Delaware 7 times during his coaching tenure.

In 1999, we hired Coach Holloway to be our NWCA Director of Scholastic Affairs. While in this capacity, he was instrumental in developing a national leadership training program for high school student-wrestlers and coaches through a partnership with the United States Marine Corps. This program was designed to ensure that scholastic wrestling coaches conduct their programs in a close alignment with educational values. Coach Holloway initially implemented this program in the state of Delaware through a collaborative partnership with the Delaware Trade Unions and then he expanded the program to other states.

Coach Holloway eventually became the Executive Director of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and while in this capacity, he helped the NWCA lead a national wrestling weight management reform movement by being one of the first few state associations to implement the NFHS wrestling weight certification program (and using the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator to administrate the program). Our program is now utilized by 39 state high school activity associations and all collegiate governing bodies and it safeguards 230,000

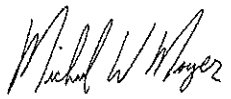
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student-wrestlers annually from the potentially deadly consequences of unsafe weight loss.

Based on the extraordinary success that Coach Holloway had as a coach, administrator, and as a leader within the NWCA, we eventually presented him with our most prestigious award, the *Meritorious Service Award* in 2004.

Coach Holloway is one of the great ambassadors of wrestling (and interscholastic sports in general). He has dedicated his entire professional career to promoting the educationally based athletic ideals to student-athletes at all levels. He is honest, extremely competent, and an exceptional leader. I could go on for pages with a glowing report on his abilities. Suffice it to say, I am honored to write this recommendation on his behalf and congratulate you for having applicants of his caliber.

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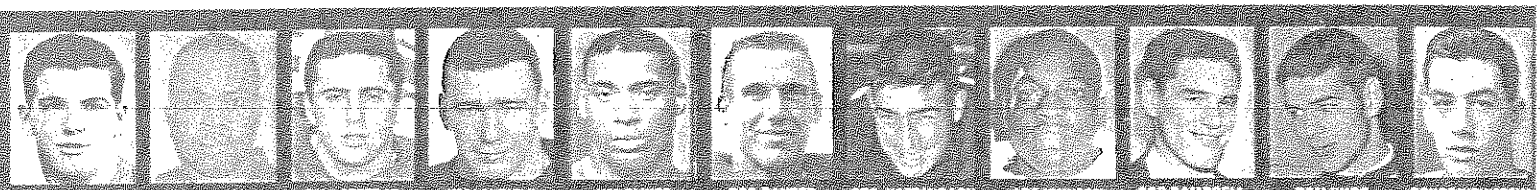


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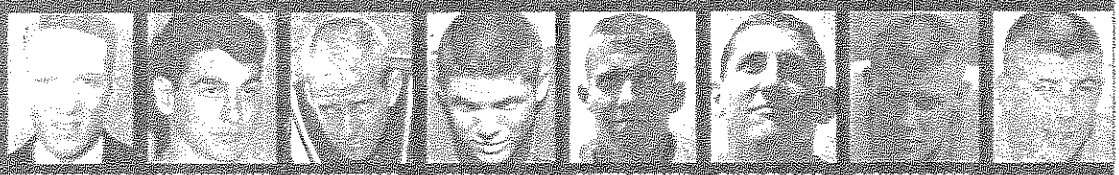
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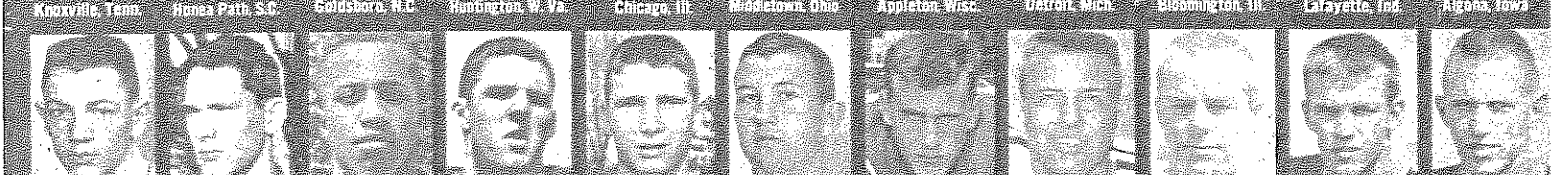
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ALL AMERICA 1963

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Hgt.	Wgt.
E	Dick Himes	Canton (South), Ohio	6-5	230
T	A. Z. Drones	San Angelo, Texas	6-4	225
G-T	Steve Heck	Lawrence, Kansas	6-2	201
C	Bill Stetzar	West Scranton, Pa.	6-1	205
C-G	Foy Norwood	Valdosta, Georgia	6-1	215
T	Jack O'Malley	Wilmington (Banning), Calif.	6-3	250
E	Rod Watson	Bangor, Maine	6-3	205
B	Paul Walker	Middletown, Ohio	6-2	195
B	Henry Owens	Ogden, Utah	5-9	165
B	Herb Phelps	Bardstown (Old Kentucky Home), Ky.	5-9	168
B	Charles Wilson	Port Arthur, Texas	6-1	195

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Hgt.	Wgt.
E	Tim Rossovich	Mt. View (St. Francis), Calif.	6-4	215
T	Fred Barber	Spring Branch, Texas	6-2	215
G	George Jugum	West Seattle, Wash.	6-2	200
C-G	Jack Holloway	Salesianum, Delaware	6-1	195
G	Jerry Glover	Dumas, Texas	6-0	207
T	Wes Appelt	Missoula, Mont.	6-1	220
E	Gary Houser	Chico, Calif.	6-2	205
B	Ron Bess	Bloomington, Ill.	6-1	180
B	Jim Oliver	East Orange, N. J.	6-2	205
B	Bill Rettig	Butler, Pa.	6-0	205
B	Warren McVea	San Antonio (Brackenridge), Tex.	5-8	175
B	Ted Sweets	Butler, Missouri	5-10	220

IN THIS ERA of emphasis on the ground game and defense in college football, led by the rapidly multiplying group of infantry disciples, the 1963 Complete Sports Pre-Season High School All-America team is a lor-made group with giant, hefty ..nemen and running backs.

Such men as Dick Himes of South Capital High School in Canton, Ohio; Jack O'Malley of Banning High School in Wilmington, Calif; and A.Z. Drones of Central High School in San Angelo, Texas hike the average of the first team line to an even 200 pounds per man, with the average weight of all 21 linemen on the three All-America teams a hefty 219 pounds per man.

Although the widespread distribution of talent throughout the United States is indicative of a shift of football fortunes to far-reaching points, the traditional talent producing states of Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois still head the field.

Texas placed three men on the three 11-man teams with the other four states producing two each. Twenty-one other states from Maine to Oregon provided the remainder of the talent on the 1963 squad.

What does this mean for the football picture over the United States?

It means a better balance and more equitable distribution of talent than in previous years but still retaining the flavor that comes from the success of traditionally talent-laden states.

A large measure of the excitement on prep football front this fall will be triggered by some of the standouts on the Complete Sports first team.

Texas and Ohio are endowed with pairs of talented performers who form the nucleus for any All-America team. When coaches and sports writers in these two states began rating personnel they unanimously began with these players.

From Texas its a 6-4, 225-pound tackle from San Angelo, A.Z. Drones, and a slashing fullback from the 1962 state championship Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson team, Charles Wilson.

From Ohio its a fine throwing quarterback from a school more famous for its basketball talent production, Paul Walker of Middletown, and Mr. Everything from South High School in Canton, Dick Himes, a giant 6-5, 230-pound end.

Joining them on the Complete Sports Pre-Season All-America first team are: end Rod Watson of Bangor, Maine; tackle Jack O'Malley of Willmington High School, Banning, Calif.; guards Steve Heck of Lawrence, Kansas and Foy Norwood, who also plays center, of Valdosta, Georgia; center Bill Stetzar of West Scranton, Pa; and backs Harry Owens of Ogden, Utah and Herb Phelps of Old Kentucky Home High School at Bardstown, Kentucky.

Himes, the fellow who figures to be among the country's top performers this fall, is no sleeper. He was a first team all-state selection in Ohio last fall, a rarity in the Buckeye state for a junior. Himes has piled up praise from border to border for his all-around ability. Probably the greatest praise came from University of Cincinnati coach Chuck Studley: "He's ready to play college ball right now."

OUTSTANDING IN TEXAS

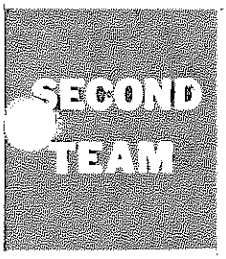
Equivalent accolades have been applied to Wilson, another stardom bound prepster. He averaged 6.4 yards per carry for Thomas Jefferson in the first six games las fall and then was sidelined with a broken collar bone. He also does Jefferson's punting, kickoffs and extra points, was a basketball star averaging 22 points a game, a standout hurdler and weight man in track and an honor role student.

Opponents praise carries a lot of weight in any all-star selection and Wilson gained the respect of all his opponents. "In my opinion," says Ted Jefferies of Stark High School in Orange, Texas, "he's the outstanding football player in Texas. As an offensive fullback he is good outside or inside. As a defensive halfback he covers the field making tackles. He's an outstanding blocker, too."

Passing for touchdowns was the 1962 forte of Walker, a 6-2, 195-pounder. He threw 22 touchdown passes in 10 games for a new school record. His completion percentage was .538 with

NATIONAL RANKINGS

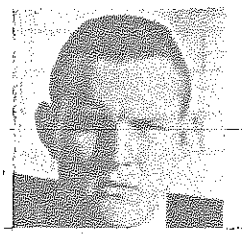
1. Valdosta, Georgia (12-0)
2. San Angelo, Texas (8-4)
3. Massillon, Ohio (6-5)
4. Port Arthur, Texas (9-1)
5. Uniontown, Pa. (10-0)
6. Reseda (Birmingham), Calif. (8-1)
7. Chicago (Lane Tech), Ill. (7-2)
8. Christian Brothers Coll. HS, St. Louis, Mo. (10-0)
9. Wilmington (Salesianum), Del. (9-0)
10. Oak Ridge, Tenn. (9-0)




Tackle Fred Barber.

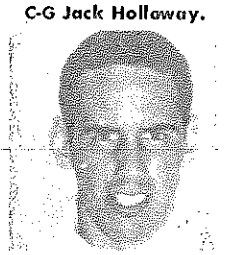

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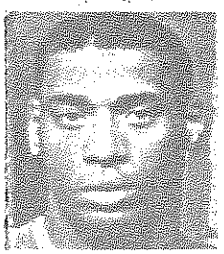

C-G Jack Holloway.


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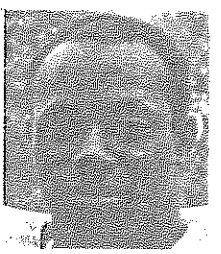

End Gary Houser.


Back Ron Bess.


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Back Ted Sweets.

Complete Sports telephoned St. Francis High School in Mountain View, Cal. to obtain a photograph of Tim Rossovich, highly touted 6-4, 215 pound end. We regret that the school did not cooperate. Our apologies to Tim and other members of the team.

placed Steve Heck, a 6-2, 201-pounder at the other guard position. He was an offensive and defensive regular on the 1962 Lawrence club which won the Kansas state title with a perfect 9-0 record. A linebacker on defense Heck tackles crisply, surely with outstanding speed and cat-like reflexes.

Halfbacks on the first team, unlike their line counterparts, are diminutive but among the highest scorers in the country.

Herbie Phelps, a 5-9, 168-pounder from Old Kentucky Home High School set a Kentucky state scoring record as he rolled up 292 points last fall, scoring 44 touchdowns and 28 extra points. He had a one-game outburst of 68 points (10 touchdowns and eight extra points) in a 74-6 win over Aquinas Prep. Phelps averaged 20 yards per carry for the school of 400 students. A quick, speedster Phelps, despite his size, played linebacker on defense.

His running mate at halfback is Harry Owens, a 5-9, 160-pounder from Ogden, Utah. Owens scored 10 touchdowns for Ogden in making the Utah all-state team as a junior. A 10-flat sprinter Owens finished third in the [illegible]h State 100-yard dash as a sophomore.

The end corps for 1963 are: Larry Houser, a 6-2, 205-pounder from Chico, California; Tim Rossovich, a 6-4, 215-pounder from St. Francis High School in Mountain View, California; Anthony Prots, 6-1, 180 pounds, New Haven (Wilbur Cross) Connecticut and Charles Carr, 6-3, 195-pounder from Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Biggest of the tackles selected in Don Shedrich, a 6-1, 280-pounder from Amityville, New York. Shedrich, despite his size, has good mobility. Occasionally, Coach Lou Howard dropped him back and made him an eligible receiver. On two occasions he caught passes and raced 45 yards bowling over the opposition. Rounding out the All-America tackles are Fred Barber, 6-2, 215-pounder from Spring Branch, Texas; Wes Appelt, 6-1, 220 pounder from Missoulo, Montana; and Earl Kamsky, 6-2, 243-pounder from Chicago's finest, Lane Tech.

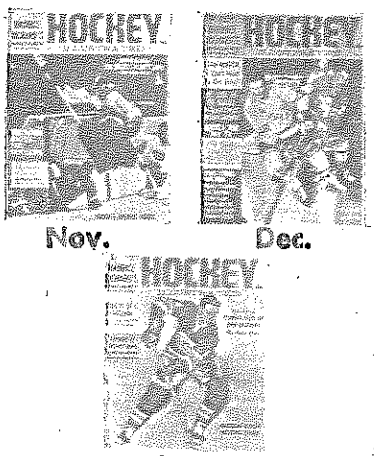
Dumas, Texas, a perennial producer of top talent, has one of the country's finest guards in Jerry Glover, a 6-2 207-pounder who was a starter on state championship teams in 1961 and 1962. He was an all-state selection last fall.

Rounding out the guards are George Jugum of West Seattle, Washington, a 6-2, 200-pounder and Richard Rodes of Hinton, West Virginia, a 6-1, 195-pounder.

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THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Hgt.	Wgt.
E	Anthony Proto	New Haven (Wilbur Cross), Conn.	6-1	180
T	Earl Kamsky	Chicago (Lane Tech), Ill.	6-2	243
G	Don Graham	Sioux Falls (Washington), S. D.	5-9	190
C	Joe Dayton	Detroit (Cooley), Mich.	6-2	227
G	Richard Rodes	Binton, West Virginia	6-1	195
T	Don Shedrich	Amityville, New York	6-1	280
E	Charles Carr	Virginia Beach (Princess Anne), Va.	6-3	195
B	Gordon Norwood	Pine Bluff, Arkansas	6-2	190
B	Ben Marks	Boston (English), Mass.	5-10	185
B	Dick Jones	Pendleton, Oregon	6-0	171
B	Mike Edwards	Kingston (Sanborn Seminary), N. H.	6-1	215
B	Bob Kelso	Ada, Okla.	6-1	215

85 out of 158 for 1596 yards. He had 11 intercepted.

This young man may not fit into Woody Hayes' three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust offensive pattern at Ohio State but the experts feel there is little doubt somewhere in the country there is a college which will utilize his talents.

Defense is the impressive strength of Drones, the other Texas first team selection. Drones was an all-state selection last fall and figures to lead the Texas school of 2,000 students to a state title in 1963.

Biggest man on the first team is a 6-3, 258-pounder from Banning High School in Wilmington, California, Jack O'Malley. O'Malley was an outstanding performer last season and a second team choice on the all-Southern California teams. More important, though, he improved with each game through the 1962 campaign and is tabbed for greatness with similiar improvement this fall.

Pennsylvania's best is picked at the center spot on the first team, Bill Stetzar of West Scranton. The 6-0, 205-pounder was outstanding as a linebacker, accounting for 50 percent of West Scranton's tackles last fall. He's also an outstanding basketball player, team captain and high scorer in the 1962-63 campaign.

Stetzar, is destined to follow in the footsteps of two other West Scranton stars who gained All-America honors. . . . Cosmo Iacavazzio in 1960 who was a sophomore standout at Princeton University last fall and Paul Dennebaum, a freshman at Harvard in the 1962 season.

A player who couldn't be overlooked, not with his team the defending national champion, is one guard selection, who is also right at home at center, Foy Norwood of Valdosta, Georgia. The 6-2, 217-pound averaged 12 tackles and five assists per game last fall as Valdosta went undefeated in 12 games. He has been an all-region selection for three years and an all-state selection for the past two seasons.

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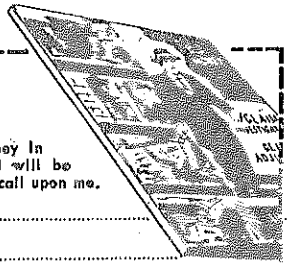
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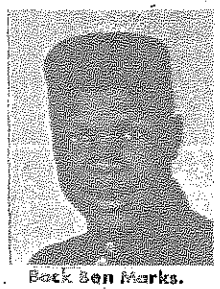

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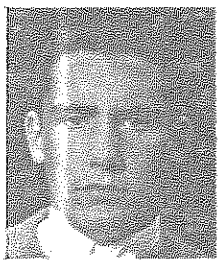

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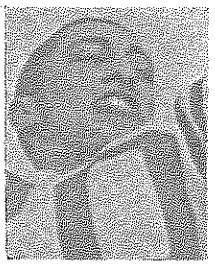

Tackle Earl Kamsky.

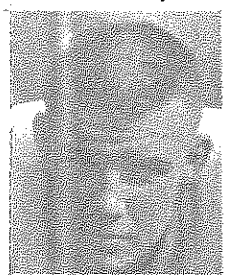

Back Gordon Norwood.


Guard Don Graham.

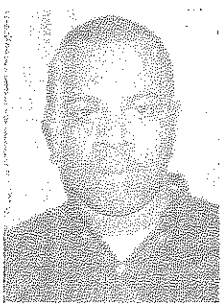

Back Ben Marks.


Center Joe Dayton.


Back Dick Jones.


Guard Richard Rodos.


Back Mike Edwards.


Tackle Don Shadrich.


Back Bob Kolso.

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Perennial Eastern power, Salesianum High School in Wilmington, Delaware has one of the nation's top centers in Jack Holloway, a 6-2, 195-pounder. The third center selected on the All-America team is a husky, 6-2, 227-pounder from Cooley High School in Detroit, Michigan, Joe Dayton. He'll be playing his third year as a regular for Cooley and was one of the driving forces behind guiding the Detroit school to the No. 2 spot in the Michigan 1962 ratings.

Bloomington, Ill., which a decade ago produced a pair of backfield stars who went on to college fame as players and coaches, Bump and Pete Elliott, has another destined to follow in their footsteps. He's Ron Bess, an all-state selection in Illinois last fall as a junior who has already had two spectacular seasons behind him. Bess ranks as the No. 1 Illinois schoolboy star this fall.

He's one of several talented backs who round out the All-America selection. Little Butler, Missouri, a school of only 325 students, has one of the nation's highest scorers in 5-10, 220-pound Ted Sweet who has made 80 touchdowns in three seasons and holds the Missouri state scoring record of 214 points set his sophomore season when he gained 1,191 yards.

A talented Pennsylvania performer is Bill Rettig of Butler, a 6-0, 205-pounder. Rettig was a third team all-state selection last fall after gaining 751 yards in 141 carries, a 5.3 yard average per carry.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the 1962 state champion which is destined to keep its crown in 1963, has one of the country's most talented quarterbacks in 6-2, 190-pound Gordon Norwood. The all-around star who was a basketball all-stater and track star, threw for 900 yards and rushed for 600 more last fall.

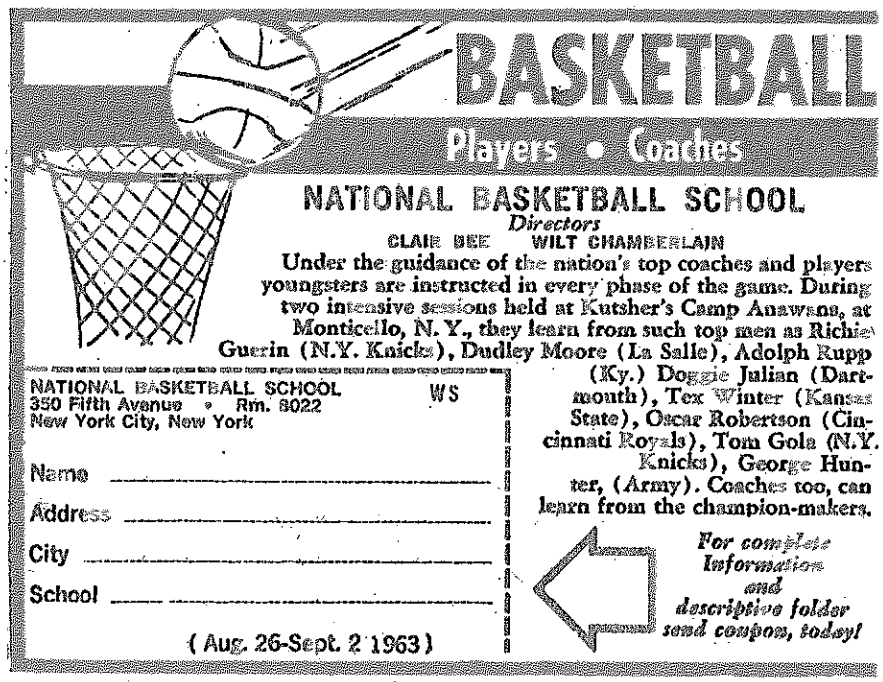
Another top back is Ben Marks of Boston English High School, picked No. 1 in New England states. The 5-10, 185-pound fullback scored 56 points last fall in his second year as a regular during which he hasn't lost a game. He has good speed, dashing for one 50-yard touchdown gallop from scrimmage and scoring from 74 yards out on an intercepted pass.

Rounding out the backfield talent are Jim Oliver, giant 6-2, 205-pound fullback from East Orange, New Jersey; Dick Jones of Pendleton, Oregon and Mike Edwards of Kingston, New Hampshire and Warren McVea, 5-8, 175-pounds, San Antonio (Brachenridge).

For the second straight year Complete Sports turns to the southland for its No. 1 team in the nation, and once again picks Valdosta, Georgia.

Valdosta vindicated the selection in 1962 as it finished the season undefeated in 12 straight contests giving coach Wright Bazemore his ninth state championship since he took over at Valdosta in 1940. The 12 wins, climaxed by a convincing 39-0 win over Atlanta (Murphy) for the state

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tittle, stretched Valdosta's winning streak to 36 straight.

Bazemore has lost two talented linemen, Billy Schroer and Bill Myddleton, 1962 All-America selections, but he has six regulars back around which to build his 1963 club, including All-America Norwood. He has 18 other lettermen back with a line that will average 196 pounds and a back field tipping the scales at 178.

Bazemore may well rank as the nation's most successful coach with an all-time record of 207 wins against 26 losses and 3 ties.

San Angelo, Texas, heir apparent to the state title in the Longhorn state, is rated the No. 2 team in the nation. Coach Emory Bellard has eight regulars back from his 1962 club which wound up fourth in the state with an 8-4 record, including all-America A. Z. Drones.

Massillon, Ohio, a perennial contender for the national crown, is expected to be back on top after a slump in 1963. The Tigers who had lost only six games while winning 63, in six previous seasons, wound up with a 6-5 record in 1962.

"We had a small senior class last year," coach Leo Strang, in his 13th season as head coach, explained, "but we have two of the best sophomore and junior classes in the school's history coming up. We should have one of Massillon's best teams this year."

Strang will have 14 offensive and defensive regulars back around which to build the power, headed by standout halfback Bill Blunt.

The 1962 Texas state champion, Thomas Jefferson of Port Arthur, has a wealth of talent back this fall and is ranked No. 4 in the nation. Coach C. E. Underwood will have seven regulars and six other lettermen around which to beuil the 1963 club.

Uniontown, Pennsylvania, the No. 1 ranked club in the Quaker state in 1962, gets the nod for a repeat title this fall and the No. 5 spot in the national rankings.

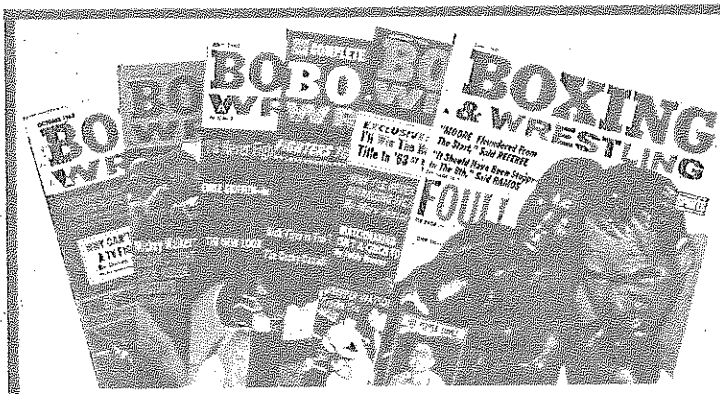
Heading the second five in the national rankings is Birmingham High School of Reseda, California. Birmingham lost out in the greater Los Angeles Play-offs in the semifinals last fall, but were generally regarded as the No. 2 team in the city. With a talented squad built around two outstanding returning regulars, guard Don McSwain and end Marv Adamo, Birmingham is the top pick to win the LA title and rank No. 1 in California.

Chicago's Lane Tech High School, a perennially strong contender for the Illinois title, is rated No. 7 in the nation. Coach Al Manasin, suffered some heavy graduation losses; but with a good nucleus back headed by giant tackle Kamsky, Lane is expected to have ano her Illinois power.

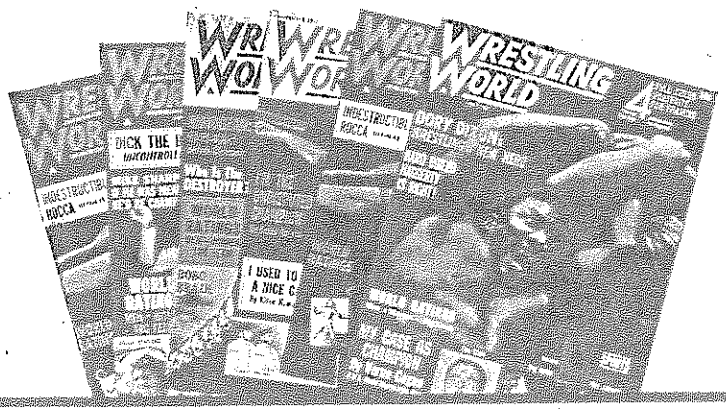
Missouri's best for the 1962 season, C.B.C. gets the bid for the 1963 season and the No. 8 ranking in the nation.

Salesianum of Wilmington, Delaware, playing one of the toughest schedules in the East against predominently inter-state opponents, has lost only six games in the last seven years. And this year's club could be one of the best in years with a wealth of returning talent. This prompted a No. 9 ranking in the nation.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee graduated talented Dave Smith, one of the South's finest backs last fall, from its 1962 championship team but with a strong nucleus returning it is the pick to reign as champion again this fall and is given the No. 10 ranking in the nation.



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DISTRICT 2

By Sam Goldaper
N. Y. Herald Tribune

A POWERHOUSE IN DELAWARE

Salesianum of Wilmington, Delaware has class. No one rushes to play them and they are reportedly stronger this year than last.

WHERE in the East is the best scholastic football played? We tried to find out for this survey of the projected top ten teams for 1963, and the top 22 players from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, an area in which upwards of 800 schools compete.

We went to coaches, sports writers and college scouts for the answers; but the difference of opinions could start a cold war and keep it alive for eternity. Each source proudly carried the banner for his own local and offered convincing proof.

John Travers, of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot News, who does a thorough job of keeping tabs on Pennsylvania's schoolboys and annually has been selecting Pennsylvania's big 33 to do battle with the All-American All-Stars, beats the drum for Pennsylvania football which really need no press agents.

"Some of the top teams in the state will include: Beaver Falls; New Castle; Monessen; Uniontown; Washington; Hempfield Area; Butler; Johnstown; New Kensington; McKeesport and Altoona," said Travers. "These are the big schools in Class AA Western Pennsylvania Athletic League, perhaps the toughest high school section in the country. This is the breeding ground for college All-Americans and great pro players. A loss or even a tie and you're out of the championship race —You've got to win 'em or else—," continued Travers.

There are some 50 schools playing football in Delaware and its no secret that Salesianum is the terror of the state. The biggest problem confronting Dim Montero, who has been coaching the Sallies for eight years, has been finding games.

"No one rushes to play him. Even the Philadelphia Catholic League, the big daddy of them all shudders at the name Salesianum," writes Matt Zabitka in his column in the Wilmington News.

"What Salesianum makes the world takes," wrote Zabitka. He backs this statement up with: "Last year 26 ex-Sallies were playing college football. This year there are 19."

For a good part of his column Zabitka goes on to name the ex-Sallies playing football from coast to coast. The most famous of the listing is end Tom Hall, who went from Salesianum to Minnesota to the Detroit Lions.

Zabitka ends his column with: "If foes feel this year's Sallie aggregation was tough wait until they see the 1963 machine."

"Returnees include: ends John Renzetti; John Wisnierski; Rosario Migliacco; Ed. Stephen, Andy Bartholomew; guards Bill Regenauer; Jim Sheehan; Joe Freeberry; Tackles Alan Hollis; John Egner; Marty Joyce; center Jack Holloway, and backs Phil Bartholmew; Jim Foster, Tom Silicato and Charles Mikokajewski."

The chief supporters of New Jersey football are quick to point the finger at the tremendous records accumulated by Clary Anderson at Montclair and Joe Coviello at Memorial before he moved over to North Bergen, where besides being the football coach, he is also the vice principal.

Much has been written about Tom Dean who came up to coach East Orange (N.J.) from Pennsylvania and has been often quoted as saying New Jersey football is just as tough as Pennsylvania.

A college scout for one of the service academies has been quoted as saying that New Jersey's football material is as good as any state in the union.

Last year, Clifton (N.J.) High was ranked the best team in the Metropolitan area. It figures to be near the same for coach Joe Greco, who won all nine games with a predominantly junior team. Tom Brady's passing and the running of powerful fullback Joe Gouse, will make the Mustangs just as tough. But never sell Anderson short at Montclair who will have a fine back in Buddy Fortunato or even Dean who has the powerful running Jim Oliver returning.

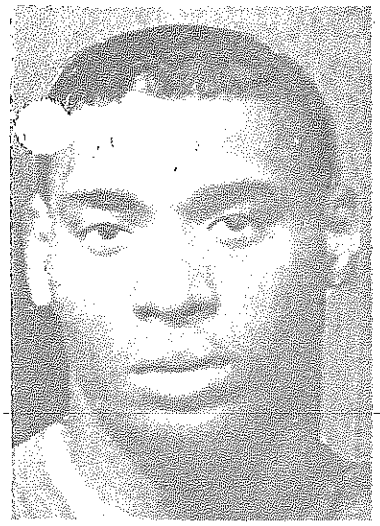
Moving south in New Jersey, Lee Walsky always seems to turn out winners at Red Bank. And of late some new community teams like Cherry Hill, coached by Les Zeity and Brick Township, coached by Warren Wolf, have been tough. Some other Jersey toughies are Abe Smith's team at Plainfield; Harold Bellis' squads at Phillipsburg; John Boyd at Atlantic City and Bill Bruno at Asbury Park.

NEW YORK STATE

Unlike most other states in union, New York State football is probably the most disorganized. Here the Board of Regents has clamped down an eight game limit while most state enjoy nine,

TEAM RANKINGS

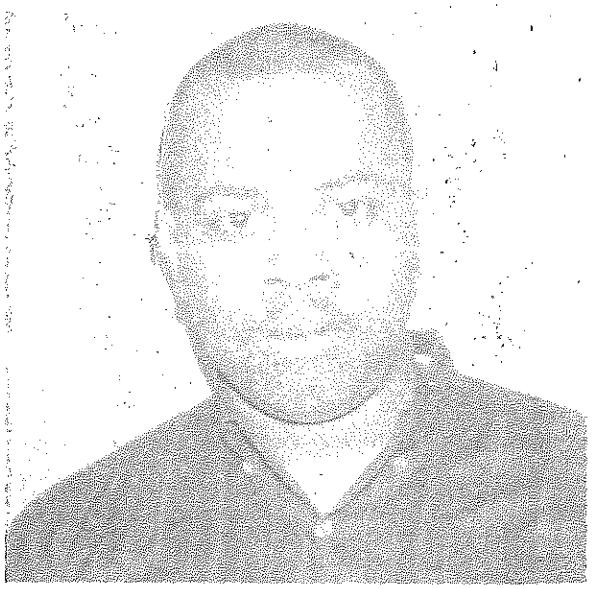
1. Salesianum, Wilmington, Del.
2. Uniontown, Pa.
3. Hempfield Area, Greensboro, Pa.
4. Brooklyn Tech, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5. Butler, Pa.
6. Mont Pleasant, Schenectady, N. Y.
7. Vestal, Binghamton, N. Y.
8. Beaver Falls, Pa.
9. Clifton, N. Y.
10. White Plains, N. Y.



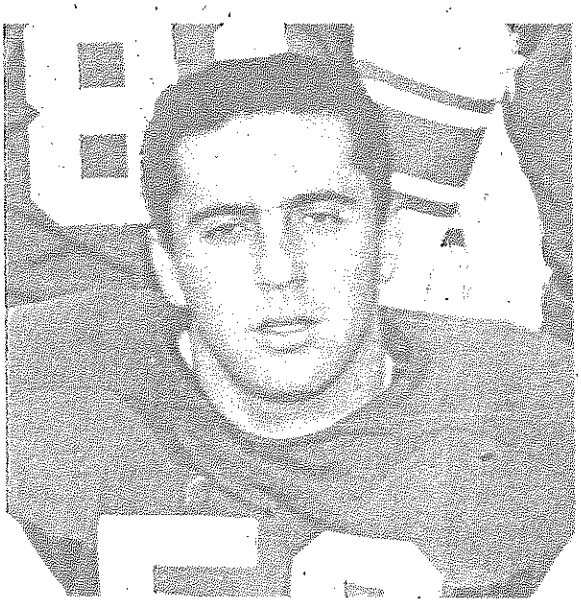
Back Jim Oliver, East Orange, N J

DISTRICT 2—FIRST TEAM

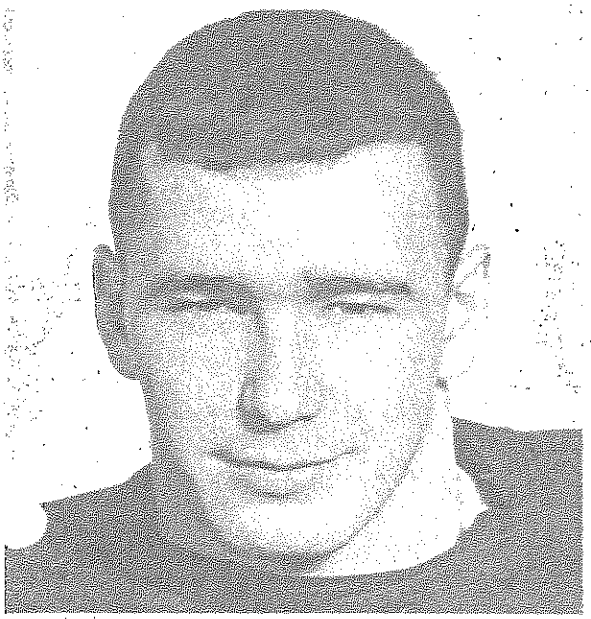
Pos.	Name	School	Hgt.	Wgt.
E	Bruce Weinstein	White Plains, N. Y.	6-4	215
T	George Katzenbach	Roxobor, Pa.	6-2	210
G	Abe Johnson	Burlington, N. J.	5-11	193
C	Bill Stezar	West Scranton, Pa.	6-1	205
G	Jack Holloway	Salesianum, Wilm., Del.	6-1	195
T	Don Shedrich	Amityville, N. Y.	6-1	280
E	Tom Hurd	Southside, Elmira, N. Y.	6-1	185
B	Jim Layfield	Millsboro, Del.	5-11	190
B	Bob Baxter	Neshaminy, Langhorn, Pa.	6-0	185
B	Bill Rettig	Butler, Pa.	6-0	205
B	Jim Oliver	East Orange, N. J.	6-2	205



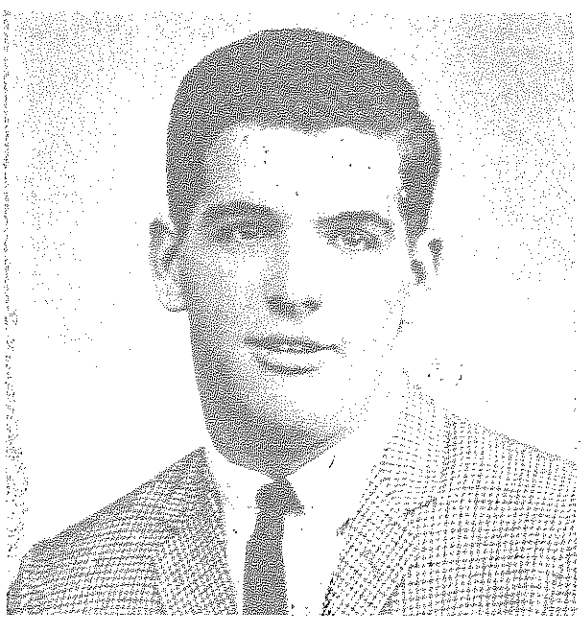
Tackle Don Shedrich, Amityville, New York.



Center Bill Stezar, West Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Back Jim Layfield, Millsboro, Deleware.



Guard Jack Holloway, Salesianum, Deleware.

1963 All-American High School Football Squad

JUST as the proof of the pudding lies in the eating, so does the validity of *Scholastic Coach's* All-American teams lie in the success achieved by the boys afterward.

All right, then, feast your eyes on the all-pro teams below. Every one of these players is a former *Scholastic Coach* All-American! And this is just a sampling of the number that has achieved national stardom. (Because we limited our selections to just one man for each position, we were forced to omit such titans as John David Crow, Roman Gabriel, Jon Arnett, Dick Bass, Terry Baker, ad infinitum.)

The 13th annual All-American H. S. Squad consists of 90 boys from 37 states and the District of Columbia. Texas, with eight selectees, incubated the most all-stars, closely followed by the other traditional hotbeds of schoolboy football — Ohio and Pennsylvania, with six choices each, Michigan and California, with five apiece, and Illinois with four.

Four schools placed two men apiece, namely: Princess Anne H. S. of Virginia Beach, Va., which placed end Charles Carr and quarterback Buster O'Brien; Welch (W. Va.) H. S., which placed tackle Donald Roberts and halfback James Smithberger; Rippowam H. S. of Stamford, Conn., which placed end Ron Kopec and quarterback David Thomas; and McKeesport (Pa.) H. S., which placed end James Beirne and quarterback Bob Bazylak.

Bob Bazylak amassed 2,067 yards total offense, with 69 of his passes going to his All-American buddy, **Jim Beirne,** for 1,075 yards and seven tds.

Another great combination was Virginia Beach's **Buster O'Brien** and **Charles Carr.** Carr received 13 td. passes, kicked five field goals, and scored 119 points. O'Brien, the passer, amassed 5,435 yards in three years. In one game he connected on 35 of 53 passes for 538 yards, with Carr catching

ALL-STAR PRO TEAMS FROM ALL-AMERICAN H. S. LISTS, 1951-1963

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

OFFENSE	Player and High School	Year	Team
S. End	Jimmy Phillips (Alex. City) Ala.	'53	Rams
T. End	Joe Walton (Beaver Falls) Pa.	'52	Giants
Tackle	Errol Linden (New Orleans)	'56	Vikings
Tackle	Merlin Olsen (Logan) Utah	'57	Rams
Guard	Bob Wetoska (Minneapolis)	'54	Bears
Guard	John Wooten (Carlsbad) N. M.	'54	Browns
Center	Mike Pyle (Winnetka) Ill.	'56	Bears
QB	Bart Starr (Montgomery) Ala.	'51	Packers
Back	Jimmy Brown (Manhasset) N. Y.	'52	Browns
Back	Jimmy Taylor (Baton Rouge) La.	'53	Packers
Flanker	Tommy McDonald (Albuquerque)	'52	Eagles
Kicker	Tommy Davis (Shreveport) La.	'52	49ers

DEFENSE			
End	John Paluck (Swoyerville) Pa.	'52	Redskins
End	Larry Stephens (Angleton) Tex.	'55	Rams
Tackle	Lamar Lundy (Richmond) Ind.	'52	Rams
Tackle	Joe Krupa (Chicago) Ill.	'51	Steelers
LB	Myron Pottios (Charleroi) Pa.	'56	Steelers
LB	Jim Houston (Massillon) Ohio	'55	Browns
LB	Rod Breedlove (Cumberland) Md.	'55	Redskins
Corner	Erich Barnes (Elkhart) Ind.	'53	Giants
Corner	Abe Woodson (Chicago) Ill.	'52	49ers
afety	Billy Stacy (Winona) Miss.	'54	Cards
afety	Dale Hackbart (Madison) Wis.	'55	Redskins

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

OFFENSE	Player and High School	Year	Team
S. End	Art Powell (San Diego) Cal.	'54	Raiders
T. End	Dave Kocourek (Cicero) Ill.	'54	Chargers
Tackle	Jim Tyrer (Newark) Ohio	'56	Chiefs
Tackle	Frank Youso (Int. Falls) Minn.	'53	Raiders
Guard	Bob McCullough (Helena) Minn.	'57	Broncos
Guard	Dan Ficca (Mt. Carmel) Pa.	'56	Jets
Center	Bob Schmidt (Rochester) Minn.	'53	Oilers
QB	Len Dawson (Alliance) Ohio	'52	Chiefs
Back	Billy Cannon (Baton Rouge) La.	'55	Oilers
Back	Cookie Gilchrist (Natrona Hts.) Pa.	'53	Bills
Flanker	Lance Alworth (Brookhaven) Miss.	'57	Chargers

DEFENSE			
End	Larry Eisenhauer (Mineola) N. Y.	'56	Patriots
End	Paul Rochester (Floral Park) N. Y.	'55	Chiefs
Tackle	Chuck McMurtry (Whittier) Cal.	'54	Raiders
Tackle	Jim Dunaway (Columbia) Miss.	'58	Bills
LB	Chuck Allen (Cle Elum) Wash.	'56	Chargers
LB	Wahoo McDaniel (Midland) Tex.	'55	Broncos
LB	Dave Behrman (Dowagiac) Mich.	'58	Bills
Corner	Bob Zeman (Wheaton) Ill.	'54	Broncos
Corner	Jim Bates (Los Angeles) Cal.	'57	Chiefs
Safety	Dick Christy (Chester) Pa.	'53	Jets
Safety	Willie West (San Diego) Cal.	'55	Bills

All-State Scholastic, 1962

		SCHOOL	CLASS	AGE	HT.	WT.
E—[illegible]		Claymont	Senior	17	6-1	193
E—Albert William [illegible] Jr.		Salesianum	Senior	17	6-1	230
T—Kirby William Alexander		Salesianum	Senior	17	6-0	235
T—Richard Anthony [illegible]		Archmere	Senior	17	6-2	235
G—[illegible] Edward Lafata		Salesianum	Senior	17	5-11	198
C—Robert Lewis Disley		William Penn	Senior	17	5-9	165
C—William Joseph Miller Jr.		Wilmington	Senior	18	6-0	191
B—[illegible] Edward Layfield Jr.		Millsboro	Junior	16	5-11	182
B—William Edward Lloyd Jr.		Seaford	Senior	17	6-0	168
B—William Joseph Mason Jr.		P. S. du Pont	Senior	17	5-11	180
B—[illegible] Gary [illegible]		Middletown	Senior	17	5-11	170

SECOND TEAM

[illegible]	E	[illegible]
[illegible]	E	[illegible]
[illegible]	T	[illegible]
[illegible]	T	[illegible]
[illegible]	G	[illegible]
[illegible]	G	[illegible]
[illegible]	C	[illegible]
[illegible]	B	[illegible]
[illegible]	B	[illegible]
[illegible]	B	[illegible]

THIRD TEAM

Walter Jones, Newark	E	[illegible]
Robert Davis, P. S. du Pont	E	[illegible]
Harold Price, Seaford	T	[illegible]
Richard Staples, Brandywine	T	[illegible]
Charles Armstrong, Bedford	G	[illegible]
Lester Troyer, Caesar Rodney	G	[illegible]
Lees Janucik, Middletown	C	[illegible]
David [illegible], P. S. du Pont	B	[illegible]
Alan Nichols, Tower Hill	B	[illegible]
Norman Paul, Bedford	B	[illegible]
Wayne Mitchell, Delmarva	B	[illegible]

All-State Scholastic, 1963

	SCHOOL	CLASS	AGE	HT.	WT.
E—Charles Lewis Graham	Jason	Senior	18	6-4	196
E—Allen Thomas Green	Claymont	Senior	17	6-1	197
T—Andrew Marshall Bartholomew	Salesianum	Senior	18	6-1	210
T—Wilmer Wright Brown Jr.	Howard	Senior	17	6-0	230
G—Edward William Roberts Jr.	Seaford	Senior	17	5-9	185
G—Daniel Yve Suppe	Newark	Senior	19	6-1	180
C—John Francis Holloway	Salesianum	Senior	17	6-0	195
B—William Gordon Clark Jr.	Middletown	Senior	17	5-2	175
B—Ralph Nicholas Donofrio Jr.	Archmere	Senior	17	6-0	185
B—James Edward Layfield Jr.	Millsboro	Senior	17	6-0	200
B—Charles Anthony Mikolajewski Jr.	Salesianum	Senior	17	5-11	157

SECOND TEAM

Kenneth Branner, Middletown	E	[illegible]
Theodore Cronin, Tower Hill	E	[illegible]
Charles Shue, Wilmington	T	[illegible]
Michael Walker, Newark	T	[illegible]
Francis Coleman, Salesianum	G	[illegible]
Kenneth Rementer, Georgetown	G	[illegible]
Bruce Steen, J. M. Clayton	C	[illegible]
George Davis, Milford	B	[illegible]
Harvey Folk, Newark	B	[illegible]
James Foster, Salesianum	B	[illegible]
Alan Nichols, Tower Hill	B	[illegible]

THIRD TEAM

William Boland, Archmere	E	[illegible]
Robert Carter, Brandywine	E	[illegible]
John Burris, Milford	T	[illegible]
Paul Camp, A. I. du Pont	T	[illegible]
Ihor Hrycak,, P. S. du Pont	G	[illegible]
William Shaw, Brandywine	G	[illegible]
Louis Janucik, Middletown	C	[illegible]
Ernest Anderson, Conrad	B	[illegible]
William Clark, Seaford	B	[illegible]
David Hedreen, A. I. du Pont	B	[illegible]
Richard Hopkins, Bridgeville	B	[illegible]

Blue, Gold Teams Pick Tri-Captains

By BOB HERTZEL

Add another to the growing list of titles and awards bestowed upon Charley (Chic) Shue of Wilmington High.

The Blue tackle, currently practicing at Frazer Field for the Delaware All-Star High School Football Game on Saturday at Delaware Stadium, was voted one of three captains for the Blue team.

Shue joins Jack Holloway, Salesianum center, and Ralph Donofrio, Archmere fullback, as the triumvirate of leaders chosen from the squad.

THE GOLDS named Mike Walker, Newark tackle; Dan Suppe, Newark guard; and Attie Beatson, William Penn tackle, as captains.

"I'm very pleased to be named a tri-captain," Shue said from his home yesterday, "I was surprised and honored to find I was so respected by my teammates."

Honors are nothing new to the second-team All-Stater. A captain of his high school team, Shue was student council and class president, a member of the National Honor Society and a Boys State representative.

school team," he said, "But this means more. I'm playing with all-stars, and to be chosen a leader by a group of leaders is something to be proud of."

The 6-foot-1, 200-pounder, who will attend Delaware next fall on a full academic grant to study engineering, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shue, 2819 W. Second St.

Holloway, a 6-foot, 200-pounder, was an All-State and All-America selection at center last year, besides being named the top football player in Wilmington.

Called "one of the top schoolboy linemen in the East" by Carrol Huntress, an assistant at Maryland, where he accepted a scholarship, Holloway will center and play linebacker for the Blues.

DONOFRIO, THE 6-foot, 185-pound fullback from Archmere who will also attend Maryland, scored 60 points last year for the Archers.

A co-captain, he was named to the Delaware All-State team.

Suppe, an All-State selection at guard, expressed his views on the captaincy for the three Gold leaders.

"I was very surprised and lieve this is just as great an honor as being named to the All-State team."

SUPPE, WHO Newark Coach Bob Hoffman called "the toughest lineman I've ever had," will kick the extra points in addition to his linebacking duties for the Gold. Last season, Suppe scored 21 points, including a touchdown and 31-yard field goal.

Walker, a 6-foot-2, 188-pounder, was a second team All-State choice, and one of three Newark captains.

Beatson, a 215-pounder, will enter Wesley College in the fall. A vice president of his senior class, Beatson called being selected captain his greatest thrill.

Sallies Elect 3 to Captain '63 Team; Announce Slate

Jim Foster, Jack Holloway and Charley Mikolajewski will serve as captains on Salesianum School's 1963 football team which faces another grueling slate.

North Catholic, St. James of Chester, and Monsignor Bonner are new additions to the Sallie schedule, all hailing from the rugged Philadelphia Catholic League.

So far, eight games have been scheduled with open dates on Oct. 11 and 25. Sallie officials are searching for one more foe.

Contrary to recent seasons, the Sallies will be on the road for three games next year. This year was the first time in four years the Sals traveled, and that for only one game.

Foster, Holloway, and Mikolajewski were all junior mainstays of the Sallie team which recorded a 7-1 log this year. Foster scored seven touchdowns at an offensive halfback. Holloway was a regular linebacker until he broke an ankle three games before season's end. Mikolajewski shared quarterback chores with Vinny Cutrona and was a standout at safety.

Salesianum's 1963 future:

Sept. 14, St. James of Chester, away; 20, North Catholic, home; 27, Chester, home.

Oct. 4, Bishop Dunrace, home; 11, open; 18, Archbishop Carroll, home; 25, open.

Nov. 1, Wm. Allen (Allentown, Pa.), away; 8, Baltimore Poly, home; 17, Monsignor Bonner (Villanova Stadium), away.

Name and School	Ht.	Wt.	Coach
QUARTERBACKS			
Bob Bazylak *(McKeesport)* Pa.	5.10	160	Duke Weiger
James Burgar *(Lindsay)* Okla.	6.0	175	Bill Froman
Ray Calcagno *(St. Ignatius)* San Francisco	5.11	175	Vince Tringali
Bob DiStefano *(Martins Ferry)* Ohio	6.0	185	Bob Wion
Bobby Down *(Winter Haven)* Fla.	6.0	172	L. M. Baggett
Billy Kinard *(Brown)* Atlanta, Ga.	6.9	170	Jack Peek
Mike Livingston *(South Oak Cliff)* Dallas, Tex.	6.3	185	R. E. Mattingly
Bruce Newell *(Meridian)* Miss.	6.2	183	Claude Jennings
Gordon Norwood *(Pine Bluff)* Ark.	6.2	190	Ralph Brooks
Buster O'Brien *(Princess Anne)* Va. Beach, Va.	6.1	175	Pete Sachon
David Thomas *(Rippowam)* Stamford, Conn.	6.2	195	Abe Shanen
John Thomas *(Walled Lake)* Mich.	6.1	180	Dave Smith
BACKS			
David Babbs *(East)* Denver, Colo.	5.10	170	Pat Panek
Linus Baer *(Lee)* San Antonio, Tex.	5.11	188	Kirk Drew
Bob Baxter *(Neshaminy)* Langhorne, Pa.	6.0	190	John Petercuskie
Ron Bess *(Bloomington)* Ill.	6.0	180	Bloice Bess
Robert Bleier *(Xavier)* Appleton, Wis.	5.11	180	Gene Clark
James Dugan *(Flagstaff)* Ariz.	6.0	195	John Ply
Mike Fair *(Parker)* Greenville, S. C.	6.1	190	Whitie Kendall
Al Koranda *(Hinsdale)* Ill.	5.11	210	Harvey Dickinson
James Layfield *(Millsboro)* Del.	6.0	200	Al Klotz
Maurice LeBlanc *(Lafayette)* La.	5.11	168	Ray Le Blanc
Levi Lee *(Topeka)* Kan.	6.0	195	Larry Reid
Jimmy Lisk *(South Stanly)* Norwood, N. C.	6.0	175	Harvey Brooks
Marc McClain *(Bellevue)* Ohio	6.0	180	Lowell Shaffer
Warren McVea *(Breckenridge)* S. Antonio, Tex.	5.9	170	Weldon Forren
Donald Moore *(Lincoln)* Tacoma, Wash.	5.8	200	Norm Mayer
Stan Moss *(Ensley)* Birmingham, Ala.	6.0	200	Herb Hanes
James Oliver *(East Orange)* N. J.	6.2	207	Tom Dean
Herbie Phelps *(Old Ky. Home)* Bardstown, Ky.	5.9	168	Milt Graham
Bill Reilig *(Butler)* Pa.	6.0	205	Art Bernardi
Alan Richards *(Cottage Grove)* Ore.	6.0	185	A. Simpson
Don Sadoski *(Salem)* Mass.	5.11	165	Walt Sheridan
Ernie Sharpe *(Sandburg)* Orland Park, Ill.	5.11	180	Joe Devine
James Smithberger *(Welch)* W. Va.	5.11	175	Tony Colobro
Ted Sweets *(Butler)* Mo.	6.0	220	Marvin Kinnett
Clem Turner *(Woodward)* Cincinnati, Ohio	6.2	230	John Campbell
Tony Williams *(West)* Davenport, Iowa	6.1	191	Bob Liddy
ENDS			
Marvin Adamo *(Birmingham)* Los Angeles	6.0	197	George Goff
Rick Balducci *(Christian Bros.)* St. Louis	5.11	174	Jack Kersting
James Barnes *(Pine Bluff)* Ark.	6.3	195	Ralph Brooks
James Beirne *(McKeesport)* Pa.	6.1	190	Duke Weigle
Bob Borison *(Holy Cross)* New Orleans, La.	6.0	195	John Kalbacher
Charles Carr *(Princess Anne)* Va. Beach, Va.	6.4	195	Pete Sachon
Barry Gallup *(Swampscott)* Mass.	6.3	200	Stan Bondelovich
Richard Himes *(North)* Canton, Ohio	6.5	230	Larry Kelley
Ron Kopec *(Rippowam)* Stamford, Conn.	6.1	178	Abe Shanen
Tim Rossovich *(St. Francis)* Mtn. View, Cal.	6.4	218	Collie Kidwell
George Schulgen *(Santa Rosa)* Tex.	6.2	205	Gene Nations
Mel Summers *(Flint Central)* Mich.	6.1	182	Bob Leach
Connie Wade *(Rock Hill)* S. C.	6.3	215	Tommy Oates
Russell Washington *(Southeast)* Kan. City, Mo.	6.5½	260	Cecil Patterson
TACKLES			
Edgar Chandler *(Cedartown)* Ga.	6.3	208	Doc Ayers
John Davis *(Thornton Fractional)* Ill.	6.3	212	Jerry Jelinek
Spud Davis *(Talladega)* Ala.	6.1	215	Buddy Taylor
A. Z. Drones *(San Angelo)* Tex.	6.4	226	Emory Bellard
John Gardner *(Jones)* Little Rock, Ark.	6.6	230	Curtis Clay
Paul Johnson *(Central)* Bay City, Mich.	5.11	213	Elmer Engel
William Landis *(Whitehall)* Columbus, Ohio	6.2	210	Jim Bline
Ikie Lassiter *(Jackson)* Tenn.	6.0	200	Tom Fann
Jack O'Malley *(Banning)* Wilmington, Cal.	6.4	263	
Walter Palubinski *(Beloit)* Wis.	6.2	243	Bill Myers
Donald Roberts *(Welch)* W. Va.	6.3	230	Tony Colobro
William Stetzar *(West Scranton)* Pa.	6.1	215	Sam Donato
Donald Swartz *(Loyola)* Los Angeles	6.3	205	Mario DiMuro
Elton West *(Sulphur)* La.	6.3	215	Jack Doland
GUARDS			
Kerry Curling *(Caldwell Co.)* Princeton, Ky.	5.11	190	Fred Clayton
Clyde Dempsey *(English)* Boston, Mass.	5.8	180	Bill Stewart
Cordell Gill *(Roosevelt)* Washington, D. C.	5.11	205	Joe Kaufman
Jerry Glover *(Dumas)* Tex.	5.11	201	Bill Spann
Terry Huff *(Central)* Davenport, Iowa	6.2	195	Jim Fox
John Kasselman *(Roger Bacon)* Cincinnati	6.1	212	Bron Bacevich
John Kerns *(Altoona)* Pa.	6.0	190	Earl Strohm
Keith Lavender *(Lawton)* Okla.	5.9	174	Bob Bodenhamer
Harry Olszewski *(Poly)* Baltimore, Md.	6.0	220	Bob Lumsden
Greg Pipes *(Paschal)* Fort Worth, Tex.	5.11	222	Bill Allen
Joe Przybycki *(Notre Dame)* Detroit, Mich.	6.3	230	Walt Bazylewicz
Richie Rodes *(Hinton)* W. Va.	6.0	215	W. L. Garten
Jay Wilson *(Gainesville)* Fla.	6.0	205	Jim Niblack
Warner Wong *(Roosevelt)* Honolulu	6.1	210	Calvin Chai
CENTERS			
Larry Argersinger *(Benson)* Omaha, Neb.	6.2	207	R. Sorenson
Joe Dayton *(Cooley)* Detroit, Mich.	6.1	195	Roger Parmentier
E. A. Gresham *(Graham)* Tex.	6.3	205	Roy Curry
John Holloway *(Salesianum)* Wilmington, Del.	6.0	195	Dim Montero
Mike Magee *(Gulfport)* Miss.	6.0	210	Lindy Callhan
Guy Riccardi *(Freeport)* N. Y.	6.1	200	Bill Ashley
Thomas Ricci *(Cranston East)* R. I.	6.0	200	Ed Stebbins
Russell Romano *(Madison)* Rochester, N. Y.	6.1	225	Don Lander
Lovell Smith *(Froebel)* Gary, Ind.	5.11	230	George Maddock
Charles Stecker *(Phillipsburg)* N. J.	6.0	190	Harold Bellis

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WP	—2001—	13-1
41	Newark	12
61	Christiana	3
37	Salesianum	25
70	Glasgow	0
62	Brandywine	3
30	St. Mark's	25
60	Dover	9
78	Delcastle	0
56	Smyrna	6
52	A. I. du Pont	6
30	Hodgson	26
62	McKean	3
33	Wissahickon	25
16	St. Mark's	33

WP	—2000—	16-0
59	Newark	3
70	Christiana	3
58	Rising Sun	5
55	Salesianum	11
56	Glasgow	9
55	Brandywine	9
25	St. Mark's	21
45	Dover	18
71	Delcastle	0
62	Smyrna	3
60	A. I. du Pont	5
41	Hodgson	24
72	McKean	0
57	W. C. East	1
25	St. Mark's	23
47	Sussex Central	6

WP	—1999—	13-3
65	A. I. du Pont	0
62	Bishop Ireton	0
67	Brandywine	6
66	Christiana	12
72	Delcastle	-1
46	Dover	15
37	Glasgow	24
14	Hodgson	37
71	McKean	3
54	Newark	8
48	Rising Sun	18
59	Salesianum	12
44	Smyrna	15
21	St. Mark's	26
25	St. Mark's	31
32	W. C. East	22

WP	—1998—	9-5
25	Dallastown	31
36	Pine Grove	18
52	Hanover	12
67	Brandywine	0
44	Salesianum	12
59	Dover	3
45	Glasgow	12
37	Smyrna	20
27	St. Mark's	32
12	Hodgson	33
61	Newark	5
21	Kingsway	39
45	Malvern Prep	15
23	Caesar Rodney	27

WP	—1997—	8-6
13	Manheim Cent.	46
56	Solanco	9
16	Dallastown	37
67	Brandywine	3
35	Salesianum	24
48	Dover	12
45	Pennsville	13
25	Smyrna	30
27	Hodgson	28
44	Newark	19
18	St. Mark's	44
47	W. C. East	19
13	Kingsway	40
50	Malvern Prep.	15

WP	—1996—	13-2
31	Dallastown	30
38	Cedar Cliff	17
32	Northampton	32*
41	W. C. East	12
49	Smyrna	16
52	A.I. duPont	12
49	Salesianum	15
51	Dover	9
24	Pennsbury	28
63	Newark	3
29	St. Mark's	26
66	Oxford	3
44	Buena	21
53	Glasgow	10
33	St. Mark's	20

WP	—1995—	10-0
39	Pennsbury	13
43	A. I. du Pont	14
42	Oxford	24
40	Salesianum	23
43	Smyrna	13
48	Dover	6
46	Newark	13
28	St. Mark's	26
43	W. Chester E.	14
37	Buena	23

WP	—1994—	13-0
66	Concord	0
37	Pennsbury	25
66	Glasgow	0
59	Christiana	4
57	Salesianum	3
51	Dover	7
68	Delcastle	0
66	Brandywine	6
37	St. Mark's	10
52	Newark	12
78	Mt. Pleasant	0
58	Sussex Central	6
39	Dover	9

WP	—1993—	15-0
31	Pennsbury	16
66	Glasgow	6
63	Newark	3
56	Christiana	3
44	Salesianum	8
60	Delcastle	3
40	Smyrna	14
65	Concord	2
31	Dover	16
68	Brandywine	3
34	St. Mark's	15
59	Mt. Pleasant	3
44	Caesar Rodney	14
43	Sussex Central	15
40	Dover	17

WP	—1992—	11-1
44	Salesianum	16
44	Newark	13
25	Dover	24
64	A. I. du Pont	5
56	Glasgow	9
40	Caesar Rodney	13
51	Christiana	19
70	Concord	3
13	St. Mark's	38
62	Delcastle	3
65	Brandywine	0
37	Smyrna	8

WP	—1991—	12-0
62	Brandywine	0
34	Salesianum	20
48	Newark	9
46	Milford	15
67	A. I. du Pont	4
49	Glasgow	17
48	Christiana	3
64	Concord	0
25	St. Mark's	22
68	Delcastle	2
35	Smyrna	21
52	Dover	5

WP	—1990—	12-0
70	Delcastle	0
70	Concord	0
31	Salesanium	29
49	Glasgow	17
67	Brandywine	2
47	Christiana	16
36	Milford	19
48	Newark	6
30	St. Mark's	24
54	A. I. du Pont	12
41	Smyrna	11
49	Dover	10

WP	—1889—	12-0
70	Delcastle	3
60	Concord	8
37	Salesianum	22
56	Glasgow	7
64	Brandywine	3
45	Dover	8
55	Christiana	6
51	Milford	12
33	Newark	26
37	St. Mark's	25
28	A. I. du Pont	26
36	Smyrna	22

WP	—1988—	10-2
73	Concord	0
52	Glasgow	11
34	Salesianum	25
60	Brandywine	12
32	Caesar Rodney	30
61	Delcastle	6
40	A. I. du Pont	18
22	Dover	23
36	Newark	18
23	St. Mark's	40
47	Christiana	18
40	Smyrna	22

WP	—1987—	12-0
63	Concord	3
36	Dover	18
54	Glasgow	9
33	Salesianum	14
66	Brandywine	0
32	Caesar Rodney	19
45	Delcastle	11
40	A. I. du Pont	18
53	Newark	5
27	St. Mark's	26
52	Christiana	6
38	Smyrna	13

WP	—1986—	11-2
52	Christiana	9
53	Brandywine	6
29	Salesianum	23
33	Delcastle	22
25	Smyrna	2
58	Concord	3
27	Dover	30
60	McKean	0
49	Glasgow	4
49	Newark	13
22	St. Mark's	28
49	A. I. du Pont	10
39	Caesar Rodney	17

WP	—1985—	9-4
50	Christiana	10
40	A. I. du Pont	18
32	Caesar Rodney	24
54	Brandywine	5
23	Salesianum	24
47	Delacastle	10
24	Smyrna	30
54	Concord	6
41	Dover	17
53	McKean	12
37	Glasgow	12
21	Newark	37
26	St. Mark's	35

WP	—1984—	9-4
60	Mt. Pleasant	0
45	Christiana	18
37	Brandywine	21
14	Salesianum	31
24	Newark	32
35	Delcastle	16
32	A. I. du Pont	24
24	Smyrna	31
61	Dickinson	3
44	Concord	12
19	Caesar Rodney	28
42	Glasgow	14
30	St. Mark's	28

WP	—1983—	13-0
49	Mt. Pleasant	15
63	Christiana	0
49	Brandywine	17
43	Salesianum	12
44	Newark	16
48	Delcastle	19
38	A. I. du Pont	18
42	Smyrna	12
60	Dickinson	0
66	Concord	3
24	Caesar Rodney	15
50	Glasgow	2
33	St. Mark's	20

WP	—1982—	13-0
34	A. I. du Pont	14
54	Christiana	3
44	Salesianum	12
44	Delcastle	9
64	Mt. Pleasant	4
51	Glasgow	3
36	Smyrna	13
48	Brandywine	6
62	Concord	0
53	Wilmington	8
49	Newark	6
26	St. Mark's	25
47	Dickinson	3

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1957 - 1981

WP	—1981—	13-0
62	McKean	6
38	A. I. du Pont	17
32	Salesianum	17
42	Delcastle	12
59	Mt. Pleasant	3
47	Christiana	12
34	Glasgow	11
43	Brandywine	14
60	Concord	6
57	Wilmington	5
45	Newark	7
33	St. Mark's	15
48	Dickinson	9

WP	—1980—	13-1
49	Brandywine	3
25	A. I. du Pont	23
35	Delcastle	11
27	Salesianum	18
60	Wilmington	-1
53	Middletown	3
44	Glasgow	3
52	Mt. Pleasant	9
48	Newark	5
35	McKean	19
22	Dickinson	18
48	Concord	5
23	St. Mark's	28
42	Christiana	14

WP	—1979—	13-0
44	Brandywine	14
27	A. I. du Pont	19
28	Christiana	17
31	Delcastle	24
52	Claymont	12
63	Wilmington	2
54	Middletown	7
46	Glasgow	10
44	Mt. Pleasant	11
34	Newark	24
41	Mckean	13
28	Dickinson	21
36	Concord	5

WP	—1978—	14-0
27	Brandywine	16
31	A. I. du Pont	12
35	McKean	10
36	Dickinson	9
67	Delawarr	0
41	Concord	7
29	Christiana	20
44	Newark	13
46	Middletown	9
59	Mt. Pleasant	2
43	Glasgow	14
28	Delcastle	15
49	Conrad	8
48	Claymont	11

WP	—1977—	10-4
21	Brandywine	26
23	A. I. du Pont	26
41	Middletown	12
29	McKean	18
20	Dickinson	24
39	Delawarr	5
40	Concord	6
29	Christiana	17
26	Newark	24
44	Mt. Pleasant	8
33	Glasgow	18
12	Delcastle	38
28	Conrad	22
31	Claymont	20

WP	—1976—	5-5
30	McKean	15
11	Dickinson	33
24	Brandywine	18
18	Salesianum	23
45	Mt. Pleasant	12
18	Conrad	28
31	Christiana	21
20	Newark	23
16	Delcastle	28
45	Concord	12

WP	—1975—	6-5
50	McKean	5
16	Dickinson	22
18	Brandywine	21
12	Salesianum	30
24	Mt. Pleasant	25
11	Conrad	42
49	Christiana	9
52	Wilmington	4
31	Newark	13
26	Delcastle	23
48	Concord	0

WP	—1974—	6-3
29	Salesianum	20
23	Dickinson	18
32	Newark	20
28	Christiana	15
18	Conrad	27
44	Wilmington	14
17	Concord	23
29	Brandywine	20
18	Mt. Pleasant	27

WP	—1973—	4-5
48	Salesianum	9
25	Dickinson	29
42	Newark	9
30	Christiana	22
15	Conrad	25
52	Wilmington	0
17	Brandywine	22
12	Mt. Pleasant	30
20	Concord	22

WP	—1972—	9-0
30	Dickinson	17
27	Christiana	12
38	Newark	7
23	Conrad	20
38	McKean	12
47	Wilmington	5
31	Mt. Pleasant	10
32	Brandywine	14
27	Concord	25

WP	—1971—	9-0
43	Dickinson	8
25	Newark	17
41	Christiana	9
24	Conrad	15
30	McKean	11
50	Wilmington	8
42	Mt. Pleasant	3
21	Brandywine	17
32	Concord	10

WP	—1970—	8-1-1
51	Wilmington	3
39	Dickinson	7
25	Claymont	24
25	Newark	25
32	Conrad	14
17	McKean	21
34	Mt. Pleasant	14
26	Brandywine	14
45	Delawarr	6
31	Christiana	12

WP	—1969—	8-2
32	Christiana	8
26	Claymont	19
10	Newark	32
9	Conrad	32
23	Mc Kean	15
20	Mt. Pleasant	18
29	Brandywine	18
28	Delawarr	12
48	Wilmington	11
27	Dickinson	20

WP	—1968—	10-0
40	Wilmington	2
36	Dickinson	3
37	Christiana	0
28	Newark	11
24	Conrad	14
46	P. S. du Pont	2
29	Mt. Pleasant	11
30	Brandywine	14
27	Claymont	15
35	Delawarr	7

WP	—1967—	9-0
45	Wilmington	3
43	Dickinson	0
50	Mc Kean	0
36	Christiana	6
29	Newark	9
27	Delawarr	12
29	Conrad	8
47	P. S. du Pont	5
35	Brandywine	6

WP	—1966—	8-1
18	Delawarr	27
37	Dickinson	9
48	Wilmington	5
42	Mt. Pleasant	5
28	Brandywine	16
32	Newark	10
32	Christiana	6
43	P. S. du Pont	8
44	Conrad	5

WP	—1965—	9-0
35	Delawarr	11
35	Dickinson	9
43	Wilmington	3
34	Mt. Pleasant	10
36	Brandywine	6
35	Newark	11
27	Christiana	14
25	P. S. du Pont	19
24	Conrad	12

WP	—1964—	9-0
26	Delawarr	20
40	Dickinson	7
43	Wilmington	0
50	Mt. Pleasant	0
35	Brandywine	11
32	Newark	16
34	Christiana	15
23	P. S. du Pont	15
31	Conrad	9

WP	—1963—	9-0-1
39	Tower Hill	8
24	Delawarr	24
32	Dickinson	6
45	Wilmington	5
30	Mt. Pleasant	13
32	Newark	13
24	St. Andrew's	13
31	P. S. du Pont	10
36	Conrad	6
23	Brandywine	17

WP	—1962—	8-2
39	Delawarr	3
44	Dickinson	7
52	Wilmington	0
34	Mt. Pleasant	5
18	Brandywine	23
15	Newark	24
21	St. Andrew's	15
35	P. S. du Pont	8
40	Conrad	7
23	Tower Hill	8

WP	—1961—	9-1
47	Delawarr	5
40	Dickinson	8
35	Tower Hill	13
25	Newark	14
35	Mt. Pleasant	9
43	Wilmington	5
31	St. Andrew's	10
10	Brandywine	35
33	P.S. duPont	22
43	Conrad	5

WP	—1960—	2-5
39	Dover	5
16	P. S. du Pont	22
24	Conrad	14
8	Newark	34
10	Brandywine	31
15	St. Andrew's	37
	Mt. Pleasant	38

WP	—1959—	6-2
29	Newark	12
31	Dover	6
19	Tower Hill	21
27	P. S du Pont	18
17	Tower Hill	20
33	Brandywine	13
21	P. S. du Pont	18
22	Newark	14

WP	—1958—	3-3
19	P. S. du Pont	22
12	Tower Hill	17
36	P. S. du Pont	8
3	St. Andrew's	38
41	Dover	5
23	Tower Hill	16

1957 Informal Season
4 Matches Vs. St. Andrew's

Delaware State Wrestling Coaches of the Year

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1966	Bob George	DeLaWarr			
1	Otis Chapman	William Penn			
196[illegible]	Ed Baker	Conrad			
1969	Charlie Wilt	Caesar Rodney			
1970	Ron Eby	Smyrna			
1971	Otis Chapman	William Penn			
1972	Ron Eby	Smyrna			
1973	Jerry Beaman	Dickinson			
1974	Pete Basile	Caesar Rodney			
1975	Pete Basile	Caesar Rodney			
1976	Dennis Matigan	St. Andrew's			
1977	Ron Johnson	Delcastle			
1978	Pete Basile	Caesar Rodney			
1979	Roy Rigby	Milford			
1980	Roy Rigby	Milford			
1981	Roy Rigby	Milford			
1982	Buddy Lloyd	Smyrna			
1983	Jack Holloway	William Penn			
1984	John Rusnak	Salesianum			
1985	Tom Leonard	Caesar Rodney			
1986	Steve Bastianelli	St. Mark's			
1987	Jack Holloway	William Penn			
1988	Steve Bastianelli	St. Mark's		Paul Taggart	Claymont
1989	Jack Holloway	William Penn			
1990	Jack Holloway	William Penn			
1	ack Holloway	William Penn			
1[illegible]2	Steve Bastianelli	St. Mark's			
1993	Mike Dulin	Smyrna			
	Division One			Division Two	
1994	Jack Holloway	William Penn		Jerry Lamey	Hodgson
1995	Phil Shultie	Sussex Central		George Lacsney	A.I. duPont
1996	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Jerry Mears	Laurel
1997	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Jerry Lamey	Hodgson
1998	Steve Bastianelli	St. Mark's		Jerry Lamey	Hodgson
1999	Phil Shultie	Sussex Central		Jerry Lamey	Hodgson
2000	Jack Holloway	William Penn		Brandt Kennedy/Tim Casey	Howard
2001	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Scott Fleming	Lake Forest
2002	Phil Shultie	Sussex Central		Clay Lloyd	Smyrna
2003	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Clay Lloyd	Smyrna
2004	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Vic Leonard	A I. DuPont
2005	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Kurt Howell	Smyrna
2006	Dicky Howell	Caesar Rodney		Stan Spoor	Hodgson
2007	Marvin Dooley	William Penn		Mark Bosick	Sanford
2008	Phil Shultie,	Sussex Central		Jeff Windish,	Indian River
2009	Scott Layfield,	Sussex Tech		Don Parsley,	Milford
2010	Reese Rigby,	Charter School		Jeff Windish,	Indian River
2011	Dicky Howell,	Caesar Rodney		Mike Welch,	Caravel

Outstanding Wrestler Award

Year	Name	School
1957	Mike Quillen	(StA)
1958	Bill Robertson	(TH)
1959	Bill Robertson	(TH)
1960	Bill Ford	(WP)
1961	Skip Jones	(ML)
1962	Ranny Marshall	(B)
1963	Ranny Marshall	(B)
1964	Harvey Folk	(N)
1965	Angus Davis	(StA)
1966	Steve Rhode	(T)
1967	Jim Krapf	(T)
1968	Dick Schmertzler	(GEO)
1969	Clarence Harrison	
1971	Dave Chapman	(N)
1972	Bill Moore	(T)
1973	Nick Episcopo	(DK)
1974	Norm Brooks	(DE)
1978	Barry Derr	(MK)
1979	Carl Wagner	(CD)
1980	Charlie Turner	(CH)
1981	Jeff Smith	(CR)
1982	Dean Johnson	(SMY)
1983	Terry Brown	(L)
1984	Kurt Howell	(N)
1985	Kurt Howell	(N)
1986	Kurt Howell	(N)
1987	David Stevens	(SC)
1988	Jim Zimmerman	(WP)
1989	Jim Zimmerman	(WP)
1990	Earl Walker	(StA)
1991	Paul Antonio	(WP)
1992	Sheldon Thomas	(StM)
1993	John Fiss	(SAL)
1994	Damien Craighton	(WP)
1995	Joe Bond	(WP)
1996	Damien Craighton	(WP)
1997	Harry Blendt	(SMY)
1998	Bruce Kelly	(StM)
1999	Tom Donahue	(HG)
2000	Ryan Smith	(HG)
2001	Chris Parker	(CR)
2002	Andrew Donofrio	(StM)
	Chris Collins	(StM)
2003	Brian Welch	(HG)
2004	Ben Altman	(FR)
2005	Alex Meade	(CR)
2006	Ian Moser	(CR)
2007	Alex Meade	(CR)
2008	Brock Budesheim,	SC
2009	Cody Broomal,	Smyrna
2010	Bobby Telford,	St Marks
2011	Codey Combs,	Suss Cent

WP Wrestling Tradition

Compliments of Young Lumber

YEAR	RECORD	COACH	ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
1957		Chapman	Informal Season - No Official Record	
1958	3-3	Chapman		
1959	6-2	Chapman		
1960	2-5	Chapman		
1961	9-1	Chapman	BHC Co-Champion	
1962	8-2	Chapman		State Tournament Champ
1963	9-0-1	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1964	9-0	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1965	9-0	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1966	8-1	Chapman	2'nd BHC	
1967	9-0	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1968	10-0	Tillman	1'st BHC	
1969	8-2	Chapman	2'nd BHC	
1970	8-1-1	Chapman	2'nd BHC	
1971	9-0	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1972	9-0	Chapman	1'st BHC	
1973	4-5	Luckini		
1974	6-3	Luckini		
1975	6-5	Luckini		
1976	5-5	Luckini		
1977	10-4	Holloway		
1978	14-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1979	13-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1980	13-1	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1981	13-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1982	13-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1983	13-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1984	9-4	Holloway	2'nd BHC	
1985	9-4	Holloway	2'nd BHC	
1986	11-2	Holloway	1'st BHC	
1987	12-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1988	10-2	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1989	12-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1990	12-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1991	12-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1992	11-1	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1993	15-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1994	13-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
1995	10-0	Holloway		
1996	13-2	Holloway		
1997	8-6	Holloway		
1998	9-5	Holloway		
1999	13-3	Holloway	1'st BHC	
2000	16-0	Holloway	1'st BHC	
2001	13-1	Holloway	1'st BHC	
2002	10-4	Zimmerman	1'st BHC	
2003	9-3	Zimmerman	1'st BHC	BHC Tournament Champ
Total	*431- 73 - 2*			



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State Tournament Champ

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State Dual Meet Champ - Div 1
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State Dual Meet Champ - Div 1

8 State Championships
26 Conference Championships
20 Undefeated Seasons

GOOD LUCK COLONIALS
from
Young Lumber
Harold & Jane West

Wm. Penn
Blue Hen Conference Champions

1960 127/Tommy Scherer, 133/Bill Ford, 138/Jim Wrightman
1961 138/Bill Ford, 145/Jim Wrightman
1962 95/Vic Coulbourn, 112/Bob Watson
1963 133/Tom Kardash, 165/Dave Bartholomew, 180/Clyde Leonard, Hwt/Doug Roebke
1964 138/Tom MacMullan, 145/Tom Kardash, 180/Clyde Leonard, Hwt/Doug Roebke
1965 112/Bill Muckle, 133/Vic Coulbourn, 165/Horace Houston
1966 103/Ed Soccorso, 145/Tom Leonard, 120/Bill Muckle, 180/Joe Shetzler
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1977 98/Bill Wipf
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1981 98/Coy Burke, 105/Keith Goodman, 185/Ben Hendrickson, Hwt/Franz Kappel
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2001 130/Harry Kettner, 140/Shawn Taylor, 145/James Fromal, 152/Dustin Craighton, 171/Kevin Burnett, 275/Eugene Mercante
2002 119/Kenny Krygier, 160/Dustin Craighton, 171 Brian Cimorosi
2003 160/Julius Fletcher

113 Cont. Champs

Wm. Penn
Independent Qualifier Champions

1998	145/R. Calloway		
1997	112/J. Benson	171/J. Elliott	
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FALL 2002

NWCA NEWSLETTER



As the new president of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, I would like to thank our board of directors for their commitment and dedication to the NWCA. In addition, we would like to give a very special thank you to Cape Cod Potato Chips for their generous sponsorship of this complimentary newsletter that is being distributed throughout the wrestling community. We hope that you enjoy your complimentary issue and will join us in becoming a member of the NWCA for 2002-03 if you have not already done so.

I would like to take this time to thank Roger Reina for his loyal years of service as President of the NWCA. Under his guidance, the NWCA has grown considerably over the past three years and has positioned itself to continue to thrive into the future. We wish Roger all the best in the future.

As I begin my term as President I am excited about the new initiatives that the NWCA is currently undertaking. These initiatives include:

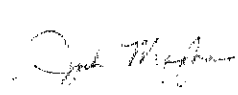
- The NWCA-US Marine Corps Building Leaders for Life Program - inaugurated for 45 high school and college coaches aboard the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier on May 17, 2002 that was made free of charge through a sponsorship by the Brute Corporation. This program will ecome the model for coaches in all sports to teach young people how to be leaders.
- A 450-page coaches manual for high school and college coaches will be available in the fall assist our coaches in all phases of conducting a successful program.
- The NWCA Weight Certification Program designed to provide every high school and college coach a web based means to implement a safe weight management program for their athletes. Several state associations have contracted with the NWCA to utilize this program and will make it mandatory in their state. Included will be a web based nutrition education program to ensure safe and healthy weight management practices.
- A comprehensive Coaching Education Program that will use "standards" as a measuring stick for proficiency in targeted core areas. Our goal is to move "coaching" from an occupation to a profession.

These are only a few of the most recent initiatives and many are designed to become self-sustaining and revenue generating. In addition to these new ventures, we have maintained our efforts, both financially and legally, to modify Title IX legislation and stop the discontinuation of collegiate programs. You have probably read or heard that the NWCA is a lead player in the current litigation against the federal Department of Education. Just since January, we have generated over $140,000, specifically to support this lawsuit, and we have good reason to believe we will be successful in bringing about important change in the proportionality test of Title IX.

Our Foundation for the Future-Annual Giving Fund is the lifeblood of the NWCA. It is separate and different from our Title IX fundraising efforts. At the end of the 2001-02 fiscal year (August 31, 2002), we reached an all-time high of $80,000 in gross revenue. This has increased from approximately $20,000 in 1999. Additionally, we have generated in excess of $200,000 in sponsorships during the 2001-02 fiscal year to cover the costs associated with the development and delivery of the above-mentioned programs. Further, we have recently collected $500,000 of the $850,000 pledged during our capital campaign that concluded in December 2001.

As you can see, your association has come a long way in a very short period of time. The future ability of the NWCA to develop and deliver essential coaching education programming is predicated on the continued generosity of our membership. If you have not already done so, we hope that you will join the NWCA today.

urs in wrestling,



Special Thanks to our newsletter sponsor Cape Cod Potato Chips

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2002 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SCHOLASTIC COACH OF THE YEAR

LOU GIANI Huntington High School - Huntington, NY

The National Wrestling Coaches Association is proud to announce the selection of Lou Giani, as the 2002 National Scholastic Wrestling Coach of the Year. This past season Coach Giani's Huntington High School team won the New York State Championship for the fourth time. His team became only the fourth high school in the history of the NYS Tournament to have three state champions in one year. In his 35 years as head coach, Giani has a career record of 388-28-1. He has coached 22 state champions and 52 county champions. Giani is widely regarded as the finest coach in New York State history.

SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

MANUEL MARTINEZ Sunnyside High School - Tuscon, AZ

The NWCA is honored to recognize Manuel Martinez as the 2002 Assistant Coach of the Year. Martinez has been the assistant coach at Sunnyside High School for the past 24 years. During this time he has been instrumental in guiding Sunnyside to 20 State Championships and four second place finishes.



SCHOLASTIC WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

MATT HERRINGTON LaSalle Institute - Cambridge, NY

University of Pennsylvania wrestling recruit Matt Herrington was named National Wrestling Coaches Association High School Wrestler of the Year. Herrington earned the honor after putting together a stellar high school career. Wrestling for LaSalle Institute in Cambridge, New York, Herrington amassed a 243-7 career record on his way to capturing two New York High School State Championships. His 243 wins set a new high school record for wins in a career. Herrington also has a strong international background after winning two Junior National Greco-Roman Championships and finishing second in Freestyle.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

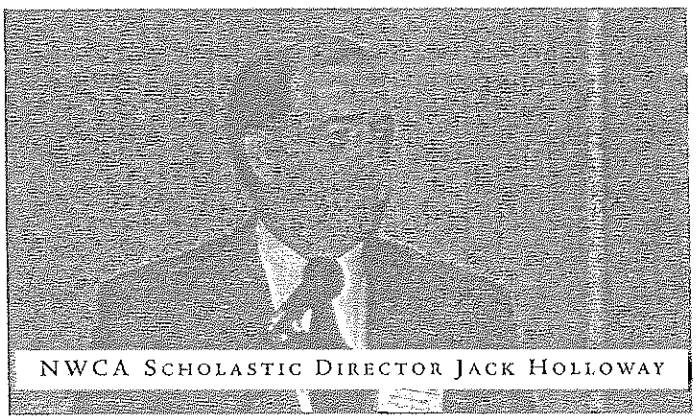
WE DON'T HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL

STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING NEVADA, INDIANA AND DELAWARE ARE FIRST TO ADOPT THE NWCA PROGRAM.

As many of you are aware the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations (NFHS) is strongly recommending that all state associations adopt a comprehensive weight management program for their wrestling teams, prior to the start of the 2003-2004 or 2004-2005 season.

Most states are beginning to position themselves to comply with the NFHS recommendations and are finding that, as they move in this direction, the task can seem rather daunting. Hydration testing, body fat determination, weight loss plans, and the record keeping involved can overwhelm a state association office. The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) stands ready to help state associations that are looking for a turnkey program that can minimize the administrative concerns that accompany proper weight management.

The NWCA was there in 1997, working closely with the NCAA Wrestling Committee and the NCAA Competitive Safeguard Committee to develop and implement a comprehensive weight-monitoring program. Over the last five years, the NWCA, in collaboration with the NCAA, NFHS, and various state high school associations, has developed the NWCA Weight Certification Internet Calculator Program. This automated program, which complies with the three essential components of the NFHS recommendation, is available now to states that are ready to move toward weight management compliance.



NWCA Scholastic Director Jack Holloway

The NWCA program significantly increases administrative efficiency in tracking the computations necessary to determine the following:

- Body fat content of each wrestler
- Hydration testing
- Lowest allowable weight class in which a wrestler may compete
- Weight loss plan for each wrestler that is gradual and safe

The NWCA and its Board of Directors stand ready to assist the development of safe and healthy weight management programs that conform to NFHS standards.

All NWCA Members will have free access to this comprehensive program.

SCHOLASTIC COACH
FEBRUARY 1964 • 50c

Holloway, Layfield get salute

NEW YORK—Two Delaware athletes have been chosen on the 13th annual All-America high school football team by Scholastic Magazine, national weekly publication.

They are Jack Holloway, Salesianum center, and Jim Layfield, Millsboro back.

Four schools landed two players each. Ninety players from 37 states and the District of Columbia comprise the squad. Texas placed the most boys on the team, eight. Ohio and Pennsylvania were represented by six selectees. Michigan and California had five players each and Illinois had four.

Princess Anne High of Virginia Beach, Va., Welch, W.Va., High, Rippowam High of Stamford, Conn. and McKeesport, Pa., High were the schools with a pair of players.

Rick Lorenz

New
Information

COACH

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Head Volleyball Coach, Central Catholic High School, 1988 - present [class AAA/4A (largest schools); 4 total classes 1988-2005 and class 6A (largest schools); 6 total classes 2006 - present)

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

*** 10 state championships, 10 2nd place trophies, six 3rd place trophies
*** His teams advanced to the state tournament's final site (16 then later 8 teams) in 32 of his 39 years coaching, never finishing lower than 5th place
*** 19 of his 32 tournament final site teams finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd
*** His 2011 team compiled a perfect 44-0 record in the state's largest and most competitive VB class and claimed a third consecutive state championship.
*** 39-year match record ---- 1,174 wins and 185 losses = 86.3% win percentage
*** Career wins total of 1,174 ranks 8th all-time in the National High School Sports Record Book.
*** His Central Catholic teams have won 138 consecutive Mt. Hood Conference matches (last loss in 2004).
*** League Coach of the Year Honors (Volleyball): Metro League (9) Three Rivers League (1) Mt. Hood League (13) total (23)
*** Oregon Athletic Coaches Association - Coach of the Year Award -- Volleyball
(10-time winner: 1976, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1997, 2000, 2009, 2010, 2011)
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*** State of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame Nominee --- 2011
***2014 National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) National Volleyball Coach of the Year



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August 1, 2014

Jeanne@nhsca.com

Rick Lorenz
Portland Central Catholic High School
2401 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Rick:

This is to inform you that you have been selected by the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) as the National High School Volleyball Coach of the Year. Your award will be sent to your school in the next few weeks.

The NHSCA is a 501c3 non-profit service organization founded in 1989 to provide leadership and support for the nation's 1,000,000 high school coaches that spend every day on the front lines molding today's youth into tomorrow's productive citizens. The NHSCA selects National Coaches and Senior Athletes of the Year in 20 boys and girls sports.

The NHSCA National High School Sports Hall of Fame Museum will be constructed in a beautiful facility located near our executive offices in Easton, PA. You, along with your fellow National Coaches of the Year, will be honored in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame Museum. Please email a biography of yourself and your athletic career along with a photo to the NHSCA office to Jeanne@nhsca.com. A complete list of this year's National High School Coaches and Senior Athletes of the Year, along with descriptions of all the NHSCA's programs, can be found by visiting our web site at www.nhsca.com. You will also be a guest on the NHSCA High School Sports Hour Show.

Let me close by extending my congratulations on your selection. This is a tremendous honor for you, your team, school, and community and signifies that you are one of the best of the best coaches in America. Please feel free to forward this letter to your local newspapers.

Sincerely yours,

Bobby Ferraro

Bobby Ferraro
Executive Director
National High School Coaches Association

Prior Information

Nomination Form



HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Rick Francis Lorenz
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Steve Walker

Phone: 503-860-7683

Street Address: 25200 SW Parkway Ave. Suite 1

City, State, Zip Code: Wilsonville, OR 97070

Signed: Steve Walker

Date: 11/14/12

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Rick Francis Lorenz
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 3525 SE Tibbetts
(street address)

Portland, OR 97202
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 503-341-2699 Date of Birth: 4/8/49

School Affiliation (if any) Central Catholic High School

City: Portland State: OR

Place of Birth: Seattle, WA Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Teaching and coaching full time.

If deceased, date of death:
N/A

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Mary Wilkes (sister)

Address: 24230 80th Ave. SE, Woodinville, WA 98072

Phone: 206-719-1241

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Blanchet High School	Seattle, WA	1967	[Tab here]
College/University: Seattle University	Seattle, WA	1972	BA Fine Arts
Post Graduate School: Seattle Univ.	Seattle, WA	1982	MA Theology

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

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Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

*** 10 state championships, 8 2nd place trophies, 6 3rd place trophies
*** His teams advanced to the state tournament's final site (16 then later 8 teams) in 30 of his 37 years coaching, never finishing lower than 5th place.
*** His 2011 team compiled a perfect 44-0 record in the state's largest and most competitive VB class and claimed a third consecutive state championship.
*** 37 year match record ---- 1,096 wins and 176 losses = 83% win percentage
*** Career wins total of 1,096 ranks 6th all-time in the National High School Sports Record Book.
*** League Coach of the Year Honors (Volleyball): Metro League (9) Three Rivers League (1) Mt. Hood League (13) total(23)
*** Oregon Athletic Coaches Association - Coach of the Year Awards -- Volleyball (1976-1977 - 1982- 1984 - 1985 - 1997 - 2000 - 2009 -2010 - 2011)
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Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

*** Oregon Athletic Coaches Association ---- 1976 to present
*** Oregon Athletic Coaches Association ---- Volleyball Chairman 1980-85

COACH

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*** His 2011 team compiled a perfect 44-0 record in the state's largest and most competitive VB class and claimed a third consecutive state championship.
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*** Career wins total of 1,139 ranks 8th all-time in the National High School Sports Record Book.
*** His Central Catholic teams have won 120 consecutive Mt. Hood Conference matches (last loss in 2004).
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*** United States Volleyball Association --- 1976 to present
*** American Volleyball Coaches Association --- 2000 to present

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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November 15, 2012

Bruce L. Howard
National Federation of State High School Associations
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Dear Bruce,

With great honor, the Oregon School Activities Association nominates Rick Lorenz for the National High School Hall of Fame.

We feel Rick is more than worthy of taking his place among the nation's most honored high school coaches.

Rick's success is easily measured in more than just his national class won-loss record. More than 130 of his athletes have earned college scholarships and countless others, who have Central Catholic diplomas, matriculated through college and became leaders in their careers and communities. One is veteran Oregon high school athletic director Anna Maria Lopez of St. Mary's Academy. A volleyball and basketball standout at the University of Southern California, St. Mary's alum and member of Rick's first high school team, Anna Maria writes an entertaining letter of recommendation included in this packet.

Rick's career wins rate sixth all-time in the National High School Sports Record Book. His teams failed to advance to the state tournament site only seven times in 37 years and in those 30 appearances his teams reached the state championship match 18 times, claiming 10 titles. Rick and the Rams continually have had to qualify for the playoffs in the state's largest classification and what traditionally has been the most competitive volleyball conference.

Central Catholic didn't bring home a fourth consecutive state title last weekend, but Rick's comments were first-place trophy worthy, saying in an e-mail, "… not the way we wanted to end the 2012 season, two 15-13 defeats in the 5th set, but there are life lessons from that experience too".

The OSAA is proud to nominate Rick Lorenz for the National High School Hall of Fame. He would be a tremendous selection for the induction class of 2013.

Thank you, Bruce, for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Tom Welter
OSAA Executive Director

Steve Walker
OSAA Sports Information Director

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November 14, 2012

To the National High School Hall of Fame Committee:

It is truly an honor to write this letter of recommendation for Oregon's most successful high school volleyball coach, Rick Lorenz. I have known Rick for over 35 years, first as a player, then as a colleague but most importantly, as a mentor and friend.

Rick first came to Oregon in 1976, and applied for a teaching position at St. Mary's Academy. At the conclusion of the interview he was offered the teaching job and with that asked if he could also coach any sports; specifically, volleyball. Although his answer was, "well, I've played once or twice", he agreed to take on the team with the assurance that, "the girls know how to play" from the principal. Little did anyone realize the life altering decision this path offered not only Coach Lorenz, but all of the student athletes he has coached over the past 36 years.

My great fortune was being a junior on that first team Rick coached; granted we did know how to play, but what is more memorable is that he coached 10 seniors and 2 juniors to the state title in that season – getting all to work cooperatively and support one another. Even more amazing was the next year when he started with 2 returning players and again won the state title. I attribute his ability to balance constructive feedback and praise to teenage girls to the training he had had growing up with 6 sisters. He knew how to encourage, motivate and push us to be the best and believe in each other. He made playing fun and hard work a welcome opportunity to improve on our skills.

Rick's passion for coaching and working with young people has only grown over the years. He has provided the opportunity for countless young women to polish their volleyball skills and use these to further their education through playing in college. His dedication to providing opportunities for his players to improve is reflected in both the number of all-state and all-league players he has helped develop, as well as his win-loss record and the number of state championships he has amassed. His willingness to mentor less experienced coaches and act as a resource exemplifies Rick's genuine interest in seeing all student athletes reach their potential.

In closing, I cannot think of a more deserving person to be acknowledged in the National High School Hall of Fame than Rick Lorenz. His efforts have had a direct influence on advancing the level of play in high school volleyball in Oregon to its present state. It would be an honor for all high school volleyball coaches in Oregon to be represented by Rick Lorenz in your national shrine.

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Lopez, '78
Athletic Director
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CENTRAL CATHOLIC ATHLETICS

Nov. 15, 2012

To the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Rick Lorenz for the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame. I have known Rick for over thirty years, initially by reputation, and then, in 1988, he came to Central Catholic High School, Portland, OR. to teach in the art department and work as volleyball coach. Prior to coming to Central Catholic Rick coached at St. Mary's Academy where he established a reputation for winning volleyball championships. Seeing his teams perform, I was always amazed at the quality of player that he developed.

When Rick started to coach at Central, it was my pleasure to watch a master at work. He took a program that was struggling and built champion teams. Year after year his program produces winners. He definitely has the eye for volleyball talent and the ability to develop that talent. Some would say he is a relentless taskmaster, but the young women grow and thrive in his system. He pushes them to believe in themselves and strive to be the best players they can be. He has a sense that develops both the team and the individual. He builds strong teams and young women who learn to believe they are winners in any arena, be it on the volleyball court or in life.

Along with his exceptional history as a volleyball coach, Rick is a most creative artist: on the floor, in the classroom and in life. Rick lost his wife shortly after he came to teach and coach at Central Catholic, leaving him to raise two small boys. He weathered those hard years, growing in compassion through that difficult experience. His compassion can often be found in his art. He designs and creates marvelous stained glass and pottery. Often when others are suffering a loss, he will quietly give a gift of stained glass or pottery as a memory for the family. His generosity and caring set him apart in a way that is not always visible to many.

Rick is greatly respected by other coaches and teachers for his ability to develop students of volleyball and of life. His many contributions to our community and his dedication to his players are unequalled. I have tremendous respect for Rick Lorenz not only as a coach but as a truly special man. Being recognized by the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame would be a most deserving honor for a man who has devoted a lifetime to coaching in our community.

Sincerely,

Sister Jerome Zerr OSB

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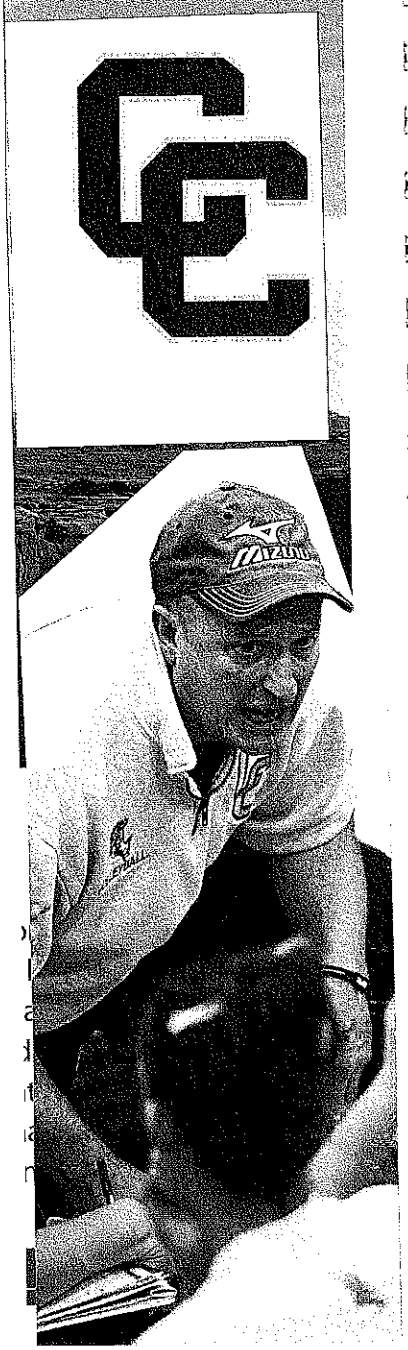
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Year	School	Record	Finish at State
1976	SMA	23-1	State Champions
1977	SMA	19-3	State Champions
1978	SMA	27-2	3rd Place
1979	SMA	18-6	3rd Place
1980	SMA	24-6	————
1981	SMA	25-2	4th place
1982	SMA	26-2	State Champions
1983	SMA	25-2	5th Place
1984	SMA	32-1	State Champions
1985	SMA	27-0	State Champions
1986	SMA	33-2	3rd Place
1987	Lake O.	20-4	4th Place
1988	CC	17-7	————
1989	CC	15-11	————
1990	CC	22-8	————
1991	CC	22-8	————
1992	CC	34-5	2nd Place
1993	CC	28-4	2nd Place
1994	CC	29-7	2nd Place
1995	CC	27-7	————
1996	CC	32-6	2nd Place
1997	CC	37-6	State Champions
1998	CC	31-5	2nd Place
1999	CC	31-3	3rd Place
2000	CC	35-5	State Champions
2001	CC	30-9	4th Place
2002	CC	27-13	4th Place
2003	CC	27-7	————
2004	CC	31-9	2nd Place
2005	CC	40-4	2nd Place
2006	CC	40-3	2nd Place





2007 ------ CC ------- 34-5 ------ 3rd Place
2008 ----- CC ------ 40-3 ------ 3rd Place
2009 ----- CC ------ 44-1 ------ State Champions
2010 ----- CC ------ 39-4 ------ State Champions
2011 ----- CC ------ 44-0 ------ State Champions
2012 - CC. 40-5 - 5th place

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37 1,096 176

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25 797 - 145

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Prep Wednesday

Lorenz's system hard to beat

The Central Catholic volleyball coach wins by adapting to his talent and pushing his players

By MOLLY BLUE
THE OREGONIAN

Rick Lorenz can't remember the last time his team played in the first match of the OSAA volleyball state championships, but he'll have Central Catholic on the court at Liberty High School in Hillsboro, warming up for an 8 a.m. quarterfinal match against Sheldon on Friday.

Where the Rams will finish is another matter. Lorenz has guided teams to the championship final 15 times since 1976, when his St. Mary's team won the title. He won five tournaments with St. Mary's, and he's won two titles in 10 finals appearances with Central Catholic.

Sometimes his teams are tall and dominate the net. More often, the team's strengths are more subtle — adept in passing, stingy in defense, consistent in serving and receiving serve. If he needs another setter, he'll convert a hitter. Rather than coaching a one-size-fits-all style, he adapts his schemes to his personnel. And he's usually successful.

"I don't run one system," Lorenz said. "I run what's best with the kids I have. It's not a real secret, but you have to do it to be in the hunt in the end. We may not do things the same way we did last year. Or next year."

That's key. North Medford coach Ron Beick said Lorenz's teams win because he's thorough in teaching the game and tactics.

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Preps: Coach knows when to yell, when to stop

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"He's successful because he's able to take the makeup of each team and mold that group," Beick said. "He gets a lot out of every team he has."

It's not just the system, either. He changes the way he coaches, the way he approaches the team and its individual players. To the casual observer, Lorenz is vocal from the bench, in the eyes-bulging, vein-popping strain of coaches. He acknowledges his intensity but adds that he knows when to floor his emotions and when to ease up.

"He's definitely a yeller," said Megan Marineau, who was a senior middle blocker on the 2004 team that finished second at the state tournament. "He had nicknames for all of us, and we were a closely knit group. He's always been a yeller, that's just his style. He's not a harsh coach. It's like the way your dad yells."

In 2000, Lorenz decided at the beginning of the season that he would take a softer approach. His team was loaded, and expectations were high. But after an early-season loss to Mt. Hood Conference rival Barlow, he held a closed-door meeting where he shed the kinder, gentler persona. He shook up the lineup after that, benching, barking at and berating players.

After that meeting, then-senior Katelyn Healy said, "He changed back to his old way of coaching, and we changed back to playing better."

The Rams went 25-1 the rest of the season and won the state title — defeating Barlow in the championship.

That's the last time Central Catholic won the volleyball title. But the Rams have finished second in the last three tournaments. Being runner-up three times in a row makes Lorenz philosophical.

"How many people have been there once?" he said "It's not a slap in the face to me. I've had teams in the finals that didn't belong there and teams in the finals that probably should have won, but didn't."

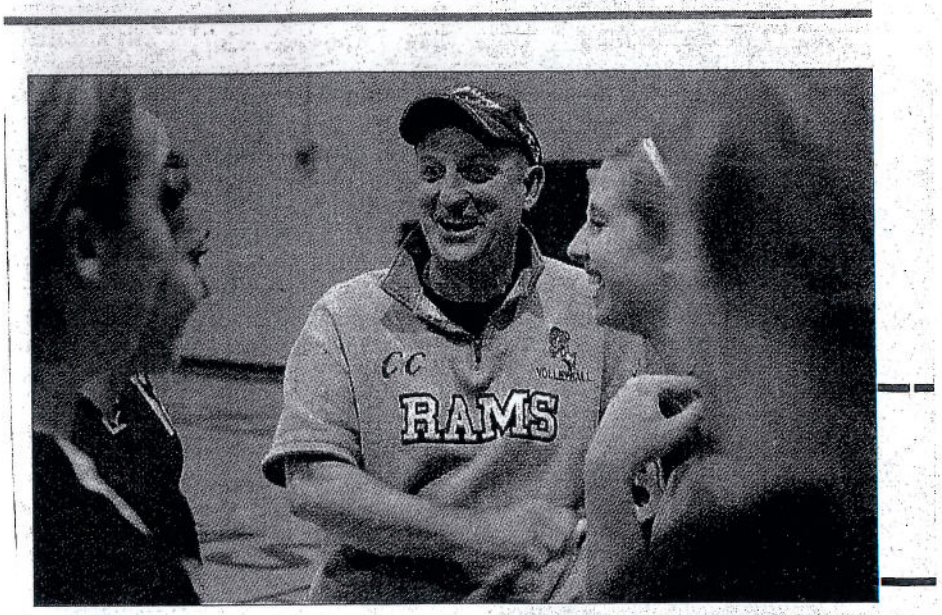
Handicapping the Class 6A field, Lorenz said top-ranked Jesuit is the team to beat. The Crusaders began the season No. 1 in the poll after they were 7-0 at Central Catholic's annual jamboree in early September.

No. 3 North Medford plays Jesuit in the quarterfinals; Central Catholic faces Sheldon, which tied for ninth in the final coaches poll; unranked Lincoln plays No. 5 West Linn, and unranked Canby plays No. 4 Gresham, the 2006 champion.

In Class 5A, also at Liberty High School, No. 5 Summit plays No. 2 Wilsonville; No. 7 Pendleton plays No. 8 West Albany; No. 6 Thurston plays No. 3 Ashland; and top-ranked Crook County, the 2006 champion, plays No. 9 Glencoe.

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Wherever he's coached, Rick Lorenz's volleyball teams often finish among the state's best. His Central Catholic team plays Friday in the quarterfinals.



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Central Catholic volleyball coach Rick Lorenz gives instructions to his team.

CLASS 6A VOLLEYBALL

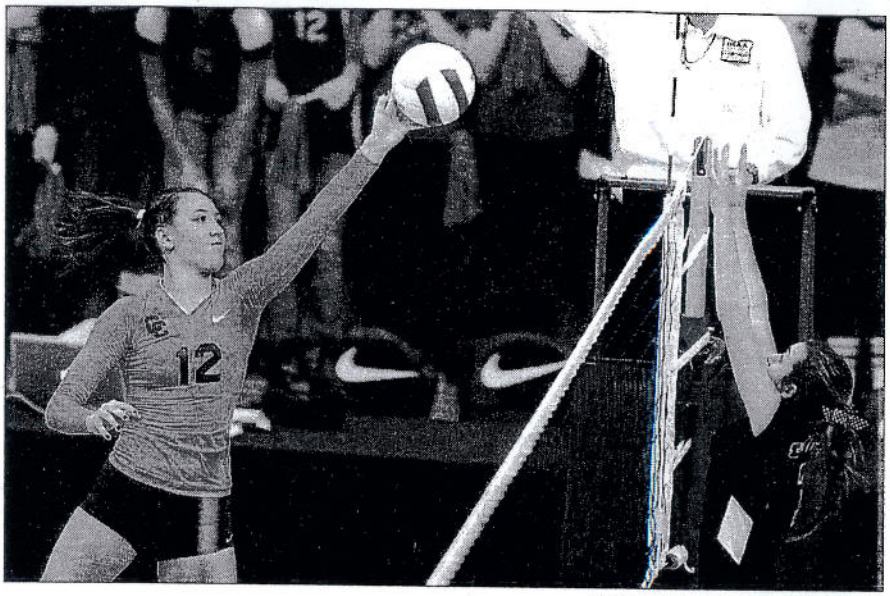
Central Catholic, Bettendorf stop Jesuit

By JERRY ULMER
THE OREGONIAN

HILLSBORO — Central Catholic completed one of the most dominant volleyball seasons in state history Saturday night with a straight-sets win over rival Jesuit in the OSAA Class 6A state tournament at Liberty High School.

University of Oregon-bound senior Martenne Bettendorf had 27 kills to lead the Rams past the Crusaders 25-19, 25-17, 25-19, marking the third year in a row Central Catholic has defeated Jesuit in the championship match.

The top-seeded Rams finished the season 33-0 overall and 83-3 in sets in official matches. They are the first team to win three consecutive big-school titles since Gresham won four in a row from 1988 to 1991.



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Central Catholic's Martenne Bettendorf, who finished with 27 kills, returns the ball during the Rams' straight-set victory over Jesuit for the Class 6A championship.

The 6-foot-1 Bettendorf had 27 of the team's 41 kills. She got plenty of help at the net from 6-3 junior Raina Hembry (six kills, three block assists) and 6-4 junior Kailee Johnson (three block assists).

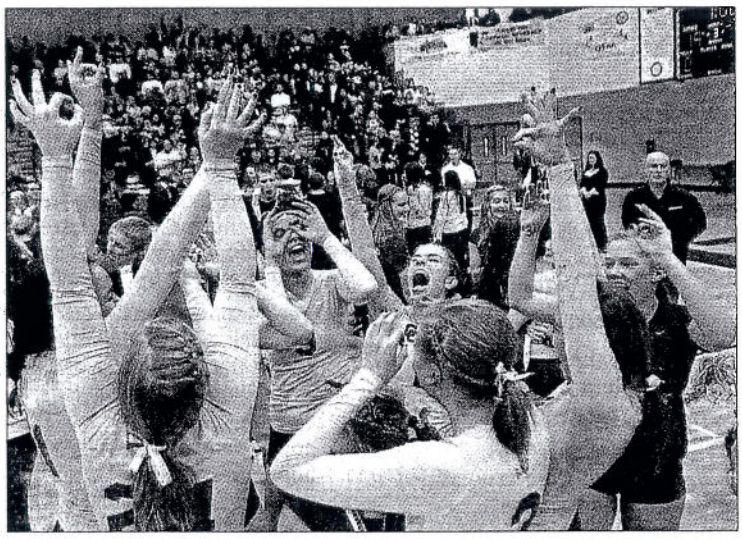
"I don't think we were ready to be taken down," Rams coach Rick Lorenz said. "We needed Kailee and Raina to step up and I thought they did that really well. And Martenne is everything."

The championship is the 10th for Lorenz, who won four at St. Mary's Academy before winning the first of his six for the Rams in 1997. It is the first time Lorenz has won three in a row.

Jesuit (22-8), the third seed, lost to Central Catholic for the fourth time this season. The Crusaders got 13 kills from 6-5 freshman Arianna Wiltjer and 10 kills from 6-0 junior Anne Elorriaga.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

OSAA volleyball championships

Central Catholic (pictured) completes a dominant season, beats Jesuit in the Class 6A final on a day when Summit, Crook County, Burns, Days Creek and Ione also win championships | C10

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6A VOLLEYBALL

Consolation

Barlow def. Sprague, 25-18, 25-19, 25-21

Roseburg def. West Linn, 25-19, 25-23, 25-15

Fourth Place

Barlow def. Roseburg, 19-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-15

Third Place

Aloha def. Clackamas, 25-21, 19-25, 25-18, 20-25, 15-11

Final

Central Catholic def. Jesuit, 25-19, 25-17, 25-19

Bettendorf lifts Rams to ultimate goal

The senior outside hitter is unstoppable in a straight-sets 6A finals win over Jesuit

By JERRY ULMER
THE OREGONIAN

Late in the 2010 volleyball season, Central Catholic outside hitter Martenne Bettendorf told coach Rick Lorenz that she felt as if the weight of the world was on her shoulders.

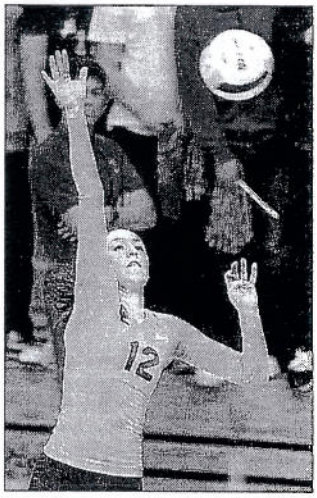
Lorenz's message to Bettendorf: If you think that weight is heavy now, just wait until next year.

Nine seniors graduated from Central Catholic's 2010 state championship team, which meant that Bettendorf's burden increased exponentially this season.

"I was a little nervous," Bettendorf said. "It was a brand new team."

The Rams gelled nicely, and the 6-foot-1 Bettendorf was more than up to the task of leading them. That was never more apparent than Saturday night when she hammered 27 kills in a straight-sets win over Jesuit in the OSAA Class 6A final at Liberty High School.

Central Catholic kept going to Bettendorf, and she kept delivering, accounting for 66 percent of the team's kills in the 25-19, 25-17, 25-19 win. For the season, it was 49 percent.



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Martenne Bettendorf and Central Catholic capped an undefeated season with a third consecutive state title.

"I ice my shoulder a lot," said Bettendorf, who is headed for a college career at Oregon.

Jesuit, which lost to Central Catholic in the final for the third year in a row, seemed powerless to defend Bettendorf.

"It's frustrating," Jesuit junior Megan McCool said. "She can get up so high. She's a great player. I know she's going to get the ball. We all do. She's amazing."

Lorenz, who won his sixth state title with the Rams and 10th overall, credited Bettendorf's leadership.

"The thing about Martenne is the kids love her," Lorenz said. "I don't care how good she is, the rest of the team steps up for her. The reason we're 33-0 is the kids wanted to rally around her."

Lorenz wouldn't say that it was the best team in his 36 seasons of coaching, but by all accounts, it was his most dominant. The Rams not only were undefeated, they were 83-3 in sets in official matches.

The overhauled roster tested Lorenz's creative powers. The key move was switching junior Monica Gajda, last year's backup setter, to libero to fill a key vacancy.

"Libero is so important to me, and we've had all-state liberos," Lorenz said. "I said to Monica, 'Will you be the libero?' And she said, 'You know what, I'll do it.' "

Everything fell into place from there. Gajda and junior Lexie Skalback were key passers, sophomore Camille Foster took over at setter and junior middle blockers Kailee Johnson (6-4) and Raina Hembry (6-3) helped Bettendorf at the net.

"It's difficult to get around their block," McCool said. "It's a great challenge."

Other than dropping two sets to Gresham and one to Jesuit, the Rams were perfect in their 33 wins. Perhaps their biggest challenge was staying motivated without being pushed by opponents.

"We got it from each other and from the stories that Rick told us about past teams, like the exciting moments and the sad moments where they didn't win," Foster said. "It motivates us all to have the fire to win."

Johnson said that the coaches "kept on us. We knew what the ultimate goal was, and we were just trying to reach that. It wasn't about the little matches, it was about this night. That's what we came to do."

The Rams never let Jesuit build momentum in the final.

"The whole time, the whole team was thinking, 'We can't let them think that they're in it,' " Bettendorf said. "We tried our best to shut them down pretty fast."

It helped that Bettendorf never let Jesuit come up for air. The Crusaders simply couldn't sustain her barrage.

"It's awesome. It's fun to get to play with her," said Foster, Bettendorf's cousin. "She's so versatile. It's going to be sad to see her go, but it's exciting to know that I helped her win her third championship in a row. And I'll still get to see her play at Oregon."

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Central Catholic's Rick Lorenz reaches 1,000 career volleyball wins

Mike Wilson, The Oregonian, November 13, 2010 11:02 p.m.

Central Catholic coach Rick Lorenz called Thursday's contest at David Douglas "another match," but Rams players and fans regarded it differently.

On the first and only match point Central Catholic needed, fans in the David Douglas High School gym opposite from the Rams' bench raised painted cardboard signs with the numbers 1-0-0-0. After the Scots failed to return Samantha Maziello's serve, wrapping up Central Catholic's 25-8, 25-8, 25-7 victory, the coach, his players and their parents posed for pictures to commemorate the milestone.

The Mt. Hood Conference win gave Lorenz, 61, a record of 1,000-171. His 35 years as a high school head coach marks his longevity in one way. Another is that his 1,000th victory came against a team coached by Tina (Blair) Richardson, who was on the Marshall team that defeated Lorenz and St. Mary's for the 1979 big-school state championship.

"I say 'Congratulations' to him," Richardson said. "There's no doubt in my mind that Central Catholic will win state again this year. They have all the tools and all the pieces."

Central Catholic's state championship in 2009 was Lorenz's ~~sixth~~ eighth – but his first since 2000, which by his standards represented a dry spell. He also led Central Catholic to the big-school title in 1997 after winning championships with St. Mary's of downtown Portland in 1976, 1977, 1982, 1984 and 1985. Nine other times Lorenz's team has reached the state final.

Lorenz said Thursday's postmatch activities didn't create any emotional upwelling, and his game-day attire -- khaki shorts, a short-sleeved fleece half-zip vest and a black-brimmed, Texas Longhorns-orange adjustable Mizuno ball cap – supported the just-another-match approach.

"I wish for this group a really successful ending," said Lorenz, who holds a master's in theology and teaches art at the Southeast Portland school. "If I was to tear up, it would be at state, with a state title."

The Rams' accomplishments support Richardson's anointing of them as favorites. The Rams (19-3, 11-0 Mt. Hood) are undefeated against Oregon competition (18-0) and have lost one game – to 2009 runner-up Jesuit at a tournament in South Albany – to an in-state team. The three losses were at the Durango Fall Classic Tournament in Las Vegas.

Despite victories over Jesuit and Sunset, Central Catholic was ranked behind those two Metro League teams and Sheldon of Eugene in the OSAA rankings heading into Thursday's action.

The coming state tournament will sort out who's No. 1. Thursday night, the Rams had a goal, senior captain Alyssa Foster said.

"We wanted to finish off his 1,000th win with a bang," she said. "He's very intense. He gives us lots of wisdom. He knows the game very well."

Richardson praised the aggressive play by the Scots (3-13, 3-8 Mt. Hood) in the face of a challenging opponent.

"The score wasn't indicative of how we played," she said.

Lorenz, reflecting on his longevity, credited his staying power to what he called his support system – assistants such as John Downey, who has been with him for 10 years, and Malcolm Doi, who has worked alongside Lorenz for more than 30 years.

"If you have a support staff, you don't have to do everything," said Lorenz, who coached 10 years at St. Mary's and one at Lake Oswego before coming to Central Catholic, where he is in his 24th season.

"It doesn't hurt," he added, "when you have lots of talent."

-- **Mike Wilson**

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Class 6A volleyball championship

Resilient Rams revel in state title defense

By JERRY ULMER
THE OREGONIAN

Rick Lorenz has been there, done hat, in his 35-year volleyball coaching career.

But this season — well before the Central Catholic coach went for his ninth state championship Saturday night in the Oregon Class 6A final against Jesuit — he offered up a slice of history to his reigning state champion Rams.

"I told the kids, 'You guys can make Central Catholic history by winning tonight because we've never had a back-to-back winner at Central Catholic in volleyball,' " Lorenz said.

The Rams (31-4) didn't take the challenge lightly, capitalizing on the opportunity with a 25-20, 25-27, 25-12, 25-18 win over Jesuit at Liberty High School. It was the second year in a row they defeated the Crusaders (26-4) in the final.

"We've been told that so many times in our practices," senior outside hitter Cheyne Corrado said of the back-to-back titles. "That's what meant the most to me. Back-to-back, no one has ever done it."

Lorenz has won four titles in 24 seasons at Central Catholic to go with the five he won in 10 seasons at St. Mary's Academy, including repeats in 1976-77 and 1984-85. This season, he also reached the 1,000-win plateau — he stands at 1,009-171 — and he improved his record in championship matches to 9-8.

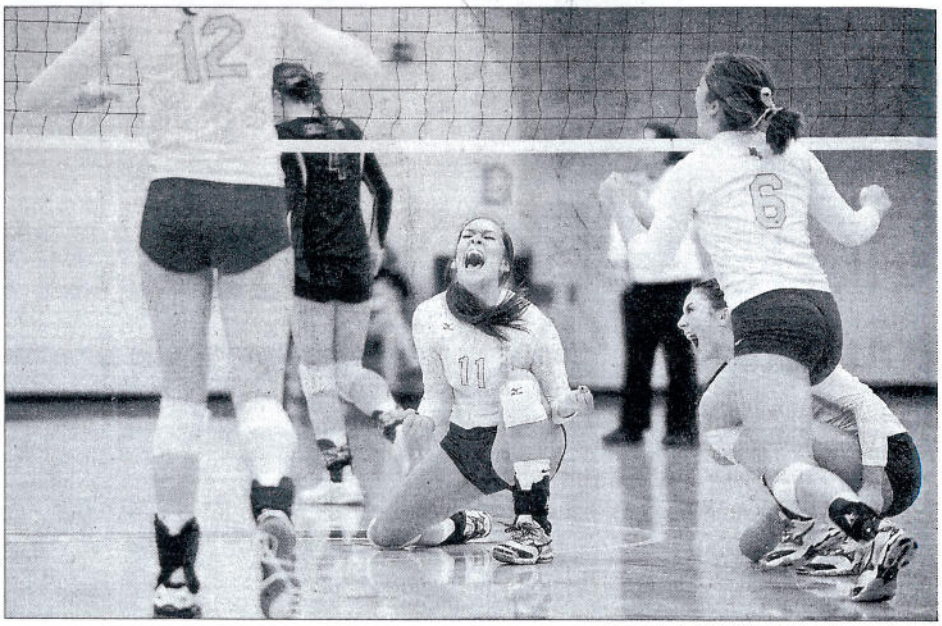
"This is the kind of match, this is why I'm still coaching," Lorenz said.

The Rams handed Jesuit all four of its losses this season, also beating the Crusaders in the finals of three tournaments. Jesuit, the 2008 champion, has lost six matches in the last three seasons, all to Central Catholic.

Despite going unbeaten in Oregon this season, the Rams knew they couldn't afford any letdowns Saturday night against the Crusaders, who have the reigning Class 6A player of the year in Oregon-bound middle blocker Elizabeth Brenner.

"It was in the back of my mind, but I was never worried for a second," Corrado said. "I knew my team, and we had it from us from the beginning of the season."

For a brief spell Saturday, though, the Rams looked vulnerable. Jesuit rallied from a 16-



Photos by TORSTEN KJELLSTRAND/THE OREGONIAN

Martenne Bettendorf (11) and her Central Catholic teammates celebrate their win over Jesuit Saturday. The Rams, unbeaten against Oregon teams this year, won back-to-back titles for the first time in school history.

game as the 6-foot-2 Brenner and 5-8 senior Katie Waters were having their way at the net.

But Rams outside hitter Martenne Bettendorf, a 6-1 junior who has committed to Oregon, started to heat up, and the Crusaders struggled with hitting errors. Central Catholic scored the final four points to win 25-22, getting two kills from Corrado and two mistakes from Jesuit.

"That's what we do," Corrado said. "Every time we've played them, we've had to come back. We just know how to do it. We don't break."



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Lorenz said his team is resilient, a trait that became apparent against some of the nation's best teams during the Durango Invitational in Las Vegas in September.

"These kids bend but they don't break," Lorenz said. "Even when we were in Las Vegas, we could've been blown out, we didn't. We competed. And that became our motto, 'We bend but we don't break.' And that was really cool, to come back and win that third game."

The Rams took a 10-4 lead in the fourth game and didn't let up. Bettendorf scored the final three points on kills, giving her a team-high 22 for the match.

"She shows up," Lorenz said of Bettendorf. "She makes mistakes, but they're aggressive mistakes. She's going for it. I just try to keep her a little under control."

and 12 digs and senior Brooke Cole had a team-high 16 digs.

Brenner (22 kills, 12 digs), Waters (14 kills, 10 digs) and senior Alex Bretthauer (10 kills, 15 digs) led Jesuit. The Crusaders had 33 hitting errors, including 12 in the fourth game.

"We made too many errors. We hit a lot of balls out," Jesuit coach Teresa Zimmerlee said.

Said Brenner: "I thought we put everything out there. A few points didn't go our way. It's always a great game with them. It's always really fun. I enjoy playing them."

How did the Rams compare to last year's champion?

"This team, I think, is a lot stronger," Bettendorf said.

Lorenz said that given what the Rams have accomplished in two years, and the quality of their competition, "they probably set the standard" for the best teams he has coached. Much is made of Bettendorf and Corrado's excellence at the net, but what sets the team apart is the defense of seniors Katie Mardesich (committed to Oregon), Brooke Cole (committed to Southern Oregon), Mekeala Hemming and Meredith St. Clair.

High school volleyball

No runner up this time: Central Catholic wins Class 6A

By JERRY ULMER
THE OREGONIAN

Rick Lorenz doesn't know what he'll do with his Marv Levy football card after coaching Central Catholic to the Class 6A volleyball title Saturday night.

Lorenz, whose teams have finished runner-up eight times, likes to call himself the Marv Levy of volleyball, after the former Buffalo Bills coach known for losing Super Bowls.

Finishing second has festered with Lorenz over the years, but part of the sting is gone after what happened Saturday night before a packed house at Liberty High School.

The top-ranked Rams (44-1) beat No. 2 Jesuit, the reigning champion, 25-22, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22 for Lorenz's eighth state title. The championship — the first for Lorenz and Central Catholic since 2000 — ended a five-year run in which the team finished second three times (2004-06) and third twice (2007, 2008).

"It's unbelievable," junior middle blocker Kara Barkdoll said. "I'm just so happy to do it for our seniors because it's been a really long time since we've been here. Especially the last two years, being stuck with third. We just wanted to break that and get it this year."

It helped that the Rams got another big performance from 6-foot sophomore middle blocker Martenne Bettendorf, who led the team with 20 kills and four blocks. Bettendorf got hot at the end of the fourth game as Central Catholic came from behind by scoring six of the last seven points.

Bettendorf, who had three kills and combined with Barkdoll for a big block of Jesuit junior Elizabeth Brenner during the surge, said she fed off the intensity of the crowd.

"All of the sudden I just felt it all come in me, and I was like, 'It has to happen now. We have to win it right now. It's got to be done,' " she said.

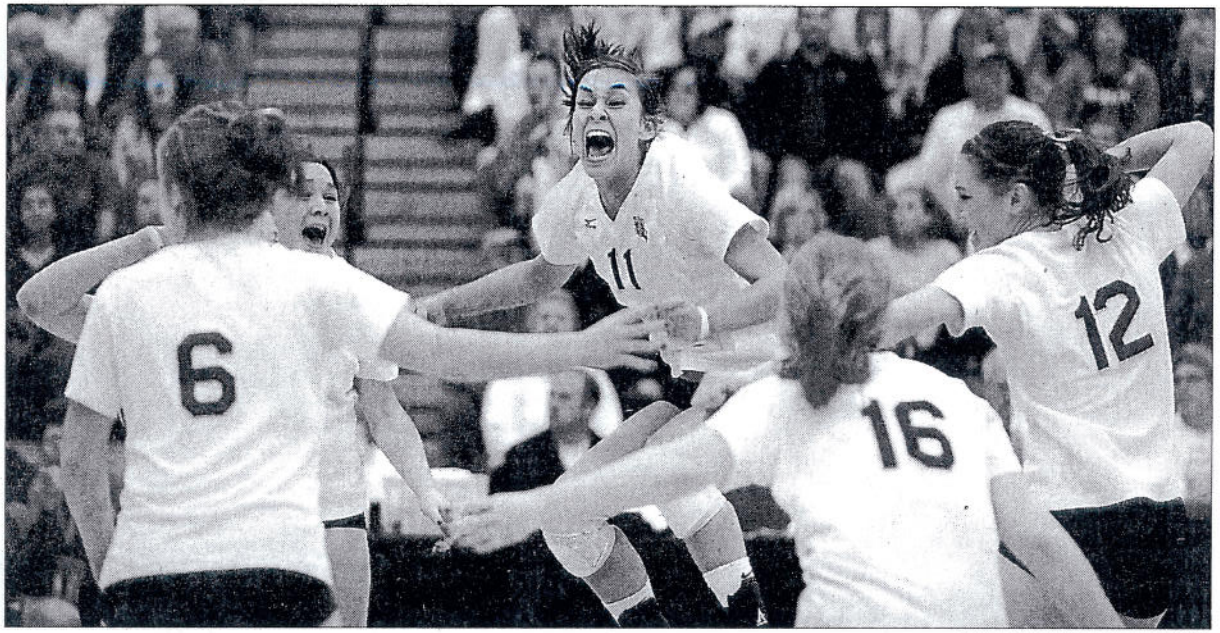
Lorenz called a timeout to set up the last play for Bettendorf, who set off a celebration with an emphatic slam.

"She's long and lean and she gets up," Lorenz said. "She's only a sophomore, so she's got a pretty good future."

Lorenz, 60, figures to be around to see it. The coach — 973-167 in 34 seasons with St. Mary's Academy (five titles), Lake Oswego (one season) and Central Catholic (three titles) — said he plans to continue coaching the Rams for the immediate future.

Central Catholic has nine players eligible to return in 2010, including two Mt. Hood Conference first-team hitters in Bettendorf and junior Cheyne Corrado and a first-team libero in junior Katie Mardesich. The junior varsity finished 36-0 and the junior varsity II team went 24-1.

Brenner excels: Central Catholic's win overshadowed another brilliant performance by Jesuit's Brenner. The 6-1 junior middle blocker was a force with a match-high 23 kills.



OLIVIA BUCKS/THE OREGONIAN

Teammates Brooke Cole (6), Haily Graham, Kara Barkdoll (11), Ali Skayhan (16) and Martenne Bettendorf (12) celebrate after Central Catholic defeated Jesuit for the Class 6A title on Saturday night at Liberty High School.

The champions

Class 6A: Central Catholic
Class 5A: Crook County
Class 4A: Sisters
Class 3A: Santiam Christian
Class 2A: Blanchet Catholic
Class 1A: Imbler

A Psychology of Success for the Jr. and Sr. High School Level

10:00 -10:50 by Rick Lorenz/Central Catholic High/Portland,Or.

1. **Defining Success and the word Fun.**
   - **A. How do you define it?**
   - **B. How do your players define it?**
   - **C. How might your parents define it?**

2. **Tryouts and Team Selection.**
   - **A. players questionnaire (background of athletics)**
   - **B. tryouts are how many days and hours**
   - **C. criterion for team selection**
     1. **physical ability and athleticism**
     2. **technical skill and development**
     3. **attitude, work ethic, how coachable**
     4. **special positional needs (setters-hitters-liberos)**
     5. **commitment**
     6. **potential to improve and learn**

3. **Mission Statement(s) :**
   - **A. Your Own – what you stand for/why you coach.**
   - **B. Team mission statement (goals for the season)**

4. **The 5 Qualities of a Successful Coach:**

   A. Knowledge of the Game --- technical / offense – defense/ psychological / motivational / team chemistry / transition

   B. Organizational Skills: May meeting / youth and team camps tryout schedule / team selection / positional needs / hiring and training coaches / monthly practice and match schedules

   C. Communication Skills: early parent meeting and rules / male coach – woman assistant / role of captains / team parent / school attendance and drug-use policies

   D. Running a Quality Practice: How to avoid boredom / the warmup / what to work on? / maximum touch theory / coach initiated drills vs. athlete initiated drills / explain why you run specific drills / how long to practice? / 3 stages of a season.

   E. Coaching During the Match: being prepared / the scouting report / watch your opponents warmup / match ups – strengths / who takes the stats? / take notes during the match.

5. **Obstacles to Success --- What goes on behind the scenes?**

   How do you deal with these? Drug use / alcohol / peer pressure stress / relationships / grades / safety issues / college / money issues parents / family problems / personality conflicts.

Continuity --- The Key to Longevity as a Coach

2:00 -2:50 by Rick Lorenz / Central Catholic High / Portland, Or.

Continuity within the Progeam: The Ten Keys

1. **The Coaching Staff --- are you all on the same page? Goals / directions for Frosh/ JV 1 / JV2 / Varsity teams.**
2. **Staying in good physical shape / getting a better understanding of team chemistry / what motivates each athlete.**
3. **A good Parent base / supporters vs. detractors / parent meeting to go over rules.**
4. **A supportive Administration / other coaches sharing athletes (dominant sport philosophy) / athletic director.**
5. **Avoiding the Burnout syndrome / too many hours – not enough pay / doing it all yourself / losing / negativism / parent pressure.**
6. **Resiliency and Persistence --- developing your problem solving mechanism (creative subconscious) / don't lose your sense of humor.**
7. **The Club experience supplements the Fall experience.**
8. **Specialization vs. the multi-sport athlete.**
9. **Adapting to your talent base – knowing your strengths and weaknesses / setting realistic goals.**
10. **Do the perks outweigh the headaches? When did the passion leave?**

Handout: The Psychology of Motivation --- A Crash Course.

My Coaching Goals as Director of the Program:

1. **To be Fair --- in choosing teams / making lineups / playing time / dealing with athletes and parents.**
2. **To implement and teach the proper updated techniques.**
3. **To put(train) my team in a position to achieve their maximum potential.**
4. **To create an environment of trust that allows the athletes to be "themselves".**
5. **To teach the athletes to take responsibility for their actions.**
6. **To take responsibility for situations that I created as chaos / failure.**
7. **To work with team leaders (co-captains) to establish team goals and expectations followed by a mission statement.**
8. **To keep updated and in touch with my athletes after the Fall season to see them through their high school years (Club teams/ College plans).**

Nikki McCray

Nomination Form

National High School Hall of Fame Nomination



Nikki McCray

Tennessee

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Nikki McCray-Penson
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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Signed: Matthew Gillespie

Date: November 14, 2014

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Nikki McCray-Penson
(first, middle, last)

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School Affiliation (if any) [Tab here]

City: [Tab here] State: [Tab here]

Place of Birth: Collierville, TN Date of Retirement: [Tab here]

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at the University of South Carolina

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Thomas Penson

Address: Same as above

Phone: [Tab here]

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Collierville H.S.	Collierville, TN	1990	[Tab here]
College/University: Univ. of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	1995	Sports Management
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

Letters of Recommendation

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Nikki McCray

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Holly Warlick, Head Coach

November 12, 2014

National High School Hall of Fame
Selection Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to submit this letter of support for Nikki McCray for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame.

I have known Nikki since her high school days at Collierville High School. We recruited Nikki to play for the University of Tennessee because of her tremendous basketball skills, but she also possesses the great qualities one looks for in a person. She has a tremendous love and respect for her family and others around her, and she represents herself with class and high standards. You cannot accomplish all these goals unless you are dedicated and hardworking. These traits were common in Nikki's daily life. She always has a desire to succeed in any situation.

Nikki was athletically gifted and academically determined. Her ability to overcome several obstacles and become a two-time SEC Player of the Year and Kodak All-American is noteworthy. Nikki is still one of our greatest success stories of all time.

It gives me great pride to observe the dedication and commitment Nikki approaches every area of her life. Her achievements speak for themselves. It has been a joy to teach, coach and observe her growth both on and off the court.

I am confident that Nikki McCray is worthy of this prestigious honor. If I can provide additional information on Nikki, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Holly Warlick

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November 11, 2014

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Nikki McCray – National High School Hall of Fame

To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor and privilege for me to write a letter recommending an individual I feel is truly outstanding. Nikki McCray is well-deserving of becoming a part of the National High School Hall of Fame. Without reservation, I can state that Nikki epitomizes the qualities of an outstanding leader, visionary, and professional. She is a very hard worker who has always exemplified the outstanding qualities of personality, character, and scholarship, and citizenship.

Nikki began her career at Collierville High School. Collierville is a Class AAA school, Tennessee's largest classification for basketball. She played all four years of high school, and enjoyed great successes. She led her team to state her senior season with an average of 33.6 points per game. Nikki holds the following records in Tennessee:

- Career Field Goal Percentage - .592 (2nd in TN)
- Most Field Goals Attempted in a Career – 2,587 (1st in TN)
- Most Field Goals Made in a Career – 1,592 (1st in TN, 5th in NFHS Record Book)
- Most Free Throws Attempted in a Career – 858 (1st in TN)
- Most Free Throws Made in a Career – 500 (7th in TN)
- Most Points Scored in a Career – 3,594 (3rd in TN *1st All-time in 5-on-5 in TN, 22nd in NFHS Record Book)
- Most Rebounds in a Career – 1,720 (1st in TN, 22nd behind the 10th listing in NFHS Record Book)

During her high school career, Nikki also earned the following honors and awards:

- Two-time Commercial Appeal "Best of Preps" Player of the Year (1989, 1990)
- Four-time Commercial Appeal All-Metro Selection
- Three-time Associated Press All-State Selection and Two-time Tennessee Sports Writers All-State Selection
- TSSAA Class AAA Miss Basketball (1990)
- Parade All-American and Converse All-American
- Named to 13 different All-Tournament Teams during her high school career
- Named to the TSSAA All-Tournament team at the State Tournament in 1989, as a junior

Following high school, Nikki McCray continued her successes with a four-year career at the University of Tennessee. While at UT, Nikki was named All-American and SEC Player of the Year both as a junior and senior. She finished her college career with 1,572 points, which is still among the Lady Vols' Top 15. As a Lady Vol, she contributed to three SEC regular-season titles, two conference tournament championships, and four NCAA Tournament appearances.

Nikki's storied basketball career continued even after she left Knoxville. She is a two-time Olympic Gold Medal Winner (1996 and 2000). She played professionally for 11 years in the ABL (2years) and the WNBA (9 years). She was named MVP of the ABL for the 1996-1997 season, and she was a three-time WNBA All-Star. She finished her career ranked 24th on the WNBA's career scoring list, and she was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as a part of the class of 2012.

Finally, Nikki's integrity, maturity, passion, drive, and compassion for humanity make her a wonderful and remarkable individual, both on the basketball court and off. She would represent Tennessee well in the National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Bernard Childress

Bernard Childress
Executive Director

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November 4, 2014

To the National High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Nikki McCray was a member of my team at Collierville High School 1986-1990. She was without a doubt the best girls' basketball player to come from Collierville or from West Tennessee. Many coaches and basketball fans have expressed their opinion as "The best they have ever seen".

I had the pleasure of coaching her during her high school career and want to express how proud I am of her for all her accomplishments both on and off the floor. She is a very special person and I knew she was destined for greatness during high school career.

Some of her accomplishments as a four-year starter in high school include scoring 3594 points and 1720 rebounds. She was the MVP for our team all four years. After her graduation, Nikki had several records in the National Federation of High School Sports.

Other awards during her basketball career include:

Member of two United States Olympic Basketball teams	
Parade Magazine All-American	1990
USA TODAY All-American	1990
All Southern Team	1990
Naismith Player of the year	1990
Tennessee Miss Basketball	1990
All-State Tournament Team	1989
Commercial Appeals MVP	1989-1990
All Shelby Metro for four years	1986-1990
All Regionals, All Districts and numerous all tournament MVPs	

As her high school coach, Collierville High School and myself are requesting her consideration for the National High School Hall of Fame.

Joe C. Brock

Joe Brock
CHS Basketball Coach (retired)

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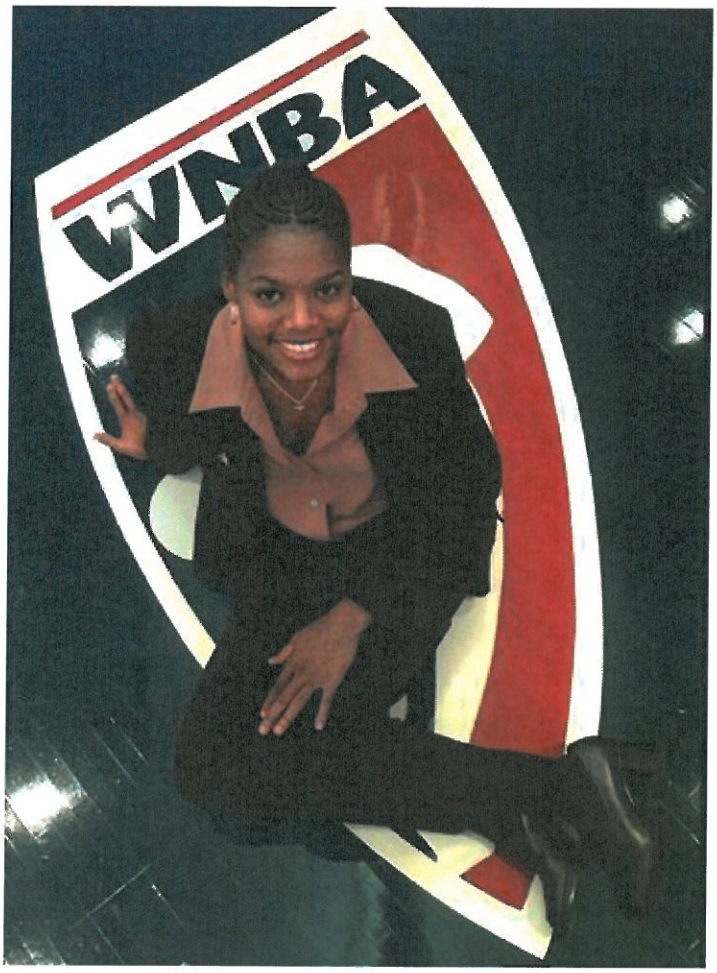


Nikki McCray

Tennessee

Collierville native Nikki McCray adds Women's Basketball Hall of Fame to hoops honors

From Staff and Wire Reports
12:00 AM, Jul 24, 2011
other



Nikki McCray and Dawn Staley sit on the same bench as the assistant and head coach for South Carolina. Next summer they will stand and be recognized together as inductees to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

McCray, a Collierville native and the Shelby-Metro career scoring leader in girls basketball, was a two-time All-American for the University of Tennessee and played with Staley on gold-medal U.S. women's teams in 1996 and 2000.

Staley was a three-time All-America selection at Virginia and a three-time Olympic gold medalist.

As both an amateur and a professional, McCray ranks among the top U.S. women players.

After scoring 3,594 points during a stellar prep career at Collierville High, McCray scored 1,572 career points at UT for Lady Vols teams that were a combined 122-11 and won three SEC championships. She was named the SEC Player of the Year in both 1994 and 1995, and led the Lady Vols to the Final Four in 1995.

In 1996, McCray was joined by local track and field standout Rochelle Stevens and Germantown soccer star Cindy Parlow as the first women to be chosen as The Commercial Appeal Sportsmen of the Year.

McCray had three stints with USA Basketball and was an all-star in both the ABL and WNBA.

In her first pro season, McCray led the Columbus Quest to the ABL championship in 1996 and earned the league's most valuable player award. She played nine seasons in the WNBA, scoring 2,528 points.

Staley was a five-time WNBA all-star and a member of the league's all-decade team. Before that, she was named an all-star twice in the ABL.

Along with her gold medals (1996, 2000 and 2004), Staley twice was named USA Basketball female athlete of the year (1994, 2004).

Overall, six honorees comprising the Class of 2012 were announced Saturday at halftime of the WNBA All-Star game in San Antonio. The others are former Old Dominion star Inge Nissen, former Southern Cal star Pam McGee, broadcaster Robin Roberts and Washington University coach Nancy Fahey.

Induction weekend will start on June 9.

Knoxville News Sentinel reporter Dan Fleser contributed to this report.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

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Nikki McCray



Class of 2012

- A two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and three-time WNBA All-Star, she finished her WNBA career with 2,528 points
- She was the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, leading the Columbus Quest to the 1996-97 League Championship
- In college, she led the University of Tennessee to four NCAA tournament appearances and two SEC tournament championships
- A two-time Kodak All-American, Naismith All-American, and SEC Player of the Year (1994, 1995)
- She help guide USA Basketball to the 1993 FIBA Americas Championship, and the 1998 FIBA World Championship
- She was a core group member of the 1998 USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team
- Finished her college career with 1,572 points
- Currently, she is an assistant coach for the University of South Carolina

Entire List

Class of '12

Welcome

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is an international museum dedicated to preserving the history of women's basketball. A non-profit organization, managed by the Hall of Fame Management Inc Board, the Hall of Fame is the only facility of its kind dedicated to all levels of women's basketball in the world. With the 2014 Induction, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame will celebrate its 16th Anniversary and add six new members to our prestigious Hall, honoring 139 inductees.

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Nikki McCray



Position:
Assistant Coach

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Two-time Olympic gold medal winner and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee (Class of 2012) Nikki McCray reunited with her former teammate when she joined head coach Dawn Staley's South Carolina staff in May 2008. Following an 11-year professional playing career, McCray moved into the coaching ranks in 2006, spending two seasons on the bench at Western Kentucky before joining the Gamecocks. A three-time WNBA All-Star and the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, McCray has proven to be a standout recruiter who helped South Carolina land the nation's No. 2 recruiting class and the top player in the country in 2014.

McCray's energy and experience have helped the Gamecocks to three consecutive 25-win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances (2012, 2013, 2014). The Gamecocks have finished among the SEC's top four each of the last three seasons, including securing the program's first SEC regular-season championship in 2014. That same year, South Carolina earned its first NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the second time in three seasons to finish the season ranked No. 8 in the nation, the program's highest mark in more than 30 years.

"Success doesn't happen overnight, but when you are invested in the people around you and you want them to succeed, good things will happen," McCray said. "Our goal is to win a national championship, and because of the hard work and dedication of our staff and players every day, we are in a position to compete for that title every year."

McCray got her start in coaching at Western Kentucky where she played a key role in recruiting. With her on the staff, the Lady Toppers to a 49-17 record, which included a WNIT semifinal appearance in 2006-07 and a Sun Belt Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 2007-08.

Prior to moving into the coaching world, McCray enjoyed a nine-year career in the WNBA, following a two-year stint in the ABL. She signed her first professional playing contract with the ABL's Columbus Quest in 1996 and proceeded to lead the team to the league championship, earning league MVP honors along the way. Joining the WNBA's Washington Mystics in 1998, McCray was the team's leading scorer in each of her first two seasons and played in the WNBA All-Star game three times in her four years in Washington. She earned a starting spot in the league's inaugural All-Star game in 1999 and was the leading vote-getter among Eastern Conference guards in 2000.

McCray went on to play five more seasons in the WNBA, spending two with the Indiana Fever and one each with the Phoenix Mercury, the San Antonio Silver Stars and the Chicago Sky prior to her retirement at the end of the 2006 season. With 2,528 points, she finished her career ranked 24th on the WNBA's career scoring list. Averaging 10.1 points per game, she was a career 41.3 percent shooter.

A veteran of international basketball as well, McCray was part of the USA Basketball program on three separate occasions. Those stints were highlighted by trips to the Olympic Games in 1996 and 2000, both of which resulted in gold medals for the United States. She was a key element on the 1995-96 team that spent more than a year together in residency for the first time in USA Basketball's history. The effort helped the group to 60-0 record in international competition and sparked two professional women's basketball leagues in the United States.

"There is nothing like putting that USA jersey on your shoulders," McCray said. "Not only are you working for yourself and your family, but now you're working for your country. When you beat other countries and stand up there on that podium and hear your national anthem that is an unbelievable feeling. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have done it several times."

In her four-year career at Tennessee, McCray keyed three SEC regular-season titles, two conference tournament championships and four NCAA Tournament appearances for the Lady Vols. In addition to helping UT build a 122-11 record, McCray picked up All-America and SEC Player of the Year honors in both her junior and senior years. She scored 1,572 career points, a number that still ranks her among the Lady Vols' all-time top 15.

McCray graduated from Tennessee in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in sports marketing. She is married to Thomas Penson, and the couple has a son, Thomas Nikson Penson born Feb. 1, 2013. She was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2014.

The McCray Capsule

Coaching Experience
South Carolina, assistant coach, 2008-present
Western Kentucky, assistant coach, 2006-08

Playing Experience
Chicago Sky, WNBA, 2006
San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA, 2005
Phoenix Mercury, WNBA, 2004
Indiana Fever, WNBA, 2002-03
Washington Mystics, WNBA, 1998-2001
• Three-time WNBA All-Star, 1999, 2000, 2001
Columbus Quest, ABL, 1996-98
• ABL Most Valuable Player, 1996-97
• League Championship, 1996-97
USA Basketball, 1993, 1995-96, 1998-2000
• Olympic Gold Medal, 1996, 2000
University of Tennessee, 1991-95
• Two-time Kodak All-America, 1994, 1995
• Two-time Naismith All-America, 1994, 1995
• Two-time SEC Player of the Year, 1994, 1995

Other Notables
Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2014
Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012

Education
Bachelor of science in sports marketing, Tennessee, 1995

Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Nikki McCray is a winner on and off the court. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in November.



(Photo: WLTX)

Columbia, SC (WLTX) - When assistant women's basketball coach Nikki McCray was diagnosed with breast cancer, she said her first question was, "Am I going to die?". Since that moment, she's been determined to battle the disease and live for her family.

McCray was diagnosed last November after she noticed the lump in her breast while in the shower. She never imagined that it would be diagnosed as breast cancer, because she was still nursing her 9 month old son, she dismissed it as something associated with that.

McCray has always been vigilant about her health. Her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer 8 years ago so she understands the importance of a yearly mammogram.

McCray is a two time gold medal Olympic winner so being a competitor is who part of her character. She knew that she would need to be proactive in her treatment and prepared to attack the disease.

After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment she is doing well and excited about the upcoming Gamecock Women's Basketball Season.

Following an 11 year professional career, McCray moved into coaching in 2006.

McCray has become a powerful recruiter who helped USC land the nation's Number 2 recruiting class and the top player in the country this year..

McCray graduated from Tennessee in 1995.

She is married and the couple has a son.

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Friday, February 14, 2014

Gamecocks rally around McCray

By Mechelle Voepel
espnW.com

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- Dawn Staley and Nikki McCray were in the coaches' lounge at South Carolina on Sunday, watching the closing minutes of Washington's upset victory over Stanford.

Both expressed empathy for what Stanford's players might be facing the next day in practice with a perturbed coach Tara VanDerveer. They recalled one particularly grueling workout when they were playing on the U.S. national team coached by VanDerveer in 1995-96, when she was displeased with the squad.

"Did I have you on my team that day?" Staley asked McCray about a seemingly endless three-on-three drill. McCray answered, "Of course you did. You knew I wouldn't stop running."

Both cracked up at that memory, from when they were still young pros in their 20s, with Olympic gold medals in their future. Now they are colleagues who've worked together building the Gamecocks into the current No. 5 women's hoops team in the country.



The Gamecocks surprised Nikki McCray with pink "Play for Nikki" T-shirts at a home game Feb. 9. "We have been playing for her," sophomore Tiffany Mitchell said.

And they are dealing with what many women in their 40s have to face: the threat of cancer. This past November, McCray was diagnosed with breast cancer. Supporting her has been a rallying point for the entire South Carolina program.

"It has been really helpful to be busy in our season and get the energy from our team, our staff, our fans," McCray, 42, said. "Beating this starts with getting up every day: being active, watching what I eat, hydrating enough.

"I don't look at this as a negative. This has helped me learn so much and given me a chance to help other people who are facing cancer, too. We're sharing things -- like recipes, stories about how we cope. When they do their chemo treatments I call them, and vice versa."

McCray joined South Carolina as an assistant in 2008, when Staley took over the program. The Gamecocks are 22-2 overall and 10-1 atop the SEC. South Carolina travels to face No. 19 LSU on Sunday (ESPN2/WatchESPN, 3:30 p.m. ET) as part of Play 4Kay, an annual event in memory of legendary NC State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who died five years ago after a three-decade battle with cancer.

Like so many teams that have direct experience with someone facing cancer, Play 4Kay means something even more to South Carolina.

"

I have a mentality like I did when played: I'm going to fight this and beat this.

" -- *Nikki McCray*

In November, McCray discovered a lump during a self-exam, and the next day told Staley.

"I said, 'You've got to get that checked out,'" Staley said. "This wasn't something to mess around with."

The diagnosis came, and when she initially called Staley with the news, McCray broke down crying. But she quickly pulled herself together.

"From that day on, she's been great," Staley said. "She has taken it head-on. She said, 'I need to say it out loud every now and then, and not be afraid of it.'"

McCray has had incidences of cancer on both her mother's and father's sides of her family, so she had a genetic test done soon after she was diagnosed.

"I don't have the genetic trait," McCray said. "Once you figure out what kind of cancer you have, you can go from there. I knew my diet would have to change a lot. I try to do more natural foods, and more of a plant-based diet. I didn't think I could do that, but I actually feel so much better.

"I always watched my diet as a player, but once I became a coach ... you think of our lifestyle: the traveling, the long hours. You pick up a burger here and there, and you're careless about what you eat. So this has been a huge eye-opener for me. I have to feed my body the things it needs. I have to exercise. I have a mentality like I did when played: I'm going to fight this and beat this."

McCray has had three chemotherapy treatments, the most recent earlier this week. So far, she said, she has been very fortunate in that she tolerates the treatments well and has been able to keep working without extensive fatigue.

"I rest when I need to," McCray said. "Dawn has been great. She said, 'Your No. 1 priority is your health.'"

Eventually, McCray will need surgery, but she was been told that can wait until after the season. She meets with a support group of cancer patients. She has been flooded with good wishes from her former teammates from Tennessee, USA Basketball and the WNBA.

A native of Tennessee, McCray was a standout for the Lady Vols from 1991 through '95, then played in the ABL and the WNBA. After her retirement as a player in 2006, she began her coaching career as an assistant at Western Kentucky.



Nikki McCray played at Tennessee from 1991 to '95, played in the WNBA for eight seasons, and won gold medals at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics.

McCray was a finalist for a head coaching job elsewhere this past offseason, but instead stayed with

South Carolina. Staley is especially grateful for that now.

"She has her family, of course, but we're her family, too," Staley said of the South Carolina coaches, players and administrators. "Everybody in our circle can help her."

McCray has her immediate family assisting her at all times: Her husband, Thomas Penson, and his mother, Dorothy Penson, are always there in helping look after McCray and the littlest one in the family, Thomas Jr.

Nikki and Thomas' son was born Feb. 1, 2013. McCray refers to her mother-in-law as "my angel." Dorothy came to stay with Nikki and Thomas when Thomas Jr. was born and continues to help as a caretaker.

PLAY 4KAY

The annual Play 4Kay women's college basketball event helps raise money and awareness in the fight against women's cancers. To donate to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, visit www.kayyow.com.

"Knowing he has been in great hands is such a relief," Nikki said. "I think, 'Oh my goodness, if she wasn't here, how would I do it?' There are some times where he wants all your attention. Typically a few days after treatments, I notice my energy isn't there. And she has allowed me to rest and to be a better mom."

Last Sunday, the Gamecocks had their home Play 4Kay game against Arkansas. When McCray came into the locker room before the contest, she was surprised by the team decked out in pink "Play for Nikki" T-shirts.

"We have been playing for her," South Carolina sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell said. "We've tried to make everything as normal as possible for her. I feel like she's the kind of person to beat this disease. She's a strong individual, and she's helped us so much. She has a great team behind her."

McCray has tried to be all business at work, but she admitted the T-shirts made her emotional.

"I was getting ready to do the [scouting] report, and I burst into tears when I saw those shirts," McCray said. "I had to walk out for a minute. It was so touching to me. I've had great support. We're all in this together."

Lincoln McIlravy

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Lincoln McIlravy
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: John Krogstrand

Phone: 605.224.9261

Street Address: 804 North Euclid Avenue, Suite 102

City, State, Zip Code: Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Signed:

Date: November 10, 2012

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Lincoln McIlravy
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 4220 210th Street
(street address)

Solon, Iowa 52333
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 319.331.2051 Date of Birth: July 17, 1974

School Affiliation (if any) University of Iowa

City: Iowa City State: Iowa

Place of Birth: Rapid City, South Dakota Date of Retirement: 2003

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here]

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Lisa McIlravy

Address: 4220 210th Street NE, Solon, Iowa 52333

Phone: 319.331.2051

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Philip High School	Philip, SD	1992	HS Diploma
College/University: Univ. of Iowa	Iowa City, IA	1997	B.S.
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Please find this information in enclosed documentation, as compiled collaboratively between Lincoln McIlravy, Ken McIlravy (Lincoln's father) and SDHSAA Staff.

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

Please find this information in enclosed documentation, as compiled collaboratively between Lincoln McIlravy, Ken McIlravy (Lincoln's father) and SDHSAA Staff.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Several items for supplemental consideration have been attached, by way of published reports of accomplishments and commendations throughout Lincoln's career, beginning with his High School career in Philip, South Dakota.

Lincoln McIlravy

Lincoln McIlravy was born July 17, 1974, in Rapid City, SD, the youngest of four children. He has two brothers, Arthur and Clayton, and a sister, Christi (McArthur). Along with their parents, Kenneth & Linda McIlravy, they lived on a ranch in western South Dakota, near Philip.

McIlravy's wrestling career began at the age of 5. In his first tournament he placed 6th out of 7 wrestlers. After that first competition - with a hot dog in one hand and a pink ribbon in the other- he vowed **to be the best that he could be.** Over the next two decades, he became one of the most dedicated, exciting, and accomplished athletes in modern wrestling history.

He attended elementary school in rural Haakon County, and graduated with honors from Philip High School in 1992. He won five S.D. State High School wrestling titles, the first as an eighth grader. In 1993, while attending the University of Iowa on a wrestling scholarship, he married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Kjerstad. They have four children, Streeter, Sterling, Sayler, and Stetson, and reside on a small farm near Solon, IA. (4220 210th St. NE, Solon, IA. 52333 Ph: (319)331-2051.)

After high school he enrolled at the University of Iowa. In the next five years, he won 3 NCAA titles as a member of the Iowa Hawkeye wrestling team. In 1997, he graduated with a B.S. In Health, Fitness, Sport & Leisure. He also participated in the Performance Sciences' Elite Athlete program.

While in college and after, McIlravy was involved in numerous wrestling programs, including camps directed by Dan Gable and the University of Iowa. He was the featured speaker or clinician at many events across the nation. In addition, he developed his own camps and clinics.

From 1997-2001, McIlravy was an assistant wrestling coach for the Hawkeyes, all the while pursuing his own Olympic dream. He was sponsored by Gateway computers and was the sole member of the Gateway Wrestling Club. He won the Bronze medal at 69 kg during the 2000 Olympic Games, in Sydney, Australia.

In late 2001, McIlravy accepted a position with USA Wrestling as the men's resident freestyle coach at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Co. In 2003, he returned to Iowa to pursue his interests in the hospitality industry. He has since developed, owned, and managed hotels in Lincoln, Ne. and Coralville, Ia. His latest venture, a Homewood Suites hotel in the Iowa River Landing District, Coralville, Ia. is due to open at the end of 2012.

> **"South Dakota people are very hardworking and task-oriented. They will work however hard and do whatever it takes to complete a job, and that's what the sport of wrestling is all about."**
>
> Lincoln McIlravy

Youth Wrestling

1979-1985

During his youth wrestling career, McIlravy enjoyed the competition and interaction with fellow wrestlers. Many of those friendships last to this day. Although he wanted to win every match, he understood that failures were a part of the journey he had undertaken. He competed in many tournaments on the local, state, and national level. He was at times disappointed in his performance, but continued to persevere.

SD-USA Youth Wrestling - 2x State Champion, 5x place winner

USA Northern Plains Freestyle- 80# Champion, age 10 (first major title)

AAU Grand Nationals- 2x Champion, age 11

"His dedication to the sport of wrestling ...and his commitment to reaching long term goals is at a level that few achieve."

Bob Dolezal, Lincoln's youth wrestling coach



High School

1986-1992

McIlravy began his high school wrestling career in 1986 as a 7th grader. (Many smaller schools in SD allow Jr. High students to compete at the varsity level.) He was 12 yrs old, terribly under-sized, and lost twenty matches that first year. He knew that he was at a disadvantage in size and maturity, but he learned from the experience, improved his skills and prepared for the future. He spent hours studying video tapes of his own matches as well as those of world-class competitors like John Smith and Mark Schultz.

As an eighth grader, he felt prepared to take on the challenges of another high school season. By the end of that tour, he had defeated four of the top five ranked prep wrestlers in South Dakota and ended the year by winning his first state title at 98#. In 1987, Lincoln and his brother Clayton (132#) became the first wrestlers ever to win state wrestling titles for Philip High School. Lincoln earned a state title in each of the next four years, making him one of the most successful wrestlers in state history.

Overall Record- 200-25

Consecutive wins- 129 (1990-1991-1992) school record

Takedowns- 208 (1990-1991) school record

Consecutive pins- 16 (1990-1991) school record

7th grade- 98#, 21-20 (dnp)

8th grade- 98#, **District, Regional, and State Champion 1988**

9th grade- 112#, **District, Regional, and State Champion 1989**

10th grade- 125#, **District, Regional, and State Champion 1990**

11th grade- 152#, **District, Regional, and State Champion 1991**

12th grade- 152#, **District, Regional, and State Champion 1992**

Team **Captain**-2 yrs

Team **'Most Valuable Wrestler'**-3 yrs

Team **'Best Hustler'**-5 yrs

1990-- **Cadet National Freestyle 143# Champion** (67 wrestlers in his class)

Cadet World Freestyle Championships Budapest, Hungary, 7th place

1991- SD State HS Tournament **'Most Valuable Wrestler'**

SD Wrestling Coaches Assn. **'South Dakota Wrestler of Year'**

Junior National Freestyle 143# Champion (119 wrestlers in his class)

Junior World Championships Cali,Columbia, (dnp)

1992- Fun in the Sun **'High School Dream Team'** for "Center Mat" magazine

#1 Ranked 149.5# wrestler by USA Junior national pre-season poll

First team **'High School Dream Team'** by "Wrestling USA"

Named one of **'Top 25 High School Wrestlers in the nation'** by "USA Today"

AWN **'High School All-American Team'** by National Wrestling Coaches Assn.

First team **'Asics Tiger All-American'**

National Record Holder:

Most High School Tournament Wins (36)

Most High School Championship Titles (4)

McIlravy was involved in a wide range of other activities, including:

Future Farmers of America
National Honor Society
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
TORCH & DARE (drug awareness programs)
Class officer
Band & Chorus
Cross-Country (two years, varsity)
Golf (two years, varsity)
Track (one year, varsity)

In 1991, McIlravy was the featured speaker at the FCA breakfast held during the South Dakota State High School wrestling tournament. His topic was "Commitment to Excellence."

"...he's one-in-a-million. Frankly, I don't think somebody like him comes along that often."

Dan Mahoney, McIlravy's HS wrestling coach

College

1992-1997

In 1992, McIlravy was one of the most highly recruited high school wrestlers in the nation. He entered the University of Iowa that fall planning to red-shirt his freshman year. However, he was inserted into the Hawkeye lineup later that first season. After struggling initially, he placed 2nd in the Big Ten tournament and qualified for the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. He entered the tournament seeded 5th. In the semi-finals, he defeated #1 seed Shannon Gillespie of Lock Haven 12-7. In the finals, he managed to win one of the most exciting come-from-behind victories in tournament history, defeating #2 seed Gerry Abas of Fresno State, 16-15. McIlravy is one of the youngest NCAA champions in history.

"Lincoln McIlravy doesn't understand the concept of quitting."

Dan Gable, University of Iowa Head Coach

Overall College Record: 96-3-12

NCAA Champion-- 1993, 1994, 1997 named **'Outstanding Wrestler' in 1997**

NCAA Finalist-- 1995

Big Ten Champion-- 1994, 1995, 1997

Big Ten Finalist-- 1993

1992-- University of Nebraska- Omaha tournament Champion & **'Outstanding Wrestler'**

1993-- NCAA **'Freshman of the Year'**

University of Iowa **'Most Courageous Wrestler'**

SD Sportswriters Assn. **'Independent Male Athlete of the Year'**

1994-- University of Iowa **'Most Dedicated Wrestler'**

All-Big Ten Academic Team

NCAA Academic All-American 1st Team

1995-- Northern Plains Regional tournament Champion & **'Outstanding Wrestler'**

Big Ten **'Athlete of the Year'**

1996-- Sunkist Open Champion

New York Athletic Club Champion & **'Outstanding Wrestler'**

USA Wrestling National Team (alternate)

1997-- Midlands Open Champion

1998-- Midlands Open Champion & **'Outstanding Wrestler'**

3x "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities"

2x **'Most Valuable Wrestler'** University of Iowa (1995-1997)

2x **Iowa Wrestling Team Captain** (1995-1996)

2x "Successful Farming" magazine **'All-American Farm Team'** Captain (1995-1996)

"Lincoln McIlravy is, without a doubt, the best college athlete in the country."

John Smith, 2x Olympic Gold medalist,
& Oklahoma State Univ. Head Coach



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Lincoln McIlravy jumps into the arms of assistant coach Jim Zalesky after winning his title

Senior Olympic Freestyle

1997-2000

After finishing his college career in 1997, McIlravy turned his attention to national and international freestyle wrestling.

> **"Lincoln McIlravy will be on our Olympic team in four years. It would take a super-human effort for any collegiate wrestler to beat him this year"**
>
> Carl Poff, Lockhaven Univ. Head Coach

From 1997 - 2000, he won four consecutive USA National Freestyle titles, the first at 68 kg, followed by three consecutive titles at 69 kg. He was named **'Outstanding Wrestler' in 1997**. He also won three consecutive World Team trials and the 2000 USA Olympic trials.

His international accomplishments include:

3x World Cup Champion 1998-1999-2000

1998-- **Good Will Games Champion**

World Bronze Medalist

1999-- **Pan-American Games Champion**

World Silver Medalist

2000-- **Olympic Bronze Medalist**



NCAA National Champion
1993 • 1994 • 1997

US National Team
1997

GATEWAY2000

Throughout the years of competition, McIlravy maintained a firm faith in God, and a commitment to excellence. He was generous with his time in helping others, and humble in accepting their advice and encouragement.

He was actively involved in many service and faith-based organizations, including McCrossan's Boys Ranch, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Athletes in Action. He used his speaking, counseling,and instructional skills acquired over the years to serve these groups and others across the country. He volunteered because he wanted to encourage people, especially young people, to pursue their dreams and to teach them how to achieve their goals.

As a wrestler, McIlravy was focused, intense, relentless. One of his opponents remarked that McIlravy **"takes the match to a level of intensity you never knew existed- a level you never experienced before and hoped you would never experience again!"** Brian Harper, Michigan State University.

After the competition was over, McIlravy would relax and spend time engaging young fans and their parents. He often gave his medal or chart to a youngster in attendance. He was usually the last competitor to leave the arena, sharing time with people and signing autographs.

In 2000, after his last USA National Freestyle championship, he was approached by a young couple whose son admired Lincoln McIlravy immensely. He only met the couple on this one occasion-just minutes after the awards ceremony. They related a story of how their son had attended a Lincoln McIlravy camp, and how their son was so inspired and impressed by that experience. Tragically, the young man lost his life in an accident later that summer.

The couple- never having met nor seen McIlravy wrestle before- traveled across the country to watch the National Tournament. They hoped to reconnect with an important piece of their son's life by attending one of McIlravy's last major competitions. McIlravy, moved by the story, offered his condolences and gave them his last National Freestyle Championship award (a huge wood and bronze plaque). They graciously accepted his gesture of kindness.

Life After Wrestling

2004-2012

After McIlravy retired from wrestling, he began a new career- developing and managing hotels and commercial properties in Iowa and Nebraska. Since leaving the sport, he has been honored for **being the best that he could be**.

1990's-- **Philip High School Hall of Fame**

1999-- **First Team College 'All-Decade Team' 150#**

2002-- **South Dakota Wrestling Hall of Fame**

2008 –**Iowa Hawkeye Hall of Fame**

2010-- **'Distinguished Member' National Wrestling Hall of Fame**

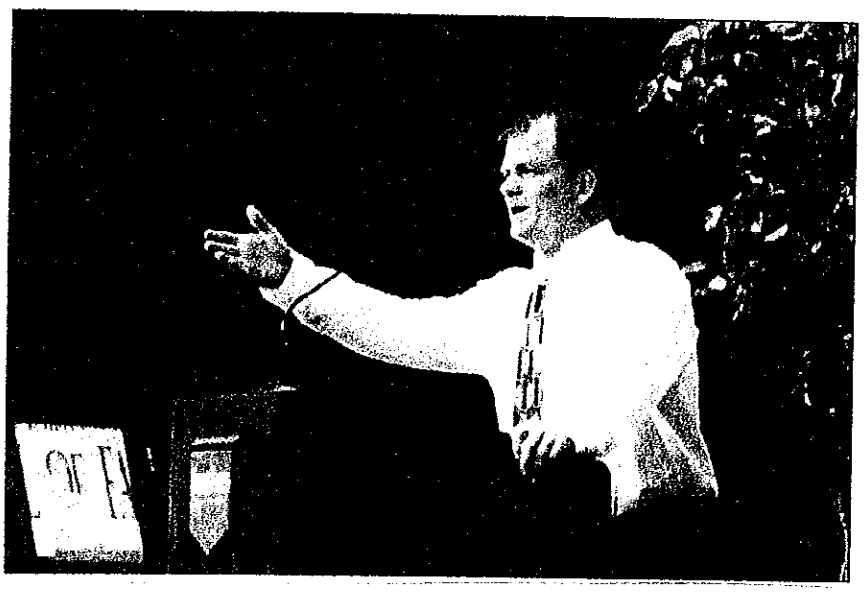
2011-- **'Top Ten All-Time Iowa Wrestler'**

2012-- **South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame**

At the age of 38, as a husband, father, community leader and businessman, he continues the journey with a passionate "Commitment to Excellence."

"Lincoln McIlravy exceeded everyone's expectations but his own... he never forgot that the journey was just as important as the destination."

Ken McIlravy, Lincoln's dad



Letters of Recommendation

SOUTH DAKOTA

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Wayne Carney
Executive Director

November 10, 2012

NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46026

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the South Dakota High School Activities Association nominates Lincoln McIlravy for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame under the "Athlete" category. Lincoln is one of, if not the, most accomplished wrestler in the history of the state of South Dakota, including his phenomenal levels of success at all levels of competition, especially during his high school career. Perhaps more important is the manner in which Lincoln handled his level of unrivaled success; he continues to do all things with a sense of humility and perseverance that we should all hope to emulate.

Lincoln's accomplishments continue to rack up, but it is his level of accomplishment on the high school level while attending Philip (S.D.) High School that is the main rationale for this nomination. Lincoln was a three-sport athlete throughout his high school career, but is most recognized for his accomplishments on the wrestling mat. While in High School, Lincoln was a Five-Time District, Region and State Champion individual wrestler in SDHSAA competition. Lincoln's work ethic and drive also enabled him to represent our country several times while he was still enrolled in High School, including multiple meets against international competition on foreign soil. Upon graduating from High School in 1992, Lincoln held two National records as recognized by the NFHS – Most High School Tournament Wins & Most High School Championship Titles.

Lincoln's success continued throughout his collegiate and Olympic careers, where he went an unbelievable 96-3 in Division-I competition, won three individual National Championships, and was a Bronze Medalist during the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. While Lincoln may have never captured gold on the level of world-wide competition, he is still recognized as one of the top wrestlers in International Competition that has ever competed for the United States.

Throughout his competitive and post-competition career, Lincoln has worked to make an impact in the lives of others, both knowingly and unknowingly. Perhaps the most intriguing story that we encountered as we compiled the information for our nomination of Lincoln revolves around his ability to relate with up-and-coming wrestlers from around the country. It was a common practice for Lincoln to give away his awards, brackets or other material items he earned through

his on-mat victories to young fans that were interested in the sport. There is no "shrine" to Lincoln in the McIlravy house; most of those material items have been given out to well-wishers throughout the country.

One particular story about Lincoln's generosity stands out to us: Lincoln spent much of his summers during his college and international careers assisting with running camps and clinics for high school and youth wrestlers. During one such camp, a young man became very close with Lincoln and forged a lasting bond for both men. Tragically, the camp attendee would lose his life just months after the camp as the result of an automobile accident. This young man's parents, who had never met Lincoln, ventured from one coast to the other to attend the National Freestyle Wrestling Championships to watch Lincoln compete and hopefully feel a connection to this man that made such a profound impact on their deceased son's life.

Following that competition, Lincoln took the time to sign autographs and meet with several well-wishers and fans, as is his usual practice. The parents of this young man introduced themselves to Lincoln, and despite having just finished competing, Lincoln spent a significant amount of time visiting with this grieving family. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, Lincoln made yet another selfless gesture, handing over his National award to the pair of parents as a token of condolence. This award was quite sizable, and was one of the final items that Lincoln would ever win during his competitive career.

It is from unearthing countless stories like these that we give our full and complete recommendation for Lincoln McIlravy for the National High School Hall of Fame. It is quite clear the Lincoln's life story meshes the NFHS Hall of Fame's organizational motto: "recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports and fine arts in the United States." We simply cannot think of a better representative for such a prestigious organization as what Lincoln McIlravy would be, and strongly encourage his inclusion to the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

John Krogstrand
Asst. Executive Director
SD High School Activities Association



November 6, 2012

National Federation of High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I would like to submit a letter of recommendation for Lincoln McIlravy to the National High School Hall of Fame.

From the very beginning in Lincoln's freshman year at the University of Iowa, I know we had someone very special in attendance. Lincoln's wrestling skills and his competitiveness was developed before he stepped foot in a college setting. As a matter of fact, his academics and way of life were established and in good form as well.

Lincoln is very unique, so much that it is hard to categorize him with anyone. His special traits make him successful in all he does and he continues to do so through his family and in his profession.

Some of his winning achievements have been multiple State and National Wrestling titles along with World and Olympic medals. Along with his individual titles, championship teams were created as a captain under his watch.

His family has been nothing short of bragging rights and his business ventures are quickly becoming well known. His strong forth and commitment has helped guide his whole life.

Lincoln should be given strong consideration and hopefully induction into this fine Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Dan Gable

Dan Gable
National High School Hall of Fame Inductee

Dear Selection Committee:

This letter is in regard to Lincoln McIlravy and his nomination for the National High School Hall of Fame. Having known him for the past twenty-seven years, through teaching and coaching (I was his wrestling coach from 6-12th grade), I can assure you he is well deserving of this honor!

Being a student/athlete at Philip High School, Lincoln formed some very positive and lasting relationships among coaches, referees, teachers, administrators, parents, and students. He was and still is a leader and a role model not only at Philip High School, but for the community and state as a whole. Lincoln has always done what was expected of him while positively encouraging our young people and parents. Furthermore, Lincoln did a tremendous job of helping the less- talented become better while building up their self-esteem in the process.

His record speaks to his excellence as a South Dakota wrestler. However, what many people don't know is what Lincoln was like in the practice room. Our practice room, day in and day out, was tougher competition than most of our tournaments. There was an expectation in this room to come in and get better every day. Lincoln helped to create this attitude along with several of his teammates. I remember a quote I always shared with these wrestlers: "To be successful, you have to be willing to do things that other people won't." It was obvious that he really lived by this quote. Nobody worked harder, longer, or did extra more than Lincoln did. He was a great teammmate who not only pushed our team to get better, but would spend as much extra time on the mat with anyone who needed him.

He was a three time National Champion for the University of Iowa and later a Bronze Medalist in the 2000 Olympics. Sports Illustrated (Swimsuit addition) called me and asked what it had been like to coach Lincoln McIlravy. My reply was: "He's one in a million, but personally I don't think someone like him comes along that often!" It was truly an honor to be his coach.

While in high school Lincoln acquired many wrestling honors. Some, but not all, are as follows: FIVE TIME South Dakota State Champion, "Outstanding Wrestler" of the state tournament, a USA Wrestling Junior National Freestyle Champion, USA Wrestling Cadet National Freestyle Champion, Junior World Team member, Cadet World Team member, USA Wrestling Northern Plains Regional Champion, and last but not least, Lincoln went undefeated his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons!

Along with his wrestling achievements, Lincoln excelled in many other areas in high school. Some of these would be: Member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, active in the Evangelical Free Church, and through the World Vision Organization he began sponsoring a child in Haita in 1990, when he was only a sophomore in high school. These accomplishments speak volumes as to his character.

Finally, just looking at his outstanding accomplishments since his 7th grade year, it is obvious that Lincoln McIlravy was an amazing student-athlete in the state of South Dakota. More importantly, the character and integrity that Lincoln possesses speaks to what a truly great man he is, and he has proven himself to be successful in all areas of life as he is a happily married, family man and a successful entrepreneur.

If you have any questions or need other information, please do not hesitate to call. My home phone is (605) 716-9614, cell phone is (605) 391-9614, and work phone is (605) 394-4023.

Sincerely,

Dan Mahoney

Dan Mahoney
S.S. Teacher/Co-Department Chair

NAVAL ACADEMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

October 8, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Lincoln McIlravy. I have known Lincoln approximately twenty years. I have known Lincoln in a coach athlete relationship, as a coaching colleague, and as a friend. I have had the opportunity to observe him in a number of situations and settings.

First and foremost, Lincoln is a people person. He always did an excellent job of building rapport with his teammates, coaches, and his competitors via his encouragement, positive disposition, and his great dry sense of humor. He has a gift of making people feel good about them selves and his laugh is contagious.

Secondly, Lincoln has a curious mind which includes extensive reading, teaching him self how to break down a motorcycle & put it back together, as well as, studying business models. He is extremely verbal and communicates well.

Lincoln understands the hard work and commitment it takes to be successful, he has proven it on and off the mat. Lincoln's wrestling accomplishments, 4x NCAA finalist, 3 x NCAA Champion, 2000 Olympic Bronze medalist, 1999 World Silver medal, 1998 World Bronze medal, 1998 Goodwill Games Champion, & 1999 Pan Am Champion makes him one of the most accomplished wrestlers in United States history. I have truly enjoyed my relationship with him and have greatly benefited from his personal friendship.

If anyone deserves to be in a Hall of Fame Lincoln McIlravy is the model you would want to have. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me. (W) 410-293-3011 (C) 443-758-6972.

Sincerely,

Bruce Burnett
Head Wrestling Coach
United States Naval Academy
1996 & 2000 Olympic Coach

White Pine County School District

1135 *Avenue* C *Ely, Nevada 89301* (775) 289-4851 *FAX* (775) 289-3999

September 16, 2012

Dear Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure and honor to provide a letter of recommendation for Mr. Lincoln McIlravy! I am not sure that I have the vocabulary and literary skills needed to adequately describe the type of individual Lincoln is or the impact he has had on a vast number of people. He has, and continues to touch the lives of people in a far ranging sphere of influence.

I first met Lincoln in 1980 while a coach of the Philip community youth wrestling program. Lincoln was in first grade and it was evident from the start that he was a special individual. His dedication to the sport of wrestling and his work ethic and commitment to reaching long term goals is at a level that few achieve. As I observed him through his elementary school years and into high school it never ceased to amaze me at his focus, not just on sports, but on life as a whole. While he dedicated himself to honing his skills on the mat he kept the rest of his life in balance and took time to assist others in a variety of ways. He maintained an outstanding academic record, provided service to others, especially other young people, understood the importance of family and his spiritual life.

Over the years I have had the pleasure of watching Lincoln compete in local high school tournaments and on the national stage in college and in freestyle wrestling. It never ceased to amaze me how well he handled success; his humility and sportsmanship are truly genuine! He never boasts of his accomplishments and, in fact, will never mention them to anyone unless they bring it into the conversation. I have witnessed him visit for extended periods of time with individuals who were discussing their wrestling or other sports accomplishments and never mention to them that he is a national champion several times over or an Olympic medalist. He is an outstanding role model and an individual and one who has had a significant impact on the life of my own son. As a high school and college student he was cognitive of the fact that he was a role model and hero to many young people, He never disappointed! I know he has taken the same level of commitment he gave in sports into his adult life! He is the epitome of what one would want in a son, spouse, father, friend or employer! He is most deserving of membership in the National High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Bob Dolezal

Bob Dolezal
Superintendent

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Bob Dolezal, Superintendent

Dear Selection Committee:

Many see wrestling as an individual sport; a one-on- one, "who's tougher, me or you?" To this point, few were "tougher" than Lincoln McIlravy. Lincoln amassed five South Dakota state individual championships, a Cadet National championship, and a Junior National title, all before an extremely successful career at the University Of Iowa (3 NCAA titles). Then there were the international results: Silver and Bronze at the World Championships, and an Olympic Bronze Medal in 2000. These accomplishments alone make him one of the elites of the elite.

There is also a team side to wrestling. This side is seldom mentioned, but it can have a great impact on the lives of people and a community well beyond an athlete's competing years. Lincoln's accomplishments in this area are equally remarkable.

Lincoln's work ethic and desire to achieve greatness helped change the culture of our high school team in Philip, SD. Teammates' attitudes toward practice, hard work, and each other improved with him on the team. His energy and passion for the sport was intense and motivated others. He was a great workout partner. I imagine he knew that if he was going to be successful, he needed those around him to be successful, and he would gladly help. Whether it was before school doing buddy carries, biking miles and miles during Christmas break, or drilling takedowns during the summer in his parents' basement, he was always available, encouraging, and often suggested doing the extra. These qualities: passion, a strong work ethic, and willingness to surpass expectations are so important and beneficial throughout life to not only him but also his teammates.

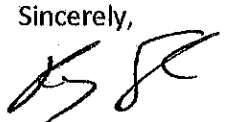
There were others on the team who helped grow and improve the culture through hard work and success. Quite honestly, many helped "raise the bar". Lincoln just raised it higher, was able to get more people "on the bus", and for a longer period of time. Bear in mind, his contribution to the change in culture started his very first year of varsity, as a 7th grader, and continued for many years after high school. He returned to Philip to host summer wrestling camps for area youth, and he was a clinician at camps for his former high school coach, who had taken a position at another school in the area.

His contributions to the wrestling program also affected the town of Philip. He created an interest and following from local residents, some not even associated with the wrestling program. He was approachable by young and old, knowledgeable fan, or casual observer. Attendance at meets grew, fans would meet the team and "caravan" into town after state tournaments, and more kids participated in wrestling. In addition, taking it a step further, his success helped put Philip on the map. During his college years, he was instrumental in having the University of Iowa wrestle a dual meet in Philip. Later, when Lincoln was competing internationally, he helped Philip host a wrestling meet between the USA and Russia. That is quite an honor for a small, quiet town of 1000.

In summary, Lincoln's tremendous individual accomplishments certainly speak for themselves. However, his contributions to his hometown and high school program are also very noble and worthwhile. Furthermore, the qualities which he helped foster in his teammates: determination, a diligent work ethic, and the willingness to do the extra to achieve goals are invaluable.

I certainly hope this letter has an influence on your decision to place Lincoln in the National High School Hall of Fame. It would be a nice way to pay him back for the attention, respect, and sheer class he brought to the sport of wrestling and for the lives he positively influenced.

Sincerely,



Ray Coyle (Philip High School Wrestling teammates 1986-1989)

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National High School Hall of Fame
Selection Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to provide a letter of support for the nomination of Lincoln McIlravy and I am very happy to do so. Mr. McIlravy was a student-athlete at the University of Iowa during the period of time when I served as Director of Athletics.

Lincoln was a truly gifted athlete who optimized his talent with a remarkable work ethic. He was a rare three-time NCAA champion and was named 'The Outstanding Wrestler' at the 1997 tournament. Lincoln completed two undefeated seasons while at Iowa and lost only three times during his entire collegiate career. He was a truly dominant competitor.

Additionally, Lincoln graduated on time while training for competition at the international level. His post-collegiate competition culminated in a bronze medal in the 2000 Olympic Games. Since that time Lincoln has remained active in the Iowa City/Coralville community while building a very successful business enterprise.

It is without hesitation that I endorse the nomination of Lincoln McIlravy to the National High School Hall of Fame. Mr. McIlravy represents all of the best elements of the student-athlete experience.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bowlsby, II
Commissioner

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Attn: John Krogstrand

Dear Sirs:

I'm advised that Lincoln McIlravy has been nominated for induction into the SDHSAA Hall of Fame. I think no one could be more deserving.

I had the great good pleasure to witness this young man's accomplishments in high school, in college and beyond. His high school accomplishments, in particular, are worthy of his nomination.

I doubt that many other wrestlers in this State have won five consecutive state championships, not to mention championships earned at a very young age in youth wrestling, USA Northern Plains Freestyle, and AAU Grand National.

Throughout his high school years, and even earlier, Lincoln demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to his sport. No one worked harder, smarter or longer in his development. Certainly, he was the most self-motivated individual athlete I have ever had the pleasure to know and watch.

I would go so far as to say that among all of the outstanding wrestlers we have seen compete in wrestling over the years in Philip High School, no one tops Lincoln McIlravy for accomplishments.

I strongly urge SDHSAA to consider Lincoln's nomination favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph A. Kemnitz
RAK/pw

Support Data

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Six young wrestlers place at State Wrestling Tournament

Six of eleven young wrestlers from the Philip area placed in the top four at the State Wrestling Tournament at Mitchell March 23-24. A total of 886 wrestlers participated.

Lincoln McIlravy was Philip's only first place winner. He wrestled at 60 lbs. in the 10-years-and-under age group. In the 80 lb., 10-years-and-under division, Billy Konst finished second in the state and Kevin Pinney in the 138.5, 15-16 age group also finished second. At 70 lbs., Joshua Smith finished third in the 10-years-and-under age group and Chase Williams and Clayton McIlravy each finished fourth. Williams wrestled in the 85 lb., 11-12 age group and McIlravy in the 90 lb., 13-14 age group. All of the wrestlers performed well, according to coach Mike Coyle, and with a break here and there, even more could have finished in the top four. Also making the trip to the state tournament were wrestlers Tracy Owens, Brad Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Jeff Nelson, and Mark Radway.

Coach Coyle said there will be a Non-Qualifiers Invitational Youth Wrestling Tournament Saturday, March 31st in the Philip Armory with matches set to begin around 10:00 MDT. A number of teams have been invited to compete in this tournament which is held for all those wrestlers who did not qualify for state tournmament competition.

UNION CENTER TRIANGULAR

Youth wrestlers from Philip, Union Center, and Newell took part in the Union Center Triangular Saturday, March 24th at Union Center. The results:

Age 6 and under (Lightweight): 2nd - Chad Ramsey; 3rd - Mike Husband; 4th - Aaron Knutson. 6 and under (Medium weight): 2nd - Kelly Fees. Age 7-8 (Lightweight): 1st - Scott Husband; 4th - Tim Noteboom; 5th - Zack West. Age 7-8 (Light-Medium weight): 2nd - Brit Matt; 3rd - Brad Kuchenbecker. Age 7-8 (Middle weight): 1st - Josh Anderson; 3rd - Ryan Carley. 7-8 (Heavyweight): 3rd - DJ Rush; 4th - Jasper Williams.

Age 9-10 (Lightweight): 4th - Chris Walker. Age 9-10 (Medium weight): 1st - Brandon West; 3rd - James Gyles. 9-10 (Heavyweight): 1st - Lance Pearson; 2nd - Shane Matt; 3rd - Brian Pearson; 4th - David Anderson. Age 11-12 (Lightweight): 2nd - J.P. Jones; 3rd - Joe Carley. Age 11-12 (Heavyweight): 1st - Ray Coyle; 2nd - Ryan Seager. Age 13-14 (Heavyweight): 2nd - Cody Knutson.

Philip claims two state champs--4th in the state --Scotties place 5 out of 7--, Goals to the top--

It's almost impossible to choose the right headline for a story like this, but no matter how you say it, Philip is definitely proud of their wrestling team, which was obvious from the car caravan turnout.

The wrestlers were welcomed home this past Sunday, Feb. 21, when they returned from the state wrestling tournament held in Watertown. The Philip team advanced seven wrestlers to the tournament where five of the seven placed. After the wrestlers were ushered into town, they were hosted and roasted at the Philip Armory when Mayor Mike West proclaimed Sunday, February 21, as Wrestlers Day in Philip, South Dakota.

The Kenny McIlravy family pretty much had a dream come true experience as Lincoln, in the 98 pound weight class, was crowned the South Dakota State Champion, as was Clayton, a junior, in the 132 pound weight class.

Out of the five goals that the Philip wrestlers set at the beginning of the season, four of them were accomplished. They were: 1) Top 5 in the state (they placed fourth); 2) Win Districts (they did it with room to spare); 3) Top 3 in the Region (they placed second); 4) More team spirit (Coach Mahoney said, "They have it."); 5) Qualify everybody for Regions (they got eight out of 12 qualified).

It takes goals to reach the top and



The seven state wrestling qualifiers were from left to right: back row; Jim Eymer, Ross Williams, Mark Radway, Clayton McIlravy; front row; Ray Coyle, Lincoln McIlravy, Billy Konst.

the Scottie wrestlers have shown just that. Coach Dan Mahoney stated that it has been a very good year. "Our team has won six trophies this year, four firsts: Wall, Hot Springs, Onida and Districts. One second place, Regionals, and fourth place at State."

Coach Mahoney also stated that, "One thing about our team that made them successful, besides the hard work, was their team unity. When the going got tough, they seemed to stick together and get even tougher. (They don't quit ... any of them.)" Coach Mahoney also went on to add, "Of the seven that went to state, five of them (wrestlers) placed and out of the five, four will be returning next year."

(Continued on Sports Page)

Christian Athletes to hold breakfast

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be hosting a breakfast for the state Class B wrestling tournament that is being held at the Huron Arena this weekend.

The breakfast will be held at the Crossroads this Saturday at 9 a.m. The speaker will be Lincoln McIlravy, who is a student wrestler from Philip.

McIlravy will return to defend his state title and is trying for his fourth state championship title of his career. McIlravy captured his first title when he was only an eighth-grader in the 98-pound weight class. As a freshman he won the 112-pound state title and last year as a sophomore he was crowned the 125-pound champion. There have been only four people ever in the history of the state Class B wrestling tournament to win three titles.

"I just try to have fun and enjoy it. I don't feel any more pressure than I ever did," commented McIlravy.

"I don't look at it as going for four titles. I am just going for one, I have already accomplished the other three," added McIlravy.

McIlravy's older brother Clayton was a two-time state championship winner and is currently rated eighth in the nation in Division II where he wrestles for Augustana College. McIlravy also had one other brother that wrestled.

"I think I lost everyday at home. I never won. I couldn't ever beat my sister either until I was about 13 years old," reflected McIlravy.

McIlravy credits his dad for being the key to his success. "My dad is just great. He'll take me anywhere I want to go and wrestle," stated McIlravy.

McIlravy said that Fellowship of Christian Athletes makes it really easy for athletes to attend camp.

He said, "It's a great camp because you focus on both the sport and God. It is really inspirational because it helps you as a person. Both wrestling and God require commitment and that is what I am going to make my speech about."

McDonald's Hamburger

Philip wrestlers capture crowns

HURON – Lincoln McIlravy of Philip won his fourth straight state championship and Redfield got its second consecutive team title at the Class B state wrestling meet Saturday.

McIlravy, a junior, earned a 21-7 major decision over Stu Larson of Sully Buttes in the 152-pound final. He became just the fifth Class B wrestler ever to win four titles.

The Pheasants racked up 129.5 points without having an individual winner. They had three wrestlers in the finals. One of them was defending champion Fred Osborn at 112, who lost to Shayne Ludwig of Alcester-Hudson, 7-5.

Second in the team race was Tri-Valley with 111 points. Philip was third with 97.5.

Five other individuals repeated as champions. They are Brad Lhotak of Wagner at 119, Jay Swatek of Wagner at 135, Bill Konst of Philip at 145, Chad Lamers of Tri-Valley at 171 and Scott Pulse of Kimball at heavyweight.

Lhotak, Lamers and Pulse end their seasons undefeated.

Other champions are Brent Henrickson of Arlington at 103, Shannon Frewalt of Garretson at 125, Jared Johnson of Tri-Valley at 130, Chad Forman of Miller at 140, Bill DeWitt of Mobridge at 160 and Ryan Resel of Miller at 189.

TEAM STANDINGS

Redfield 129.5, Tri-Valley 111.0, Philip 97.5, Kimball 89, Parkston 89, Mobridge 88.5, Wagner 88.0, Gregory 75, Miller 68, Webster 62.5, Arlington 53.5.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

103 pounds—Brent Henrickson, Arlington, pin. Jason Konstanz, Scotland-Menno, 1:25.

112 pounds—Shayne Ludwig, Alcester-Hudson, dec. Fred Osborn, Redfield, 7-5.

119 pounds—Brad Lhotak, Wagner, dec. Todd Ziebart, Parkston, 8-5.

125 pounds—Shannon Frewalt, Garretson, dec. Brett Keller, Mobridge, 7-2.

130 pounds—Jared Johnson, Tri-Valley, pin. Todd Keller, Mobridge, 3:32.

135 pounds—Jay Swatek, Wagner, dec. David Frank, Gregory, 11-3.

140 pounds—Chad Forman, Miller, dec. Tobin Klinkhammer, Howard, 6-2.

145 pounds—Bill Konst, Philip, dec. Darrin Garry, West Central, 6-5.

152 pounds—Lincoln McIlravy, Philip, dec. Stu Larson, Sully Buttes, 21-7.

160 pounds—Bill DeWitt, Mobridge, dec. Jared Koller, Marion-Parker, 3-1.

171 pounds—Chad Lamers, Tri-Valley, pin. Adam Roth, Redfield, 1:51.

189 pounds—Ryan Resel, Miller, dec. Jason Shoemaker, Webster, 5-2.

Heavyweight—Scott Pulse, Kimball, dec. Joe Paulson, Redfield, 6-2.



MATT JOHNSON
Brighton, Colorado

Division: University
Age:22
Weight: 180.5 **Height:** 6'
High School: Brighton HS, CO
College: Iowa State
Club: Cyclone WC

Record: 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival Freestyle -1st; 1991 NCAA Championhips - 2nd; 1989 Espoir Nationals - 3rd; 1988 Junior Freestyle Nationals - 2nd; 1987 Junior Freestyle Nationals - 8th; 1986 and 1988 Colorado state HS meet - 1st

Outlook: Johnson returns for his junior year at Iowa State, after placing second in the NCAA's to Marty Morgan at 177 lbs. last year. He has the potential to win the whole thing this year.

He had a good summer, winning the U.S. Olympic Festival, and beating NCAA champ Mark Reiland there. Johnson is very tough on the mat, and has good defense on his feet. His biggest asset is his tenatious attack, and his great conditioning. He could become a top freestyler.



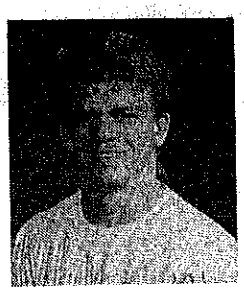
GLEN NIERADKA
Portland, Oregon

Division: Espoir
Age:19
Weight: 136.5 **Height:** 5'7"
High School: Tigard HS, OR
College: Oregon State
Club: Sunkist Kids

Record: 1991 Espoir World Team Trials - 2nd in both styles; 1991 Espoir Nationals - 2nd in both styles; 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival Freestyle - 2nd; 1990 Junior Greco-Roman Nationals - 1st; 1989 Junior Greco-Roman Nationals - 2nd; Four-time Oregon state high school placewinner

Outlook: Nieradka, who never won a high school title, has a great future in both college and international wrestling.

He had an excellent summer on the Espoir level, and returns to seek the national title. He is mentally tough, with good technical skills in both freestyle and Greco-Roman. He doesn't concede anything in a match. His twin brother Dave, a Junior World Team member in 1990, is a natural workout partner.



LINCOLN McILRAVY
Philip, South Dakota

Division: Junior
Age:17
Weight: 143 **Height:** 5'10"
High School: Philip HS, SD

Record: 1991 Junior Freestyle Nationals - 1st; 1990 Cadet Freestyle Worlds - 7th; 1990 Cadet Freestyle Nationals - 1st; 1990 US Open International - 2nd; Four-time South Dakota state HS champ

Outlook: McIlravy won an exciting overtime finals match at the Junior Nationals over tough Russ Hughes of Pennsylvania.

He is one of the most technically sound wrestlers in high school today. He puts much time into learning and watching good technique. Old fashioned hard work is the main reason that McIlravy has been successful, and is among the top college and international prospects in the nation.

A confident wrestler on the mat, he is afraid of no one. His confidence comes from good preparation and a proven record of success.

Philip's McIlravy wins state title

■ Wagner team champion; national record-holder Konst falls in finals at 145 pounds.

Special to the Journal

ABERDEEN — Wagner had three individual champions and outdistanced everyone to win the state Class B high school wrestling title Saturday night.

'B' wrestling

Wagner had 133 points. Kimball was second with 81½ and Miller third with 79½.

Winning titles for Wagner were Travis Slaba at 103, Brad Lhotak at 119, and Jay Swatek at 140. Wagner also had a runner-up in heavyweight Greg Krcil, and had one fourth-place finisher and another fifth-place finisher.

Lhotak and Swatek were among six defending champions who won another title.

The others were Shannon Frewaldt of Garretson at 130, Chad Forman of Miller at 145, Lincoln McIlravy of Philip at 152, and Ryuan Resel of Miller at 189.

Lhotak had to beat Shayne Ludwig of Alcester-Hudson in the finals. Ludwig was the 112-pound state champion last year.

The 145-pound title match also featured defending state champions: Forman, who won at 140 pounds last year, and Billy Konst of Philip, who won at 145 last year.

Konst's semifinal victory gave him a national record 212 career victories.

"I have to stay focused," said Konst after he set the record. After he lost to Foreman he said "I'm going to remember the day I set the record and the day I lost at state."

Konst and Foreman first faced each other in an eighth grade tournament.

"I think that's good that he can get the national record. I'm just glad I beat him the finals," said Foreman.

"I'm going to get you in college," responded Konst.

McIlravy won his fifth straight title and finished the season with a record of 34-0. Curry also finished unbeaten at 35-0.

The other unbeaten champion was 135-pound freshman Cory Wallman of Freeman-Marion. He finished the season with a 45-0 record.

Also winning titles were Jeremy Brady of Alcester-Hudson at 112, Todd Keller of Mobridge at 125, Stu Larson of Sully Buttes at 160, and Tate Blasius of Kimball at 171. Larson and Keller finished second last year.

Final Team Points

Wagner 133, Kimball 81½, Miller 79½, Philip 73, Parkston 72, Mobridge 69, Gregory 67, Alcester-Hudson 64, Hamlin 64, Marion-Freeman 62½, Howard 61½, Webster 57½, Redfield 46½, West Central 39, Deuel 37, Garretson 35½, Sully Buttes 32½, Harrisburg 32, Clark 31, Stanley County 31, Elk Point 27, McIntosh 24, Bon Homme 22, Beresford 20, Lemmon 20, Wall 20, Chamberlain 19, Gettysburg-Hoven 19, Bennett County 18, Scotland-Menno 16, Arlington 15, Canton 13, Faulkton 13, Harding County 13, Britton 12, Highmore-Crow Creek 11, Parker 10, Wessington Springs 10, Doland-Conde 9, McCook Central 9, Burke 8, Plankinton 5½, Aberdeen Roncalli 3, Flandreau 3, Tri-Valley 3, Sioux Valley 2¼, Chester 2, Northwestern 2, Platte 2, Lyman 1, Newell 1, Deli Rapids 0, Groton 0.

Championship

103: Travis Slaba, Wagner, d. Mike Mathis, Kimball, 4-0.

112: Jeremy Brady, Alcester-Hudson, d. Jeremy Larson, Webster, 7-6.

119: Brad Lhotak, Wagner, d. Shayne Ludwig, Alcester-Hudson, 6-4.

125: Todd Keller, Mobridge, d. Josh Klinkhammer, Howard, 9-1.

130: Shannon Frewaldt, Garretson, d. Brett Keller, Mobridge, 16-0.

135: Cory Wallman, Marion-Freeman, d. Kevin Haider, Redfield, 3-2.

140: Jay Swatek, Wagner, d. Jeremy Eimers, Parkston, 4:48.

145: Chad Forman, Miller, d. Billy Konst, Philip, 4-1.

152: Lincoln McIlravy, Philip, d. Dwayne Ingalls, 10-4.

160: Stu Larson, Sully Buttes, d. Matt Bruckbacher, Wall, 6-3.

171: Tate Blasius, Philip, d. John Vedral, Gregory, 5-3.

189: Ryan Resel, Miller, d. Chad Panning, West Central, 8-2.

Hwt: Andy Curry, Elk Point, d. Greg Krcil, Wagner, 6-3.

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Philip	**4**	**17**	**26**	**48**
White River	**14**	**21**	**39**	**67**

	Philip	Tigers
FG	19/58	21/39
FT	9/14	22/33
Rebounds	30	39
Turnovers	11	10
Fouls	29	16

Scoring: Philip: Jamie Gittings,13; Jeff Tusberg, 10; Kenner Cihak, 9, Brad Kuchenbecker and Mark Kampfe, 4; Kurtis Cihak, 2. **White River:** Cowboy Wright, 31; Lenny Petrick, 13; Myles Fairbanks and Troy Krogman, 7; Tuffy Morrison, 6; Newly O'Brian, 2 and Tate Bouman, 1.**Three pointers: Philip:** Kuchenbecker, 1; **White River:** Krogman, 2 and Fairbanks, 1.

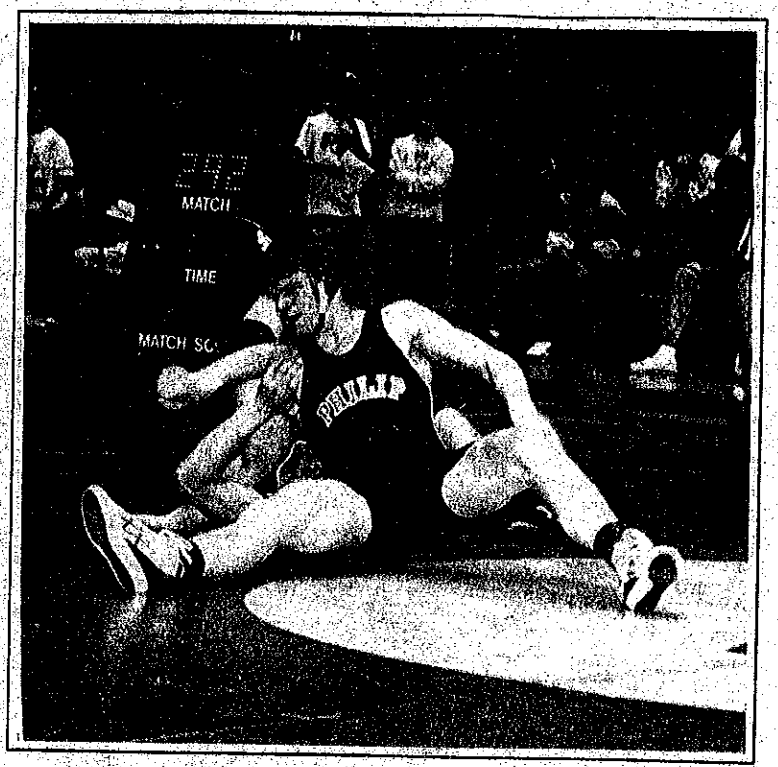
Rebounds: Philip: Kenner Cihak, 7, **White River:** Take Bauman, 10.

Philip	**10**	**17**	**31**	**50**
Stanley Co.	**12**	**30**	**56**	**73**

	Philip	Buffalo
FG	15/51	29/52
FT	17/34	12/18
Rebounds	35	36
Turnovers	20	18
Fouls	18	27

Scoring: Philip: Jamie Gittings, 18; Mark Labeau, 9; Kenner Cihak, 7; Kurtis Cihak, 5; Jeff Tusberg and Craig Burns, 3; Mark Kampfe, 2; Brad Kuchenbecker, Jason Winegar and Andrew Reckling, 1. **Stanley Co.:** Jeremy Cass, 15; Jason Thigh, 14, Tom Jacobsen, 13, Mike Hand and Danny Hughes, 7; Marty Hallock and Jered Lopour, 5; Jeb Hughes, 4; Jesse Cruse, 2 and Barry Jennings, 1. **Three points: Philip-**Jeff Tusberg, Craig Burns and Mark LaBeau,2. **Stanley Co.:** Jeremy Cass, Marty Hallock and Danny Hughes, 1.

Rebounds: Philip- Jamie Gittings, 18; **Stanley Co.-**Mike Hand, 8.



Championship style **... Lincoln McIlravy took control of his opponents on his way to a fifth state championship. Lincoln can now focus his attention on a national title and possibly the Olympics.**



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Championships

Marc Schulze, Rock Valley, dec. Peter Taft, Newman, 3-0.

Brian Follman, Cumberland-Anita-Massena, Hutlink, Hawarden West Sioux, 3:46.

Consolation

Semifinals — Scott Forseen, New London, Van Der Brink, Inwood West Lyon, 10-2; Matt ge-Little Rock, dec. Chris Clark, Jewell South t. Fifth Place — Van Der Brink pinned Clark, Place — Forseen dec. Kruger, 16-3.

Semifinals — Chad Miller, Stuart-Menlo, dec. m, Inwood West Lyon, 12-4. Fifth Place — Riverside Highland, dec. Koedam, 5-4.

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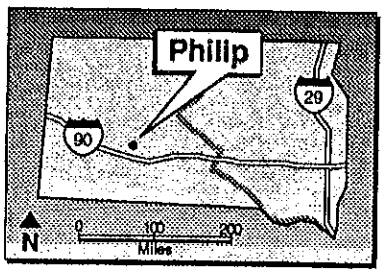
Philip's Lincoln McIlravy (top) wrestles Stu Larson of Sully Buttes in last year's state finals at 152 pounds.

Philip star sets sights higher than fellow S.D. wrestlers

By RON HOFFMAN
Argus Leader Staff

To most South Dakota high school wrestlers, competing in the state tournament is their biggest thrill. To Philip's Lincoln McIlravy, it's no big deal. He's got bigger goals: national titles and maybe even the Olympics.

McIlravy, a 152-pound senior who went for his fifth state title Saturday night in Aberdeen, is ranked No. 1 in the nation at 149.5 pounds in the junior freestyle division by USA Wrestling.



The past two years he has been a national champion. Two years ago he was seventh in the world championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Earlier this season wrestling legend Dan Gable, coach of the No. 1-ranked University of Iowa Hawkeyes, made a personal visit to Philip. McIlravy has signed to attend Iowa.

Three weeks ago, by invitation, McIlravy went to a camp with the "big boys" at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. He worked out with Townsend Saunders, former Arizona State star who is No. 1 in the nation at 149.5 pounds. Later this month he'll attend a similar camp in Oklahoma City.

"After my 10th-grade year, I decided I wanted to go freestyle and try to be the best in the nation," McIlravy said. "I'd wrestled a lot of freestyle before to help my high school wrestling. I decided I wanted my high school wrestling to help my freestyle."

McIlravy hasn't lost a high school match since Wall's Justin Patterson beat him late in his freshman season. In the last three seasons McIlravy has had only one takedown scored against him.

He entered this year's state tourney 30-0 with only one match going the distance, a 10-0 win over a Wyoming wrestler.

One thing that kept McIlravy from former Freeman star Kirk Wallman's mark of six state titles was his weight. As a seventh-grader he weighed almost 90 pounds and wrestled at 98. He was 21-20 that year and didn't even make it to the state tourney.

The next three years he won state titles, 13-10 over Garretson's Shannon Frewaldt, 5-0 over Britton's Riley Hill and 5-2 over Tri-Valley's Jared Johnson. Last year he beat Sully Buttes' Stu Larson 21-7 in the finals.

"I've definitely improved a lot — 100 percent," he said. "The summer wrestling and drilling have helped me. I've learned a lot more technique. I've learned a lot about the mind and breaking an opponent mentally.

"I'm wrestling real good right now. My technique is real smooth. I'm in great shape."

Philip coach Dan Mahoney said: "He's a real hard worker. He wrestles 12 months out of the year. He is very mentally tough, very mentally tough. He'll practice two, three times a day even in the off-season. Most kids would burn out, but he doesn't seem to do that."

McIlravy began wrestling at age 5, following brothers Arthur and Clayton onto the mat. He credits his parents, Ken and Linda, for much of his success. "They've made a lot of things happen for me, but they don't pressure me. They've been great."

During the high school season, McIlravy works out with Philip 145-pounder Billy Konst, who holds the national record for most wins in a career.

During the summer, when he seriously concentrates on his wrestling, McIlravy goes to the basement and works out on an old Wood High School wrestling mat alone or with Clayton, a two-time state champ who wrestles at Augustana College. He also rides his Schwinn Air-Dyne bike and does a lot of pushups and pullups. He works out pretty much seven days a week for 3½ to four hours a day.

It was last summer that McIlravy got his most prestigious victory, getting first in the USA Wrestling junior nationals. He went 10-0 in the three-day, double-elimination tourney. There were 119 wrestlers in his weight class.

"The last one went overtime," McIlravy said. "That was Russ Hughes of Pennsylvania. I wrestled his twin brother in the semifinals. In the first round I drew a kid I'd never beaten before. I've wrestled him six times and he's won five. There were probably at least 30-40 state champs there. Just being a state champ there doesn't hold a lot of weight."

That title brought the college recruiters out in force. He signed with Iowa in the fall.

"Usually I don't make up my mind about someone until after his senior season is completed," Gable said. "Lincoln was enrolled in the Iowa Wrestling Training Camp here last summer and because of that I was familiar with him and didn't see any reason to wait. I saw his work ethic. He sold himself."

The last South Dakotan to wrestle at Iowa was Rapid City's Randy Lewis, who became a National Collegiate Athletic Association and Olympic champion. Can McIlravy be that good?

"I hope so," McIlravy said. "I think so. He was a great one though. That's my goal. That's my drive. That's what keeps me motivated. For me to train for high school, it's kind of hard, but looking at my other goals it keeps me motivated."

Lincoln McIlravy's high school record

Year	Wt.	Record
7th	98	21-20
8th	98	37-2
Fr.	112	37-3
So.	125	36-0
Jr.	152	35-0
Sr.	152	33-0-*

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Philip track teams gear up for '91 season

"Overall, if the kids are willing, we've got a respectful group of athletes," said coach Jerry Rhodes, of this year's Philip High School boys' and girls' track teams.

"A lot depends on how much they're willing to put out. Hopefully there will be some surprises this year," he added. Rhodes noted that this year's teams look like they will be the strongest in the middle and long distance races.

A total of 71 students in junior high and high school are participating in track this year–43 boys and 28 girls. The seventh grade has 19 students in track and the eighth grade has 15. The freshman class is represented by 11 classmates. The sophomore class has nine, there are 10 juniors and seven seniors.

"There are some potentially excellent athletes in the junior high," said Rhodes. "I hope they stay interested in it through their school years."

There are 16 returning letter winners this year. Rhodes said he is looking at some positive leadership from Doug Kroetch, Mark Blakely, Matt Reedy and Lance Pearson. Others, Rhodes said, having an excellent year last year and should continue that trend this year, are Julie Brunskill, Kenner Cihak, Trace O'Connell, Kaarin Ekstrum, Kara Ramsey, Kirsten Fitzgerald and Brandon West.

Rhodes added the teams have some experience coming back this year in the field events. "Those should do well. They were getting more experience last year and they should pick up from where they left off and continue to improve this year."

The teams will travel to Kyle Thursday, March 28, to participate in a practice meet. Rhodes said this meet gives the students a chance to run against their competition and see what they need to improve on.

As for the season's outlook, Rhodes says it is too early to tell. "It will depend a lot on these younger kids and how they develop."

The Scotties' first official track [illegible] three referees oversee each

McIlravy wins at Laramie wrestling tournament



Philip's Lincoln McIlravy traveled to Laramie, WY, last weekend to capture first place at 143 pounds in the Rocky Mountain Regional Tournament sponsored by the USA Wrestling Association on the campus of the University of Wyoming.

McIlravy, who's ranked number two nationally by USA at 143 pounds, faced a weight class with 44 wrestlers. The final four in the class held 13 state high school championships. McIlravy won the S.D. Class A championship at 152 pounds earlier this year.

For Lincoln the highlight of the tournament came in the first round when he beat a competitor who had a technical fall against him in the same tournament two years ago. Wrestlers aren't seeded at these meets, they draw for opponents.

Lincoln wrestles free style in USA competitions. In free style wrestlers aren't allowed to ride an opponent for any length of time. Once a wrestler has taken his opponent down he has eight to ten seconds to turn the opponent or both are brought back to their feet to start again. Wrestlers compete for one five-minute period. Scoring varies from high school rules. A take-down only counts one point and scoring from tills is easier.

BOWMAN, N.D. — The third annual Bowman Tinman Triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 11.

For more information contact Russ Werth, The Grapevine, Box 955, Bowman, N.D., 58623.

Volleyball

Tech volleyball camps

The South Dakota Tech volleyball camps are scheduled at Goodell Gymnasium.

The junior high camp runs July 9 through 12 and the high school camp July 16 through 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The fee is $40. Call Barb Felderman at 341-2980 for more information.

Philip's McIlravy wins national title

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Philip's Lincoln McIlravy won the 143-pound title at the Cadet National Wrestling Tournament and became the first South Dakotan to win a Cadet national title.

Sixty-seven youths competed in the 143-pound division.

McIlravy defeated Oklahoma's Mark Smith, whose brother is Olympic gold medalist John Smith.

Mark had not lost in three years, but Lincoln won 11-2.

In the finals, McIlravy defeated Chris Bono, a two-time Florida state champion and an underclassman All-American, 9-2.

The title allows McIlrvay to become a world team member at ~~182~~ 143.

Only 11 wrestlers are on the world team.

He next competes in the world cadet championships in Budapest July 19-22.

McIlravy, who will be a junior this fall at Philip High School, has won three state wrestling championships.

Justin Hardy, Lead 242-pounder, placed sixth.

Boe Lintz most valuable

Boe Lintz of the Rapid City Rattlers was named Most Valuable Player in the state AAU boys basketball tournament.

The Rattlers had three players named to the all-tournament team, Brett Knapp, Greg Bruns and Mike Semmler.

Lindal Janis of Hot Springs, Lance Luitjens of Custer and Chris Stout of Pierre were also named to the all-tourney team.

Other members are Travis Benson of Flandreau and Cody King and Scott and Chad Boekelheide of Aberdeen.

Arrows hire volleyball coach

WATERTOWN (AP) — Beth Schutt, the volleyball coach at Arlington the past six years, has been hired as the first girls' volleyball coach at Watertown High School.

The school board recently voted to add volleyball after a review by the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights. The office received a sex discrimination complaint from a parent because the district had been offering seven high school sports for boys and six for girls.

Reminder

Thursday

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5 and 7:30 p.m.—Gillette, Wyo., at Post 22 split squad.

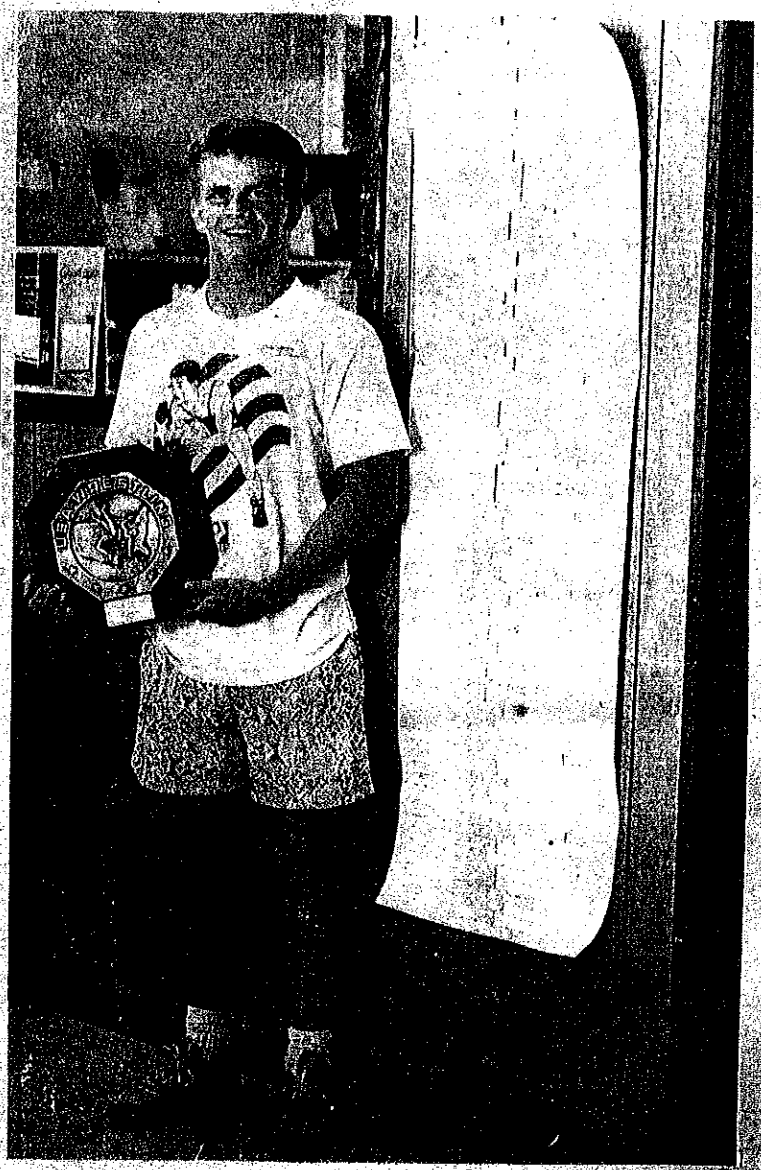
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editorial

McIlravy to compete in Hungary



Lincoln McIlravy is the first South Dakota wrestler to win a championship spot in the Cadet National Tournament held in Battle Creek, Michigan. He left Sunday, July 8, for Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he will train for a week with 10 other wrestlers before heading to Budapest, Hungary, as part of the United States team to compete in the World Cadet Tournament. Here he displays the plaque that came with his championship spot and the match chart showing his advancement and his opponents advances to the final rounds. A total of 67 wrestlers were in the 143 weight class.

For the first time ever, a South Dakota has won a championship spot in the Cadet National Wrestling Tournament and he's Philip's own Lincoln McIlravy.

Winning the championship earned McIlravy a place on the United States Cadet team that will participate in the World Cadet Championship in Budapest, Hungary.

McIlravy met 10 wrestlers in the 143 pound weight class at the tournament for 15 and 16 year olds in Battle Creek, Michigan the end of June. In the semi-final match he defeated Mark Smith from Oklahoma, 11-2. Smith hadn't lost a match in three years. In the championship match, where the best two out of three matches wins, he defeated Chris Bono of Florida, 7-4 and 9-2. Bono is a two-time Florida state champion and an underclassman All-American. There were 67 entrants in the 143 pound weight class.

McIlravy left Sunday, July 8, for Cedar Falls, Iowa, to train for a week before leaving for Budapest July 16. The tournament will be held July 19-22 with 22 countries participating. The coach for the United States team is Tadaaki Hatta, Arizona State University wrestling coach, and the assistant coach is Cliff Laughlin from Idaho. McIlravy said that most of the team's members are from Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.

Although he injured his back at the tournament and was sore for a couple of days he said, "I'm healthy now.

"The competitors should be pretty tough in Budapest. I feel confident, you can't let them get to you," he said.

When asked how he felt about this championship and being on the national team, "Good, it has been a for the last year and pretty big deal."

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McIlravy said that that he has received fro ily and the commun helped him a lot. He that he appreciates all has received from his everyone else.

He participated in Unified States Internat in Tampa the week bef det tournament. "I won es in a row and lost in 13-9, to a guy that is s be the best in America He also participated in ern Plains Regional N Storm Lake, Iowa, the fore where he also recei place.

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To: Lincoln McIlary

From: Mr. Greg Zavala
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Re: Letter of Appreciation

This is a short letter of appreciation and recognition for your performance at the Jr. World Championships in Cali, Colombia. As the Team Leader, I was able to observe your behavior and performance from the outside. As a team, we achieved our goals to do our best, in representing our country. Both teams performed well, placing 5th in Freestyle with 2 gold medals and a Bronze. Greco also did a great job by placing 6th with a bronze medal. As you were there, you can see the outstanding wrestling that is practiced all over the world.

I hope that your goal for the future, is to continue your wrestling career in respresenting the United States of America. I appreciate your hard work and your support during the this tour. You have made me proud of being part of a team that represented our country. If you any questions, please feel free to write or call.

Sincerely,

Greg "Z" Zavala
USA Team Leader

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McIlravy on USA Dream Team

Philip wrestler Lincoln McIlravy has been chosen for the *Wrestling U.S.A.* High School Dream Team.

Wrestling U.S.A. magazine selected McIlravy as the 160 pound member of the team in recognition of his outstanding wrestling abilities, academic achievements and good citizenship. His selection was made from nominations submitted by coaches, sportswriters and *Wrestling U.S.A.* state editors.

Lincoln, a five time state wrestling champion, was also chosen a high school All-American.

The Philip High School graduate has received a full athletic scholarship to Iowa State University.

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Philip wrestler honored

GLENDALE Heights, Ill. — Lincoln McIlravy, a Philip High School senior, has been named to the first annual "Fun-In-The-Sun" team, selected by Center Mat magazine to honor wrestlers with outstanding records in off-season competition.

McIlravy was named to the dream team at 143 pounds after winning the junior national (grades 9-12) freestyle championships at Warrensburg, Mo., in August. He won at the tournament's largest and most difficult weight class.

McIlravy also won the Rocky Mountain Regional Freestyle Championships in March. He is a four-time Class A state champion, moving up five weight classes to win at 152 pounds last year despite weighing about 10 pounds less.

Center Mat is the only publication devoted exclusively to following the nation's top high school wrestlers on a year-round basis, and also offers up-to-the-minute recruiting news.



Lincoln McIlravy: Athlete of the Month

Briefly

McIlravy signs to wrestle for Iowa

By The Associated Press

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Iowa wrestling recruit won state crown as 8th grader

By Associated Press

State shot put champion Paulette Mitchell will continue her track career at Nebraska, but another prep standout in the state will play baseball at Iowa.

Northern Iowa has signed another basketball player and Iowa signed a wrestler from South Dakota who won his first state championship when he was in eighth grade.

Mitchell, from Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, has won three straight Class 3A shot put championships. She threw 46 feet, 4 inches at the state meet last May, then set an all-time Iowa record of 48-2¾ at the National Junior Track and Field Championships.

That was the best outdoor throw by a high school athlete in the nation last spring.

Several schools contacted Mitchell, who narrowed the field to Nebraska, Iowa and Iowa State before choosing the Cornhuskers.

"I'm really comfortable with the people and the coaches," Mitchell said. "The campus is really nice. It's a fun campus."

Nebraska has won the last 12 Big Eight Conference women's outdoor championships.

Baseball player Kurt Belger of Creston has signed with Iowa. A two-time all-state pick, Belger batted .483 last summer with seven home runs and 75 RBIs. He also had a 15-0 pitching record with two saves and an earned run average of 0.52.

"Kurt is one of the top baseball players we've seen this year, and we feel very fortunate he has selected Iowa," coach Duane Banks said. "He's the kind of all-around player that will be able to do a lot of things for us. We're looking forward to him being a Hawkeye."

Northern Iowa basketball coach Eldon Miller signed 6-foot-3 guard Jason Daisy of Minneapolis. Daisy averaged 21 points and five assists for South High School last season and earned first-team all-Metro honors.

UNI earlier signed 6-1 Seth Anderson of Ames and 6-7 Warren Vandeven of Oakville, Mo.

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Two baseball players and two women's basketball players have signed with Iowa State.

Baseball Coach Bobby Randall signed pitcher Donald Kiviniemi of Omaha and Kory Kloewer of Stuart-Menlo. Kiviniemi was 5-2 with a 1.86 earned run average this past spring. Kloewer batted .436 as a junior and led his team with 29 stolen bases.

Women's basketball coach Pam Wettig signed 5-11 Christie Cauble of Brevard, N.C., and 6-2 Kristie Stuckenberg of Louisville, Ky. Cauble averaged 12.9 points and 6.7 rebounds last winter. Stuckenberg had averages of 11 points and 9 rebounds.

Three swimmers have signed with Iowa — Matt Mocharnuk of Mullica Hill, N.J.; Steven Rivers of West Chester, Pa., and Daniel Miles of Walnut, Calif.

McIlravy rises to Iowa wrestling stardom

BUCK TURNBULL
Moines Register

MES, Iowa — What the crowd of 12,007 ıessed Saturday night in Hilton Coliseum : the early arrival of a star in college stling.

lis name is Lincoln McIlravy and he is an a freshman.

lot too many years ago, he couldn't beat sister. Now he's the best there is in the egiate sport at 142 pounds.

he 18-year-old McIlravy, who wrestled in h school for Philip, S.D., became the first e freshman in the history of Hawkeye estling to win an NCAA title, storming m behind, 16-15, against Fresno State's rry Abas in the championship match.

When teammate Terry Steiner won the -pound title in similar fashion, scoring a last-second takedown to edge Penn State's Troy Sunderland, 8-7, Iowa's unexpected runaway victory was complete.

The Hawkeyes, with seven wrestlers finishing third or better, captured their third successive title by rolling up 123¾ points to bury second-place Penn State, which had 87½.


Lincoln McIlravy

McIlravy wasn't supposed to be a part of all this — but then, he's always arriving ahead of schedule, so maybe it wasn't too unusual.

"It seems that Lincoln has been pushed along a little too fast all through his career," said his father, Ken, a rancher in Philip.

"In South Dakota, it's permissible for kids in the seventh and eighth grades to wrestle in high school. Some of them are needed to fill out the lineups.

"Lincoln won the state title as an eighth-grader. When he got to high school, the coaches were always wrestling him up two or three weights — wherever they needed him, because he could beat everybody."

Everybody, that is, but sister Christie. Four years older than Lincoln, she's the one who toughened him up.

"To tell you the truth, she beat the crap out of him," said their father. "As a kid, Lincoln loved wrestling. He would always come up behind you and try different holds, but they wouldn't work on Christie. She'd deck him."

Once over that hurdle, he marched through the South Dakota high school ranks, winning five consecutive state titles.

He and teammate Billy Konst were legends in South Dakota. Konst, who now attends Augustana, set a national high school record with 212 victories. McIlravy won 200.

The plan was for McIlravy to redshirt this season, gaining maturity while Troy and Terry Steiner finished their Iowa careers.

But by February, it became apparent to coach Dan Gable that Iowa's Big Ten and NCAA supremacy would be threatened without some help. Troy Steiner agreed to drop to 134, making room for McIlravy in the lineup.

Nearly two months later, McIlravy was a national champion. And the Hawkeyes had the firepower they needed to win again.

National title capped McIlravy's dream season

Independent Male Athlete of the Year

By ROGER TOLAND
Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY — Lincoln McIlravy wasn't even supposed to be wrestling last year. But when University of Iowa wrestling coach Dan Gable wasn't pleased with his team's performance, he inserted McIlravy into the lineup.

Making the best of his opportunity, McIlravy helped Iowa to another national championship by capturing the NCAA's 142-pound crown.

McIlravy, who was a freshman from Philip, rallied from 8-5 and 9-8 deficits to beat Gerry Abas of Fresno State 16-15.

For his performance, the South Dakota Sportswriters' Association has named McIlravy its Independent Male Athlete of the Year.

"I wasn't really ready to wrestle in the championship match," said McIlravy. "When I got was down by five points I finally decided to wake up and wrestle."

McIlravy needed three takedowns, the last with only six seconds left, to capture the title.

Gable moved McIlravy into the starting lineup in mid-February.

"I was going to be red-shirted so I was going to work on my grades and work on getting better in the wrestling room," said McIlravy. "I worked out every day and wrestled in a couple of open tournaments."

McIlravy had to drop down a weight class and cut from 164 pounds to move into a varsity position.



Lincoln McIlravy

"We felt we had a chance to win the team title and I knew I had a good shot at winning; it was a matter of performing well," said McIlravy, a five-time state champion at Philip.

McIlravy enrolled at Iowa because of Gable.

"He's the best coach in the world," said McIlravy, who had a 129-match winning streak in high school. "He's a great motivator and it's fun to see him smile."

Those smiles have already started this season as McIlravy has won individual titles at the Las Vegas Invitational and the Northern Open at Madison, Wis.

McIlravy's goals for this season are: "Win another title, but even more is to improve and has fun."

Exciting title bout earns Iowa's McIlravy national honor

By J.R. Ogden
Gazette assistant sports editor

Iowa's Lincoln McIlravy, who capped a brilliant freshman season with a thrilling, come-from-behind win in the 142-pound NCAA final, is Amateur Wrestling News' Freshman of the Year.

McIlravy beat out two other NCAA finalists for the honor — Cary Kolat of Penn State and Marcus Mollica of Arizona State. McIlravy and Kolat were true

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freshmen, Mollica a red-shirt freshman.

"It was a tough decision," said Ron Good, editor of Amateur Wrestling News, which picks the nation's top freshman each year. "You could make a case for all three of them."

Kolat scored the biggest upset of the three with an 8-4 semifinal win over Iowa's Troy Steiner, but lost in the finals to North Carolina's T.J. Jaworsky.

Mollica won the 158-pound title with a 6-4 win over Penn State's Josh Robbins.

"The bottom line is the way in which (McIlravy) won the national title," said Good. "The match in the finals was talked about so much and created so much excitement for the sport."



Lincoln McIlravy

McIlravy battled back from four first-period takedowns and an 8-3 deficit to nip Fresno State's Gary Abas, 16-15. McIlravy had closed the gap to 9-8 by the end of the second period, but Abas scored an escape and takedown to move ahead, 12-8, early in the third period. McIlravy then reeled off three takedowns to claim the victory.

The win made the 18-year-old McIlravy the youngest wrestler in Iowa history to win an NCAA title. He finished the season with a 22-2 mark.

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> **Ron Good, Amateur Wrestling News**

"It feels pretty good . . . pretty neat," McIlravy said of his freshman season. "Now I just have to concentrate on moving forward.

"I can do it (win an NCAA title) a lot better, a lot easier. My defense has to get a lot better. My offense has to get a lot better. Everything has to get better."

McIlravy was listed as a 150-58 pounder in Iowa's media guide, but his coaches decided to insert him in the varsity lineup at 142 after the team's lackluster start and a third-place finish at the National Duals. The move was contingent on national champ Steiner's dropping to 134. When Steiner gave the final OK in a dual with Northwestern, McIlravy officially joined the team.

"Both of us thought he could win it," said Iowa assistant coach Jim Zalesky, referring to himself and head coach Dan

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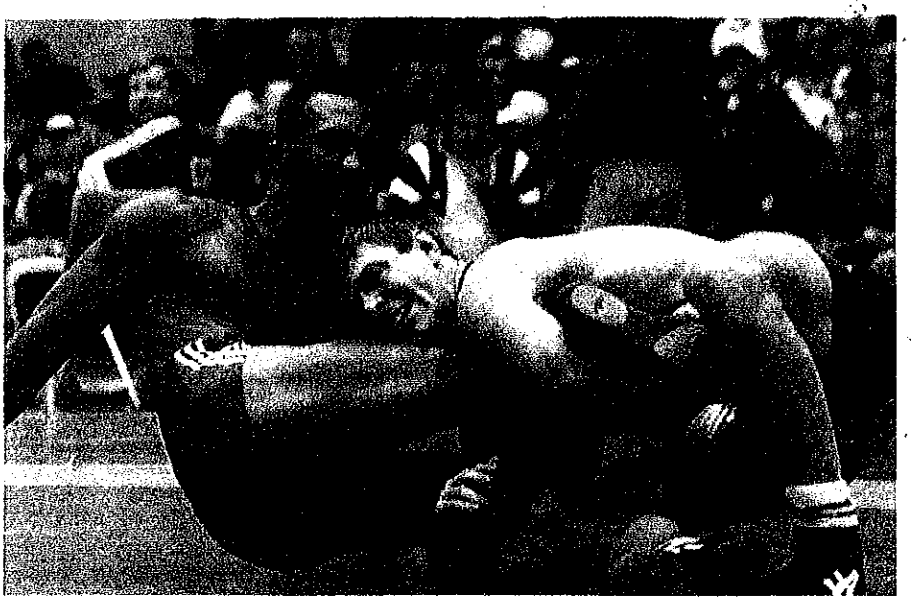
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McIlravy Frosh of the Year



WORLD CUP ACTION: Rob Koll (right), USA, in the process of turning Alberto Rodriguez, Cuba, in the third session of the World Cup, April 2-3, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Koll won the 163 pound bout 7-1. Team USA won the match 26-13. Koll went on to win the individual title and the USA team won the team trophy. Photo by Johanna Schneider.

LAWTON FINISHES UP STRONG

By Johanna Schneider

Lawton, OK, ended the wrestling season on a very strong note. They won the dual meet states and their only dual loss was to St. Edward, OH. With their 18-1 dual mark and placing nine in the state tournament, the Wolverines proved to be the best team this season to finish as the top Prep 25 team.

Four state champs led the way for the Wolverines, three of them brothers. They won the state tournament by over 78 points. Winning for Lawton was Floyd Lorne (130) a junior 36-0; Lloyd Lorne (157) also a junior 35-1; Edwin Lorne (168) a senior with a career mark of 96-7; and senior Claude Davis (190) with a record of 90-5. This is probably the first time that three brothers have won a state title in Oklahoma.

"This is quite an honor for us," coach Joe Zuspann commented after learning of his team finishing first in the Prep 25 Ranking. "We wrestled hard this season, and if we had had our full lineup at the Super Quad in Ohio, we probably would have beat Saint Edward."

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TEAM USA WINS WORLD CUP

By Johanna Schneider

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. - They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb - well, this could be said of the USA Team's performance at the World Cup, April 2-3 in Chattanooga, TN, but in reverse.

The US team started the World Cup competition slow and sluggish against the Canadian team winning 23-14 and the crowd was definitely quite like a lamb. But by the final round against a fine Russian team, both the US team and the crowd were roaring like lions.

The US won five of the ten matches against Canada with Rob Koll (163) scoring a tech fall in 3:01 against Gary Holmes, who was sixth in the '92 Olympics. Chris Campell (220) scored his 18th consecutive win in World Cup competition against Alf Wurr in 3:38. And Bruce Baumgartner (Hwt) scored a fast 13 points in 35 seconds against Yogi Johl for a technical fall.

The US team drew a bye in the second round because Team Iran couldn't secure their visas to enter the United States, thus making the World Cup competition only five teams instead of six.

In round three, the US drew Cuba, a team that only brought eight wrestlers, although experienced they seemed unprepared for the competition as they lost three of the four duals.

At 125.5, 1992 Olympic champion Alejandro Puerto met with Olympic sixth placer Kendall Cross. Cross had the mental advantage as Puerto was defeated earlier in the day by Canada's Giya Sissaouri, 9-3.

Cross dominated the match and triumphantly won 7-3.

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Iowa's McIlravy Top Frosh

In a big year for freshmen -- a year that saw three first year men make the NCAA finals -- Iowa's Lincoln McIlravy has been selected as AWN Freshman-of-the-Year. The selection, however, comes with reservations as a strong case can be made for Arizona State's Markus Mollica and Penn State's Cary Kolat.

McIlravy was a hot prospect out of Philip, South Dakota, after winning the National Junior Freestyle title in 1991 his junior season. He also won 200 high school matches and five state titles from the eighth grade up.

Ticketed for a redshirt year, the Iowa coaching staff shook up its lineup the first week in February dropping NCAA champion Troy Steiner from 142 to 134 and inserting McIlravy at 142.

A legitimate freshman, McIlravy had built a 12-0 record competing in Open tournaments at 150 pounds. His biggest win was at the Northern Open whipping Iowa State's Torrae Jackson, 10-8. In the Iowa press guide McIlravy was listed as a 150-58-pounder.

In the Big Ten McIlravy was seeded fourth but defeated #1 Steve Marianetti (Illinois) in the semis. He would lose one of his two seasonal losses in the finals to Wisconsin's Dan Spilde.

The #5 NCAA seed, McIlravy hustled his way into the finals listening to coaches Dan Gable and Jim Zalesky throughout. He beat top-seeded Shannyn Gillepsie (Lock Haven) by a 12-7 score in the semis prior to his finals bout that folks will talk about for years to come.

In all McIlravy defeated six All-Americans during the season and had everyone in the Hilton Coliseum on the edge of their seats throughout his 16-15 finals thriller over Fresno State's Gerry Abas. His final record was 22-2.

Redshirt frosh Mollica was 31-3, won the PAC 10 and NCAA Championships and reminds many of former Wisconsin champion Lee Kemp. Kolat (22-5) finished second in the Big 10 and second in the NCAA -- but scored the biggest win of the three. The true frosh had a big part in the national tournament excitement by whipping defending NCAA champion Troy Steiner (Iowa), 8-4, in the semifinal.

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Frosh All-Stars

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158 Pounds: Redshirt NCAA champion Markus Mollica (31-3), Arizona State is king here. From Stow, OH, Mollica is best suited for 167 but gave way to NCAA champ and runner-up Ray Miller. Markus will likely move up next season. Two narrow one-point losses to Sean Bormet (Michigan) during the season kept him from a near perfect mark. Markus, however, played it close as nearly half his matches were won by one or two points. He was 3rd at Vegas; 5th at Midlands (losing twice to Iowa grad Tom Ryan) and the PAC 10 champ.

Wyoming redshirt Reese Andy (19-13), had a nice season but came up a match short of qualifying with a 3rd in the WAC. During the season he went 15-9 with #1 Matt Lindland (Nebraska), beat eventual All-American Earl Harrison (Iowa State), and won 3-2 over George Parker (Oklahoma State) who hung the other loss on Mollica.

Next is Iowa's Daryl Weber (20-9), who lost in OT to 2X placer Mike Schyck (Ohio State) and one-point to Bormet. He was 7th at Midlands and 8th in the Big 10. Edinboro has a good rookie in Tony Robie (19-13) and 5th EWL. Also look at Dan O'Cone (27-10), Campbell, 3rd E Regional, and Brent Shiver (10-17), Northwestern. Also Steve Best (10-16), Wisconsin and Bob Bernd (14-20), Calif-PA.

167 Pounds: Leading this weight is Oregon State redshirt rookie Chad Renner (16-9). From Bismarck, ND, Renner competed mostly at 177 as he gave way to All-American Trent Flack. Renner may move down with the departure of Flack. Injured early, Renner showed he is close to becoming a star. In the PAC 10 meet -- seeded #3 -- he swept to the title defeating ASU's Pat Lynch, 13-7, in the finals.

Another star in the making is Nebraska's Chad Nelson (19-5), a redshirt who was forced to compete behind starter Tommy Robbins. While Robbins was injured Nelson nearly wrestled the spot away from the senior. West Virginia's Scott Hage (15-13) is another fine young prospect reaching the EWL finals.

Southern Oregon's Fred Phillips (22-7) placed 7th in the NAIA at 158 but competed some at 167 and will likely be up next season. Others here are Jason Wedgbury (13-21), Northern Iowa, 4th W Regional; Joel Morissette (15-20), Michigan State.

177 Pounds: Joining teammate Mollica as a first-team All-Star is Arizona Stater Pat Lynch (19-8). A native of Ocean City, NJ, Lynch placed eighth in the NCAA. During the season Pat defeated three All-Americans in Lanny Green (Michigan), Matt White (Penn State) and Quincy Clark (Oklahoma). He was 4th at Vegas and 2nd in the PAC 10.

Western Athletic Conference champion Ryan Jibben (13-8), Wyoming, is rated second after coming to Laramie through a stint in the Military. He upset #10 NCAA seed Bob Ferraro (Bucknell), 5-3, in the NCAA first round, before falling to Lynch. Next comes Troy Sintobin of Kent State with a nice 21-8 record and runner-up finish in the MAC.

Chad Dennis (18-9), Tennessee-Chattanooga, won a conference title at the Southern with an OT finals upset over the top seed. Fifth is James Madison's Josh Henson (20-10) and 3rd place in the Colonial. Four of Henson's losses were to W&M senior Brent Coldiron who had a 26-4 season and won the conference.

Bakersfield has a solid frosh in Daniel Corpstein (14-12) finishing 6th in the PAC 10. Also David Reynolds (9-13), North Carolina, 4th ACC and Ray Long (11-6), Findlay.

190 Pounds: A tough call here between Oregon State redshirt Les Gutches (24-8) and Penn State true frosh Kerry McCoy (22-18). A slight nod goes to Gutches with a better overall record and a higher conference finish (3rd PAC 10).

But McCoy, after hovering around the .500 mark at midseason, finished strong down the stretch. The Middle Island, NY native defeated three eventual All-Americans in Keith Davison (Wisconsin) 8-6 OT in the Big 10 meet and Jeff Kloiber (Pittsburgh) and Dale Budd (Lock Haven) in duals.

From Central Point, OR, Gutches has great potential and the tools to be an NCAA champ. He earned an early ranking when he made the finals at Vegas defeating eventual placer Dan Troupe (Iowa State). He also owns season wins over Dave Malecek (Northern Iowa) and Emilio Collins (Michigan State). In the NCAA Gutches lost two OT bouts to Collins and Malecek.

Third here is another McCoy, Jerry from California-PA. A fine 32-16 season ended at the NCAA with a 6-1 loss to Kerry. Jerry was the E Regional champ. Morgan State's Par-



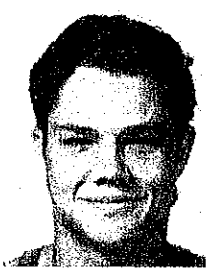
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'Dakota Dominator' puts opponents on their backs

By HARRY BLAUVELT
Gannett News Service

The deck is stacked against Iowa's frustrated wrestling foes. Coach Dan Gable's Hawkeyes hold the hot hand, topped by aces Lincoln McIlravy and Joel Sharratt.

"They're unique," says Gable, whose Hawkeyes have 12 NCAA championships in his 18 seasons. "Teammates admire them not only for their talent but because they work so hard. They're exciting."

Defending NCAA champs McIlravy (150 pounds) and Sharratt (190) have led the undefeated and top-ranked Hawkeyes to five one-sided wins.

"Individuals like them instill confidence throughout the team," Arizona State coach Lee Roy Smith says.

McIlravy, a junior from Philip, S.D., last lost as a freshman and has compiled a 7-0 record with four pins this season (career: 56-2). His nickname: "The Dakota Dominator."

He has a chance to become the sport's second four-time Division I champion. Oklahoma State's Pat Smith became the first last season.

McIlravy says he's not counting national titles. "Four would mean a lot, but if it becomes too important, it'll bring pressure."

As a freshman, he scored one of the wildest wins in NCAA tournament history, coming from behind for a 16-15 decision vs. Fresno State's Gerry Abas in the title match.



Lincoln McIlravy

He has become much more accomplished since, running roughshod over most opponents. He beat Michigan's Brian Harper 8-3 in last season's NCAA championship bout.

"McIlravy fits his nickname," says Clarion coach Jack Davis, whose No.3 team lost 40-3 to Iowa. "He isn't satisfied with winning. It's about domination."

Sharratt, a senior, won his first NCAA title last season, beating Oklahoma's Andy Foster 3-2 in the final. He says he won't become complacent.

"That happens to people who come with the idea of winning one title," says Sharratt (10-0, three pins). "I came to win multiple national titles."

He is the prototypical Iowa wrestler, determined to pressure foes into submission.

"He's a powerful guy who stays on you for seven minutes," Davis says.

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Lincoln Mcilravy

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According to University of Iowa wrestler Lincoln McIlravy, success depends on one central principle. "Everybody," he says, "needs to do one thing that nobody else does."

What the 20-year-old McIlravy does is wrestle better than anybody else in the college ranks. Over the past six years—a span that includes his last three years at Philip (S.Dak.) High School and his three years so far at Iowa—McIlravy's record is 172-2. A five-time state high school champion, he has won back-to-back titles in two trips to the NCAA championships and is running on full throttle toward a third. As of last Friday he had won 48 consecutive matches.

At this rate McIlravy, a 152-pound junior, is on track to become the best wrestler in the history of the sport. This hopeful assessment comes from none other than Dan Gable, McIlravy's coach at Iowa and the man widely considered the sport's best ever. "Keep in mind," Gable cautions, "that I said on track. Lincoln has to do it."

Zeke Jones, an assistant coach at Arizona State, says, "McIlravy is the most intense college wrestler in the last 20 years. I can see Gable and McIlravy looking in the mirror and seeing each other."

McIlravy is successful for three reasons:

?His philosophy. "I have the desire to win and a hatred of losing," he says.

?His style. "If you attack, not much bad can happen," he says.

?His South Dakota upbringing. "Living out here you develop the proper attitudes toward work and productivity," says his father, Ken.

This is not to say that McIlravy isn't occasionally impetuous. Witness his phone call in October 1993 to his parents announcing that he and his high school sweetheart, Lisa Kjerstad, had just gotten married.

Lincoln started wrestling because his two brothers were involved in the sport. His father bought instructional videotapes advertised in wrestling magazines, and little Lincoln wore out the tapes on cold winter nights. He has continued to hone his talents under the tutelage of Gable, a man who, according to McIlravy, "doesn't understand the concept of quitting."

McIlravy has trouble with the concept himself. In the final match of the 1993 NCAAs, he trailed Fresno State's Gerry Abas by five points with 45 seconds remaining. In a blazing display of determination and prowess, he scored three two-point takedowns—the last with four seconds left—to win 16-15. "I didn't think I would lose," McIlravy says. "But I have to admit, I didn't know how I was going to win."

Just how rare a talent is McIlravy? "People say he's one in a million," says Dan Mahoney, his high school coach. "Frankly, I don't think somebody like him comes along that often."

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Grappling with fame

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McIlravy tough to pin down

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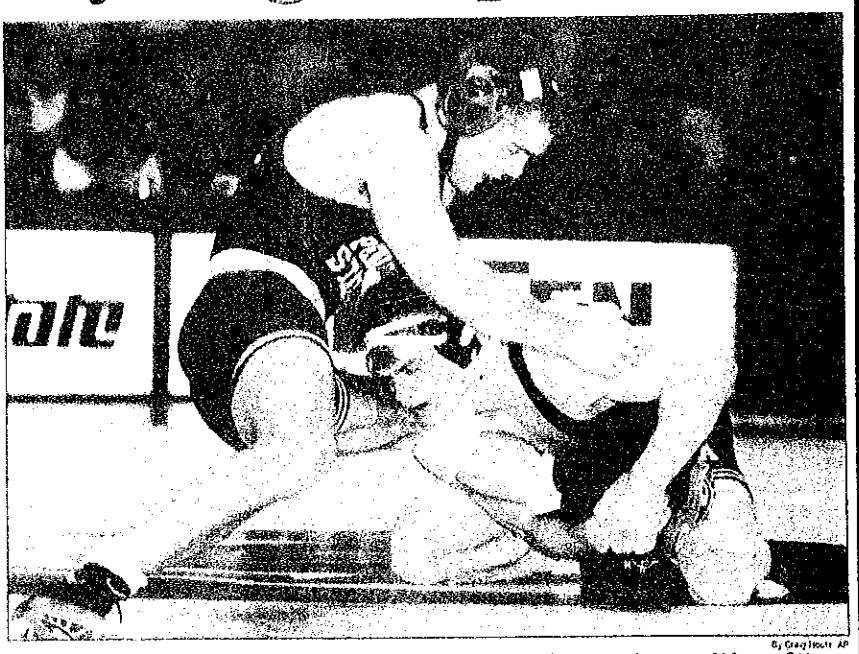
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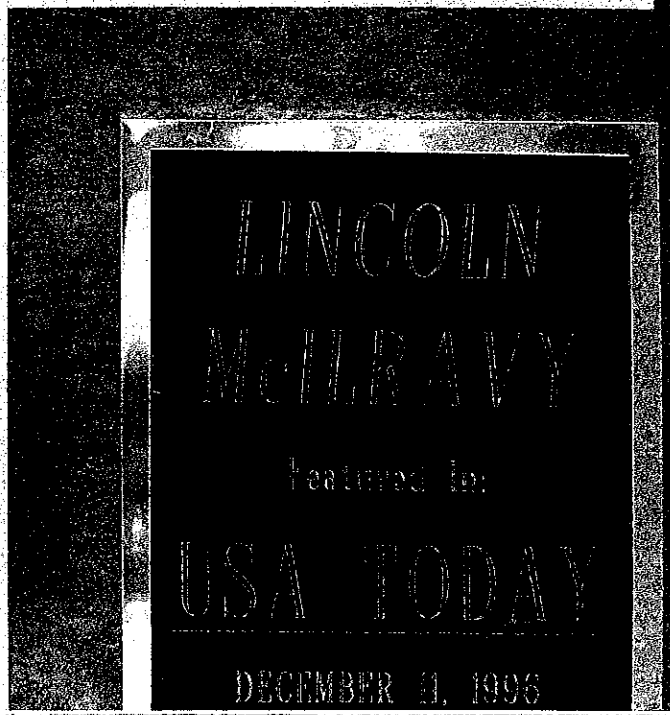
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1996 -- redshirted...member of USA Wrestling National Freestyle Team...placed third in 1996 Olympic trials...finished second at the USA Freestyle Championships...defeated Russian wrestler Igor Koupeev, 5-4 in OT at the USA vs. Russia Dual Meet at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

1995 -- Posted a 25-1 record with seven falls...placed second at the NCAA Meet at 150 pounds...battled Illinois' Steve Marianetti at both the Big Ten and NCAA Meets, winning the Big Ten title 6-4 and losing 13-10 for the national championship...had a 52-match winning streak before falling to Marianetti...won title at Northern Open...quickest pin came against Matt Pernesky of Clarion in 1:02.

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High School -- career record of 200-25-0...five-time state champion...junior national champion and Cadet national champion...third team All-American as junior and first team as a senior...team captain as junior and senior and three-time team MVW...held school records for most falls, most takedowns and most consecutive falls...Honor Roll student and National Honor Society member.

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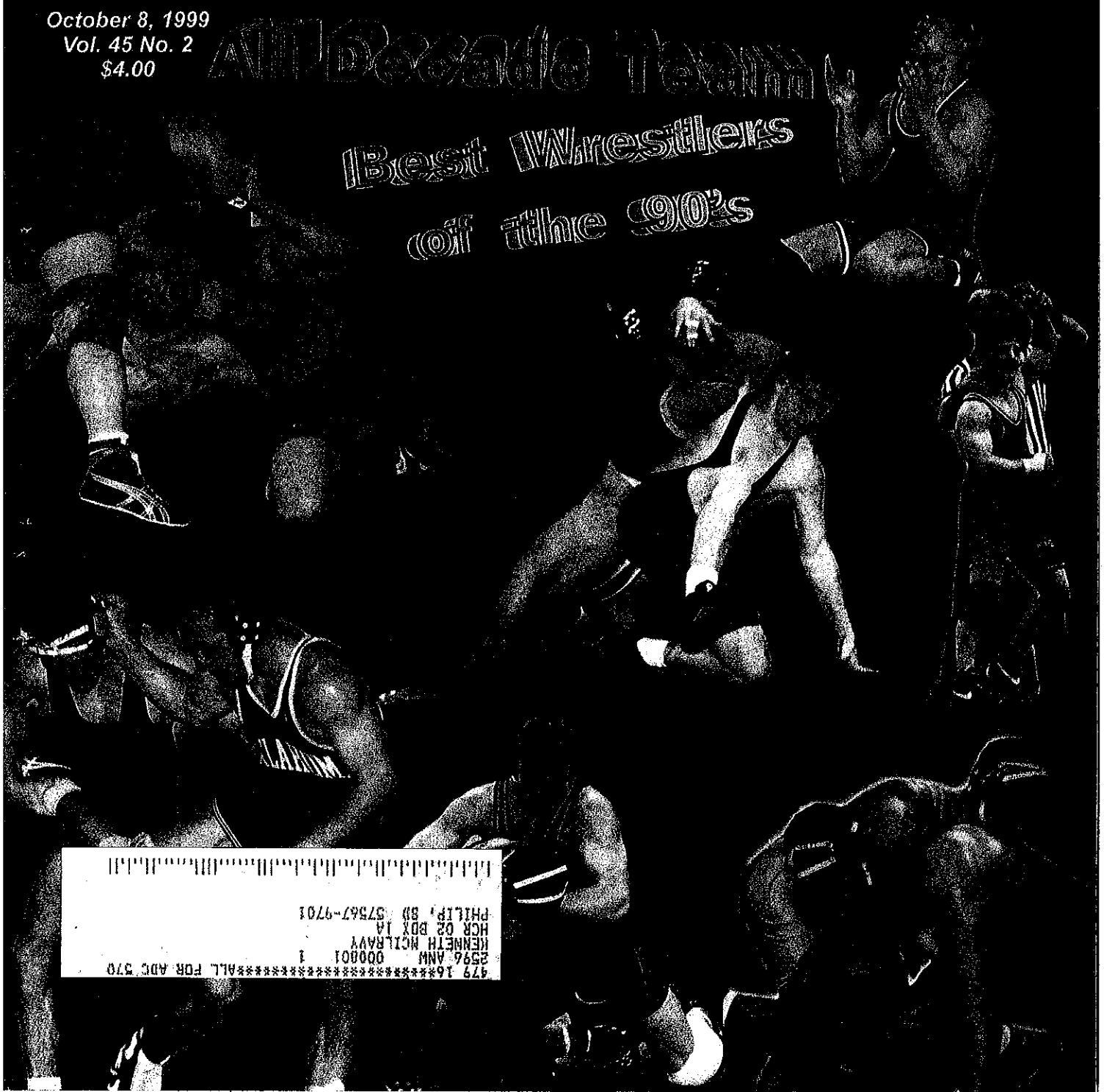
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1996	Redshirted		

1997	22-0-3	1st	1st
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sophomore, Kolat was upset in the semifinals by Mohammadi in overtime and took a third place. After sitting out a season, he transferred to Lock Haven where he would lose one match (50-1) in two seasons as a Bald Eagle.

"Cary made the most of his physical and mental abilities," said Carl Poff, his coach at Lock Haven. "I see him as the Michael Jordan of wrestling with a great work ethic and the ability to excel in all aspects of the sport. Cary is the kind of guy that everyone wants to be around. He helped our recruiting, our attendance and we were just proud that he was a Bald Eagle. He is the total package."

Kolat is currently the No. 1 man at 138 pounds on the U.S. freestyle team and a strong Olympic hopeful for the 2000 Games.

Fried, who competed from 1991-94, was a three-time Ohio state champ and three-time National Junior Freestyle champ. He followed Pat Smith to Oklahoma State and together helped the Cowboys to their most recent NCAA mat title in 1994. Due to NCAA sanctions on the OSU program, Fried was denied the opportunity to compete in the championships in 1993. Otherwise, he was a three-time finalist and unbeaten champion as a senior in 1994. He lost in the NCAA finals twice to Tom Brands and amassed a 92-2 record his final three years in college.

"He was a ball of intensity when he hit the mat," said his college coach John Smith. "Sometimes it was best for us coaches to just get out of his way. He could get violent."

Iowa's Troy Steiner (5-2-1-3) and Fresno State's Gerry Abas (6-2-2-2) were four-time All-Americans in their day. Other standouts were John Hughes (7-1-2), Penn State; Bill Zadick (5-1), Iowa; Stephen Schmidt (4-2-7), Oklahoma State and Roger Chandler (8-3-2), Indiana.

150 Pounds: Lincoln McIlravy, Iowa (1993-97). Alone at the top is Hawkeye all-time great McIlravy (95-3) who also happens to be the No. 1 U.S. freestyler at 152 pounds. A native of Philip, S.D., McIlravy was a five-time state champ with 200 prep wins. He burst upon the collegiate mat scene late in the 1993 season as a true freshman when he was pulled out of


McIlravy


Demaray


Bono

redshirt just prior to the Big 10 championships. An auspicious start saw McIlravy lose his first dual in an Iowa uniform after going unbeaten in three open tournaments. A second place in the Big 10 earned him the No. 5 seed at 142 pounds. In a wide-open weight that year, McIlravy thrilled fans with a high-scoring style that saw him score 63 points in five bouts, including a 15-14 finals win over Abas.

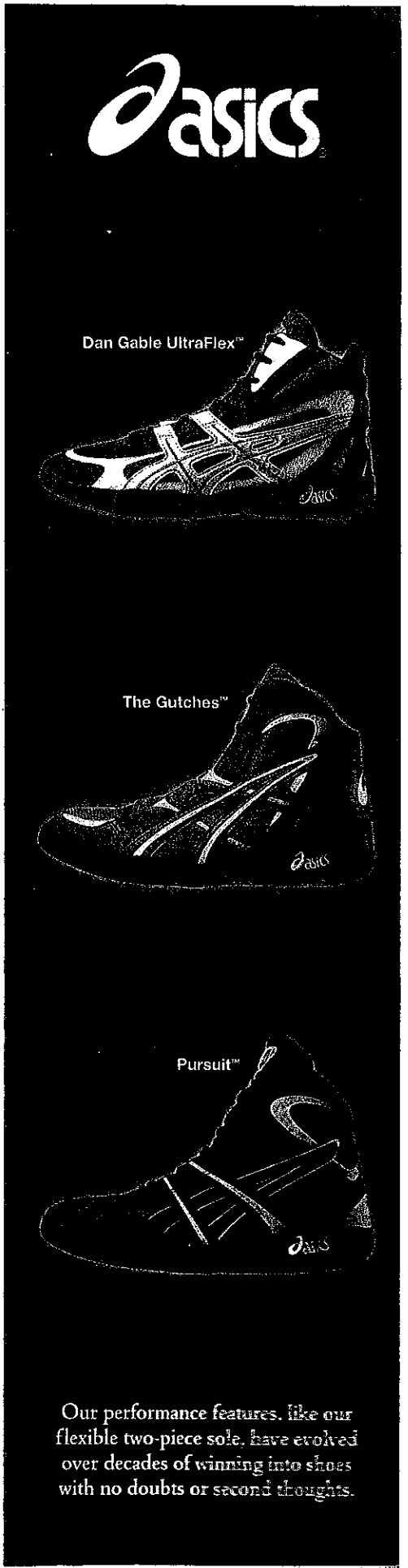
"Lincoln was the only wrestler that I ever recruited that came right in and was able to go with the very best in the room," said coach Gable. "He was extraordinary."

After winning his second NCAA title as a sophomore, McIlravy appeared on track to match Smith's ultimate magic number "four." But after an unbeaten 1995 season he was upset in the finals by Illinois senior Steve Marianetti. He had beaten Marianetti, 6-4, in the Big 10 finals and had won 57 straight bouts. But Marianetti won a 13-10 shocker and became the career spoiler for McIlravy. After a redshirt year, the Hawkeye star would go 20-0 as a senior in 1997 and claim his third title. He was named the Outstanding Wrestler as well.

"His strength was in his head," Gable said. "Just so mentally tough. He could feel where he was in a match. It would never cross his mind to slow his pace even when tired. Lincoln was also his own man. He would sometimes go against the coaches and use his own judgement in certain situations."

The college career of Wisconsin's Matt Demaray (142-24) didn't start as well as he would have hoped. The Apple Valley, Minnesota native lost 21 bouts his first two years in a Badger uniform. Yet he won 41 bouts

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as a sophomore and finished seventh in the NCAA championships. His final two years would be rewarding, winning two NCAA titles at 150 pounds and recording a two-year mark of 73-3.

Other outstanding middleweights include Chris Bono (5-1-2), Iowa State; Troy Sunderland (4-2-2), Penn State; Marianetti (4-5-1), Illinois; and Terry Steiner (3-5-1), Iowa; Chad Kraft (5-3-2-5), Minnesota; Casey Cunningham (2-1), Central Michigan; Eric Siebert (5-1), Illinois.

158 Pounds: Pat Smith, Oklahoma State (1990-94). The sport's first four-time individual national champion rides high here. Smith signed with the Cowboys in 1990 after three


Smith


Miller


Benion

state titles at Del City High School and two junior freestyle titles. He was pulled out of redshirt as a freshman on Jan. 6 losing twice in a week to Portland's Dan Russell at 158 pounds. He hit the *AWN* rankings at No. 7 and moved up to fourth in March. A Big 8 title (the first of four) over highly-rated Steve Hamilton, Iowa State, lifted young Smith from a No. 4 ranking to the No. 1 seed as a legitimate freshman! He would earn this honor four times during his stellar collegiate career (only Iowa State's Tim Krieger matched Smith as a four-year No. 1 NCAA seed).

At nationals, Smith blitzed five opponents with a fall and decisions of 19-7 and 16-6. He beat Russell 16-7 and Navy's Scott Schleicher, 11-7, a senior who was ranked No. 1 most of the season. Smith breezed to a 28-0 record in 1991, but his NCAA finals bout with Iowa two-time All-American Tom Ryan (2-3) was his closest of all four.

The Cowboy trailed, 6-5, with :35 seconds left, but rallied with a low single-leg takedown and rode out for a 7-6 win. As a junior in '92, Smith was unbeaten at 32-0-1 with the draw coming against Ray Miller, Arizona State. He beat Miller, 3-1, in the NCAA finals.

Smith took a redshirt year in '93 as Oklahoma State was on probation and could not compete in post-season competition. He would prepare for a very rewarding senior season.

A perfect 30-0 year in '94 gave Smith a 98-match win streak to end his career at 121-5-2 and, of course, the four collegiate titles, never equaled before or since. Smith's winning percentage (.953) is fourth best in school history.

"What can you say about four NCAA wrestling titles," said his coach and older brother John Smith. "I get to where I appreciate what he did more each year—just how difficult that must have been. Because of the probation, he was forced to take a redshirt in the middle of his career. It was a tough redshirt and didn't help him at all.

"Pat was very confident in his own way and never looked at anyone as a threat. would look no further than to himself and to prepared no matter what. Just look at what won. Three state titles, two junior titles, f Big 8 titles, four NCAA titles. He was alw prepared at the end, when it counted the mo

ASU's Miller (114-25) was a four-ti All-American finishing 5-4-2-1. An Oklaho native from Marlow, Miller is one of f NCAA champions for the Sun Devils. He cc peted from 1990-93. After losing to Smith, 3 in the '92 finals, Miller moved up to 167 a senior and completed a perfect 29-0 season.

Ernest Benion (119-29), Illinois, won NCAA title as a sophomore in 1995 from a l 7 seed. He followed that performance witl runner-up finish in 1996 while seeded No. His finals loss was 9-8 to Iowa's Joe Willia As a senior, Benion finished a solid third fr a No. 2 seed.

Iowa wrestlers Steve Hamilton (7-3-2-Iowa State and Daryl Weber (6-6-1), Io combined for seven NCAA medals.

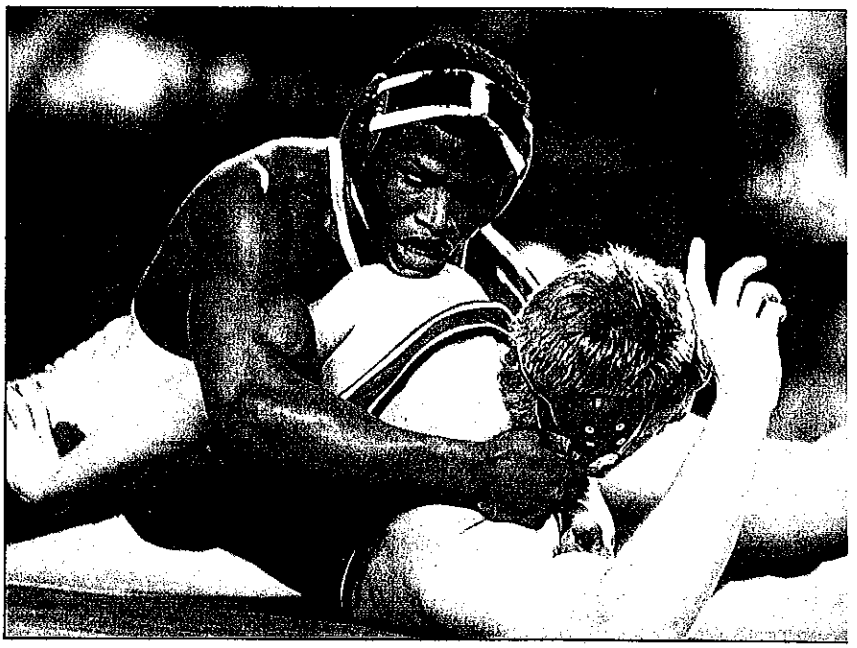
167 Pounds: Joe Williams, Iowa (19 98). A tremendous high school wrestl Williams sailed to four state titles at Mo Carmel in Chicago, Ill. His only prep loss d ing a 162-1 career, was by illegal slam in


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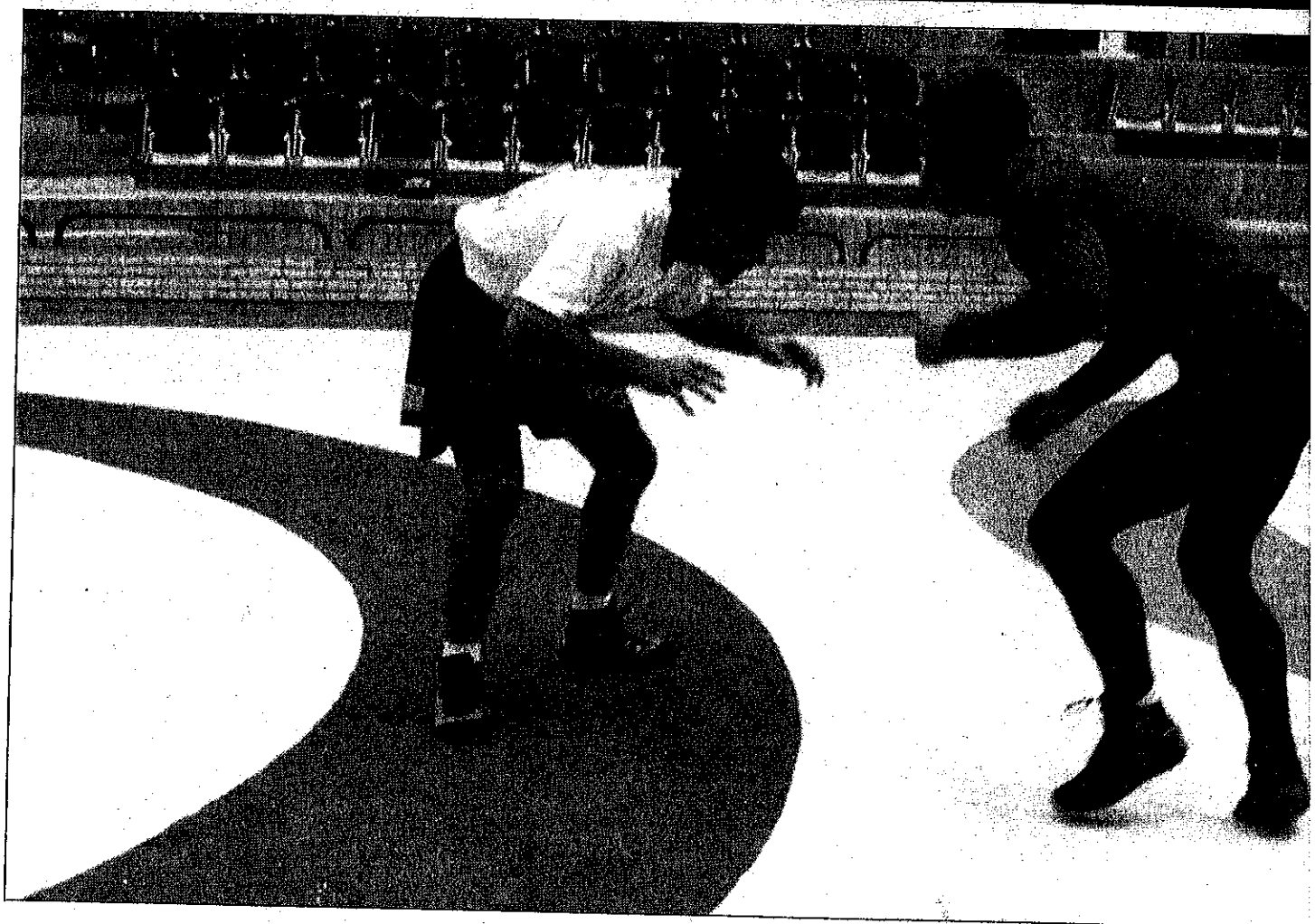

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CRUNCHING TOUGH: Ohio State's Kevin Randleman sticks Nebraska's Cory Olson during the 1992 NC finals at 177 pounds.





Readying his defense: Lincoln McIlvary, right, trains with U.S. team coach John Smith before this weekend's U.S. Nationals. McIlvary is a three-time champion a and won the bronze in the last World Championships in Iran. His goal is to win at Las Vegas, then take the World Championships gold medal in October in Turke

National hopefuls lock focus on Sydne

By Gary Mihoces
USA TODAY

LAS VEGAS — Amateur wrestler Lincoln McIlravy isn't here for the bright lights and jackpots.

His focus: the U.S. National Wrestling Championships on Friday and Saturday at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

But the glint of something else has his attention. The 2000 Olympics are 17 months away.

"That's been in my head since I was about five years old. The closer it gets, you just get more excited," says McIlravy, a three-time NCAA champion at the University of Iowa.

McIlravy wrestles in the 152-pound class in international freestyle. His theme this season: unfinished business.

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Last season, he was 27-1. His only defeat came in his first match in the World Championships in Iran, where he won a bronze medal.

"My goal is to be a world champion, and it didn't happen," he says. "I had a great season . . . but I lost at a pretty critical time, so I wasn't happy with that at all, really."

In his first trip to the World Championships in 1997, McIlravy went 2-2 and did not place. Last year in Iran, his loss came by a 3-2 score to Armenia's Aralk Gevorgeyan, who went on to his fourth world title.

"I feel very confident after last year that I can do well," McIlravy says. "In my own mind, I feel like I can beat anybody in the world. Coming back and getting third was worth a lot in terms of confidence and progression for the future."

This season, McIlravy is 10-0, including a gold medal at the World Cup tournament April 2-3 in Spokane, Wash.

This weekend, he goes for his third national title.

A victory would give him the top seed for the World Team trials June 17-19 in Seattle. The World Championships will be Oct. 8-11 in Turkey.



By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

Terry Brands: Two-time world champ.

This will be the 10th time the nationals have been held in Las Vegas, most recently in 1996.

No, Las Vegas won't be a distraction for McIlravy.

"I've always just tried to break it down to how big the mat is. It's the same size everywhere," he says.

Other U.S. freestylers competing include '97 world champion Les Gutches at 187.25 pounds and '98 world bronze medalist Cary K

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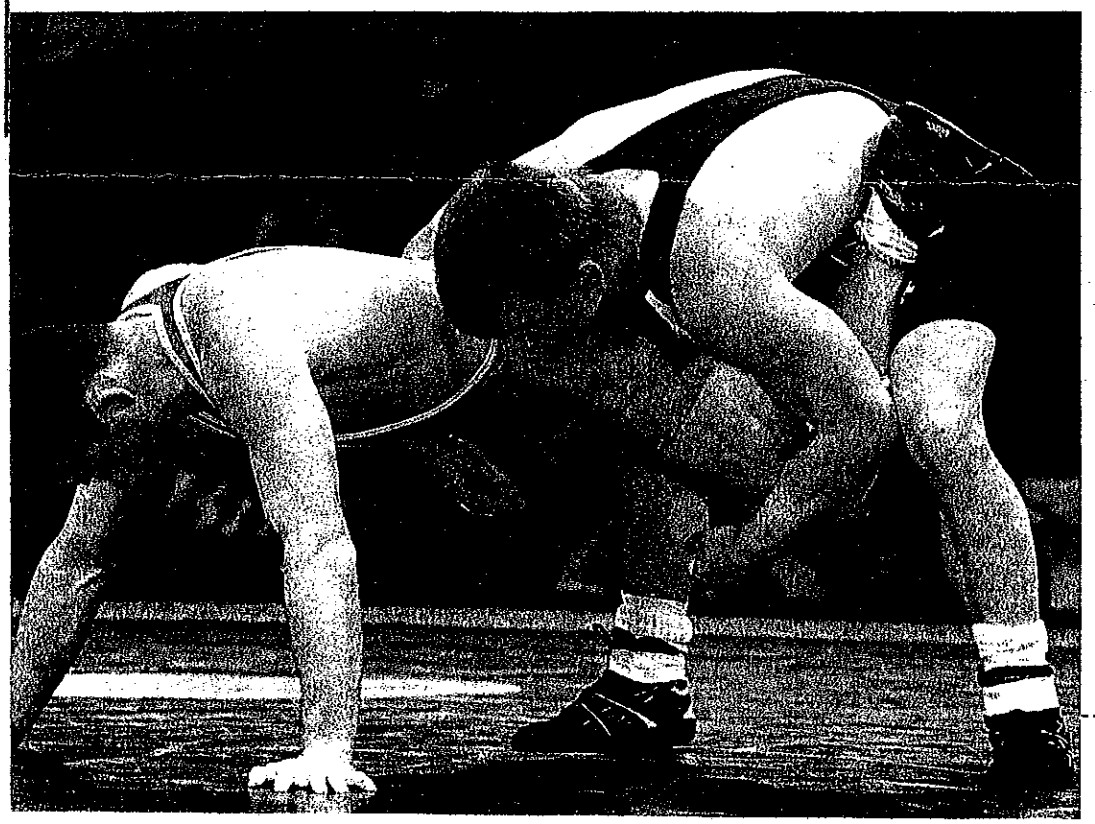
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USA WRESTLING

LINCOLN McILRAVY

HE WON FIVE STATE WRESTLING TITLES, THREE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND MULTIPLE WORLD TITLES. BUT THE ONE AWARD THAT HAS ELUDED **LINCOLN McILRAVY** IS AN OLYMPIC MEDAL

WITH BILL HOUSTON



Sports Spectrum: How did you get started in wrestling?

Lincoln: I started wrestling when I was 5 years old back in Philip, South Dakota. I've got two older brothers and an older sister, and they were wrestling me before I could walk. I began with sanctioned wrestling when I was 4, and it's been fun for me ever since then. I've enjoyed the sport enough that I wanted to submerge my life in it and make a living at it.

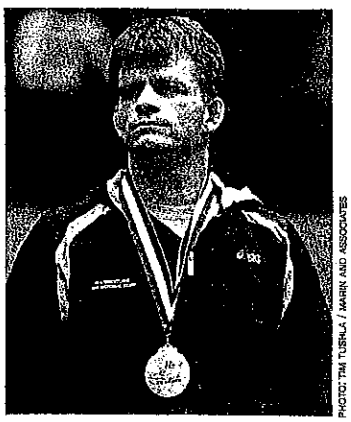
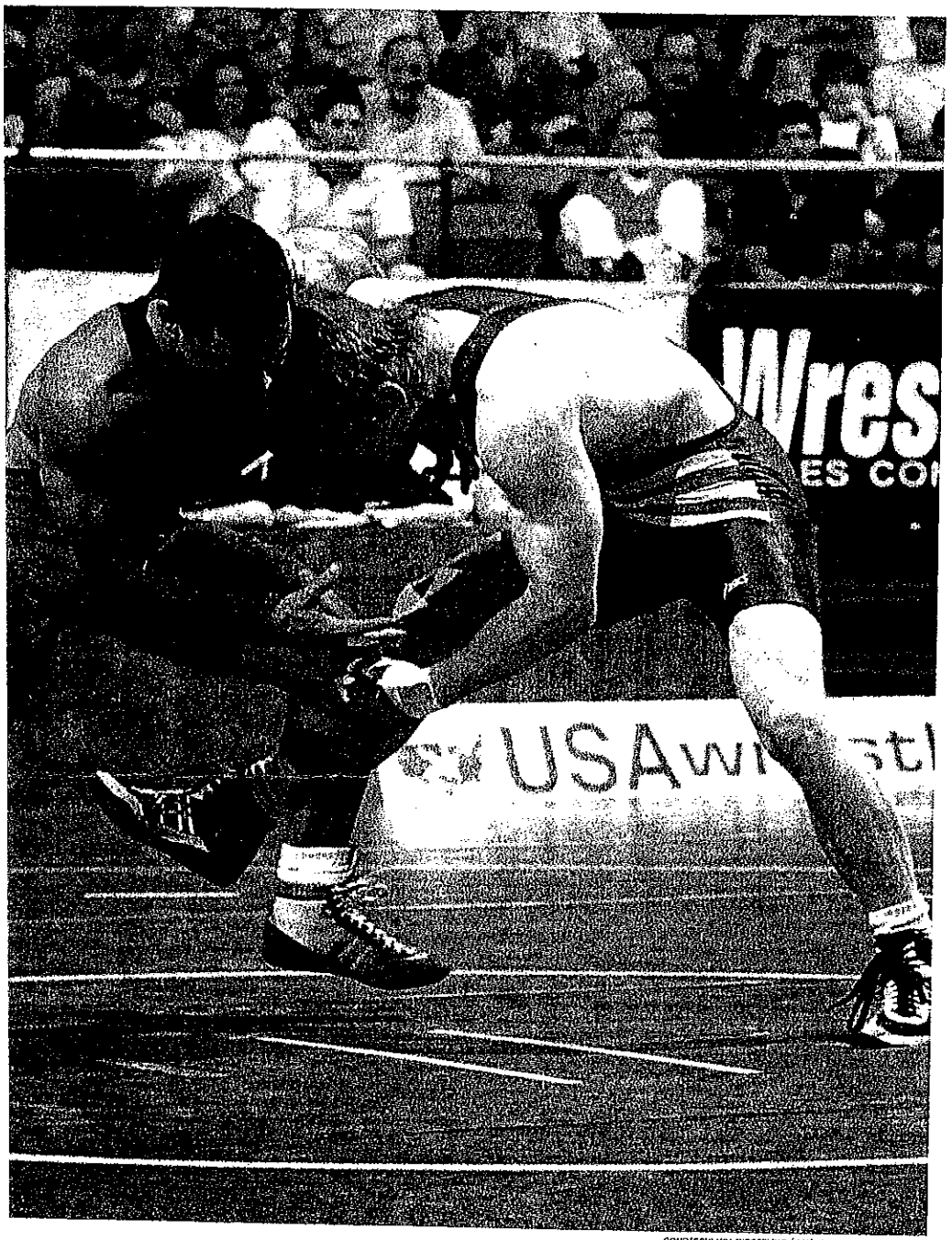


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SS: You've had great success throughout your high school and college days. Talk to us about some of the accomplishments you've been able to achieve and how you think that helps you prepare for the Sydney Olympics.

Lincoln: I was a five-time state champion in high school, which is somewhat rare. In South Dakota, you can compete with the high school in junior high, which adds another year. I moved on to the University of Iowa, where I wrestled under Coach Dan Gable. I won three national championships and was second once. I was a four-time All-American. I was in four finals, but I came up short in one of them. I wanted to win four, but it didn't happen, so I learned to move on from that setback.

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That's one of the things that's been real important in my life—learning how to deal with setbacks. Wrestling has been a great venue for me to learn how to deal with adversity.

SS: How do you work through those setbacks? How do you move on to that next step?

Lincoln: The biggest thing in my life is that I have a list of priorities. What is truly important in my life? The most important thing in my life is my relationship with Jesus Christ. The second is my family [wife, Lisa, and two sons, Streeter and Sterling], and the third is wrestling.

When I keep that perspective, I know that the ultimate goal is not to win national championships. Although it is very important to me, and I believe that God has given me a "platform" through wrestling, He's given me ability in wrestling for His glory. But I know that's not the ultimate in life.

When I have a setback, then, I'm able to deal with it and realize that all things work for the good of those who love God. "All things" doesn't just mean good things—it could mean bad things as well.

SS: When did you begin that relationship with Christ?

◄ *Far left: Soaring over Zaur.* At the 2000 World Cup in Fairfax, Virginia, Lincoln McIlravy won gold, besting Russia's Zaur Kazbekov 11-1.
▲ *Top: Sharing the wealth.* In addition to his individual title at the World Cup, McIlravy shared gold as the US team captured first.
◄ *Left: Scoring a big win.* McIlravy beat Townsend Saunders in the 1997 World Team Trials in Nevada.

McILRAVY REVIEW

Following are just some of Lincoln McIlravy's titles and championships as a wrestler.

1993	■ Received Mike J. McGivern Award as the University of Iowa's most courageous wrestler
1993	■ NCAA Wrestling Champion
1994	■ NCAA Wrestling Champion
1996	■ Finished third in Olympic trials
1997	■ US Nationals Open Outstanding Wrestler ■ NCAA Wrestling Champion
1998	■ World Championship bronze medalist ■ World Cup Champion ■ Goodwill Games Champion
1999	■ USA Wrestling Championship Belt Series Freestyle ■ World Cup and Pan-Am Games Champion ■ US Nationals Champion ■ World Championship silver medalist
2000	■ World Cup Champion

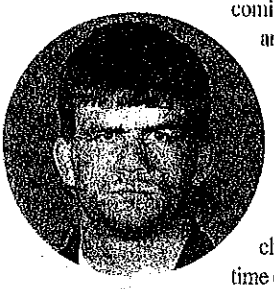


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Lincoln: I committed my life to Jesus when I was a young kid. I don't know at what age, but I remember praying [to trust Christ] when I was a young boy. Later, when I was in eighth grade, I won the state championship. After I won, I realized that I was the same guy—it didn't change me. At that point, I realized that I really did need more than myself to lean on. I realized how much I needed Jesus Christ in my life to be as strong as I could be. So, I dedicated my life to the Lord.

SS: Did you ever reach a point when you made a decision between continuing in wrestling or perhaps trying something else?

Lincoln: When I was 5, I was coming home from practice and I asked my dad what the highest award was that you could get in wrestling. He said the best thing you could possibly do would be to become an Olympic champion. From that time on, that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to be the very best at it in the whole world. I've not really swayed from that much. At times I got discouraged, but I've always known that what I really wanted to do was wrestle—become the best in the world and stay in the sport. Even when I'm done competing, I want to coach or be involved in some capacity in the sport.

SS: What would be your goal for Sydney?

Lincoln: I tell people this: Let's put all of the outcomes to the side. I want to talk about my performance, my ability, and representing my ability. If I go to the Games and represent my ability, the outcomes will take care of themselves. I'm not concerned about the outcomes; I'm concerned about representing my ability. If I do that, I'll win.

SS: How do you strike a balance between your family and your competition and traveling?

Lincoln: We decided when we got married that Lisa was going to go everywhere she could with me. When we had our kids, we decided we're going to take them with us everywhere. So everywhere I go, my family goes. It's expensive, but if we didn't do that, we wouldn't see each other enough. We didn't get married to be alone, so it's great to have my family with me. It really helps me!

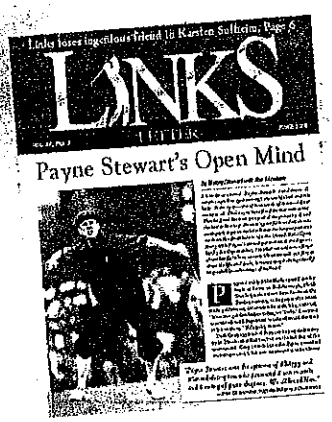
SS: How did you and Lisa meet?

Lincoln: We were high school sweethearts. We dated for five years, and then we were married 7 years ago. It's been a long relationship. It's been a great time.

SS: Have you given much thought to the time when you will no longer wrestle competitively?

Lincoln: I try to think about it on a minimal basis because if I think about it too much, I'll look forward to the time when my body doesn't hurt and when I don't have to put myself through the rigors of training. It's very difficult mentally, emotionally, physically, and it will be nice to be done with that aspect of it. But I love it. I live for it right now. I know when I'm 30, I won't live for it nearly as much as I do when I'm 25. I do look forward to the time when I can just relax my body and take better care of it.

Bill Houston is a producer and a substitute host for Sports Spectrum *radio.*



LINKS LETTER

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Lincoln McIlravy

Lincoln McIlravy has gone from a ranch kid at Philip, South Dakota, to a world-class athlete who won a bronze medal in freestyle wrestling at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Along the way, this world-class athlete has never forgotten his roots and how he started on the path to success.

"It's not all strength and speed," the 5-foot, 7-inch 152-pound wrestler told a reporter once. "Attitude, mental toughness and work ethic combine to make a difference. These are all characteristics I gained on the farm."

McIlravy first developed his wrestling talent while growing up on a 17,000-acre cattle ranch. Ken McIlravy put his three young sons into a local Pee Wee wrestling league. That started Lincoln, the youngest of the three boys, on a path to world-class success and athletic achievement. From Pee Wee wrestling, Lincoln went on to win an unheard of five straight high school state wrestling championships, his first coming as an eighth grader. Wrestling for Philip High School from 1988 to 1992, he lost only a couple matches his first few years. As a junior and then a senior, he was undefeated.

That kind of high school success caught the attention of people in Iowa City, the unofficial wrestling capital of the United States where the University of Iowa Hawkeyes have won 18 NCAA titles in the last 27 years and fans know their wrestling very well.

This four-time All-American and three-time NCAA champion posted a legendary 96-3 college career at the University of Iowa. His freshman year at Iowa, McIlravy trailed his competitor in the national championship by an almost insurmountable five points with only 45 seconds remaining. But McIlravy managed three two-point takedowns – the final with four seconds remaining – to earn a 16-15 victory and his first collegiate national championship. This three-time collegiate champion holds the highest career winning percentage at the University of Iowa and was voted the most valuable wrestler at the 1997 NCAA Championships.

Following his collegiate career, Lincoln's drive to compete took him to the international stage. Even at this level, the will and perseverance to succeed that he learned back in South Dakota paid off for Lincoln. In 1998 he was the Goodwill Games Champion. Lincoln was the World Cup Champion in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He was crowned the Pam Am Games Champion in 1999. He was the U.S. Nationals Open Champion in 1997, 1998 and 1999. And the list goes on.

Today, McIlravy works as an assistant coach at Iowa and conducts wrestling clinics around the country. He often talks to group of high school students about the lessons he learned as an international wrestler. "Goal setting is important," he says. "I ask the students, if someone was going to write a book about them at the end of their life, how would they want it to read?"

Lincoln and his wife Lisa have invested in 7 acres outside of Iowa City for a rural home for them and their two young boys: Streeter and Sterling. "It's not large, but it will be a farm," McIlravy told a reporter last year. Perhaps not the size of the family ranch back in South Dakota but definitely a reconnection to his roots.

From his start as a grade school student on the wrestling mats in Philip, South Dakota, to the international stage today, Lincoln McIlravy has demonstrated an unequaled work ethic, drive and perseverance to compete and succeed. Along the way, he has achieved many successes – on and off the wrestling mat. All of which is cheered and admired by South Dakotans everywhere. It is with great pride that the South Dakota Newspaper Association presents to Lincoln McIlravy this Distinguished Achievement Award.

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Fair Board has turned in a special event application for an outdoor dance on August 7. Mayor John Hart said that he would like security for such events to mimic similar Philip Volunteer Fire Department events. The fair board has been asked to resubmit an amended application, with provisions for three security personnel

plates for a year. The Philip finance office has received $946.81 as its share from the distribution of license plate money that will not be spent for that change.

The rate for the city employee health insurance from Dakotacare will increase 7.5 percent.

The swimming pool replacement project work will begin next week.

resource and governmental finance officers training, June 15-18, in Mitchell.

The city offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in honor of the July 4th holiday. Due to the July 4th holiday, the next regular council meeting will be Tuesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Haakon County Courthouse Community Room.

Philip's Lincoln McIlravy inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By Del Bartels

Lincoln McIlravy, Olympic bronze medalist and past Iowa wrestling star, was inducted as a distinguished member into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on June 5 in Stillwater, Okla.

"When I was wrestling, I basically stayed focused on my next opponent," said McIlravy. "This honor is something out of your hands. It's a nice finish to my wrestling career."

McIlravy related that Lisa, his wife of almost 17 years whom he met in high school, said this indoctrination was a tremendous honor, a cap to a memorable career. He said that his four children think that it is pretty neat that their father received this recognition. They know a lot of the famous wrestlers, and have had some as guests in their home. His kids love wrestling and all sports – baseball, football gymnastics, soccer – there is just so much available that they haven't picked any single one yet.

McIlravy and his family are now kept busy operating an 81-room hotel. "After the induction ceremony and we head back home," he said, "I will continue to do the best job I can with my kids and my business. Family, career, wrestling, you never are exactly where you want to be, but it always pays off to give your best effort."

McIlravy said, "Philip is a great place to grow up. Some might say that there is not as much opportunity, but people there are not limited and they can dream big. I am very proud to be from Philip and had such a great upbringing. It's my hometown."

McIlravy said that his official acceptance speech was going to be tough. He said, "How do you ram a career into a minute-thirty?" But, he was going to thank his parents, his wife and kids, and all who contributed in any way to his wrestling accomplishments.

According to the induction records, "One of the most intense competitors ever to step on a wrestling mat, Lincoln McIlravy pursued championships from the time he was a very small boy.



Inductee ... **Lincoln McIlravy, a Philip High School graduate, now lives in Iowa City, Iowa. McIlravy won a 2000 Olympic bronze medal, a 1999 World silver medal and 1998 World bronze medal in freestyle wrestling, and was a three time National Collegiate Athletic Association champion for the University of Iowa.** *Courtesy photo*

"He started his run of national championships early, winning both cadet and junior national freestyle titles. He won five state championships for Philip High School and compiled a record of 200-25, piling up school records for most falls, most takedowns and most consecutive falls.

"In 1993, he won the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament as a 142-pound freshman, coming from five points down with 45 seconds left in the finals to defeat Fresno State's Gerry Abas, 16-15. As a sophomore he moved up a weight class, won his first Big Ten title and repeated as NCAA champ. As a junior, he was on a 52-match winning streak heading into the NCAA finals when the unexpected happened. Illinois' Steve Marianetti scored a 13-10 upset in the finals, depriving McIlravy of the chance to become a four-time NCAA champion.

"An Olympic redshirt year in 1996 allowed McIlravy to focus on trying to make the United States team for the Atlanta Olympic Games. He finished second in the U.S. Open Freestyle Championships and third in the Olympic trials. In 1997, returning to collegiate competition, he won his third Big Ten title and his third NCAA title. Overall, he finished his college career as a four-time All-American with a 96-3-12 record.

"Shortly after finishing his senior season, he won the first of four National Open Championships and qualified for his first U.S. World team. He won the 1998 Goodwill Games, placed third in the 1998 World Championships and was second in the World in 1999. In 2000, he won a freestyle bronze medal in the Olympic Games in Sydney.

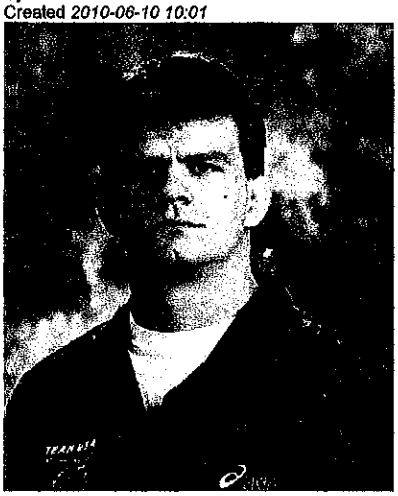
"After a stint as an assistant coach at the University of Iowa, McIlravy served as USA Wrestling's national freestyle resident coach for 2001-2002.

"As a fierce competitor at every level of wrestling, Lincoln McIlravy is honored as a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame."

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McIlravy related that Lisa, his wife of almost 17 years whom he met in high school, said this indoctrination was a tremendous honor, a cap to a memorable career. He said that his four children think that it is pretty neat that their father received this recognition. They know a lot of the famous wrestlers, and have had some as guests in their home. His kids love wrestling and all sports - baseball, football gymnastics, soccer - there is just so much available that they haven't picked any single one yet.

McIlravy and his family are now kept busy operating an 81-room hotel. "After the induction ceremony and we head back home," he said, "I will continue to do the best job I can with my kids and my business. Family, career, wrestling, you never are exactly where you want to be, but it always pays off to give your best effort."

McIlravy said, "Philip is a great place to grow up. Some might say that there is not as much opportunity, but people there are not limited and they can dream big. I am very proud to be from Philip and had such a great upbringing. It's my hometown."

McIlravy said that his official acceptance speech was going to be tough. He said, "How do you ram a career into a minute-thirty?" But, he was going to thank his parents, his wife and kids, and all who contributed in any way to his wrestling accomplishments.

According to the induction records, "One of the most intense competitors ever to step on a wrestling mat, Lincoln McIlravy pursued championships from the time he was a very small boy.

"He started his run of national championships early, winning both cadet and junior national freestyle titles. He won five state championships for Philip High School and compiled a record of 200-25, piling up school records for most falls, most takedowns and most consecutive falls.

"In 1993, he won the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament as a 142-pound freshman, coming from five points down with 45 seconds left in the finals to defeat Fresno State's Gerry Abas, 16-15. As a sophomore he moved up a weight class, won his first Big Ten title and repeated as NCAA champ. As a junior, he was on a 52-match winning streak heading into the NCAA finals when the unexpected happened. Illinois' Steve Marianetti scored a 13-10 upset in the finals, depriving McIlravy of the chance to become a four-time NCAA champion.

"An Olympic redshirt year in 1996 allowed McIlravy to focus on trying to make the United States team for the Atlanta Olympic Games. He finished second in the U.S. Open Freestyle Championships and third in the Olympic trials. In 1997, returning to collegiate competition, he won

his third Big Ten title and his third NCAA title. Overall, he finished his college career as a four-time All-American with a 96-3-12 record.

"Shortly after finishing his senior season, he won the first of four National Open Championships and qualified for his first U.S. World team. He won the 1998 Goodwill Games, placed third in the 1998 World Championships and was second in the World in 1999. In 2000, he won a freestyle bronze medal in the Olympic Games in Sydney.

"After a stint as an assistant coach at the University of Iowa, McIlravy served as USA Wrestling's national freestyle resident coach for 2001-2002.

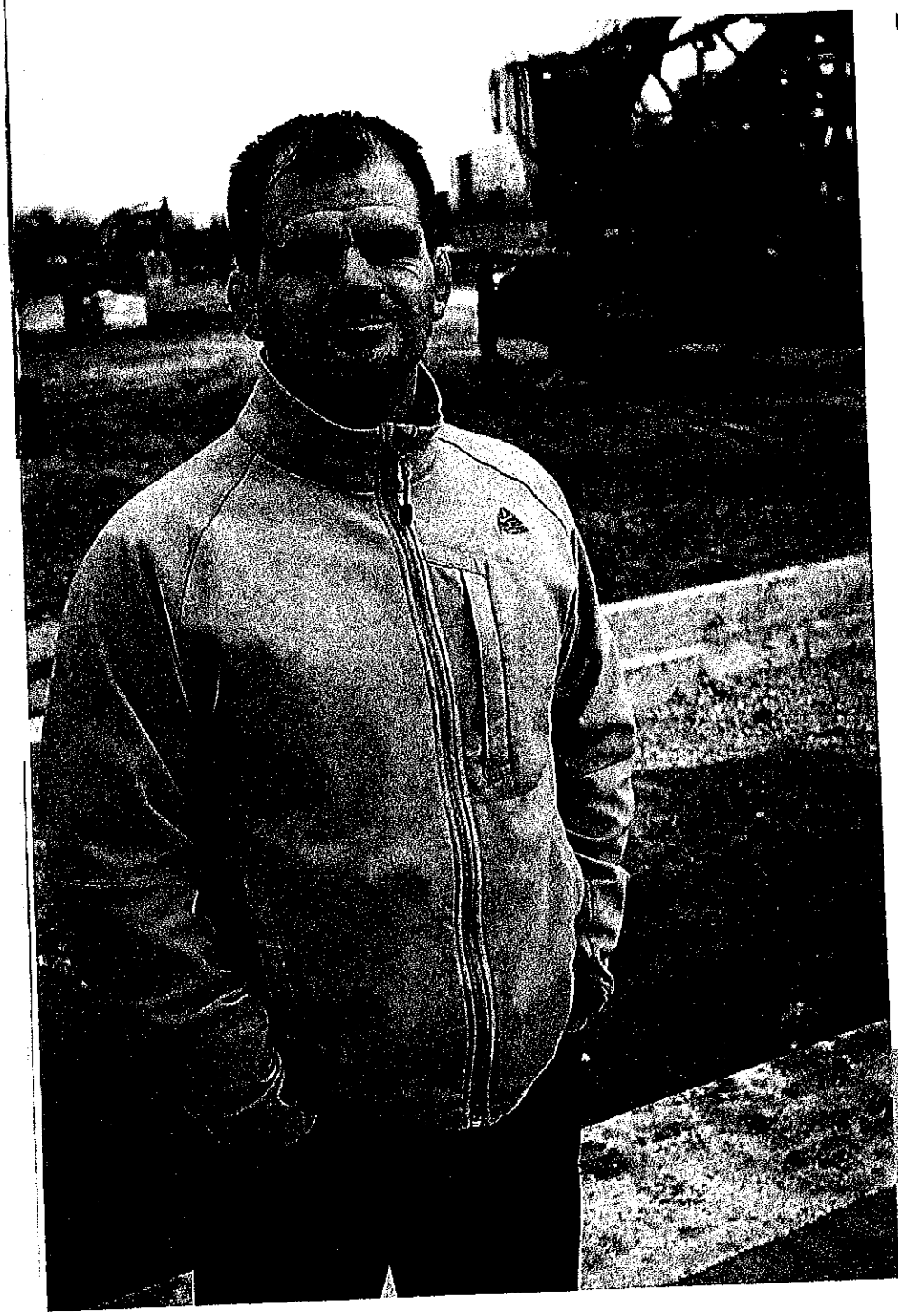
"As a fierce competitor at every level of wrestling, Lincoln McIlravy is honored as a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame."

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Lincoln McIlravy
From wrestling star to business leader



Lincoln McIlravy
Owner, Comfort Suites in Coralville
Age: 37
Resident of Solon

Photo by Bill Adams

By Katie Mills Giorgio

Lincoln McIlravy is probably best known around the Corridor — and the nation for that matter — as one of the most successful wrestlers to come out of the highly acclaimed wrestling program at the University of Iowa. During his college career he managed to claim the NCAA Division I championship three times. Then he later competed — and took home a bronze medal — in the 2000 Olympic Games. Clearly, Mr. McIlravy is no stranger to athletic success.

These days, however, he's begun to make a name for himself in the Corridor as an hotelier. When he's not spending time on his farm outside of Solon, where he lives with his wife and their four children, he has turned his quest for success to the business world. With his third hotel scheduled to open this summer in the Iowa River Landing District in Coralville, it seems Mr. McIlravy has found a way to transfer his wrestling moves into business know how.

How did you get into the hotel business?

When I was done competing and coaching wrestling, we were looking for a good way to make a living. We had a friend who offered to help us get started in business, which was bold on his part.

Up to that point the closest thing to business I had been involved with was sell a few T-shirts out of the trunk of a car at wrestling clinics.

When and why did you open your first hotel?

I opened the Comfort Suites in Coralville on June 15, 2005. I was intrigued with the business for two reasons. The first was the operational component involving the interaction with staff and guests. The service bar in the world is set pretty low right now. We thought if we get the right people involved and try to create a culture of caring for people then we could be successful. In hospitality, the guest experience is everything. There are a lot of things that help you exceed the expectation of our guests. We focus on those things. The second element that intrigued me was the real estate component. I didn't know a whole lot about how real estate worked, but I liked the idea that it might be worth more later.

What other properties do you currently own?

We also own a Hampton Inn in Lincoln, Neb. The Homewood Suites by Hilton will be my third hotel. We broke ground on that in the late fall of 2011. It is an upscale hotel with its focus of service aimed toward the extended-stay segment of the industry. The location is the best in the Iowa City/Coralville area. They say location three times for a reason. We also believe the quality and composition of the Iowa River Landing will position us to lead the market as long as we work relentlessly to put the guest first. The hotel is scheduled to open summer of 2012.

What do you enjoy most about the work you do?

I have a busy schedule, but a flexible one. I am able to spend a lot of time with my family. And the return on that investment is off the charts.

What do you enjoy about doing business in the Corridor?

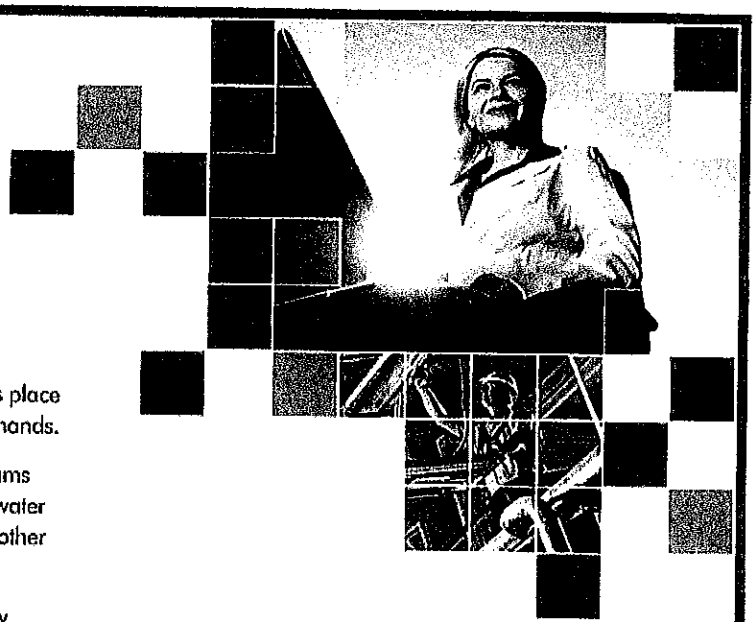
Growth is fun, development is exciting. Both are a healthy part of an economy. The Corridor is always on the move, with all the different types of business and innovation within the area. The leaders in the area are doing a great job creating an environment where people are optimistic about the future. Optimism is critical for businesses to grow and create.

What is most challenging about being in the hospitality industry?

Pleasing people. I still believe the guest/customer is always right. My dad told me early on to "treat every customer as if he/she is the only one you have. If you don't, they might be." We have great employees who do an excellent job in

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What's the best business advice you've been given?

The book of Proverbs. I also like what 'Good Will Hunting' said about getting an MBA. You can get the same thing for $1.50 in late fees at the local library. I agree that the common person can do this stuff.

What would you say is your biggest professional accomplishment thus far?

Starting. It is just like an athlete (or non athlete) working out, starting is the hard part.

How do your professional achievements compare to your many wrestling achievements?

Really, it is about process yielding results. Too many business people want to be wealthy. Too many athletes just want to win. Many times it is for the wrong reasons. Obviously that is the goal, but results are not actions. We need to focus on action, which will lead to results.

Speaking of your wrestling career, how have you translated lessons of success as a wrestler into a successful professional life?

There are two types of confidence. The first is the confidence that you have the right answer. This is also called arrogance. The second is the confidence that you will find the right answer. This is called wisdom. It works in sports and business.

You aren't originally from here, so what kept you in Iowa after college?

My wife and I are both from South Dakota. After college we stayed in Iowa City so I could coach wrestling, which was what I thought I would do the rest of my life. We moved to Colorado for two years so I could coach wrestling at the Olympic Training Center. It was good, but Iowa felt like home.

So what do you hope to achieve business-wise in the next five years?

I never think philosophically about the next five years in business. There are too many variables. As long as 2009 – which was a tough year for the hotel industry – doesn't happen too many times in the next five years, we should at least be here to transact business. We try to manage every opportunity as it presents itself. Opportunity never seems to present itself unless you are looking for it.

What advice would you share with someone looking to start their own business or franchise?

Go for it, and while you are at it, be honest, be generous and be content with what God has provided for you. Q

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TOP TEN: HAWKEYE WRESTLERS

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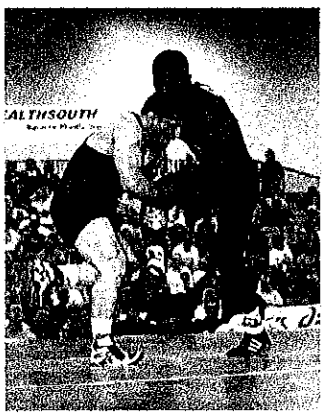
The University of Iowa has a rich history of wrestling, winning 23 of the last 37 national titles. Although the Hawkeyes couldn't win it all this season, head coach Tom Brands did get his team into a third place finish. Not a bad considering Iowa started the season out of the top ten.

Iowa has been a factory of dominating wrestlers for many years, but who is the best that Iowa has to offer?

Now that the season is over, we'd like to take a chance to give you KRUI's top ten all-time Iowa Hawkeye wrestlers.

10. T.J. Williams, 149-157 lbs, 1998-2001, 2 NCAA titles, three time all-American, one career loss

T.J. Williams only wrestled three years at Iowa, but in those seasons he fought his way to a 98-1 record, which ranks #1 in school winning percentage. In the year he didn't win an individual championship, he earned a 3rd place finish. He is also one of four Iowa wrestlers who compiled two undefeated seasons.



TJ Williams (red) at the 2004 US Nationals (Photo from chrisbono.com)

9. Mark Ironside, 134 lbs, 1994-1998, 2 NCAA titles, four time all-American, 1998 Dan Hodge Trohpy

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2. Lincoln McIlravy, 142-150 lbs, 1992-1997, 3 NCAA titles, four time all-American, 2000 Olympic Bronze

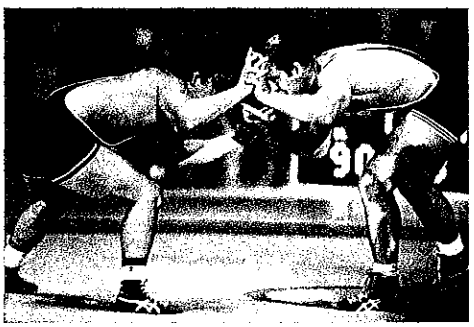
Now an Iowa City area business man, McIlravy had two undefeated seasons at Iowa, and wrestled his way through college to a 96-3 career record, which included two undefeated seasons. He was in the NCAA championship match four times, his only loss coming in 1995. His career winning percentage (97%) is also 3rd best in school history.



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1. Ed Banach, 177-190 lbs, 1979-83, 3 NCAA Titiles, four time all-American, 1984 Olympic Gold, 1983 Jesse Owens Big Ten Athlete of the Year

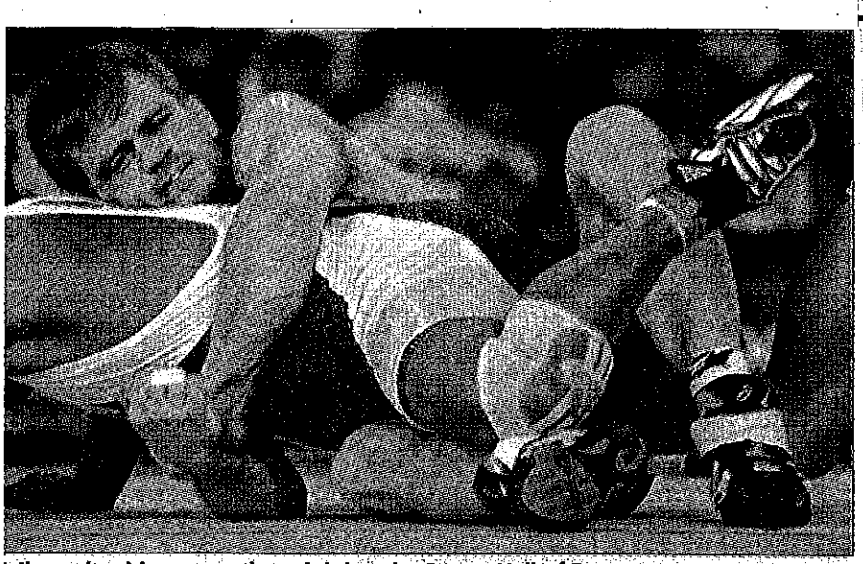
A dominating wrestler, Banach holds the school record for most career pins,and was also in the championship match four times. Banach was the 1983 Big Ten Athlete of the Year and ranks 2nd in season pins at Iowa. Add a stellar wrestling career after college, and Ed Banach is our #1 Hawkeye wrestler of all time.



Ed Banach (red) at the 1984 Summer Olympics (photo from commons.wikimedia.org)

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wn was a three- st-team all-stater ed at fullback as a freshman but moved to center and helped the Wolverines win national titles in 1947 and '48. In 1983 he was selected as the center on the all-time 50-year Rose Bowl team after his performance in 1948 when Michigan beat USC 49-0. The 6-foot, 211-pounder played one season of pro ball, as a linebacker and blocking back with the 1949 Los Angeles Dons of the All-American Football Conference.

He later became a successful architect. His projects included the UCLA's Drake Stadium and Michigan's Chrisler Arena.

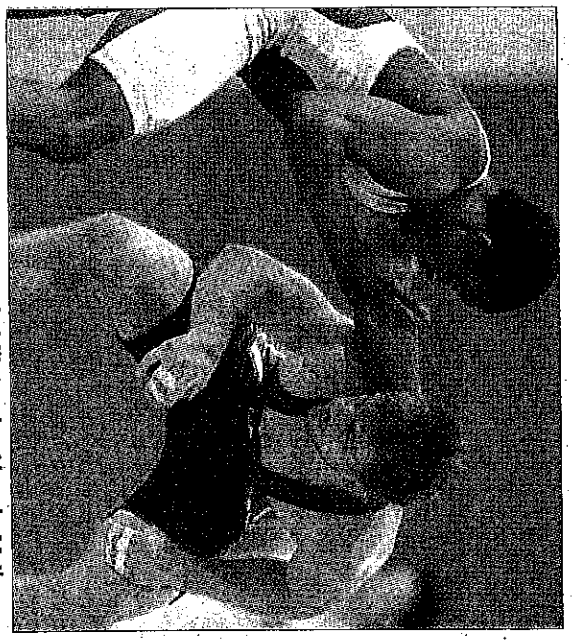
At Washington High, Dworsky lettered in football, basketball and track.

» Ekeland is the winningest baseball coach in SDSU history. The Rapid City Central and 1973 Augustana grad had a 561-345-2 record in 20 seasons. Ekeland's Jackrabbits won five NCC titles and 11 NCC Southern Division titles, including 10 straight from 1985-94. SDSU qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs six times, including 1984, Ekeland's first season, when SDSU advanced to the national and USD (track and cross country). During his 13 seasons at Mines (1967-72 and '78-86) he guided the Hardrockers to three South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference championships and an overall record of 178-168. Tech was 59-26 in his final three seasons, the best three year stretch in school history.

In addition, he was a very successful cross country coach, winning three consecutive SDIC championships (1969-1971). He is a member of the Hall of Fame at Northern and Mines.

» Keck, a Rapid City Stevens and 1979 SDSU grad, guided Stevens to six state titles (1994-95-97-98-99-01) and three runner-up finishes (96-00-06) in 12 seasons. She also was an assistant at Stevens for two seasons and was the Spearfish head coach for five. She was named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Special Sports Coach of the Year in 2006.

She was inducted into the S.D. Gymnastics Coaches Hall of Fame in 2000. At SDSU, Keck competed in gymnastics and track. At Stevens, she com-



Former Olympic wrestler and Philip native Lincoln McIlravy (right) is among the newest inductees going into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. ROBERT HANASHIRO / AP

South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame

Olympic medalist McIlravy leads class of new honorees

From staff reports

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

» Lincoln McIlravy is among 10 people selected for induction into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

» The 10 will be inducted at a banquet April 14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

Wrestler Lincoln McIlravy, an Olympic bronze medalist, is among 10 people selected for induction into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

The other honorees are basketball players Diane (Hiemstra) Gabriel, Rick Nissen and Steve Brown, basketball player/coach Jim Kampen, volleyball coach Galen Busch, gymnastics coach Sheri Keck, baseball coach Mark Ekeland and football players Clarence Schutte and Dan Dworsky.

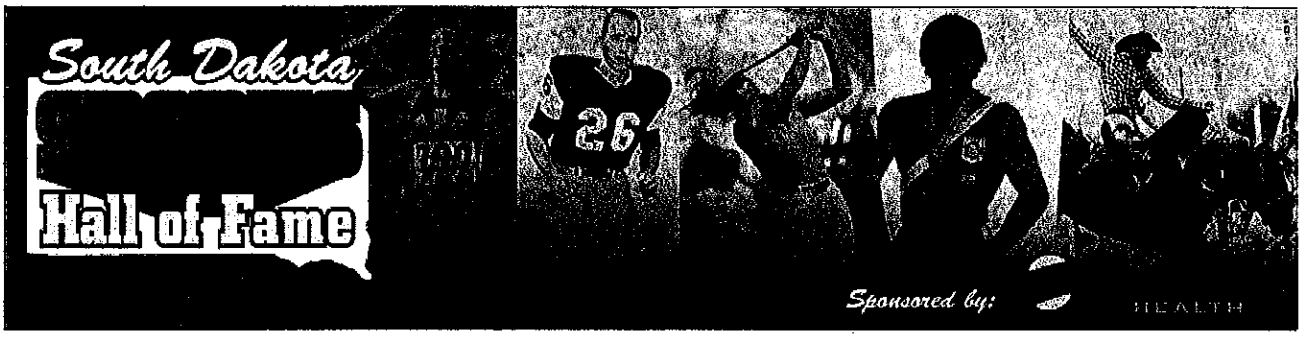
The 10 will be inducted at a banquet April 14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Ticket information will be released at a later date. With this class of inductees, the hall will boast a membership of 225.

McIlravy lives in Solon, Iowa; Nissen in Rogers, Minn.; Busch in Mission; Keck in Rapid City; Ekeland in Brookings; Brown in Chanhassen, Minn.; Dworsky in Los Angeles; and Gabriel in Santa Barbara, Calif. Kampen and Schutte are being honored posthumously.

McIlravy, a Philip native who attended the Uni-

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Lincoln McIlravy



The Philip High and University of Iowa grad is one of the greatest wrestlers in state history.

He was a freestyle bronze medalist at 152 pounds at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. There he beat wrestlers from Nigeria, Turkey and Moldova to reach the semifinals, where he lost in overtime to Canada's Daniel Igali. McIlravy then beat Sergei Demchenko of Belorussia 3 -1 for the bronze.

He competed in the world championships three times, earning a bronze medal in 1998 and a silver medal in 1999.

McIlravy won four straight U.S. Freestyle Nationals gold medals (1997-2000) and was second in 1996. He finished third at the 1996 Olympic Trials. Among his major international titles were three World Cup gold medals (1998-2000), the 1999 Pan American Games, the 1998 Yarygin Tournament in Russia and the 1996 Sunkist Kids International Open.

At Iowa, wrestling for the legendary Dan Gable, he won three NCAA Division I titles and was runner-up the other year while compiling a 96-3 record, the best winning percentage in the storied history of Iowa's wrestling program. As a true freshman, he came from five points down in the final 45 seconds to win his first title, 16-15, at 142 pounds. He moved up a weight class for his other two championships, going unbeaten as a sophomore (27-0) and senior (22-0).

McIlravy was introduced to wrestling at age 5, joining brothers Arthur and Clayton in the Philip youth program. "I wasn't the toughest kid in Philip or the toughest kid at practice, but I was a little better than average," McIlravy recalled. "More importantly, I really liked it, so I worked at it a lot. I played football and baseball, too, but by eighth grade I made a year-round commitment to wrestling."

He was a five-time state high school champion (98 pounds in 1988, 112 in 1989, 125 in 1990 and 152 in 1991 and '92) and had a record of 200-25. He was only the second South Dakotan to ever win five state prep titles. He also was a Cadet and Junior national freestyle champion.

He was a volunteer assistant coach at Iowa and also a resident men's freestyle coach at the Olympic Training Center.

He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2010.

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Inductee Peggy Kirby and husband Kevin

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Mitch Osborn

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: **Mitch J. Osborn**
(first, middle, last)

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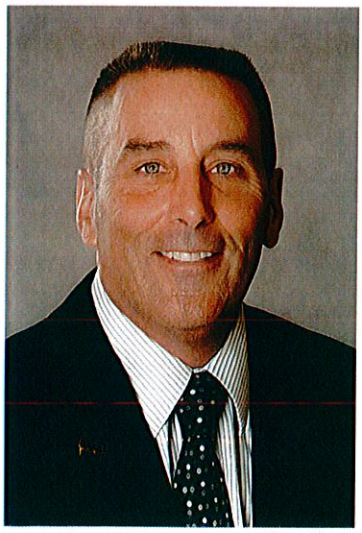
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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Mitch J. Osborn
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 1511 Cheyenne Ave.
(street address)

Harlan, IA 51537
(city, state, zip)

Email: mosborn@hcsdcyclones.com

Phone: 712-579-4824 Date of Birth: June 24, 1962

School Affiliation (if any) Harlan Community High School

City: Harlan State: IA

Place of Birth: Atlantic, IA Date of Retirement: NA

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Currently Middle School/High School Activities Director

If deceased, date of death:

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Nancy A. Osborn, wife

Address: 1511 Cheyenne Ave.; Harlan, IA 51537

Phone: 712-579-0291

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: [Walnut]	Walnut, IA	1980	Diploma
College/University: Sioux Empire Jr. C	Hawarden, IA	1982	A.A.
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	Maryville, MO	1984	B.S.
Post Graduate School: Drake Univ.	Des Moines, IA	1993	M.A.

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
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COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

1984-90 Elk Horn-Kimballton High School, Elk Horn, IA
Head Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant High School Football Coach, Athletic Director 1985-90, Class 1A

1990-97 Pomeroy/Palmer High School, Pomeroy, IA
Head Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant High School Football Coach 1990-92, Athletic Director 1995-97, Class 1A

1997-Present Harlan Community High School, Harlan, IA
Head Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant Activities Director 1997-98, Activities Director 1998-Present, Class 3A

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Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

Coach Osborn has led 18 teams to the State Tournament which is an all time Iowa record for boys' basketball, breaking a mark set from 1929-1952 and tied 1979-2006

His career record 617-125 in the past 30 years is ninth best all time in Iowa and fifth best among active coaches. No one in Iowa has reached win plateaus of 400, 500 or 600 in shorter time than he has. His win percentage of .832 is the highest of any Iowa coach with 300 or more wins.

In addition, his achievements include
3 State Tournament Championships (1994, 2004, and 2006)
5 State Tournament Runners-up (1995, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013)
4 Third Place State Tournament finishes (1990, 1991, 1992 and 2007)
4 Fourth Place State Tournament finishes (1993, 2001, 2009, 2014)
18 Substate Tournament Titles
24 District Tournament Titles
20 Conference Championships

6 times he has been selected Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Class 3A Coach of the Year (1987, 1988, 1994, 2001, 2007, 2014)
Twice he has been selected as the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association All Star game coach - 1994 & 2008
Selected NFHS Central Section Coach of the Year and National Finalist in 2008
Selected as *The Omaha World Herald* Western Iowa All Sports Coach of the Year - 2004
He has coached 26 Players who have been named to All State Teams

This winter at the Iowa State Basketball Tournament he will be inducted into the IHSAA Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He will be the youngest coach ever to receive that honor.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

Member of the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association, 1984-present
Served on the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Board of Directors, 1991-94
Clinician at the Nebraska Coaches Association Convention – 2007

Clinician at several other Iowa coaching clinics and basketball camps
Member of the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association, 1985-present

Other information *(not previously listed)*

He has served as a presenter at the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association Annual Convention; the Iowa Association of School Boards Convention; and the IHSAA's New Athletic Director/Administrators In-Service program.
He has acted as a mentor to young Athletic Directors
He has spoken to several Iowa schools of varying enrollments on "The Cyclone Way" which gives schools and coaches on how Harlan Community coaches work together encouraging students to not specialize and become active in multi-sports and activities.

He was named Southwest Iowa Athletic Director of the Year in 2006

Since 1999 when he became Athletic Director at Harlan Community, the school has had numerous State Championships: Football (2003, 04, 05, 09); Girls Volleyball (2013); Girls' Cross Country (2015); Boys Basketball (2004, 06); Girls Basketball (2014), Boys Track (2003), Baseball (2003).

In addition, Harlan has the following State Tournament Runner-ups
Football (2000, 01); Girls Cross Country (2006), Girls Basketball (2013); Boys Basketball 2003, 08, 13); Girls Track (2005, 06); Softball (2006) and Baseball (2008, 11).

Under his guidance Harlan has started both girls and boys varsity soccer programs (2000) and girls and boys varsity bowling programs (2012)

He was an active member on the Harlan Community Foundation Committee that recently raised $1.7 million privately to renovate Merrill Field sports complex. He personally contacted several alumni and community businesses to help secure funds for the project and spent time with the school district's Director of Operations and Superintendent Justin Wagner on the renovation plan that was completed in August 2014 in time for football.

Included in the extensive renovation was the installation of Field Turf, a Video Board/Scoreboard, Musco Lighting, resurfacing re-striping the track and field event areas, a fully automatic timing system for track, new grandstand and bleachers, renovation of the stadium concourse, a new entrance into the facility and a new storage building and concession stand for the visiting fans.

Letters of Recommendation

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November 10, 20014

NFHS Hall-of-Fame Screening Committee
National Federation of School Associations
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Board of Control we proudly endorse Mitch Osborn for your consideration as our nominee to the NFHS Hall-of-Fame in the category of "Coach." We hope that as you review his profile and accomplishments that he meets the criteria of a hall-of-fame candidate.

Mitch is the sixth coach we have nominated but the first in boys' basketball. Mitch has coached three different teams into the State Tournament and has a state record 18 state tournament teams, breaking a record originally set from 1929-1952. His success which includes a win-loss record of 617-125 has been achieved in 30 years and his 83.2 winning percentage is the highest of any Iowa coach with 300 or more victories. His teams have won three championships, finished second five times and taken third or fourth four times each. Only twice has his teams lost the opening game of the tournament.

In my 35 years with the IHSAA and dealing directly with coaches and administrators many of those years, I consider him one of our very best coaches and role models for younger coaches that we have. I make this claim because I have seen him win and lose close games, sometimes with controversy, but he leaves the game on the floor and gives credit to his players and fans as well as opposing coaches and players and never criticizing an official. These qualities along with the "x's and o's and the why's and how's" of the game make him a valued clinician and speaker. Equally important is that we consider him to be as good a person and highly professional in all aspects of his work, including but not limited to Harlan hosting games in our tournament series in a variety of sports.

He is a community leader and active in the state as an Athletic Director. He is fully engaged and although he is a head basketball coach, he is a strong supporter of all sports teams and fine arts programs at Harlan Community Schools. He will send information via the school website, Twitter accounts, Facebook as well as press releases. This is in addition to marshalling the needed workers to cover an event. He has won awards for his work with the Iowa Athletic Directors Association and always takes time to mentor younger professionals. He is a strong proponent of multi-sport athletes and has spoken to many schools about "the Cyclone Way" and how Harlan and the coaches promote sharing athletes. In the past year, he was a member of the Harlan Community Foundation that raised $1.7 million dollars privately for extensive renovations at their Merrill Field Sports Complex which was finished in time for football in August. He worked with the superintendent and the school's director of operations in devising the renovation plan then personally contacted alumni and businesses in securing the necessary funds. His work with former Harlan student Nic Christensen, who has cerebral palsy, to secure a coaching authorization has been featured in the news and gives you a glimpse of his character.

At the present time, Mitch is battling a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He follows his doctor's advice and treatments yet still goes about his work and plans to coach this coming winter.

He wears success well, humbly accepting honors and accolades and always using them as a stepping stone to improve. In this regard, and in so many other ways he, is the ultimate role model for our younger educators.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Wulkow

Richard W. Wulkow
Executive Director

October 27, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and respect that I have the opportunity to recommend Mitch Osborn for your consideration as a candidate for the National High School Hall of Fame in the coaching category. I was fortunate enough to hire Mitch as the Activities Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach at Harlan Community High School in the spring of 1998. At the time, I was the High School Principal and had watched Mitch grow kids and grow programs since arriving in Harlan in the fall of 1988. When the Board of Education acted on my recommendation to split the Assistant Principal/Activities Director position into two positions, I approached Mitch about becoming our Activities Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach and he welcomed the offer.

When I began my tenure in Harlan, Mitch was the basketball coach at Elk Horn-Kimballton, a community just to the east of Harlan. Year after year he was having the level of success that every community and team would envy. That success captured the attention of Alden Skinner, the very successful coach and Superintendent at Pomeroy-Palmer, who was able to lure Mitch to his district. The success continued at Pomeroy-Palmer and over the next seven years Mitch's teams won 149 games while losing only 28. In one stretch, Mitch had a team in the State tournament seven consecutive years. When the door opened for me to hire an Activities Director and basketball coach, but more importantly a leader, I called Mitch. His program continues to realize noteworthy success evidenced by his 351 wins and only 77 losses after seventeen years at Harlan Community High School. His record over his thirty year career is 617-125 for a winning percentage of 83%. Mitch has had teams in the State Basketball Tournament on eighteen different occasions, which is unmatched in the State of Iowa. In addition, teams coached by Mitch have won three state titles and have realized multiple runner-up finishes. I chose to elaborate on his success because I'm sure these numbers will have some significance in the selection of a candidate for the National High School Hall of Fame coaching category.

Although it was his success as a basketball coach that captured my interest initially, equally as impressive as his team's records over the years is the way in which his teams have conducted themselves on and off the court. His program can only be described as "classy" because of their sportsmanship, character, attention to purpose, commitment in the classroom, and caring and supportive attitude toward others. I will expand on the caring and supportive attitude toward others because it is in this area where I believe Mitch and his teams become "special" people. While at Harlan, Mitch and his teams have traditionally "adopted" students and adults who have experienced adversity in their lives as friends of the program. Many of these student "friends" have been special needs while the adults may be avid supporters of the program and experiencing health or other issues. The students are typically seen sitting behind or near the player bench and are acknowledged by the players and coaches at the time of player introductions either verbally or by players giving the student a "five." To witness the response from these students and appreciate what this means to them personally is a lesson in what it means to value those around us. Mitch currently has a former student, who has MS, as his right hand man and one could make an argument for him to carry the title of assistant activities director. In addition, he lists this student as his assistant coach in the boys' basketball program.

I need to mention the "shout out" on his post-game radio interview to the blind student who listens to the game on the radio, the introduction of the student with Down's Syndrome during pregame, or taking a basketball autographed by the team to a loyal supporter who is desperately ill and in the hospital as acts of kindness and caring for which Mitch deserves credit. The examples listed only represent a few of the many random acts of kindness Mitch has been associated with during his time in Harlan.

I believe the selection committee needs to be apprised of the many hours of volunteer work Mitch is responsible for throughout each and every year. His services are in high demand because of his credibility with our public. Mitch is also an auctioneer and he is called on frequently when this skill is needed.

I believe his coaching statistics will be a significant piece of the evaluation process, but I can't emphasize enough how important it is to have a person with integrity, vision, and compassion as leaders in our schools and programs. Mitch represents the best we have in the educational and coaching arena. He is deserving of your highest consideration.

Respectfully,

Kent Klinkefus
Retired High School Principal (2007)
Harlan Community High School

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This recommendation is for Mitch Osborn. I have known Coach Osborn for eight years in my role as the high school principal and currently as the Superintendent of the Harlan Community School District. Coach Osborn is without question not only a hall of fame coach, he is a hall of fame person who has shown a community that winning with character is the only way to win!

Coach Osborn's current record is an incredible 617-125. He has led the Harlan Community boys basketball program to three state championships, five state runners-up, four state 3rd place finishes, four state 4th place finishes and two tournament participant outcomes. Overall he has lead 18 teams to the state tournament and has been named the 3A coach of the year an astounding six different times. In 2008, he was selected as the NFHS Central Section Coach of the Year and National Finalist. Coach Osborn is the 'go to guy' in the state of Iowa referencing boys basketball. He has influenced the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) through policy guidance referencing play on the court and sportsmanship related councils.

Anytime someone has 617 wins that is impressive. However, I think the story behind how Coach Osborn earned those wins is even more impressive. His life is a history of not only being a coach, but being a 'father-figure, friend and confidant' to his players. The stories of his character and selflessness abound, dating back to his first years as head coach at Elk-Horn Kimballton. His long history of taking players in when needed, countless 'anonymous' purchases of needed items for players and the life lessons Coach Osborn taught along the way, show the impact of his legacy. The recent Omaha World Herald article chronicled his kind hearted, yet passionate demeanor which has changed the lives of his players and coaches forever.

There are many stories and little space to express them in, but one story which stands out is that of Nic Christensen. Nic was born and raised in Harlan and has cerebral palsy. Coach Osborn and Nic did not know each other prior to Mitch coming to Harlan, but the connection and caring was immediate. Nic is now grown and is an assistant coach on the Harlan Community boys basketball team. Coach Osborn helped Nic earn his coaching certificate and has 'Nic' stories that could be told for days. The point here is this is not a unique story in the life of Mitch Osborn. His caring and compassion can be felt throughout the community and the state of Iowa. He has a gift of lifting others around him which sets him apart from other great coaches.

The general criteria of the National High School Hall of Fame (NHSHOF) asks how candidates have meaningfully impacted the nation. Coach Osborn has positively impacted the Harlan Community policies as well as the policies and practices of the IHSAA. His character and story, when told, will absolutely impact the nation! His selflessness, work ethic and sportsmanship for the game of basketball are those characteristics which at times are hard to find today, but characteristics Coach Osborn preaches and lives! His coaching accomplishments on the court have placed him in elite company. However, the person he is, places him on a national level of excellence. It is without hesitation that I recommend Mitch Osborn for the NHSHOF.

Sincerely,

Justin T. Wagner

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John Connell
High School Principal

Mitch J. Osborn
Activities Director

October 13, 2014

National Hall of Fame,

Mitch Osborn's record as a coach makes him a worthy candidate for the National Hall of Fame. For those who only look at a won / loss record and state championships, Mitch Osborn's impact on student athletes will never be seen. For all of his success on the court, he has two papers that hang on the outside of his office door. One is an article about Nic Christensen, a former student who has cerebral palsy. Nic has been a part of Coach Osborn's program since I came to Harlan. Nic recently completed his coaching authorization (with Coach Osborn's help) so he can continue to sit on the bench during games as part of the coaching staff. Coach Osborn's quote in the article states, "When (Nic) is not here, you notice it. It's terrible. The practices are not the same." The other paper is a note given to him by a special needs student with whom he shares a fondness for the Northwest Missouri State football team.

In the twelve years I have been at Harlan Community High School, I have seen a continuing theme. Our players are told that they will be judged by their fundamentals and the poise they show on the court. Nic Christensen will be on the bench and a special needs student will be one of our managers. Last season, I asked Coach Osborn if I could come into the locker room before games, half time, and after games. I know he is a hall of fame caliber coach and didn't want to lose the opportunity to see how he coaches on game night. After a win, two special needs student managers, lead the team in a victory cheer. It was a special thing to witness when a group of athletes will accept special needs students every year as part of a team. I believe it is due to the example Coach Osborn has set for of his players to follow.

I read a quote from a former Iowa high school football coach that said, "If all I have taught you is to block and tackle, I have failed you as a coach." Mitch Osborn has not failed his players as their coach. My son played for Coach Osborn and graduated in 2010. He still talks to Nic Christensen today and will invite Nic over and physically help him get into our hot tub. As a parent, I am proud that my son learned to accept people for who they are and not the conditions they may have been born with. Won /loss records get forgotten with time. The impact that Coach Osborn has had on the lives of those around him will not be forgotten.

John Connell

Harlan Community High School Principal

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October 2014

RE: Mitch Osborn

Hall of Fame Committee,

I am honored to write this letter in support of Mitch Osborn as a candidate for National High School Hall of Fame recognition. I have known Mitch for more than 15 years in various capacities in my roles of parent, volunteer, community leader and friend. No matter the role or the setting Mitch is passionate about developing self-esteem and creating positive results for everyone he comes in contact with. The settings span from Fine Arts to Academics to Athletics to Community Events and his roles range from Coach to Teacher to Activities Director to Parent to Volunteer to Business Owner.

The 600+ wins, multiple championships and numerous awards achieved through Mitch's leadership up to this point are indicative of his success and worthy of recognition. While this success gains the admiration of others it is secondary to how he has achieved the success and the meaningful impact he has had on others around him at all times. There is a motto in our community of "Joined as one, we get the job done" and Mitch has demonstrated this by always including others and bringing attention to others who have been a part of the journey. Observe the diversity of the individuals involved in his programs or listen to him speak and you will clearly see that Mitch lives out this motto. Mitch Osborn is a household name throughout Shelby County and you rarely go somewhere in the state of Iowa without someone knowing him which is immediately followed by the positive impact of knowing him.

Mitch is a family man, and along with his wife Nancy and three grown boys, they have shown others that hard work, commitment and poise are hallmarks of success. With Mitch at the helm each of them expects nothing less than the best. Anyone who has spent time around the Osborn's quickly sees the passion that drives them which is contagious for others. Despite his recent diagnosis and treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma this same passion and caring about others remains a constant in his life.

Mitch Osborn is a National High School Hall of Fame individual in all aspects. Mitch is a game changer, a community changer and a life changer. In my opinion recognition on a national level is not only worthy, it is fitting.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Coach Mitch Osborn to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. I have been fortunate to know Mitch Osborn not only as a coach and a fellow Athletic Director but also as a role model and a truly caring individual. My first experience was having the privilege of playing high school basketball for Coach Osborn from 2000-2004. Over those four years, we were 3-time conference champions and 3-time state qualifiers, with a State Runner Up finish in 2003 and a State Championship in 2004 with a perfect 27-0 season record to add to Coach's already impressive resume. Of the 30 years he has been coaching, he has played in the sub-state final 24 times, winning and advancing to state 18 of the those times. Coach Osborn's preparation, his ability to motivate individual players as well as the team and his high attention to detail on scouting his opponent's tendencies has made him one of Iowa's best basketball coaches.

In addition to Coach Osborn's duties as the head coach of the boy's basketball program at Harlan, he is also the Athletic Director that oversees one of the most successful athletic departments in the state of Iowa. His leadership & guidance as an AD has brought the school 11 State Championships and 12 State Runner Ups, making Harlan a "team to beat" in Iowa.

There is no other person who has made a bigger impact on my life since I met Coach Osborn. Coach Osborn's dedication and hard work ethic made me want to be an AD as well. Shortly after graduating from graduate school, I was given the opportunity to become an AD, a position I would not be successful at without the assistance and support of Coach Osborn. After two years in this role, I continue to rely on his expertise and knowledge of high school athletics and activities on a regular basis. Even as an AD in a rival school in the Hawkeye Ten conference, he has remained supportive, accommodating and valuable to me and the Glenwood Schools.

Not only is Coach Osborn a champion as a coach and athletic director but also as an educator and a person. Coach Osborn has always had a heart of gold and emulates a personality that demonstrates compassion, selflessness, and thoughtfulness. He has dedicated time and encouragement to many students and citizens who are less fortunate over the years. Coach Osborn has assisted a former student manager with Cerebral Palsy to become an assistant on his basketball staff. Coach also recently worked with a visually impaired student to allow him to become a student manager; this is just one example of how he has included and supported numerous kids to be involved in his program to make them feel special and have a sense of belonging. These actions by Coach Osborn are what I remember most as an athlete and are now what I try to do as an educator and AD myself.

Coach Osborn is a mentor to me and even with his recent diagnosis of lymphoma; he is one of the most positive and strongest people you will meet. His ability to coach basketball, be the AD at one of the top 3A schools in the state and be a servant leader for not just the Harlan Community but all of Iowa is the reason Coach Mitch Osborn is very deserving to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Thank You for your Consideration,

Jeff Bissen

Support Data

IOWA BOYS' BASKETBALL COACHES' CAREER W-L RECORDS

X denotes retired; W-L record is at the end of the 2013-14 season; (yrs as those as a head coach)

October 31, 2014

NOTICE: This list remains a work in progress, as we realize there are several coaches we are missing. Coaches and schools are urged to report any incorrect win-loss information. W-L is updated at end of the current season. Those not listed and their information as well as any correction of information are welcomed and can be sent to Bud Legg at the IHSAA, PO Box Boone, IA 50036-0010 or email: blegg@iahsaa.org

Wins	Losses (Yrs)	Coach and School (s)
779	327 (49 yrs)	Bob Hilmer, WACO, Wayland (186-115); Forest City (534-187), Fredericksburg (59-25)
723	454 (53 yrs)	Fred Parsons, Van Buren, Keosauqua; Fox Valley (57-23 [3 yrs])
694	321 (45 yrs)	Al Marshall, Cascade, Aquin Cascade
680	218 (41 yrs)	X E. Glenn Strobridge, Waterloo West (575-206); Stuart, Nevada, Gunnison, CO
653	283 (42 yrs)	X Jim Squiers, Marquette Catholic, Bellevue
634	138 (32 yrs)	Jim Eekhoff, Western Christian, Hull
622	324 (43 yrs)	X Jerry Brown, Murray (500-220); Missouri
618	318 (42 yrs)	X Jerry Christensen, Treynor (508-217); Carroll, Oxford Jct.; Warsaw, IL; NE Nodaway, MO
617	125 (30 yrs)	Mitch Osborn, Harlan (351-77 [17]; Pomeroy-Palmer (149-28 [7], Elk Horn-Kimballton (117-20, [6])
595	154 (32 yrs)	Dwight Gingerich, Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona
590	233 (38 yrs)	Dan Beck, Easton Valley; Preston
586	134 (28 yrs)	X O.C. "Pop" Varner, Mount Ayr (120-36), Diagonal (466-98), Delphos*
		** Varner started his coaching career at Delphos and was there for 6 years. His W-L at Diagonal includes the Delphos years*
581	320 (40 yrs)	Don Showalter, Iowa City, City; Mid-Prairie, Wellman (441-183); Central Elkader; Lone Tree
580	290 (40 yrs)	Steve McGraw, Waterloo East (465-188); Clarksville, Tri-County, Thornburg (114-81)
569	106 (27 yrs)	X O.J. "Lefty" Cayou, Livermore
559	250 (38 yrs)	X Gordon Rundquist, Maquoketa Valley, Delhi; West Branch
557	225 (33 yrs)	Larry Hessing, Pella Christian (365-133); Dakota Christian (New Holland SD); Central Minn. Christian
551	310 (39 yrs)	X Carl Cochran, Tri-Center, Neola (483-259); Elk Horn-Kimballton (68-51)
543	199 (36 yrs)	X David Ray, Dunkerton, Tripoli; Dallas Center, Miles
541	111 (26 yrs)	X Paul Moon, Davenport
541	271 (39 yrs)	X Steve Blazek, Atlantic (357-201 [29]); Sutherland (79-25 [5]), Fox Valley (34-7 [2]), Newtown-Harris, MO (64-20 [3])
539	153 (31 yrs)	X Merle Shafenberg, Hinton
533	192 (29 yrs)	X Bud Bergman, Aplington-Parkersburg; Waverly-Shell Rock
533	286 (38 yrs)	X Jerry Eimers, Dike; Greene, Clarksville, Onslow
531	256 (37 yrs)	X Jerry "Bert" Hanson, Indianola; Lake Mills, Sentral, Fenton
531	307 (39 yrs)	X Jerry Slykhuis, Cedar Falls; Fort Madison
525	235 (35 yrs)	X Vic Jones, Lawton-Bronson; St. Ansgar, Humboldt, Armstrong, Paullina, Perry, Bronson
522	252 (38 yrs)	X John Westphal, Humboldt, Albert City-Truesdale
518	204 (31 yrs)	Marty McKowen, Wapsie Valley
516	240 (34 yrs)	Fred Lorensen, PCM, Monroe (419-127); Monroe
512	238 (34 yrs)	X Alden Berkenpas, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto; Maple Valley, South Clay, Garner-Hayfield
510	156 (28 yrs)	X Ival Outhouse, Moorhead; Bronson, Castana, Sx. Rapids, Carroll, Whiting, West Harrison
503	169 (31 yrs)	X William Miller, IKM, Manilla; Manilla, Falls City, NE; Virginia, NE, Shubert, NE
502	295 (37 yrs)	X Dave Tremmel, Sigourney; Williamsburg; Eddyville-Blakesburg, Iowa City High; Washington; Amana
501	302 (37 yrs)	X Don King, Cedar Rapids Washington; Nevada, Hayfield, Robbinsdale, MN
500	197 (33 yrs)	X Bill Fleming, Maquoketa

--- 36 with 500 or more ---

Harlan basketball coach Mitch Osborn has lymphoma

By Kevin White / World-Herald staff writer | Posted: Thursday, September 4, 2014 8:54 pm

Harlan boys basketball coach and Activities Director Mitch Osborn told The World-Herald on Thursday that he has been diagnosed with a type of lymphoma.

Osborn, 52, said he will not relinquish any of his duties with the school. He expects to begin rounds of chemotherapy treatments on Tuesday. Each round of treatments likely will occur on a Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by a four-week break in between.

In March or April, he said, the next step in the treatment process will be a stem-cell transplant, in which he receives his own stem cells.

Osborn said he is determined to fight the disease.

"I'm not going to let this cancer control me," he said. "I'm going to control it."

Osborn can make a claim as the most successful boys basketball coach in Iowa history. In a 30-year career, he has led teams at Harlan, Pomeroy-Palmer and Elk Horn-Kimballton to 18 state appearances, two more than any other coach in state history. His teams have an 18-6 record in substate finals and a 16-2 record in state quarterfinals. He's guided teams to three state titles and also led one of the state's top athletic departments.

He has mantle cell lymphoma. It's one of the non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, a group of cancers that develop in the body's lymphatic system. Mantle cell lymphoma makes up only about five percent of all non-Hodgkin's lymphomas.

Osborn said he woke up on Aug. 24 with very swollen lymph nodes on the left side of his neck. After a biopsy and more tests, he received the diagnosis. He informed staff members through an email on Sunday.

Osborn said he understands that he must listen to his body when it comes to the amount of work he can do between treatments.

"As much as I love basketball, and as much as I love Harlan Community school, this is a time that unfortunately I've got to put my health first," he said.

Osborn and his wife, Nancy, the school nurse at Harlan, have three sons. Joel is an assistant football coach at Northwest Missouri State and Kevin teaches and coaches at Logan-Magnolia. Zach is the starting quarterback at Wayne State.

Mitch Osborn also is a part-time auctioneer. He said he's been given few restrictions, and he hopes he can attend his youngest son's football games and continue auctioneering.

Osborn said he's been overwhelmed by the support of friends and colleagues.

"Until you're in these shoes, you don't realize the amount of support," he said. "The emails and the text messages have been coming across, not just in the state of Iowa but different parts of the United States. Those mean a lot, they really do."

CLASS 3-A FINAL

HARLAN 60, CRESTWOOD (CRESCO) 54

2004

NO STOPPING HARLAN

Cyclones use 19-0 second-half run to rally past Crestwood

By MIKE MALLOY
REGISTER CORRESPONDENT

Jack of all trades, master of most.

Jeff Bissen has been an all-around athlete his entire life, and Saturday night he became the consummate winner, helping No. 1 Harlan rally to the state Class 3-A boys' basketball championship with a 60-54 win over Crestwood of Cresco at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

It is the fourth state championship in the last 10 months for Harlan, which is the defending champion in boys' track, baseball, and football.

The Cyclones have won 57 straight games in baseball, football and basketball, and won their first championship in the latter in their 11th state tournament appearance.

"I don't like to specialize," Bissen said. "My summers are pretty hectic. I shoot baskets and lift weights in the morning, and play baseball in the afternoon. Me and (quarterback) Joel (Osborn) start working on pass routes in April."

Bissen was the starting pitcher in the 3-A baseball championship game, and had several tackles in the 3-A football title game, but saved his best performance for basketball, where he hit three three-pointers in a 19-0 Cyclones run that erased a 13-point fourth quarter deficit.

Billy Miller started the spree with a three-pointer, but Bissen brought the run to a sprint with a tying three with 3 minutes 16 seconds left, and followed 47 seconds later with a three-pointer that put Harlan ahead for good.

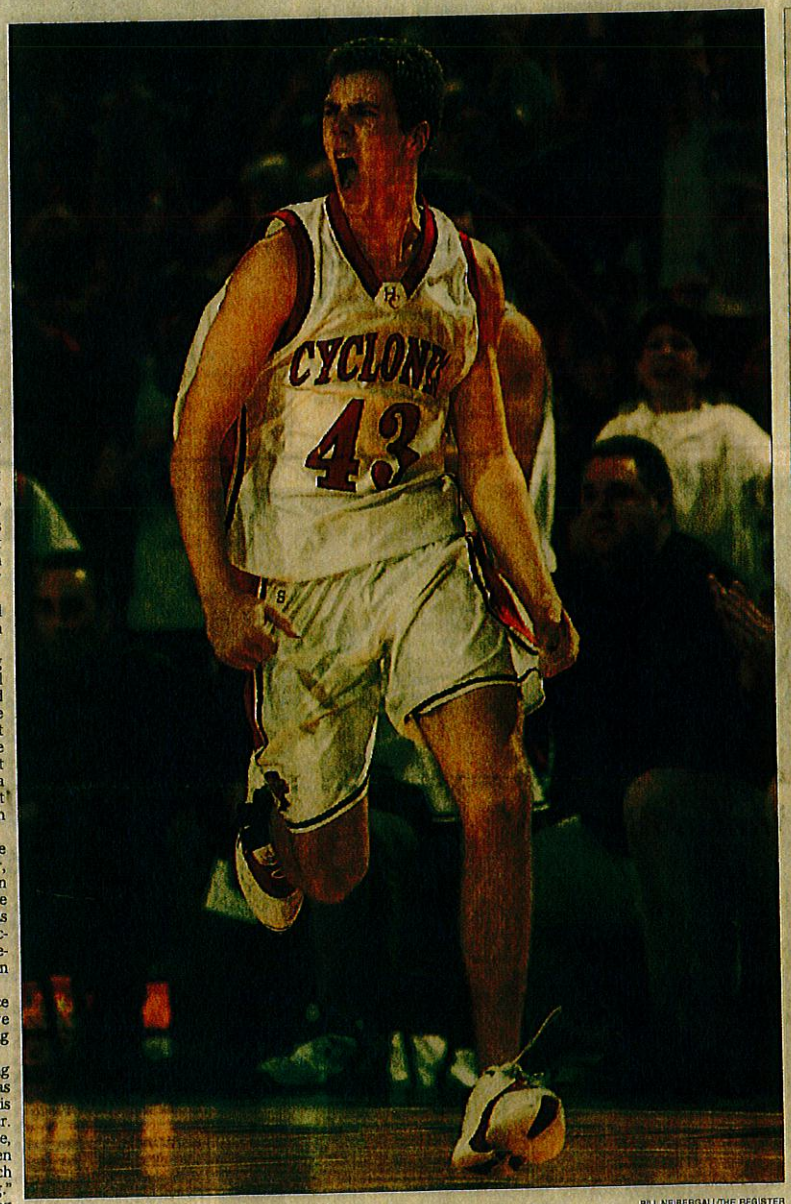
"I knew we had a chance to get this one. I knew if we got it tied up we were going to win it," Bissen said.

The threes weren't falling early for Bissen, who was 2-for-11 before finding his stroke in the fourth quarter.

"I air-balled my first one, and I passed up a few open looks," Bissen said. "Coach got on me to keep shooting."

With Bissen and leading scorer Joel Osborn struggling, second-ranked

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BILL NEIBERGALL/THE REGISTER

He's feeling it: Harlan's Jeff Bissen lets out a yell after hitting a three-point shot during Harlan's frantic comeback against Crestwood of Cresco in the Class 3-A championship game Saturday night. Bissen, who pitched the Cyclones to the 3-A state baseball championship, had three three-pointers in Harlan's 19-0 run.

57 STRAIGHT

Harlan has won 57 consecutive games in baseball, football and basketball combined since last summer.

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The Cyclones won their final 17 games and captured the state Class 3-A baseball title with a 4-3 victory over Waukee.

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Harlan and quarterback Joel Osborn, pictured, trailed Mount Vernon by 12 points with six minutes remaining in the Class 3-A state football final before rallying for a 38-35 victory.

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Harlan also had to rally in Saturday's state Class 3-A basketball final against Crestwood. Coach Mitch Osborn, pictured with Bill Miller (25) and Jeff Bissen, wound up celebrating.

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER BOYS' ALL-STATE TEAMS

See article, second and third teams on Page 2C

CLASS 4-A



JIMMY BINNIE
Johnston
6-6 senior forward

Scored 24 points a game and was a threat inside and outside. Dayton recruit.



ALEX THOMPSON
Ames
6-9 senior forward

Iowa recruit who handles the ball like a guard. Can shoot from the outside or drive to the basket.



SHAUN LOGAN
North Scott
6-7 senior center

Agile player who averaged 12 points and nearly 8 rebounds for a balanced team.



STEVEN WETRICH
Ottumwa
6-10 senior guard

Clutch player who averaged 17 points a game. Led his team to the state tournament.



CARLTON REED
Waterloo East
6-4 senior guard

Combines a great outside shot with ball-handling skills. Iowa recruit averaged 23 points.

CLASS 3-A



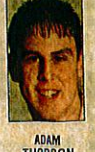
DYLAN GRIMSLEY
Sioux City Heelan
6-7 senior forward

Averaged 19 points a game. Signed with North Carolina-Wilmington.



SEAN HALUSKA
Carroll
6-2 senior forward

Perimeter player averaged 21 points and five rebounds. Brother, Adam, is a former all-stater.



ADAM THORSON
Norwalk
6-5 senior center

Averaged 19 points and 8 rebounds a game while leading Norwalk to state semifinals.



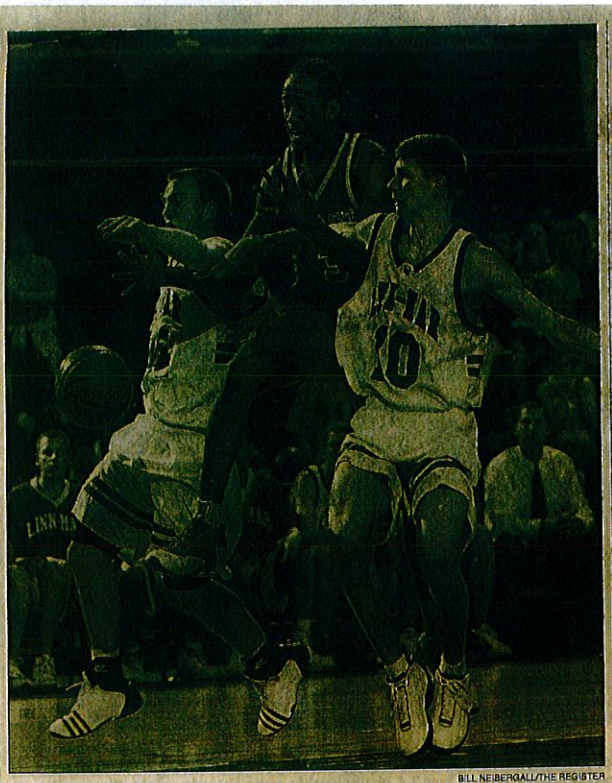
JOEL OSBORN
Harlan
6-2 senior guard

Elite all-state quarterback averaged 20 points while leading Harlan to the state title.



JONATHAN HARSHMAN
Centerville
6-1 senior guard

Dominant scorer averaged 24 points a game. Also has a 4.0 grade-point average.



BILL NEIBERGALL/THE REGISTER

Big play: Linn-Mar of Marion's Austin Palm, left, and Rob Hanna break up a potential fast-break basket by Waterloo East's Carlton Reed on Saturday night.

Linn-Mar takes 4-A title

CLASS 4-A, from Page 1C

long time ago. We're the No. 1 team in the state. How many people get to experience that?"

East's Tyrone Scott did his best to ruin the Lions long-awaited trip, scoring all 17 of his points in the second half.

"It's a heartbreaker," Scott said,

Carlton Reed scored a game-high 25 points, and tallied 68 in three tournament games to lead 4-A.

His fifth three-pointer pulled the Trojans within four points at 50-46 with 2 minutes 16 seconds left.

"It seems like it's a waste of time getting this far and not coming out on top," said Reed, who will join former teammate Mike Henderson at Iowa. "At the same time, you have to look at everything you've accomplished.

"We've been far past anybody else's expectations."

Linn-Mar won 14 games last season, and managed seven wins the previous season. There are six juniors on the team, and Bohannon is a sophomore.

"I think we can really make a run next year," Linn-Mar's Travis Nelson said. " I don't see anybody who can size up with us."

Neither does Reed.

"They're just stacked with talent," Reed said. "A great balanced team that knows how to take care of the ball."

Linn-Mar (24-3) won its 17th straight game, but shot just 10-of-19 from the free-throw line.

"Gosh, it's been a long time since these guys have lost," Linn-Mar coach Mark Hutcheson said.

They did it by forcing 10 first-half turnovers, some of which led to a 13-0 run in the first quarter.

"The guys just tightened up their shoelaces a little bit and got after it," Hutcheson said.

The Trojans played in their fourth consecutive tournament, and third championship game in a row. East beat North Scott of Eldridge, 72-52, for last season's title, and lost to Sioux City East, 61-49, in 2002.

Waterloo East (21-5) won the regular season meeting between the teams, 61-58, on Dec. 19 at home.

"They were a lot sharper this time," Reed said.

All-tournament

Carlton Reed of Waterloo East, a senior, was named captain of the all-tournament team.

Name	School
Steven Wetrich	Ottumwa
Jason Bohannon	Linn-Mar
Travis Nelson	Linn-Mar
Brett Wessels	Bettendorf
Carlton Reed	Waterloo East

WATERLOO EAST (51)

	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	TO	PF	TP
Jenkins	11	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	1	3
Smith	27	1-4	0-1	10	0	1	4	2
Ferguson	16	0-3	0-0	6	0	2	2	0
Scott	20	7-12	0-0	4	4	5	3	17
Reed	32	6-20	8-8	4	3	2	3	25
Sailor	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Irvin	14	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	2
Gilbert	16	0-2	0-0	3	1	1	0	0
Bennett	18	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	2
Team				1				
Totals	160	17-47	8-9	31	8	13	18	51

LINN-MAR (MARION) (56)

	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	TO	PF	TP
Bohannon	32	9-17	2-4	4	4	2	0	24
Anderson	28	1-3	3-4	7	1	3	4	5
Kuempel	14	1-4	1-2	3	0	0	1	3
Hanna	32	3-6	0-0	5	2	0	2	7
Palm	29	2-6	2-4	3	2	1	4	7
Hake	6	1-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	3
Nelson	19	3-5	1-3	2	1	2	2	7
Team				2				
Totals	160	20-42	10-19	25	10	8	13	56

Waterloo East.....14 4 12 21 — 51
Linn-Mar (Marion).....20 8 12 16 — 56

Three-point goals—Waterloo East 9-21 (Jenkins 1-1, Scott 3-6, Reed 5-14); Linn-Mar (Marion) 6-15 (Bohannon 4-9, Hanna 1-2, Palm 1-4). A—9,000.

Harlan battles back from 13-point deficit

HARLAN, from Page 1C

Crestwood (24-3) blitzed Harlan with a 23-5 second-half run. Andy Grube scored 15 of his game-best 28 points during the eight-minute stretch.

"All year, that's probably the best I've felt shooting the ball," Grube said.

Grube added 14 rebounds, more than doubling his total from the first two games.

"We knew he was tough, but we didn't know he was *that* tough," Harlan coach Mitch Osborn said. "We had no way to guard him. He's lightning quick."

The run put Crestwood ahead, 51-38, with about six minutes remaining. Coach Osborn used three timeouts during the stretch, and took the chance to remind his team of its win over Davenport Assumption in last year's semifinals, when the Cyclones erased an eight-point deficit in the final two minutes.

His son, Joel, remembered.

"I thought the game against Assumption was crazy but this is nuts," Joel Osborn said.

Osborn missed 19 of 23 shots, but used his quarterbacking skills to find open teammates.

"Joel Osborn is such a great player. We tried to help on him, but he kicked it out and found people," Crestwood coach Lynn McCormick said. "When you have that many good shooters, it's hard to stop all of them."

Crestwood missed five shots and had three turnovers in the Cyclones' decisive run that was stopped by a three-pointer from Cadet point guard Ronnie Dowling with 1:48 remaining. Crestwood did not score again, as the Cyclones finished the game with free throws.

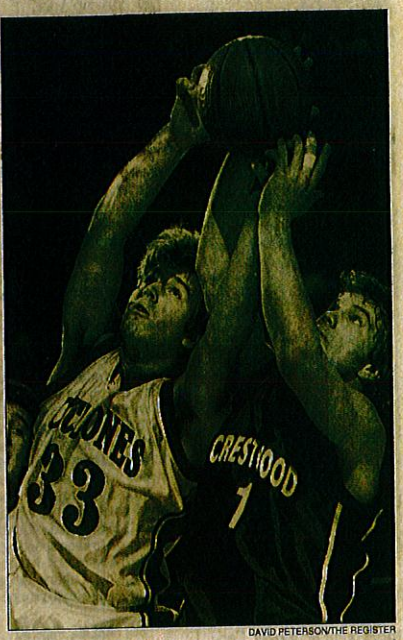
It was a somber ending to a smile-filled season for Crestwood, which finished 7-15 last season. McCormick, a 1970 graduate of Crestwood, took over three games into last year after the previous coach resigned.

McCormick's ultra-fast-paced style was a big hit with the seniors, who went 18-0 under McCormick as sophomores, and rode baseball passes and fast breaks to the school's first state tournament appearance.

"Nobody thought much of us," he said. "We weren't ranked in the preseason, but we persevered. To finish runner-up in our first trip to state, I'll take that any day."

Harlan's over-stuffed trophy case gained a new addition on the efforts of Bissen, Osborn and Greg Applegate, who finished with a career-high 18 rebounds. Applegate and Osborn combined for another story-telling comeback in November when the two hooked up for two fourth-quarter touchdowns in Harlan's 38-35 win over Mount Vernon.

"It's unreal the athletes we have, and the coaches," Applegate said. "The tradition to win is unbelievable."



DAVID PETERSON/THE REGISTER

Rebound battle: Harlan's Greg Applegate, left, and Crestwood of Cresco's Andy Grube battle for a rebound.

These Cyclones aren't specialists

Picking one sport was too hard for a group of Harlan Cyclones, all of which played for state championship teams in football, baseball, and basketball, and ended with a 57-game winning streak in the combined three sports. Harlan's elite eight, with their championship game performances:

JEFF BISSEN: Four receptions for 67 yards.

MARK BLUM: Returned two punts for 23 yards.

MICHAEL LEINEN: Starting left fielder.

JOEL OSBORN: Passed for 282 yards and two touchdowns while running for two other scores.

HEATH STEIN: Two runs-batted-in and the winning pitcher.

ALSO: Adam Leinen, Kevin Osborn and Trent Svendsen.

All-tournament

Joel Osborn of Harlan, a senior, was named captain of the all-tournament team.

Name	School
Andy Grube	Crestwood
Adam Thorson	Norwalk
Ian Curran	Fairfield
Cody Stockdale	Crestwood
Joel Osborn	Harlan

CRESTWOOD (CRESCO) (54)

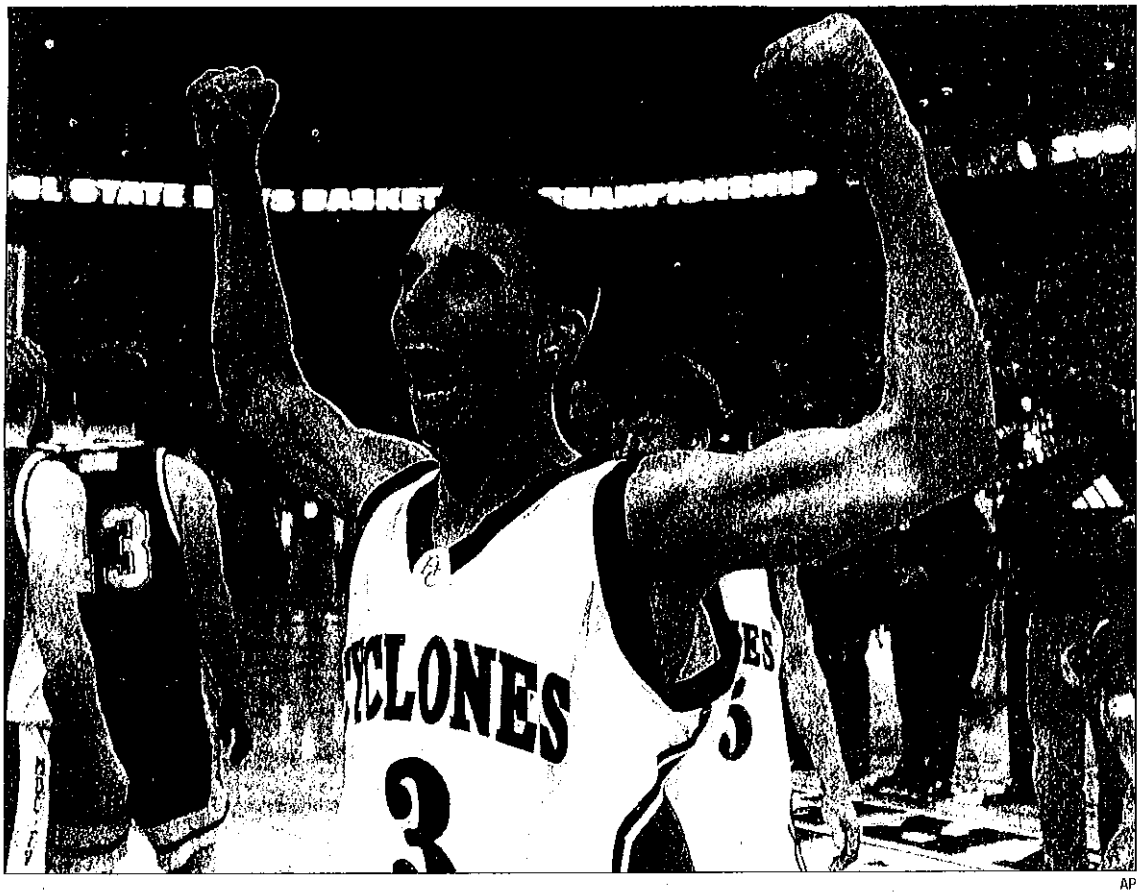
	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	TO	PF	TP
Grube	30	10-18	5-5	14	1	2	3	28
Wilhelm	27	1-5	0-0	2	2	1	4	3
Stockdale	27	5-16	2-3	6	4	3	4	12
Springer	19	0-2	0-0	7	0	1	5	0
Downing	31	3-9	1-2	1	0	0	4	9
McCarville	13	1-4	0-0	1	0	2	1	2
Sobolik	13	0-0	0-0	6	0	0	2	0
Team				1				
Totals	160	20-54	8-10	38	7	9	23	54

HARLAN (60)

	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	RB	A	TO	PF	TP
Stein	32	2-5	1-2	4	1	0	2	7
Osborn	32	4-23	6-9	5	6	3	2	17
Miller	32	3-12	2-3	4	0	2	3	10
Applegate	30	2-6	8-14	18	1	1	2	12
Bissen	27	5-14	0-0	8	2	1	3	14
Kaufmann	1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
B Arentson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Arentson	5	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	0
Team				5				
Totals	160	16-60	17-29	47	10	7	12	60

Crestwood (Cresco).....11 17 13 13 — 54
Harlan.....17 10 8 25 — 60

Three-point goals—Crestwood (Cresco) 6-24 (Grube 3-8, Wilhelm 1-3, Stockdale 0-7, Downing 2-6, McCarville 0-2); Harlan 11-31 (Stein 2-4, Osborn 3-11, Miller 2-9, Bissen 4-7).



AP

Harlan's Kevin Osborn, the son of Cyclone head coach Mitch Osborn, celebrates his team's 86-79 overtime victory over MOC-Floyd Valley last night in the Class 3A championship game at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Overtime thriller

Harlan handles MOC-Floyd Valley in 3A final

DES MOINES (AP) — On a night when Kevin Osborn could hardly miss from beyond the arc, a simple 10-foot bank shot proved to be the one that gave Harlan a state title.

Osborn's bank shot with 23 seconds left in overtime put Harlan ahead 80-79,

CLASS 3A FINAL

and the Cyclones went on to beat MOC-Floyd Valley, 86-79, last night at Wells Fargo Arena to capture the Class 3A state title for the second time in three seasons.

A.J. Arkfeld scored 22 points and Osborn added 17 points — on 5-of-6 shooting from beyond he arc — for Harlan (27-0), which completed an undefeated season and took down a Floyd Valley (24-3) team featuring eight seniors from last year's state championship team.

"It was without hesitation. It was that close and I had that perfect angle. Saw glass, and it felt perfect right when it left my hand and I knew it was in," Osborn said of his game-winner.

Following Osborn's jumper, the Dutchmen missed a layup and were forced to foul once Harlan regained possession.

The Cyclones hit one foul shot, giving Floyd Valley 16.2 seconds to tie or win the game.

But Dale De Jong missed an off-balance runner — after forcing OT with a 3-pointer — and Adam Leinin hit two free throws to secure the win.

"You've got two heavyweights just slugging it out," Harlan Coach Mitch Osborn said. "Lots of kids would fold when you go into overtime like that after you've been in control. I was very proud of our kids."

Leinin hit a free throw to give Harlan a 78-77 lead with 1:08 left in OT, but Curt Bomgaars answered with a runner in the paint to give Floyd Valley its first lead since the game's opening minute, 79-78, with 57 seconds left in overtime.

Nate Schipper scored 21 points and Richie Clark added 18 for Floyd Valley (24-3).

"Not to take anything away from Harlan. They played great. They deserve to be champs," Floyd Valley coach Loren De Jong said. "I felt like offensively we could have played a little bit better."

Floyd Valley deployed the quick foul strategy after failing behind by five late in the fourth quarter, and it worked. Bomgaars hit a 10-foot runner to make the score 73-72, ensuring the Dutchmen would have a chance to tie the game with a foul and a 3-pointer. Brad Blum made two free throws, but De Jong answered with an off-balance 25-foot 3-pointer with 6.6 seconds left that tied the game at 75.

Arkfeld's 3 at the regulation buzzer bounced off the corner of the rim.

Clark's layup with 3:10 left brought Floyd Valley within three, and the Dutchmen went to its quick foul strategy to keep Harlan from stalling.

It allowed Floyd Valley to cut its deficit to two when Nate Schipper scored with 1:30 left and on Michael Jiskoot's basket with 47 seconds left.

Neil Gross buried a 3-pointer to put Harlan ahead 63-57, and A.J. Arkfeld and Adam Leinin followed with scores to give the Cyclones a 67-59 lead midway through the fourth.

Down as much as 13 in the first quarter, Floyd Valley tried to force the tempo with its full-court press.

It helped the Dutchman get within eight, but Osborn hit threes on back-to-back possessions and Harlan jumped ahead 31-19.

Hoover takes 4A title

Des Moines Hoover used its trademark stingy defense to complete an undefeated season by downing Pleasant Valley, 33-28, late last night in the Class 4A title game.

2006

Five hundred and counting . . .

HCHS tops Atlantic, 55-39, raises Osborn coaching mark to 500-91

By Mike Oeffner
Sports Editor

ATLANTIC -- The 500-win mark is a crowning achievement and elite honor for any basketball coach, requiring both success and longjevity.

For Harlan Community head coach Mitch Osborn, it might just be a good warm-up.

Osborn's Cyclones vaulted their coach to a new milestone Tuesday night with an impressive 55-39 win in Atlantic, improving to 2-0 on the young season.

Speaking of young - at least in terms of the 500-Win Club - Osborn reaches the mark at age 46, becoming the 29th Iowa boys' coach to do so. Even more impressive is the fact that Osborn has earned 500 wins before coaching his 600th game. A career record of 500-91 gives Osborn an .846 winning percentage that is unmatched by any other Iowa coach with 500 victories.

"You don't even really think about it. It's another game," Osborn said of the milestone. "We've been very fortunate to have a lot of great kids and great players, and parents that support and put in the time. That's what it takes, and not just in the high school; I'm talking about third grade on up."

Osborn has averaged more than 20 wins per season in his 25-year coaching career, which began at Elk Horn-Kimballton in 1984. He spent six years with the Danes, seven at Pomeroy-Palmer and is now in his 12th year at the helm of the Cyclones.

Osborn's teams have won a combined three state titles, and he is quick to credit circumstances for much of his success.

"I had some great players at Elk Horn-Kimballton, and then stepped into a program at Pomeroy-Palmer that was just loaded," he said. "So I've been pretty blessed and pretty spoiled throughout my career, and then to have the opportunity to come to Harlan with the community support and the athletes and the work ethic that they've got . . . "



MILESTONE NIGHT -- HCHS head basketball coach Mitch Osborn barks instructions to his players during Tuesday's 55-39 win over the Atlantic Trojans. Osborn became the 29th boys' coach in Iowa history to reach the 500-win mark for his career.

On Tuesday, few would have predicted an easy road to number 500 as the third-ranked, but somewhat inexperienced Cyclones faced a 3-0, senior-dominated Trojan team on the road.

The game was tight for about a quarter and a half, but the tide began to change when HCHS switched to an active 2-3 zone defense in the second quarter. The Cyclones also hit the double-bonus at the free throw line with 4:30 left in the first half and used a 12-1 run to take a 24-13 edge into intermission.

Atlantic pulled within 28-20 on a Zach Knuth three-pointer, but HCHS would finish the third quarter on an 18-1 rampage to go up by 25. The five-minute burst of offense - some of it fueled by pressure defense - was a welcome sign for the Cyclones, who have scored single digits in four out of eight quarters so far.

"We had a great third quarter. We got out of the gate and really got after it," Osborn said. "We're very pleased. That was a great improvement from the first game."

Senior guard Jeff Hastert, who finished scoreless in the first half, broke loose for eight quick points during the Cyclones' key run, including a pair of 3's. In the same stretch, junior Michael Kaufmann scored twice off his own steals and added a sweet drive to the basket.

Tuesday also saw the emergence of junior forward Luke Lansman and senior post Jacob Schaben. Lansman scored in a variety of ways to lead HCHS with 15 points, while Schaben showed off some solid post moves against Atlantic shot-blocker John Cord to finish with 10. Hastert and Kaufmann also scored 10 each, with Kaufmann adding five steals and eight assists. Schaben had a team-high six rebounds and two blocked shots.

"We're getting a post presence now," Osborn said of Schaben. "We really wanted to go to him more in the second half and I thought he really stepped up.

"Jeff Hastert is just a great leader - he's fiery - and Luke Lansman is coming along, too. Jeff White didn't score many points (two), but he's steady, he's a good defender and you just know he's going to take care of business."

Down 46-21 after three periods, the Trojans (3-1, 1-1 Hawkeye 10), came to life in the fourth as Knuth drilled four more treys to finish with 15 points. Cord scored seven of Atlantic's 13 first-half points and finished with nine, while Jacey Hoegh added eight.

After getting decent shots, but failing to convert, against man-to-man defense in the first quarter, the Trojans struggled mightily to find any offensive flow against the Cyclones' scrappy zone. They shot just 32.4 percent from the field.

"Atlantic's big, and that's why we played a lot of zone," Osborn said. "We've been working on the zone . . . and it was effective."

The Cyclones shot nearly 57 percent, including 6-of-11 from the three-point arc, but Osborn was quick to caution that much improvement is needed on the offensive end.

"We still only scored 55 points," he said. "It's going to be a grind-it-out (team). We're not a high-powered, high-octane offense by any means. We're a work in progress."

So, too, is Osborn's win total, which will stay at 500 until at least next Tuesday when HCHS plays at Kuemper. Friday's home game versus Lewis Central has been postponed until January 3 so that Osborn can travel to Alabama to watch his oldest son, Joel, quarterback Northwest Missouri State in Saturday's NCAA Division II football championship game (see separate story).



ATLANTIC -- HCHS point guard Michael Kaufmann (left) sets up the Cyclones' first basket of the game against Atlantic Tuesday night with a drive to the hoop. Kaufmann drew a crowd and kicked the ball back to Luke Lansman for a three-pointer. *(Photos by Mike Oeffner)*

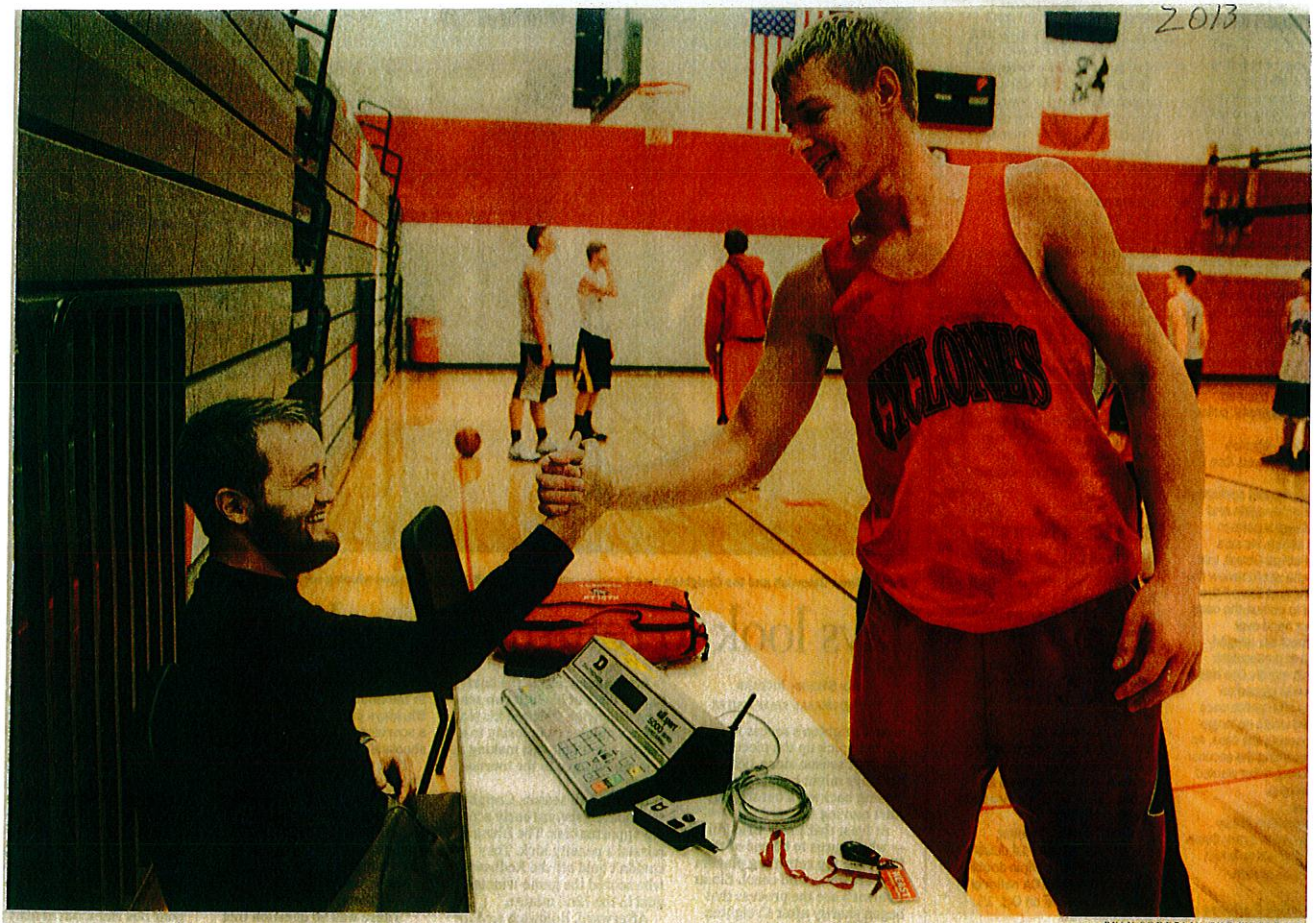
Osborn added that his assistant coaches have played a big role in his coaching success, including Kelly Juhl, who has been on staff since Osborn's third season at Pomeroy-Palmer.

"We've been together 17 years, so he's got to get a lot of credit for everything," Osborn said. "And (current assistants) Zach Klaassen and Mark Kohorst and Chad Swanson - they all volunteer to help with the varsity team, and believe me, I use them and get their input.

"The other thing is we've got kids that accept their roles, and sometimes it's hard for parents to accept the kid's role, but they do. They let coaches coach at Harlan Community, and that's a big key."

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RYAN SODERLIN/THE WORLD-HE

Nic Christensen, left, a 2001 Harlan Community High School graduate with cerebral palsy, is greeted by senior Nate Cave, a member of the HCHS boys basketball team, at the end of practice on Nov. 20.

Nic's out front, and so is Harlan

One of Iowa's best hoops programs stays on schedule, thanks in large part to a reliable assistant coach

By Kevin White
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

HARLAN, Iowa — The coach with more state-tournament appearances than anyone in Iowa boys basketball history has a confession to make.

When Nic is gone, he's lost.

"When he's not here, you notice it," Harlan coach Mitch Osborn says. "It's terrible. The practices are not the same. It's not as smooth."

For more than a decade now, Nic Christensen has been Osborn's right-hand man. When he was 2, Nic was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a nonprogressive brain disorder. Now 31, Nic won't be running a marathon anytime soon, but when you compose a list of his limitations you won't need much time.

He owns his own business, Nic's Optical, in which he uses machinery to grind and smooth prescription lens. His father, Jay, is a local optometrist. He drives his own pickup with the help of hand brakes. And yes, he's an assistant coach in one of the state's most successful programs. He's become such a part of the Osborn family that he goes with them on vacation to Okoboji every summer.

"The biggest thing I do is treat him normal," Osborn said.

Osborn approached Nic when he was in high school about becoming a student manager. Upon graduation, he stayed on as a volunteer manager, running the clock during practices and keeping track of timeouts during games. A couple of years ago, Osborn realized they weren't taking full advantage of Nic's talents.

"I said, 'We really need to get you in the front row with us, so let's get your coaching certificate,'" he said.

Twice a week, Mitch and his wife Nancy worked with Nic as he tried to earn the certificate online.



RYAN SODERLIN/THE WORLD-HERALD

Nic Christensen is helped to his pickup by Harlan athletic director and boys basketball coach Mitch Osborn following practice on Nov. 20. Christensen runs the game clock during practices. He also has earned his coaching certificate.

"It was not easy. There was a lot of essays, but everything was his own thoughts," Mitch Osborn said.

Soon he was in the front row. He attends summer league games and works Harlan's annual camp.

"Those kids are just attracted to him," Osborn said. "We would not be where we're at without Nic being a part of the program."

The Cyclone players say he's the perfect antidote for the drudgery of practice.

"I've never seen Nic in a bad mood," senior Nate Gettys said. "It seems like whenever you're down and having a bad game, you can take a look back at Nic and you just instantly smile."

Added teammate Adam Juhl: "He relaxes us. He enjoys being around us and we enjoy being around him."

Nic said he doesn't like bad days. If something's not going well within the team, "I try to make it better."

Osborn knows people mean well when they remark to him about how wonderful it is that the coaches and players include Nic.

"They don't understand. It's the other way around. It's what he does for us."

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Mitch Osborn

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Joe Pangrazio

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Joseph L. Pangrazio Sr.
(first, middle, last)

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Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

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Email: N/A

Phone: N/A Date of Birth: 4-11-1925

School Affiliation (if any) N/A

City: N/A State: N/A

Place of Birth: Dennison, Ohio Date of Retirement: June 2000 (as contest official)

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

If deceased, date of death:
8-24-2014

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Joseph Pangrazio Jr. (son)

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Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: St. Mary's	Dennison, OH	1944	N/A
College/University: N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Post Graduate School: N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

CONTEST OFFICIAL

Career Description as High School Official (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school officiating, i.e., sports, number of years, etc.)

- Registered Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) football official for 45 years (1955-2000).
- Registered OHSAA basketball official for 55 years (1945-2000).
- As a linesman, earned OHSAA football tournament assignments in 15 years and officiated in six state tournaments.
- Earned OHSAA basketball tournament assignments in 24 years and officated in 10 state tournaments (two girls; eight boys), including the first big-school (Class AAA) girls state finals in 1976.

Special Honors and Achievements

- 1989 charter member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame.
- 1989, selected to officiate in the Ohio North-South All-Star Football Game.
- 1998, presented the Ohio District 5 Basketball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award.
- 2014, Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee
- Tuscarawas County Football Officials Association Hall of Fame
- Eastern District Basketball Officials Association 50-Year Award
- Long-time collegiate basketball official for the Ohio Athletic Conference (Division III).
- Long-time collegiate basketball official for the Presidents' Athletic Conference (Division III).
- Long-time collegiate basketball official for the now defunct Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference (NAIA).
- Long-time collegiate basketball official for the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (formerly NAIA, currently Division II).
- 25-year Big Ten basketball officials observer and evaluator at The Ohio State University. Retired at age 84 following the 2009-10 season.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national officiating associations and other related professional organizations)

- Worked countless high school and collegiate football and basketball officiating clinics and camps.
- Long-time member, Eastern Ohio Football Officials Association.
- Long-time member, Eastern Ohio Basketball Officials Association.
- Contributed to officiating in other ways as well since was instrumental in the recruitment and mentoring of numerous new football and basketball officials.

- 1974, Tuscarawas County NAACP Minority Relationships Award recipient.
- 1979, Claymont Jaycees Distinguised Service Award recipient.
- 1982, Dennison Knights of Columbus Knight-of-the-Year Award recipient as model community citizen.
- 1982, American Legion Red, White and Blue Award recipient for patriotic concerns.
- 1994, Uhrichsville-Dennison Chamber of Commerce Citizien of the Year Award recipient.

- 1994, National Catholic Education Association Elementary School Distinguished Graduate Award recipient.
- 1997, Recognition, 113th Ohio General Assembly for outstanding public service.
- Pillar's Club (civic fund raising organization) Man-of-the-Year Award recipient.
- St. Mary's Blue Waves Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

Other information (*not previously listed)*

- Participated in football and basketball in high school.
- Served as a basketball coach at the age of 21, coaching the girls team at Bowerston High School, followed by two years as the boys coach at his alma mater, Dennison St. Mary's.
- With his late wife Hazel, to whom he was married for 66 years, and his mother Pauline, opened Pangrazio's Pizza and Spaghetti House in 1953 before selling the business in 1980.
- In 1999, helped his grandson, Dino, open Dennison Yard Restaurant, where Joe not only provided the financial means to begin the business but served as the patriarch and pillar of the restaurant. Coshocton Yard Restaurant later followed.
- While helping run the family restaurant and serving as a football and basketball official, worked for the railroad for 47 years (Pennsylvania, Penn Central, Conrail) in several capacities, the most recent as a crew dispatcher.
- With his brother, Peter, began another business called Pancab, Inc., which provides transportation for railroad crews in eastern and central Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The business began in 1968, closed for two years in the early 1990s and has been in operation since.
- Was also heavily involved in buying, renovating and restoring buildings in his hometown, which included providing space for HARCATUS, a tri-county (Harrison, Carroll, Tuscarawas) community action organization that assists the needy.
- Helped sponsor local youth and adult sports teams along with organizations such as 4-H and Operation Positive, where restaurant proceeds are donated to local schools or organizations.

Letters of Recommendation

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., Commissioner

November 1, 2014

Dear Selection Committee:

It is with tremendous pleasure that I highly recommend the late Joe Pangrazio Sr. for selection to the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame in the 'contest official' category. Besides serving as an Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) football official for 45 years, a baskeball official for 55 years and working an estimated 1,400 high school contests, Joe was an especially caring, genuine and passionate person with outstanding character and integrity who would be a tremendous representative of the hall of fame.

As you will read in detail, Mr. Pangrazio was a standout interscholastic football and basketball official who also worked at the small college basketball level for four different conferences. A charter member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame, he was selected to work the OHSAA football tournament in 15 years and was chosen to officiate in six state tournaments. He also was selected to work the OHSAA basketball tournament in 24 years and was chosen to officiate 10 state basketball tournament contests that included both girls and boys. He served the Big Ten Conference for 25 years as an officials observer and evaluator. The apex of his career in sports came this past spring when he was selected to the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, placing him in the same company with the likes of Jerry Lucas, John Havlicek, Oscar Robertson, Bob Knight, Katie Smith and Nate Thurmond.

As an official, he not only knew the game, but more importantly he truly understood how to get along with coaches, players and his fellow officials by exemplifying work ethic and class.
He was also tremendously dedicated to helping recruit and mentor young and upcoming officials, stopping to give them advice, show them the proper mechanics and give demonstrations at numerous camps and clinics.

But Joe Pangrazio was more than a football and basketball official. Humble, graceful and outgoing, he would give anyone in need the shirt off of his back, and literally did so to a countless number of people, organizations and causes. He seemed to never stop, working tirelessly and passionately for the railroad, his own restaurant and transportation businesses along with religious and civic organizations. He was not only a great leader and mentor on the field and court, but he also was an inspiration and role model throughout his entire community.

I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Pangrazio for several years and was always impressed by his unlimited enthusiasm and spirit. There's no doubt he left a lasting impression on everyone he met. To illustrate this, here are comments from some others who knew him:

"He was a professional in everything he did. He was a pro to his lifestyle, a pro to his religion and certainly a pro in his part-time profession. He was a heck of a guy and a great man. He was well-respected across the board."

— Al Amicone, OHSAA Hall of Fame Official

"Pangrazio in Italian means 'gracious.' Nothing embodies that more than my grandfather. At 87 years old, he continues to inspire me."

— Dino Pangrazio, Grandson

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Joe Pangrazio Letter of Recommendation — 2

"Joe and I officiated basketball together for over 25 years, and I also had the privilege of having Joe as my line judge on our football crew during that time. He knew the rules and was an outstanding official. Working with Joe Pangrazio all those years made me a better official. He was also a good family man and an outstanding person."

— Sam Fausto, OHSAA Hall of Fame Official

"My admiration for Joe has remained constant for the more than 50 years I have known him. He lived his personal life and professional life with integrity and dignity. When I was a coach, I knew that Joe would call a fair and honest game. He was always a gentleman, treating the players and coaches with respect. When I was an athletic administrator, having Joe as an official created relief for me because I knew he would have complete control of the game. His judgments and calls were based on an exceptional knowledge of the rules and regulations."

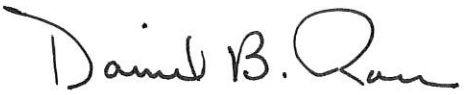
— John Brown, Retired Ohio High School Basketball Coach and Athletic Administrator

"He is a friend to everyone and has been a role model for every official ever associated with him."

— Bob VonKaenel, Ohio High School Basketball Coach and OHSAA Football Official

I do hope you will strongly consider the late Joe Pangrazio Sr. for this tremendous honor. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., Commissioner
Ohio High School Athletic Association

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October 13, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to highly recommend Joe Pangrazio for induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame. My association with Mr. Pangrazio goes back nearly fifty (50) years as he served as an official for my basketball and football games beginning in junior high school.

My father, Charles, is a Hall of Fame coach in Ohio and told me at a young age that when Mr. Pangrazio officiates your games, you are getting the best! My father could not have been more accurate. In all my years as a player and then a coach, I have never seen an official control a game more effectively. Mr. Pangrazio had the respect of coaches and players alike and did it with as much charisma and personality as I have ever witnessed.

Joe had a great feel for the game and an even better feel for people. There could be few, if any, officials more deserving of this honor than Joe Pangrazio.

I appreciate your taking the time to read this and look forward to seeing Joe receive this honor.

Sincerely,

Bob Huggins
Head Basketball Coach

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FRED DAFLER 7809 JAYMES STREET DUBLIN, OH 43017-8318
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September 4, 2014

TO: NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Recommendation on behalf of Joe Pangrazio

Joe Pangrazio is not a tall person in stature, but he towers above most others as a football and basketball official. He was a registered OHSAA basketball official in Ohio for 55 seasons (1945 – 2000) and a registered OHSAA football official for 45 seasons (1955 – 2000).

In basketball, he officiated boys and girls games. In boys OHSAA tournament competition, he officiated in eight Final Four games from 1968 – 1985 of which three were championship final games. In girls basketball tournaments, Joe officiated the championship games in Class AAA (largest school division) the first two years (1976, 1977) that Ohio had girls tournaments. He would have officiated games at the sectional, district and regional tournaments as well.

In football, Joe was a linesman in the Final Four Championship series. From 1975 – 1981, he officiated two semifinal games and five championship games. He would have officiated in regional finals as well as Final Four semifinal games.

Joe was greatly involved in the sport of basketball. In his later years and after retirement, he served as an observer in basketball for the Big Ten Conference for a number of years and was greatly respected for doing his duties so well.

Joe was a gentleman always –on the court, on the field and when not officiating. He was very unassuming, lived by what he had done. I never heard him ever attempt to embellish his officiating. Never heard him criticizing another official. He was who he was.

He was truly a great football and basketball official at the high school level and served the Ohio coaches and athletes with distinction during his career.

As a former administrator of the OHSAA officiating program in Ohio for 20 years, it is my recommendation without reservation, that Joe Pangrazio be selected for inclusion in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame as a contest official. He is most worthy of that honor.

Cordially,

Fred Dafler

Fred Dafler,
OHSAA Associate Commissioner (retired) 1969 – 1995

July 31, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in reference to Mr. Joe Pangrazio, a candidate for the National Federation of High School Association's Hall of Fame in the officiating category. When I was a high school student-athlete there was a small group of athletic officials in our part of the state of Ohio who stood out above the rest. Joe Pangrazio was the leader of that elite group. My teammates and I always knew when Mr. Pangrazio was officiating, our game would be a very consistently called contest and there would be few, if any, controversial situations.

Later in my life, after I graduated from college and began my high school coaching career, I felt exactly the same about Mr. Pangrazio. I loved it when he was assigned to one of our games because I knew it would be an exceptionally well called game due to his officiating expertise. Still later in life, when my career moved me from coaching to school administration, I continued to feel exactly the same about Mr. Pangrazio's officiating.

The point I am making is that at different times in my career my approach to athletic contests changed considerably depending upon my position and responsibilities during the games. However, my feelings and attitude toward Joe Pangrazio, both as a man and as an official, remained unchanged during all those years and situations.

When it came to athletic officiating, Joe was simply the best. His consistency, whether on the court or on the field, was tremendous. He was always in complete charge of the contest, yet his demeanor was quite calm and gentlemanly. I never saw him lose his temper or composure regardless of the actions of an upset player, an irate coach, or a rowdy crowd, and his judgment was outstanding. As a player, a coach, an administrator, or a fan, I always felt good when Mr. Pangrazio walked out to officiate our game because I knew we were going to get an extremely well officiated contest from the best official in eastern Ohio.

Outside the athletic arena, Joe Pangrazio was, and still is, just as highly regarded. His calm, honest, caring personality make him extremely well liked and a very respected member of his community.

Obviously, I have no knowledge of the field of candidates you are considering for induction, but I can honestly say you will be hard pressed to find a more worthy candidate anywhere in the country than Joe. As I have stated previously, as high school athletic officials go, Mr. Joe Pangrazio is simply the best!

Sincerely,

Rock Van Fossen

Rock VanFossen
Retired high school teacher, coach, and administrator

October 15, 2014

Dear Selection Committee:

In writing a letter of support for Mr. Joseph Pangrazio's selection into the NFHS Hall of Fame, I feel like there is so much to say and a short form to say it.

I met Mr. Pangrazio (Joe, he preferred) 50-some years ago when I was a young basketball and football official. As with many other young officials, Joe saw something in me as an official and took me under his wing, as they say. He not only made me a better official, but he also made me a better man.

Later in my officiating career, I was lucky enough to become his officiating partner for many contests. Joe was like a silent partner, always there for you without seeking the limelight. He was one of the most humble and sincere persons I have ever been around. Being his partner was a privilege.

An example of how respected he was by coaches, athletic directors and officials, I went to officiate at a large school for the first time with Joe. When he introduced me to the coaches, they both said that if I was good enough to work with Joe, I was good enough for them.

Mr. Pangrazio was the youngest coach in Tuscarawas County history. He was 21 years old when he was named head coach at Dennison St. Mary's High School. Mr. Pangrazio was one of the founding fathers of both the Tuscarawas County Basketball and Football Officials Associations. Joe was an official for over 50 years and served 25 years as an official's observer for the Big 10.

Joe's recognitions and awards are too numerous to list, but there were three that he placed at the top of the list: Pillars Club Man-of-the-Year Award; Knights of Columbus, Ohio, "State Council Knight-of-the-Year," and NAACP Minority Relationships Award.

Mr. Pangrazio was a life resident of Dennison, Ohio, living his whole life in the house in which he was born. Joe and his late wife Hazel's family consisted of a son, Joseph L., and two grandsons, Nino and Dino. Joe and Hazel shared 66 years together before her passing on October 13, 2011. Mr. Pangrazio was 89 years old when he passed away on August 24, 2014.

Everyone in the community did not know Joe Pangrazio as a state of Ohio Hall of Fame official but rather for the person that he was. He supported the church, schools and community more than the people will ever know. Joe and his wife, for years, gave each teacher at Dennison St. Mary's Elementary a monetary gift for the holidays and anonymously provided scholarships to St. Mary's students. Very few people ever knew about it.

Once the word got out that Joe's health was failing, I started getting phone calls from people of the community wanting to know how he was doing. Most people would have a story of how Joe and Hazel had helped them or their family. It was like they needed to tell someone what Joe had never shared.

In closing, Mr. Pangrazio might have been a man of small stature, but he was a man with a big heart. He did for others what he could have done for himself, but didn't. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mel McAfee, East District Administrator and member of the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame

Support Data

Joseph Pangrazio Sr.

Joseph L. Pangrazio, Sr., 89, of Dennison, passed away peacefully in the home where he was born on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Born April 11, 1925 to the late Dominic and Pauline "Nunno" (Senna) Kastre Pangrazio, Joe was a lifelong resident of Dennison and was proud to be a "Southsider". Joe was a 1944 graduate of Dennison St. Mary's High School and a devoted member of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Dennison.

On June 11, 1945, Joe married the love of his life, Hazel M. (Fox) Pangrazio, and the two shared over 66 years together until her passing on Oct. 13, 2011. Joe's loving family includes a son, Joseph L. (Lillian) Pangrazio, Jr. of New Philadelphia; two grandsons, Nino (Traci) Pangrazio and Dino (Angela) Pangrazio, all of Dennison; and four great-grandchildren: Olivia, Nadia, Isaac, and Anthony Pangrazio; Joe is also survived by numerous special nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Dee Dee Fox, Vicki Gambs, Chuck Fox, Jimmy Presutti, Wayne Hiles, Sharon Fickle, Pam Lahr, Joey Hiles, Bobby Hill, Chrissy Hill, Michael Kastre, and Pauline Hubig. In addition to his parents and wife, Joe was preceded in death by siblings: Dominic Kastre, Grace Boston, Peter Paul Pangrazio, Louise Hill, and Frances Hiles.

Following his graduation from St. Mary's, Joe began working for the Pennsylvania Railroad and embarked on what would be a lifelong affiliation with the railroad. Shortly thereafter, he became a basketball coach for Bowerston High School and then St. Mary's school. Embracing the connection with sports, Joe decided to get his officiating license and began another vocation to which he was dedicated for over 50 years. In 1953, Joe, his wife, and his mother started Pangrazio's Pizza and Spaghetti House which the family operated until 1980. In 1999, the family restaurant tradition continued when Joe's grandson, Dino and his wife Angela, opened the Denison Yard with Joe proudly continuing in his role as patriarch and pillar of the business. Many in the area will fondly remember Joe for the 15 cent pizzas with extra peperoni. In 1968, Joe and his brother, Peter started the railroad transportation company, Pancab, serving the Penn Central Railroad, and presently serving Wheeling Lake Erie and Genesee and Wyoming railroads, which he operated until his passing. In addition to operating the family businesses, Joe became heavily involved in officiating high school basketball and football, and was chosen to work 12 state basketball championships in a 24 year span, the maximum allowed for an official. An official at the first girls Class AAA tournament in 1976, he also worked the state football playoffs for 15 years and officiated for the Ohio Conference, the President's Conference, the Hoosier Conference, the West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference, and was a referee observer for the Big 10 at Ohio State University for over 25 years.

Joe's list of awards and recognitions is vast. The following are some of those accomplishments: Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate Award by the National Catholic Education Assoc., Pillars Club Man of the Year Award, Knights of Columbus Ohio State Council Knight of the Year, Tuscarawas Co. Football Officials Hall of Fame, Tuscarawas Co. NAACP Minority Relationships Award, St. Mary's Blue Waves Athletic Hall of Fame, Gene Tolloty Citizen of the Year, charter group of the OHSAA Hall of Fame, OABO Jack R. McClain Award, Eastern District Basketball Assoc. 50 year award, Claymont Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, a lifetime free admission to all Claymont High School sporting events, the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, and a recent nomination to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. Joe was passionate about his Italian heritage, his community, his county, and the St. Mary's Blue Waves.

In keeping with Joe's adamant wishes, no public visitation is planned. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated by Father Anthony Lonzo on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church in Dennison. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery near Dennison. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Elementary School or Immaculate Conception Parish, 206 N. First St., Dennison, OH 44621.

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Pangrazio family synonymous with pizza in Valley

For nearly 60 years, the Pangrazio name has been synonymous with pizza and pasta in Tuscarawas County. The family tradition continues with Joe and Hazel's grandson, Dino, who owns and operates the Dennison Yard restaurant in Dennison.



Joe Pangrazio and his grandson, Dino, relax at Dino's Dennison Yard restaurant. The Pangrazio family has been in the restaurant business in Dennison for nearly 60 years and is looking to expand.

By Jon Baker
Posted May 14, 2012 @ 12:01 am

DENNISON — For nearly 60 years, the Pangrazio name has been synonymous with pizza and pasta in Tuscarawas County.

The family got its start in 1953 with a small pizza place in Dennison, operated by Joe and Hazel Pangrazio and Joe's mother, Paulina.

The family tradition continues with Joe and Hazel's grandson, Dino, who owns and operates the Dennison Yard restaurant in Dennison.

"The people in the whole county have been good to us," said Joe Pangrazio.

The Pangrazios entered the business out of urgent necessity.

Joe's father, Dominico, died of a heart attack on May 11, 1953. "Dad was supposed to retire that weekend," Joe Pangrazio recalled. "That left my mom without a pension, because she was 8 years younger than him."

As they searched for a way for Paulina to make ends meet, Joe came up with the idea of starting a pizza place.

"My mom and my wife, Hazel, thought I was crazy," he said.

Using recipes from Paulina's family, the pizza shop opened on July 1, 1953, at 212 Grant St., Dennison. The pizza squares they sold for 10 cents and 15 cents proved a big hit with children in the Twin Cities, and the restaurant was off to a good start.

In the 1960s, the family took out a loan and purchased a vacant building across the street at 219 Grant St., which had formerly housed a clothing store owned by Burnie Bower. They operated the restaurant there until they sold it to Robert and Thelma Armstrong on July 1, 1979.

Pangrazio's restaurants continue to operate in Dennison, Dover and Scio.

Now that he was out of the food business, Joe Pangrazio turned his attention to refereeing high school sporting events, and in 1984, was hired by Ohio State University to officiate at Big 10 basketball games.

Meanwhile, grandson Dino, who was born in 1970 and spent his early years in Dennison, graduated from East Canton High and Walsh University in Canton. Soon after finishing college, Dino decided he wanted to go into business for himself.

He talked his grandfather into resurrecting another family business, Pancab Inc., which

provided transportation for railroad workers. It started in 1968, but had been closed for two years when it reopened in 1995.

In the beginning, the company had just two vans, driven by Dino and his father, Joe. Now it employs 29 drivers and operates in three states — Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It works with the Genessee & Wyoming Railroad and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad.

The elder Joe Pangrazio, at age 87, still handles the day-to-day business of the company.

After Dino moved back to Dennison with his wife, Angela, the family started thinking about opening another restaurant. "Grandpa had the itch to get back into the pizza business," Dino said.

In 1997, he purchased the former Ray's Tavern on Center Street in Dennison, about a block from the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. Dino said he liked the location because of its proximity to the depot.

The family tore down the tavern and gutted a storage building next door, converting it into the Dennison Yard restaurant, which had its grand opening on May 1, 1999. The site of the tavern is now the restaurant's patio.

The family had another successful restaurant on their hands. A Dennison Yard franchise has since been opened in Coshocton and another is planned for Carrollton. Dino said the family is also looking for a site in Stark County.

Another venture, the Ciao Wagon, has begun selling Dennison Yard food to businesses in the Dover-New Philadelphia area. Dino described the food van as a "great marketing tool." "This gives us the ability to reach out to the far corners of the county, to people who've never tried our food before," he said. "It's been going well, though we're still learning." The next plan is to build a two-story replica of a shop building from the Dennison railroad yards in the lot behind the restaurant.

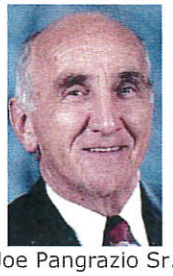
Dino is grateful for the community support the restaurant has received. The walls of the business are covered with photos and memorabilia from the Twin Cities, many of which were donated by area residents.

"I wanted this to be the community's place," he said. "Not my place, but the community's place."

He attributes much of his success to the lessons he learned from his grandfather, Joe. "Pangrazio in Italian means 'gracious,' " he said. "Nothing embodies that more than my grandfather. At 87 years old, he continues to inspire me."

Pangrazio shocked by OBHOF honor

Joe Pangrazio Sr. to be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame May 17



Joe Pangrazio Sr.

Roger Metzger
TimesReporter.com sports writer
Posted May. 3, 2014 @ 10:17 pm

DENNISON — It has been an honor long overdue for Joe Pangrazio Sr. Pangrazio will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on May 17.

Pangrazio, who turned 89 on April 11, officiated for more than 50 years.

Pangrazio, who played basketball and football at Dennison St. Mary's High School, became the coach of the St. Mary's basketball team at age 21.

Embracing the connection with both players and coaches, he decided to become an official. He liked it so much, that he wore the whistle and striped shirt for more than half a century.

Pangrazio downplayed his induction.

"I was shocked to find out I was going in," said Pangrazio. "There are some heavy hitters in this class and I'm wondering why they would induct me. I've been blessed all my life."

In addition to Pangrazio, eight former players, five coaches and a pioneer for women's college athletics will have their names added to the distinguished group of honorees.

Former players Dean Chance, Helen Darling, Henry Finkel, Dennis Hopson, D'Artis Jones, Campy Russell, Georgia Schweitzer Beasley and Nick Weatherspoon will join college administrator Helen Ludwig, and coaches Brian Agler, Vince Chickerella, Walter Harrop, Ed Jucker and Jerry Scheve as individuals to be honored.

The two teams entering the prestigious Hall of Fame are Wright State University's 1983 NCAA Men's Division II national champions and the Wilmington College women's team that won the 2004 NCAA Division II national title.

In addition to operating the family pizza parlor, Pangrazio became very involved in officiating. He worked high school basketball and football, and was chosen to work 12 state basketball championships in a 24-year span — the maximum number an official can officiate.

An official at the first girls Class AAA tournament in 1976, he also worked the state football playoffs for 15 years. He officiated for the Ohio Conference, the Presidents Conference and the Hoosier-Buckeye Conference.

In 1989, he was in the first group inducted in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame. Pangrazio, the 2014 officiating honoree, was selected by his fellow officials.

To purchase tickets to the ceremony, visit www.ohiobasketballhalloffame.com or call Sheila Fox at (614) 547-2160.

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Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame official, Dennison native Joe Pangrazio Sr. dies

Joe Pangrazio Sr. died a Hall of Famer. The Dennison native, who officiated for more than 50 years and was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame on May 17, passed away peacefully Sunday. He was 89.



Photo courtesy of Grant Martin Photography and the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame Joe Pangrazio Sr. makes his acceptance speech at the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame Induction held in Columbus in May.

Roger Metzger, TimesReporter.com sports writer
Posted Aug. 26, 2014 @ 10:41 pm

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The Dennison native, who officiated for more than 50 years and was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame on May 17, passed away peacefully Sunday.

He was 89.

Sheila Fox, a Dover native and executive director of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, said she is happy to know that Pangrazio was honored while he was around to enjoy it.

"I'm so glad we were able to honor him while he was still in good health," said Fox. "Honoring Joe at this year's induction ceremony was a highlight of the evening. He had so much wisdom to share with our audience and was incredibly touched to be enshrined. Joe was very well-respected by players and coaches and everyone who had the opportunity to work with him. The Ohio basketball community has lost one of the finest officials that ever graced its courts."

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Embracing the connection with both players and coaches, he decided to become an official. He liked it so much that he wore the whistle and striped shirt for more than half a century.

He was aware of what he was getting into when he decided to become an official.

"It gave me a good association between the players and coaches," he explained. "The more I did it, the more I liked it."

Pangrazio downplayed his induction prior to his honor.

"I was shocked to find out I was going in," recalled Pangrazio. "There are some heavy hitters in this class and I'm wondering why they would induct me. I've been blessed all my life."

In addition to Pangrazio, eight former players, five coaches and a pioneer for women's college athletics were names added to the distinguished group of honorees back in May.

Former players Dean Chance, Helen Darling, Henry Finkel, Dennis Hopson, D'Artis Jones,

Campy Russell, Georgia Schweitzer Beasley and Nick Weatherspoon joined college administrator Helen Ludwig, and coaches Brian Agler, Vince Chickerella, Walter Harrop, Ed Jucker and Jerry Scheve as inductees.

Longtime official and fellow Hall of Famer Al Amicone said Pangrazio was a pro's pro.

"As far as I'm concerned, he was a professional at everything he did," said Amicone. "He was a pro to his lifestyle, a pro to his religion and certainly a pro in his part-time profession.

"He was a heck of a guy and a great man," added Amicone, who along with fellow official and Hall of Famer Mel McAfee had breakfast with Pangrazio three weeks ago. "It's going to be hard to replace a guy like that. He was well-respected across the board." McAfee said Pangrazio was not one to blow his own horn.

"He was a very humble man," said McAfee, who was his partner on the basketball court in Pangrazio's later years. "He was a good official, but a better man. The more I worked with him the more I respected him."

Ed Henry, a fellow Dennison native and former head coach of the Claymont Mustangs, said Pangrazio was an icon in the Twin Cities.

"He was a great man," said Henry. "Joe was always there when you needed a favor. He always asked me if I needed anything."

In addition to operating the well-known family pizza parlor Pangrazio's Pizza and Spaghetti House until 1980, Pangrazio became very involved in officiating.

"The pizza was great," said Henry. "When I was in high school, you could get a slice of pizza for 15 cents."

In 1999, the family restaurant tradition continued when Joe's grandson, Dino and his wife Angela, opened the Denison Yard with Joe proudly continuing in his role as patriarch and pillar of the business.

Pangrazio worked high school basketball and football, and was chosen to work 12 state basketball championships in a 24-year span — the maximum number an official can officiate.

An official at the first girls' Class AAA tournament in 1976, he also worked the state football playoffs for 15 years. He officiated for the Ohio Conference, the Presidents Conference and the Hoosier-Buckeye Conference.

For many years he was an observer of officials for the Big Ten Conference and was recently nominated to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

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Pangrazio still officiating into his 50th season

By MIKE BARNABI
T-R Sports Writer

What started out as a way to remain associated with sports has since produced a lifetime of memories for Dennison's Joe Pangrazio Sr.

Some of them are stashed away neatly in folders and filing cabinets in a small office in his house.

Many more are hidden away in the back of his mind, only to be brought forth on certain, rare occasions.

And this certainly qualifies as such.

Though he's 69 years old, Pangrazio is still actively working basketball and football games. This marks his 50th year as an official.

"I played basketball and football at St. Mary's (High School)," said Pangrazio, fitting in perfectly among the pictures and related paraphernalia in his cozy office.

"I was nothing flashy as an athlete," he continued. "I didn't go to college, but I wanted to stay active with sports so I took up officiating."

Sounds simple enough, but there had to be more to it than that. Even in the 1940's.

"I applied for and got my license in basketball first," said Pangrazio. "I started out doing JV games and I worked anyplace I could. I did that for four or five years before I got a break."

One of the breaks included meeting Jordan Besozzi.

"I owe a lot to him," he said. "When I first started, the older officials took the young guys and split the JV games with them. Jordan worked with me and explained things to me. He guided me."

Even with that certain amount of guidance, the early years of his career were somewhat of a struggle.

"It was a real learning experience," Pangrazio said, shaking his head. "But it was the only way I could stay active in sports. It gave me good association between the players and the coaches. The more I did it, the more I liked it.

"I like doing it and that's a big part of it. I like being around the young athletes and the coaches."

Apparently he likes it a lot.

For someone who can remember six-man football with just two referees and first down and 15 instead of first and 10 to still be working games 50 years after he began, it's obvious the feelings run deep.

So does the respect he has earned over the years. In addition to his limited officiating schedule, Pangrazio also will continue to be an observer/evaluator of Big Ten officials for a 10th season.

"It's a demanding job, but I like it," he said. "Observers and coaches both have input, but they can both see different things. The Big Ten has one of the highest-respected staffs in the country. They have had several officials work Final Four games the last three or four years."

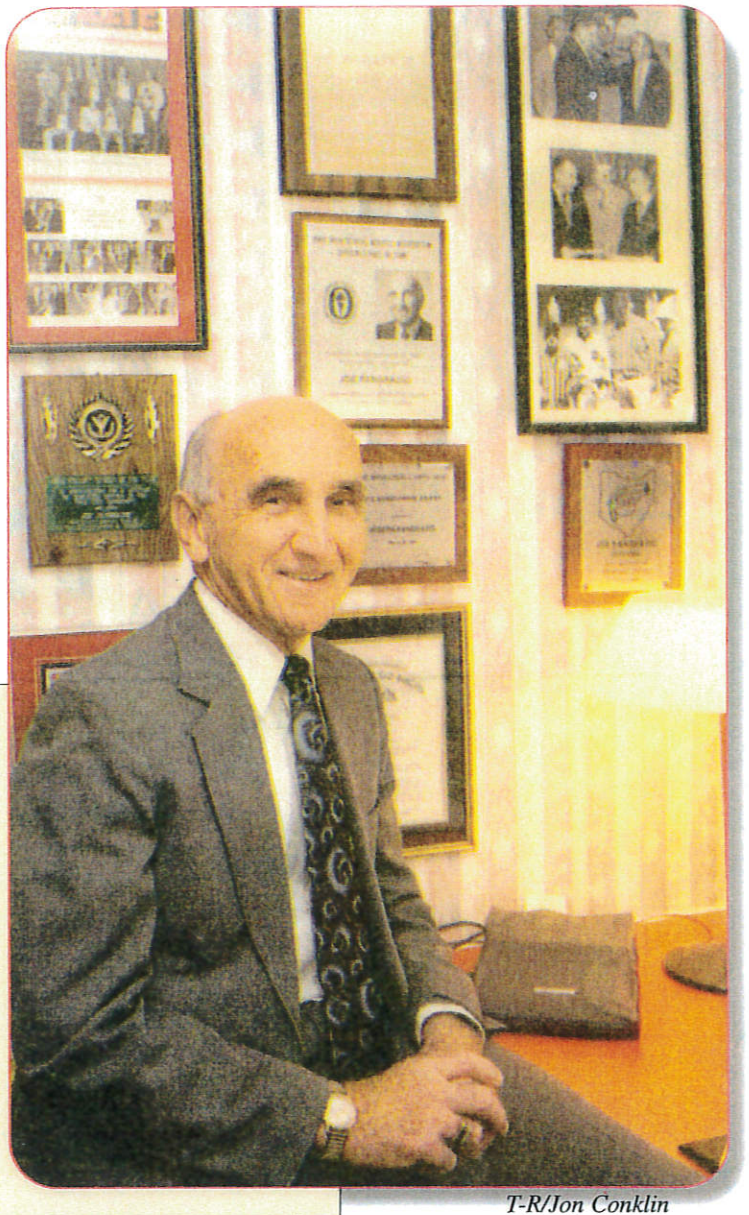
Though it would appear to many fans that officials have a demanding, somewhat thankless job, Pangrazio feels that another profession is equally difficult.

"Coaches are under a lot of pressure now," he said. "They are hired and fired based on the amount of games they win and lose. Officials must understand that."

Pangrazio also understands that the verbal abuse often heaped onto the men clad in black and white comes with the territory.

"Jordan told me a long time ago that when you put that shirt over your neck and that whistle over your head, you know what you're in for," he said with a laugh.

"I enjoy it and I'm going to do it as long as my health permits. I didn't stay in it for 50 years just to prove I could do it. I got a lot of help, and I've gotten more rewards than I ever deserved."



T-R/Jon Conklin

Longtime official Joe Pangrazio of Dennison at home with some of the many plaques and other memorabilia from his long career





Don Petranovich

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Don Petranovich
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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Date: November 17, 2014

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Don Petranovich
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 12549 E. 46 St.
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Yuma, Arizona, 85367
(city, state, zip)

Email: gpetranovich@roadrunner.com

Phone: 928-587-8533 Date of Birth: January 28, 1941

School Affiliation (if any) Winslow High School

City: Winslow State: Arizona

Place of Birth: Gallup, New Mexico Date of Retirement: May 2013

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here]

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Tab here]

Address: [Tab here]

Phone: [Tab here]

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Winslow High School	Winslow, Arizona	1959	High School Diploma
College/University: Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, Arizona	1969	Bachelor of Science in Education
Post Graduate School: Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, Arizona	1970	Master of Arts in Education

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Mr. Petranovich served his distinguished coaching career at Winslow High School in Arizona for 33 years (1977-2010) as the girls basketball coach. At Winslow, he also served as an assistant football coach from 1969-73 and 1984 and 1990-97. He also served as an assistant baseball coach from 1969-70 and assistant softball coach in 1984. Arizona has five classifications (1A-5A), and Mr. Petranovich coached for the majority of his basketball coacing career at the Class 3A level in Arizona.

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

Mr. Petranovich is considered Arizona's first girls basketball coaching legend, accumulating a state record 780-158 record (.831 win percentage), appearing in a state record 16 state championship games and winning a state record tying eight titles (1979-89-90-97 and 2004-05-07-09). Every championship except for the 1979 title was won at the Class 3A level. His team won a state record 44 consecutive games between 1989-90, when his team went 60-1. The 1979 title was won at the Class 4A level.

The awards and honors Mr. Petranovich has received:

National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2009).
Winslow High's gymnasium is named after Mr. Petranovich, who graduated from Winslow.
Named Arizona Interscholastic Association's Coach of the 20th Century.
Named to Arizona Coaches Association High School Association Hall of Fame in 1993.
National Federation of High School Athetics National Coach of the Year (2009).
National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association Section 7 Coach of the Year (1999).
National High School School Athletic Coaches Association Region 8 Coach of the Year in 1997.
National High School Athletic Coaches Association Section 8 Coach of the Year (2004).
National High School Athletic Coaches Associatiion National Coach of the Year (2011).
Honoree of 40 Years Title IX Games in 2012.
Phoenix Women's Sports Association Coach of the Year (2010).
Women's National Basketball Association District 7 Coach of the Year (2006).
Arizona Coaches Association All Arizona Coach Award (1997-1988).
Arizona Coaches Association Coach of the Year (1998, 2004, 2005).
Arizona Interscholastic Association's Everday Heroes Coach of the Year (2008).
Class 3A North Region Coach of the Year (2001-02).
Navajo Times Coaching Milestone Award (2003-04).
Navajo Times Coach of the Year Award (2003-2004).

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

He served as Winslow's Athletic Director for 28 years (1985-2013) and as Class 3A president. These are the awards Mr. Petranovich has received and organizations he has served on as an administrator:
Served on the Arizona Interscholastic Association's Executive Board from 2003-06.
Served on the Arizona Interscholastic Association's Legislative Council from 2006-2012.

Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association Athletic Director of the Year in 1998.
National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors Arizona Athletic Director of the Year (1998-1999).
Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administration Associaiton Athletic Director of the Year in Class 3A Conference in 2013.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Mr. Petranovich was instrumental in helping girls basketball be on equal footing with boys basketball in the 1A-3A classifications in Arizona. Fans support girls basketball, especially at the Class 3A level, just as much as they do boys basketball. Mr. Petranovich was likely the first coach in Arizona to encourage high school teams in his division to start off season training and tournaments for girls basketball players. Basketball is a passion on Arizona Native American reservations, a passion that might be unmatched nationally. Mr. Petranovich played an integral role in helping Native American girls basketball players blossom as one of the articles attached points out.

http://www.maxpreps.com/news/article.aspx?articleid=4420fb08-5926-489c-b534-d8cb15c15965&page=5

http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/sports/articles/20100212don-petranovich-winslow-basketball.html

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find this letter in support of Don Petranovich for nomination into the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Hall of Fame as a coach.

As a graduate of Winslow High School, Petranovich became the girls' basketball coach in 1977 at Winslow High School and coached up and through the 2010 basketball season.

During his tenure Petranovich was influential in the success of basketball on the Arizona Native American reservation, and for the growth in popularity of basketball among girls. It is for this reason that the Division III (formerly 3A) girls basketball championship is often played after all other championship games as the last game, as it draws crowds of 10,000 to 15,000.

Petranovich went on to accumulate a record of 780 wins and 158 losses as the girls' basketball coach, winning eight (8) state championships in 16 total championship game appearances.

Please find included in this packet supporting letters of recommendation and articles supporting the nomination of Don Petranovich for the NFHS Hall of Fame as a coach.

Sincerely,

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National High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dear Committee,

I am pleased to be able to recommend Mr. Don Petranovich for your prestigious award. I had the pleasure of working with Don for 44 years at Winslow Unified School District #1. Don started out as a 5th grade teacher and freshman football and baseball coach at Winslow High School and ended up his career in education as our Athletic Director.

Coach Petro as he was affectionately called by his fellow coaches and friends started our girls basketball programs after Title IX was instituted across the country. His resume' speaks for itself in terms of wins, losses and championships but his guidance in the program goes far beyond those accolades. Don was instrumental in working with Northern Arizona University and the Arizona Interscholastic Association to provide larger venues for our 3A state tournaments which traditionally have the largest crowds across the state. Don was a true leader in our school as our Athletic Director where he constantly worked to provide better facilities, promotion of tournaments in all sports and a true desire to create a positive environment for our opponents with our Victory with Honor program. His leadership and mentoring of young coaches over the years has allowed our programs to maintain a consistent competitive program in every sport.

Don's teams always played great defense and their attention to fundamentals made them competitive in all games, however, his attention to detail did not end on the court. He was a true friend and father figure to many of his players over the years and they are extremely loyal and thankful for his guidance and love to them and their families. Our gym is named Don Petranovich Gymnasium and that does not happen by accident in a small community. Winslow High has a saying "once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog' and nobody doubts Don's love of school and community and his contributions will last forever.

I consider Don to be one of the most dedicated individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of working with in my career and I believe him to be highly qualified for your Hall of Fame. Thank you for your consideration of one of Arizona's Legendary Coaches and Athletic Directors.

Sincerely,

Art Griffith

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November 14, 2014

RE: Recommendation for Mr. Don Petranovich

Dear National Federation Hall of Fame Committee

It is with great honor that I write this letter for the great Don Petranovich. I am proud to say that I have known Don for the past 20 years as a colleague, mentor, and friend. When Don served as Athletic Director for Winslow High, I was the head wrestling coach. After my coaching tenor, I was an administrator at WHS and worked closely with Don and the athletic department. In addition, Don asked me to replace him as the Athletic Director upon his retirement. Without hesitation, I can say that his persistent confidence in me to continue on his legacy was the biggest honor of my professional career.

Coach Petranovich's accolades as a girls' basketball coach would be enough to honor his greatness in any Hall of Fame. He has won over 750 games and has a winning percentage that topples greats like John Wooden and Vince Lombardi. As a former coach, simply making it to the championship game can be seen as the pinnacle of a coaching career. Don led WHS to a state record 16 championship appearances and won 8 State Championships.

Coach Petranovich has won numerous titles and has been recognized at both the state and national level on many occasions. Looking at these weighty accomplishments one can infer that Don is a great motivator of young adults, which is an accurate statement. However for all of his wins, individual awards, and tournament trophies his true impact can best be seen in the accomplishments of his players and the love that radiates off of their face each time they see and embrace him. Don's former players have gone on to become corporate leaders, doctors, lawyers, and perhaps most importantly, coaches and educators. If you ask them to give you only one name of a person responsible for their success they would simply say "Petro".

It is without any reservation that I write this letter for Don Petranovich regarding his nomination for the National Federation Hall of Fame. If you should need any additional information on the impact that Coach Petranovich has had on Winslow High school and the state of Arizona, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Justin M. Hartman

Dr. Justin M. Hartman
Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
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'We were his family'

Winslow's legendary coach Petranovich calls it quits

By Sunnie Redhouse
Navajo Times

March 11, 2010



(Special to the Times photo - Donovan Quintero)

Don Petranovich, coach of the Winslow girls' basketball team, directs traffic during the Arizona 3A state tournament.

For the past 41 years, Don Petranovich has uttered the same words as he stepped on the basketball court at Winslow High School.

"I don't say we want to win every game this season or we want to win a regional championship," Petranovich said. "What I say, the first thing out of my mouth every year is we want to win a state championship."

The drive, passion and dedication behind the 69-year-old's words and are exactly why he is the winningest coach in Arizona history, has won seven state championship titles since 1989, was named national coach of the year by the National Federation of State High School Associations, and the high school's gymnasium named after him.

Petranovich has spent many summers preparing his team for upcoming seasons. He has spent countless evenings dropping everything he's doing to open the gym for players and made sure his players were always taken care of.

That's just the kind of coach he is, but, more importantly, it's the kind of man he is.

Petranovich went to school at Winslow then attended Northern Arizona University. After graduating he moved back to the Winslow has lived there since. He started coaching and teaching in 1969.

He's contemplated retirement many times but finally feels that this is the year.

"It's done. The school board has accepted my resignation two or three weeks ago. I will not be coming back as coach here," he said. "I think it's time for somebody younger than me to take the reins. I still feel that I could be successful but it's just time for me to move on time to enjoy life a little bit more."

The legendary coach has touched the lives of many athletes, fans and the community.

"I don't know how many years of summer have been taking up by coaching the girls," he said. "I just feel like I'm not ready to do that anymore. I want my summers, I want to do things."

Jackie Shirley, a 1989 Winslow graduate and a former player, said she remembers how summers were spent with Petranovich and his family.

"His family - Mike, Eric, past wife Clay - they were exactly like family to us," Shirley said. "They took family vacation with us, they went to San Diego with us.

"During those times Petro could have taken time out of basketball but he didn't," she said. "We took a lot of his family time and we were his family, and I think not too many people know that from him, if he can help in some way, he will help."

Shirley went on to play college basketball and her two oldest children have continued the family tradition. Her daughter Paige and Kourtney started on the varsity and her son Kraig is making a name for himself.

Shirley said many stories about Petranovich show how dedicated he is to the sport and the athletes.

"I think after all these years now I've realized this man has dedicated his entire life to these kids," she said. "The biggest thing as a person is when you want to be successful in something you've got to dedicate your life to it. You can't commit halfway."

Petranovich said his father raised him with the concept of dedication.

"As a coach that's part of your job, you've got to show the kids how dedicated and how much you love the game," he said. "I think I've been able to do that over the years."

He is also known for being strict.

Theresa Peterson, a coach and teacher at Dilcon Community School, played under Petranovich from 1988 to 1992.

Her senior year, Peterson said the team was undefeated but lost to Window Rock in the championship game.

"He was pretty tough on us as far as having to know different plays and being conditioned, having that type of discipline," she said. 'I always felt that if you were coached by him, you should be able to play for just about anybody.

"No coach really cares about you if they didn't yell at you and ride you a lot," she said.

Petranovich said he knows what he's working with and raises the bar based on the talent of the team.

"I get involved in it and I expect them to play at a certain level," he said. "My philosophy of coaching was play your best, play hard, and things will take their course."

Things have taken their course for 41 years since Petranovich first stepped on the Winslow basketball court.

High Schools

Don Petranovich's run at Winslow coming to end

by **Scott Bordow** - Feb. 12, 2010 05:37 PM
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Don Petranovich still remembers his first girls basketball team at Winslow High.

There were 20 girls on the roster, but only two knew how to dribble or pass the basketball.

"The rest of them, when they passed it went off the wall or the bleachers," Petranovich said. "We lost our first game 88-6."

No one knew then, but that defeat was the start of a dynasty. Petranovich is the winningest girls basketball coach in Arizona history. He's led Winslow to six state 3A titles since 1989, and the Bulldogs are the No. 2-ranked team in the state heading into next week's state tournament.

But that will be the end for the 69-year-old. He's finally retiring after 41 years of coaching, countless memories and the building of a gymnasium that bears his name.

"I always wondered, 'How you do you know when it's time for you to move on?' " said Petranovich, who has yet to decide whether he'll also give up his duties as athletic director. "I definitely didn't want to be a hanger-on. I don't know what it was, but this past summer it just hit me that it was time for some younger kid to take over."

Coaches - even at the high school level - have become nomads, chasing the better job and the bigger paycheck. Petranovich is the exception. He's been teaching and coaching at Winslow since 1969, content with what he has rather than wondering what the rest of the world has to offer.

Seems like a pretty healthy way to go through life.

"I guess I'm just a small-town boy," he said. "Winslow is not the greatest-looking town in the world, but a great group of people live here. I just felt comfortable."

Winslow always has been home. His parents moved there from Gallup, N.M., when he was 5 years old. He went to school there, and after graduating from Northern Arizona University he returned, in part to be close to his parents and his wife's parents but also because he innately knew that a small corner of the globe could be just as beautiful as Paris.

He bought a house in 1969 - in which he still lives - for $6,200. His commute? Four blocks to school.

Petranovich has had opportunities to go elsewhere - NAU offered him an assistant-coaching job, as did a junior college in California - but every time he considered moving he thought about something his father told him when he came home one night and said he wanted to quit playing high school football.

"My dad put his fork down, looked me in the eye and said, 'You're not going to quit. You're going to stick it out,' " Petranovich recalled. "That's always been a part of my life. To me, once you make a commitment, you made a commitment."

Last year, Petranovich was one of 21 coaches named National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Among the reasons cited by the NFHS was Petranovich's devotion to his students and the community.

"He's been the cornerstone of this school," principal Chris Gilmore said.

Not a bad way to go out, is it?

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Beyond the X: Rez Ball fuels basketball fever in Arizona's Navajo Nation

American Indian communities in the Four Corners region lack many things that Americans think are standard. Basketball makes up for whatever may be missing, and it elicits passion from an entire region.



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Girls thrive on the Rez



Photo by Geri Henry

Rez Ball fans don't scoff at girls basketball like some areas. Community support knows no limits when it comes to gender.

They greet the sun, spread corn pollen, and pray for strength and abundance and the courage to get through another day. At night, the stars shine so bright and appear so close, they feel they can reach out and grab a bunch and toss them back at the blackness and their dreams will come true.

They dream about winning basketball championships.

— Richard Obert, "Rez Ball"

One of the best aspects of Rez Ball is that it's not sexist. Not even close.

The girls draw just as many fans as the boys, and there has surely been a lot more success. At the Division III level, there is not such a disparity in height, so the native girls flourish on their skills and shooting.



File photo by James Conrad

Shandiin Armao can thank Navajo interest in hoops for her very existence. Her parents met on a basketball court in Winslow.

"Navajos are known to be real good sharpshooters," Winslow star sophomore Shandiin Armao said. "Either you're strong underneath or you have a perfect shot. It's really cool."

It was cool for 33 years to have Don Petranovich as head coach. He won eight state titles for Winslow and is the state's winningest coach with a 778-159 record.

He retired two years ago after starting the program in 1975. A football, baseball and assistant boys basketball coach, he was known for his hard-nosed style and he didn't take it easy on the girls, something they responded to.

"The girls play real hard," Petranovich said. "And now they can really dribble and shoot and play. You better be ready."

Winslow senor guard Mattea Begaii said there's a distinct reason the girls game is so popular. "We play more as a team," she said. "The boys like to go one-on-one."

It wasn't an easy sell at first, and certainly the girls didn't draw like the boys.

"But once Holbrook and Winslow got better and better, the crowds got bigger and bigger," Petranovich said. "I think it's great that we brought the girls out of the shadows and now they are definitely part of the show."

They were a huge part when Winslow won a state title in 1990 on a last-second shot against Snowflake before 16,200 fans in Phoenix. That was a state record for attendance, Petranovich said.

"I remember our girl was holding the ball for one shot and she waited and waited and waited," Petranovich said. "I told her that she better go but the crowd was so loud she couldn't hear me. She finally went and made it right at the buzzer. That was a great experience."



File photo by James Conrad
Mattea Begaii and Winslow got to play twice at Jobing.com Arena in Phoenix last year, losing the Division III state title game.

It's all been great for Begaii. She started dribbling a basketball when she was 4 years old and experienced all the best of Rez Ball. She'd love to finish it with another state title.

"I've loved the crowd yelling and screaming," she said. "It's what we all grew up experiencing. A lot of people get nervous and sure it brings some butterflies, but as soon as the ball goes up, they all go away."

Armao's dad felt some butterflies the first time he shot baskets in Winslow.

A non-native originally from Philadelphia, he worked with Navajos on the reservation to help become doctors. According to Armao, he was asked by a co-worker after work to go shoot baskets.

"Because that's what you do when you're in Winslow," she said. "He met my mom on a basketball court in town somewhere that day and that's all it took."

Now Armao is just looking for two more wins at Jobing.com Arena this weekend to erase last year's bitter state title defeat to Page.

"Our coach (Jerron Jordan) always says, ‘We don't get mad, we get even,'" Armao said. "That's what we plan to do."



Photo by Todd Shurtleff

Winslow fans celebrate in last season's Division III title game at Jobing.com Arena in Phoenix against Page.

Bob Pettit

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Robert Lee (Bob) Pettit
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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City, State, Zip Code: Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

Signed: K. W. Henderson

Date: November 12, 2013

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Fine Arts ☐ Others

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(city, state, zip)

Phone: 504-388-8805 Date of Birth: 12-12-1932

School Affiliation (if any) N/A

City: N/A State: N/A

Place of Birth: Baton Rouge Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or fine arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

If deceased, date of death:

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Robert Pettit III (Son)

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Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Baton Rouge High School	Baton Rouge, La.	1950	High School
College/University: Louisiana State Univ.	Baton Rouge, La.	1954	B.S.
Post Graduate School:	N/A		

☐ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
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ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

During his high school career, Bob Pettit competed one (1) year in football, two (2) years in track and field and two (2) years in basketball. In 1950, the LHSAA had four (4) classifications in the sport of basketball. Bob Pettit competed in the AA, the largest class at that time. We were unable to find stats to support his accomplishments. The school he attended has been completely remodeled and the local newspapers did not keep information related to sports for that long ago. We do know that he led his team to the 1950 AA State Championship and was awarded many honors that are listed below.

It's difficult to believe that this member of the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame and member of the NBA's 100 Greatest Players club was cut from his team as a freshman and sophomore. But when he did play as a 6-foot, 8-inch junior, Pettit became the dominant player in the state.

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

Pettit was selected All-District his 11th and 12th grade years and also named Most Valuable Player in the District in both 1948-49 and 1949-50. As a senior, Pettit earned All-State and All-American honors as well as the Most Valuable Player in the state in 1950.

He was the first Louisianian to play in a national high school all-star game. He was selected to play in the North/South All-Star game in Murray, Kentucky in 1950. There were ten (10) competitors from the North and ten (10) for the South. He was named the event's MVP. He was also named a Chuck Taylor All-American.

Named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1973.
Named to the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.
The trophy presented at the East Baton Rouge Parish High School Basketball Tournament is called the Bob Pettit Memorial Award.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

College: Played at Louisiana State University where he was selected All-SEC all three (3) years that he played at the school. He averaged 27+ points overall for three (3) years at LSU. In 1954 he averaged 31 points per game. He led LSU to the Final Four in 1953. He was selected to the All-American team in 1954.

Professional: Selected second (2^{nd}) overall pick in 1954 NBA draft by Milwaukee Hawks. The team moved to St. Louis after one year in Milwaukee. In 1955, his rookie year, he averaged 20.4 points per game and 13.8 rebounds per game. He was selected the 1955 Rookie of the Year and was selected first team All-Pro.

In his final season in St. Louis, he averaged 25.7 points per game and 16.2 rebounds per game.

In eleven (11) years in the NBA, he averaged 26.4 points per game and 16.2 rebounds per game.

Overall accomplishments:

Was ten (10) times first team All-Pro
Played in eleven (11) all-star games
Selected Most Valuable Player in four (4) all-star games
Two (2) times he was selected the Most Valuable Player in the NBA (1956 and 1959)
Led the NBA in scoring in 1956 and 1959
Was the first player in NBA history to score 20,000 points in a career - 20,880 total
Scored 50 points in the sixth (6^{th}) and final game of the playoffs as St. Louis Hawks won the 1958 NBA championship
Selected as member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1970
Selected as a member of the NBA's 100 Greatest Players club

Letters of Recommendation

LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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November 12, 2013

Mr. Bruce Howard
National High School Hall of Fame
PO Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Mr. Howard:

On behalf of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and our member schools, it is a great honor for me to nominate legendary basketball player Bob Pettit for the National High School Hall of Fame.

From 1957 through 1966, the Boston Celtics won nine of 10 National Basketball Association championships. For years, Celtics coach Red Auerbach would needle Tom Heinsohn about the one that got away: "We would've won 10 straight if you had held Bob Pettit to 48 points." Pettit scored 50 points in the final game of the 1958 playoffs, accounting for 19 of the St. Louis Hawks' last 21 points. His jump shot with 15 seconds remaining in the game wrapped up the title.

It's difficult to believe that this member of the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame and member of the NBA's 100 Greatest Players club was cut from his Baton Rouge High team as a freshman and sophomore. There were 17 candidates for that team and five of them, including Pettit, who was then an awkward 5 feet 11 inches, didn't make it. Bob Pettit was an example of perseverance leading to sports greatness. He played church league basketball as a sophomore, grew five inches in less than a year and led his Baton Rouge High team to the State AA Championship two years later; Coach Kenner Day would always be introduced as "the man who cut Bob Pettit from his team."

Unfortunately, Bob Pettit played high school basketball in 1950, and the school did not do a good job of keeping individual stats and records from that era, but the accolades Bob Pettit received during his final two years in high school speak for themself as to his accomplishments.
Pettit was selected All-District and named Most Valuable Player in the district his 11th and 12th grade years. As a senior, Pettit earned All-State and All-American honors as well as the Most Valuable Player in the state in 1950. He was the first Louisianian to play in a national high school all-star game. He was selected to play in the North/South All-Star game in Murray, Kentucky in 1950 where he was named the event's MVP. He was also named a Chuck Taylor All-American. In 1973 he was named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and in 1985 he was named to the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame. The latter hall of fame is strictly based on high school accomplishments.

His basketball accomplishments after high school only get better. Pettit played college basketball at Louisiana State University where he was selected All-SEC all three (3) years that he played at the school. He led LSU to the Final Four in 1953 and was selected on the All-American team in 1954.

Bob Pettit was selected second overall pick in 1954 NBA draft. Eleven years later he retired from the NBA with a 26.4 points per game average and 16.2 rebounds per game average. He was selected as the Rookie of the Year, was ten times first team All-Pro, played in eleven all-star games, selected Most Valuable Player in four all-star games and was a two-time Most Valuable Player in the NBA in 1956 and 1959. Pettit led the NBA in scoring in 1956 and 1959 and was the first player in NBA history to score 20,000 points in a career, finishing with 20,880 total points scored. In 1970, he was selected as a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and in early 2000's he was selected as a member of the NBA's 100 Greatest Players club.

Bob Pettit has been recognized at every level of basketball and has been recognized by numerous state and national hall of fames, and I respectfully ask the committee to give Mr. Bob Pettit the strong consideration that he deserves for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame. I sincerely believe that a man of his caliber exemplifies the characteristics of a Hall of Fame athlete. We appreciate everything that he has done and continues to do for our state.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything more that I can do to assist in the selection process.

Sincerely,

K.W. Henderson

Kenneth W. Henderson
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November 5, 2013

NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
National Federation of State High School Associations
PO Box 690
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear NFHS Hall of Fame Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mr. Robert "Bob" Pettit for the NFHS Hall of Fame. I have known of Mr. Pettit all of my life. As a young sports fan, I remember listening to the St. Louis Hawks basketball games on station KMOX. I knew Bob Pettit played for the Hawks, was from Baton Rouge and a star at LSU. Living in Baton Rouge and being a young athlete, I remember reading newspaper articles always comparing the latest high school basketball star to the great Bob Pettit.

After graduating from college in 1975, I started my professional career as a high school basketball in Louisiana. Even after 25 years, Mr. Pettit continued to have an impact on the sport of high school basketball in Louisiana and has become an important high school basketball icon. Many of the great players that Louisiana has produced in the last 35 years can be traced back in part to the influence that Bob Pettit had on high school basketball here in Louisiana.

It is long overdue that Mr. Bob Pettit should be inducted in the NFHS Hall of Fame and hopefully you will see fit to bestow this prestigious honor on Mr. Pettit. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Sports,

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November 12, 2013

National Federation of State High School Association
P.O. Box 690
Indianapolis, IN 46209

Subject: Robert Lee "Bob" Pettit, Jr.

To Whom It May Concern:

I was amazed to hear from Gary Duhe, director of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association, that Robert Lee "Bob" Pettit, Jr. is not a member of the NFHS Hall of Fame. He certainly has all credentials to be a member of this distinguished organization!

I had the pleasure and privilege of playing one year of basketball with Bob at Baton Rouge High School (BRHS) and the three years at Louisiana State University (LSU). In his senior year at BRHS the team beat St. Aloysius of New Orleans for the AA State Championship. He was on the All-Tournament Team and voted Most Valuable Player. In the summer before enrolling in LSU, Bob played in the annual Chuck Taylor North-South All-American High School game in Paducah, Kentucky. He was voted on the All-Tournament Team.

Bob then enrolled at LSU in September, 1950. He led LSU to two SEC Championships and one Final Four finish. For his career, he averaged 27.4 points and 14.6 rebounds. He was First Team All American all three years.

Bob went on to an amazing 11 year career in the NBA. He became the first player to score 20,000 points in NBA history and was recognized as the greatest forward of his era. Named to the All-Star Team in all 11 years of his career and voted MVP of the NBA two years. Named as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players of all time!

With all the fame, accolades, and national attention, Bob remained a gentleman, humble, and a wonderful family man. Your favorable consideration to vote Bob into the NFHS Hall of Fame would be greatly deserved and appreciated by this writer.

Sincerely,

E.M. "Ned" Clark

Charles Rogers

New
Information

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: [Charles B. "Corky" RogersTab here]
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Matt Morris

Phone: 904-256-5076

Street Address: 7400 San Jose Blvd

City, State, Zip Code: Jacksonville, FL 32217

Signed: Matt Morris

Date: September 9, 2014

Email: morrism@bolles.org

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Charles B. "Corky" Rogers
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 10350 Tawa Trail
(street address)

Jacksonville, FL 32259
(city, state, zip)

Email: rogersc@bolles.org

Phone: 904-262-6420 Date of Birth: 12/19/43

School Affiliation (if any) The Bolles School

City: Jacksonville State: Florida

Place of Birth: Bay City, MI Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Currently head football coach at The Bolles School in Jacksonville

If deceased, date of death:
N/A

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Linda Rogers

Address: 10350 Tawa Trail Jacksonville, FL 32259

Phone: 904-262-6420

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Robert E. Lee	Jacksonville FL	1961	HS Diploma
College/University: Georgia Tech	Atlanta GA	1968	Industrial Mgt.
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]	[Tab here]

☐ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Classifications in Football:
2011-2013 - 8 classifications
1999-2010 - 6 classifications
1985-1998 - 5 classifications
1968-1984 - 4 classifications

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

Carrer Record:
- 433-77-1 (throughout the 2013 season)
- 292-38 at Bolles (1989-2013)
- 141-3901 at Lee High School (1972-88)
- Became the eighth coach in the history of high school football throughout the nation to reach 400 wins
- Most wins, state titles, and playoff victories among high school footbal coaches in Florida history.
- 10 State Championships

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

- Named National High School Football Coach of the Year for 2004-05 by the National High School Coaches Association
- Florida Sports Hall of Fame (2013)
- Robert E. Lee High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame (2013)
- Gator Bowl Hall of Fame (2012)
- Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame (2005)
- Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Hall of Fame (2002)
- FACA Life Membership Award for outstanding contribution to high school athletics and the coaching profession
- USA Head Coach for NFL Global Junior Championships (2005)
- Sunshine Network Coach of the Year (2002)
- FACA-Dairy Farmers Football Coach of the Year (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008)
- Nominated for NFL High School Coach of the Year (2002)
- Head Coach of the North-South All-Star Football Classic (1990)

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Charles "Corky" Rogers' career as a high school football coach has spanned five decades, producing more wins than any other coach in Florida with 434 through the 2013 season. In 2011, Rogers became just the eighth coach in the history of high school football in the nation to reach 400 wins. Rogers ranks fifth nationally in career wins among active coaches. He has guided the Bolles football program since the 1989 season, helping the Bulldogs to compile the most state titles of any football program in Florida with 11. Rogers also holds the state record for state titles won among coaches with 10 and playoff victories with 73. He led the Bulldogs to a record-tying 15th state final appearance in 2013.

The 2010 Bolles varsity football team posted the program's fourth undefeated regular season in the last five years, won the 30th district title in program history, posted an overall record of 11-1, and advanced to the Region 1-2B Final.

The 2008 and 2009 seasons produced the first back-to-back state titles in program history, bringing Bolles' state football titles to ten. Rogers recorded his ninth state title as the Bulldogs' coach in 2009, increasing his lead in state championships among Florida coaches. Bolles posted a 12-1 record in 2009, winning the program's 29th district title along the way. The 2008 Bolles squad went undefeated, notching 14 victories.

In 2007, the varsity squad posted a 10-0 regular season record, winning the district title, their opening playoff game, and reaching the regional final. The 2006 season ended with Bolles' eighth state title in program history and Rogers' seventh as the Bulldogs' coach. Rogers tied the mark for most state titles among high school football coaches in Florida history. The team also posted a 14-0 record to go along with district and regional titles. In the 2005 season, he guided the Bulldogs to a 10-2 record, district championship title, and a region runners-up finish.

The 2004-05 academic year proved to be one of the most significant in Rogers' coaching career as he guided the Bulldogs to the School's seventh state title in football, became the all-time leader in wins among Florida high school football coaches, was inducted into the Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and was named National High School Football Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association. He also shared in the Bolles Athletic Program being selected the ninth best overall program in the nation by Sports Illustrated and the 2005 football squad being named one of the top 25 teams to watch in the nation by Street & Smith's.

Rogers has established this outstanding success by focusing on a single objective: developing his players into young men who possess the character-building skills necessary to win at football and life.

Nationally recognized by collegiate coaches for his skill in producing outstanding college football recruits, Rogers insists it is due to his team members' dedication. He requires them to play the game to the best of their abilities, maintain respect for their coaches and teammates, excel academically, participate in their communities, and make the right choices in every area of their lives.

Prior to Bolles, Rogers coached at his alma mater, Robert E. Lee High School, leading the Generals to playoff appearances in 10 straight seasons. As a student-athlete at Lee, Rogers played for the 1960 state championship football team and the 1961 state baseball championship team. He is a graduate of The Georgia Institute of Technology where he lettered in football.

Rogers and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Tracy and Jennifer, and several grandchildren.

Football, Eleven-player Individual Coaching Most Wins Active Coaches

Record	Holder	State	Data
613	John McKissick	SC	(Summerville), 1952-2013 (613-151-13) [78.9%]
530	John T. Curtis Jr.	LA	(River Ridge John Curtis Christian School), 1969-2013 (530-56-6) [90.0%]
477	Larry Campbell	GA	(Lincolnton Lincoln County), 1972-2013 (477-85-3) [84.8%]
444	Mike Smith	VA	(Hampton), 1971-2013 (444-78-2) [84.9%]
437	George Curry	PA	(Lehman Lake-Lehman, Berwick), 1967-2008, 2013 (437-96-5) [81.6%]
433	Charles "Corky" Rogers	FL	(Jacksonville The Bolles School), 1968-2013 (433-77-1) [84.9%]
431	Al Fracassa	MI	(Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice), 1963-2013 (431-117-7) [78.4%]
413	Dick Tighe	IA	(Fort Dodge St. Edmond, Carroll Kuemper Catholic, Webster City, Iowa Falls), 1954-2013 (413-155-8) [72.4%]
402	John Herrington	MI	(Farmington Hills Harrison), 1970-2013 (402-90-1) [81.7%]
400	Robert Hyland	WI	(Fond du lac St. Mary's Springs), 1971-2013 (400-103-2) [79.4%]
385	Bud Wright	IN	(Mt. Ayr; Sheridan), 1965-2013 (385-172-2) [69.3%]
382	Curt Bladt	IA	(Harlan), 1978-2013 (382-45) [89.5%]
378	Jerry Pezzetti	IA	(Ankeny Centennial, Ankeny, Melcher-Dallas, Murray), 1960-2013 (378-146-1) [72.1%]
376	Philip Haywood	KY	(Belfry), 1975-2013 (376-125) [75.0%]
370	C.J. Hamilton	KS	(Silver Lake), 1973-76; 1979-2013 (370-85) [81.3%]
365	Jim France	OH	(Akron Manchester), 1971-2013 (365-97-3) [78.9%]
362	Bob Raczek	WI	(Stevens Point Pacelli), 1967-2013 (362-172-2) [67.7%]
358	Jack Johnson	MT	(Great Falls C.M. Russell), 1973-2013 (358-122-1) [74.6%]
356	(Plymouth Regional), 1971-2013 (356-70-1) [83.6%]		(Seiling; Okeene; Texhoma; Commerce; Wynnewood; Cordell; Wewoka), 1970-2005, 2013 (356-

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Record 313 in the works

By GENE FRENETTE

The Times-Union,

The Christmas holidays were approaching in 1968 and Corky Rogers needed a job.

He had just married Linda, then an Eastern Airlines flight attendant, and continuing to play semi-pro football in Atlanta wasn't going to pay the bills.

Rogers had finally gotten his degree from Georgia Tech, so he and his bride moved to Jacksonville to start a life without any idea about what career to pursue. He took a position selling group insurance for American Heritage, which required wearing a shirt and tie, but also came with an office and a secretary.

It wasn't long before Rogers realized he was batting .500. He married the right girl, but was in the wrong job.

How obvious has it become, 35 years later? Rogers, who decided to change jobs, is one football coaching victory away from No. 313, tying him with Gene Cox for most in the history of Florida high schools. He gets his chance at 3 p.m. today, when Rogers' Bolles Bulldogs play Miami Pace for the Class 3A championship at Florida Field in Gainesville.

"Let's just say insurance work and being inside was not for him," said Linda, a teacher at Beauclerc Elementary School. "He missed being involved in sports. To this day, I can't picture Corky doing anything else but coaching. Golfing and fishing maybe, but there's no money in that."

The insurance gig ended in the summer of '69 when Rogers jumped at an offer from Allen Harrell, then Ribault High's athletic director/head football coach, to teach at Ribault Junior High and be an assistant varsity coach. He took a pay cut from selling insurance to accept the $6,660 position. That was over half a lifetime ago.

As Rogers approaches his 60th birthday next Friday, that milestone pales in comparison to what the man in his 15th year of running The Bolles School program has accomplished.During 32 seasons, Rogers' record is 312-67-1, which includes 141 wins in 17 years (1972-88) at his alma mater, Lee. Cox worked at four different schools, winning two state titles at Tallahassee Leon, before retiring in 1995 with a 313-100-5 mark.

"The greatest thing I ever did in my time at Bolles was to convince [Rogers] to come over and coach," said Frank Callihan, the former Bolles athletic director and still its football play-by-play announcer. "He's the best. That's my opinion, but I think time bears it out."

Rogers' numbers put him in select company. His overall winning percentage of .822 is tops among all Florida prep coaches with at least 150 wins. He has won more playoff games (46) than anyone in state history, including 41 at Bolles, where his teams have captured five state championships in three different classifications.

The only coach with more state titles in Florida is Robby Pruitt, who won a combined seven at University Christian and Union County and now coaches at Warner-Robins (Ga.).

"I set the record [for all-time wins] in 1987, and I'm surprised that it lasted this long with all the playoff games they play now," said Cox, who is retired and living in Tallahassee. "I had a good run and enjoyed it, but I'm glad it's [Rogers] who's getting it.

"He's a gentleman and a good person. I have a lot of respect for him. He's a credit to our profession and deserves it."

With another milestone on the horizon, one year after his 300th win in a 6-0 state championship victory over Hollywood-Chaminade, Rogers is appreciative of the attention he's received. But they also leave him uncomfortable,

sensing that he gets too much credit for an accomplishment that would be impossible without his coaching staff and the estimated 1,000 players that played for him since 1972.

Rogers, a former player at Georgia Tech, stands next to his father Chuck (left) at the 1964 Gator Bowl. – Special

"Take this team we've got right now," Rogers said. "It's amazing to me with all the things that have happened, injury-wise, that we're still playing. It says an awful lot about our kids and the job our coaches are doing. I receive so much credit, but I'm just a small part of this deal."

Of all Rogers' teams over 32 years, none may be doing more with its talent than the 2003 Bulldogs. Despite losing 26 seniors from last year and having six offensive starters sidelined during the season by injuries, Bolles (12-1) has been perfect, except for a 13-7 loss at Clay.

Rogers has said that winning the 2002 title over favored Chaminade was probably his most satisfying season in coaching. Now he's on the cusp of making history again with a team that has only 11 seniors and two certain Division I players – linebackers Keith Lisante and Clint Sovie.

"Truthfully, I can't believe we're here; it's almost like a dream," Rogers said. "This sign [in his office] says, 'If there's no struggles, there's no progress.' That always seems to hold true."

Rogers has come a long way from the 25-year-old Ribault assistant who had his offensive coordinator title taken away by Harrell after three games in 1969 for lack of productivity. He got the title back in 1971.

He has coached an almost equal amount of time in the public and private school systems. His first players were baby-boomers, then came Generations X and Y. But while the times may change , something else seems to always hold true: a Corky Rogers team knows how to win football games.

The W (work) that matters

Wayne Belger was the starting quarterback on Rogers' first team at Lee High School and has served as his offensive assistant since 1979. Belger has seen his game-day boss coach kids from the hippie era to the 21st century. And he has yet to detect any significant change in Rogers' approach.

"I don't see anything different," said Belger."He's just as demanding now as back when we were playing. There's no excuse that's a good excuse for screwing up on the field. He's still just as hard-headed about doing things the right way."

At Bolles, as in his days at Lee, Rogers insists on year-round participation in his weight and conditioning program. While he encourages players to play other sports, he expects every football player to show up for training on weekdays, including summers.

Rogers makes sure to be there for every workout. He keeps a green log book to monitor attendance. One player was allowed to miss part of last summer because he served as a White House page, but not before arrangements were made to put him on a workout regimen while he was in Washington, D.C.

"Everybody wants to win a state championship, but you need that coach to push you and take you over the top," said junior safety Brandon Sizemore. "My freshman year, preseason camp was a killer mentally and physically. Even some former players I've talked to that come back say it's harder than college [workouts]."

Chris Bono, a Bolles linebacker from 1989-91 and a U.S. Olympic hopeful in wrestling at 66 kilograms (145.4 pounds), is convinced that the foundation of Rogers' success comes from him playing bad cop with the players in the weight room.

"Either you're going to work or you're not going to be in his football program," said Bono, who also serves as assistant wrestling coach at Iowa State, his alma mater. "No one likes getting there at 7 a.m. before a summer job to lift and do sprints. I liked playing for him because I thrive on being pushed. It was easy for me to relate to him, but a lot of guys on the team disliked him when they saw what he was putting them through."

Atlanta Braves outfielder Chipper Jones was a wide receiver on Rogers' first team at Bolles. Jones was one of six seniors who got a rude awakening when the new football sheriff on campus implemented his painstaking regimen. The first week of a spring practice, Jones didn't catch a single pass because Rogers ran nothing but the base running plays of his Wing-T offense for five consecutive days.

"You learn to check your ego at the door pretty quickly, because Coach Rogers doesn't play favorites," said Jones. "He rides everybody. I hated him that first spring practice. Then at the end of the season, I thought, 'This guy's pretty good.' At first, you think he's being extra hard on guys for no reason. That's just the way he is. He's a perfectionist .

"If he has to tick you off to get you to play well, he's going to tick you off. It's that attention to detail, wanting his players to be prepared for every situation, that sets him apart. Obviously, he's doing something right. He's got kids with heart and desire who sell out for him."

Rogers makes no apologies for his warden-like methods in monitoring his weight program.

"I feel like I'm kind of cheating the players if I don't do that," he said. "When players know you're making a total commitment to something, then it's easier to ask them to do it. I just don't believe in downtime for 15-, 16- and 17-year-old people. They can rest when they get my age."

Honoring Dad's legacy

Rogers' legal name isn't Corky. It's Charles Buxton Rogers IV.

Corky was a nickname given to him as a young boy by his late father, better known as Chuck. He called his son Corky after Corky Kelly, the son of a World War II hero who died in combat. And somehow, it stuck.

But what really sticks with Rogers -- and friends say remains his biggest motivation to succeed -- is the memory of his father and what he meant to him. Which, truth be told, is everything.

"Everything Corky is made of is because of his dad," said Lee athletic director Gary Warner, one of Rogers' closest friends. "He was easily the biggest influence in his life. Chuck was his hero. I still think he lives in his father's shadow."

Chuck passed away Dec. 4, 1980, at age 70, less than a week after suffering a heart attack during Lee's playoff win over Palatka. Just when it appeared he was recovering and would leave the hospital, Chuck had another attack. He died while his only child was getting ready to go to work.

Corky Rogers, his left leg in cast after a car accident, talks to his player at Lee High in 1988. He left the following year to coach Bolles. DON BURK/The Times-Union

The night before he died, Rogers visited his father in the hospital and they talked about how Lee would defense Greg Allen, the star running back at Milton High, in the Generals' next playoff game. Chuck planned on attending and repeating his pregame ritual of giving his son a silver dollar for good luck.

He never got that chance. And for years, Rogers had trouble sorting out the feelings he had over his father's sudden departure.

"Before my mom [Margaret] died in 1995, I went to the nursing home every day for five or six months and fed her," said Rogers. "She had a stroke and she couldn't talk. It wasn't fun to watch her deteriorate, but I was able to say my thank-yous a lot of times for what she did for me.

"In my dad's case, he was getting out of the hospital. He was feeling great. We thought everything was fine. And then it was over with. There was no saying goodbye or thank you, and that was always something that bothered me."

Seldom does time pass, especially when Rogers' teams are winning championships, that the Bolles coach doesn't think about the father who inspired him, who instilled in him the work ethic and values that he tries to pass on to his own players.

Chuck Rogers served in the Navy and was stationed in Bay City, Mich., when his son was born. He became a well-known figure in Jacksonville after moving back here in the late 1940s. He was a member of Lee's first graduating class in 1929 and captain of the University of Florida football team in 1934. He held several sports-related jobs, from an Associated Press correspondent covering Florida football games for 20 years to head of the city of Jacksonville recreation department. He also served on Florida's boxing commission.

Almost everywhere the father went, the son was in tow. Whether Corky was playing football, basketball and baseball at Lee, or bouncing around different positions under football coach Bobby Dodd at Georgia Tech, or coaching high school football, Chuck Rogers was usually there to lend his support.

"He believed so much in winning the right way," Corky said. "That was something he stressed over and over."

Chuck also emphasized to his son that he give maximum effort, which, ironically, didn't always happen. Two days before Tech's 1964 season opener against Vanderbilt -- in which Rogers was supposed to be the starting cornerback -- he got word that he received a "D" in a summer calculus course and was ineligible to play that season.

Though he went back to school and regained his eligibility, becoming a part-time starter at wide receiver, it failed to diminish the embarrassment of letting down those who depended on him. Especially his father, who had to come get his son near Macclenny when Rogers' 1959 Chevy broke down. Rogers was returning to Jacksonville from being declared ineligible.

"That ride home [with his father] wasn't fun, and that whole experience was maybe the most disappointing time in my life," said Rogers. "I went back to school and started dedicating myself to being the student that I could have been before. Until that time, I hardly lifted weights in my life. I decided to start working harder at that, too."

The coach who loathes slackers in his own program had to learn that lesson the hard way.

Coming home in the summer of '64 to a disappointed father, to the man he admired more than anyone, served as a permanent reminder to Rogers. He would never work again without giving it his all.

"He feels like his father is watching him," said Linda Rogers. "I know he'd be proud of him."

Leaving home base

It was almost by accident, one involving a drunk driver, that Rogers ultimately ended up at Bolles to forge a new coaching legacy.

In March, 1988, Rogers was struck by a car on Baymeadows Road -- the driver was driving on the opposite side of the road -- while getting into a car to return home. His lower left leg was severely damaged, requiring a two-month stay in the hospital, multiple operations and skin grafts just to ensure that he could walk again.

That accident happened to coincide with a midlife crisis of sorts that Rogers was already dealing with in his own career. His focus suddenly shifted to regaining his health, and it didn't help matters when he sensed that Lee's football program appeared to be slipping after a 6-4 season in '87.

"I had a feeling that what we were doing, while appreciated by the kids, wasn't being totally appreciated by the school," said Rogers. "We had lost a little something over at Lee. I don't know what it was. Maybe I was part of it. That year [1988] of coaching on crutches, I was a different person. I don't feel like I was as good as I should have been."

The Generals' record run of 10 consecutive district titles had ended in '87. Then, being attached to a hospital bed all that time, Rogers began to wonder if he needed to make changes. One of his frequent visitors was Callihan, who told him in confidence that he hoped to someday hire him at Bolles if the opportunity presented itself.

"Corky did a lot of soul-searching in that [St. Luke's] hospital," said his wife, Linda. "I just think he felt he needed to make a move and Bolles offered him a way out."

The following year, after Lee went 8-2 and Bolles struggled through a second consecutive 5-5 season under Bill Borg (the coach that led Bolles its first state title in 1986), Callihan had his opening. And Rogers made the move that would jump-start one of the great dynasties in Florida prep football history.

"I knew this was going to be a big change, and I was scared to death because I'm not a guy that makes many changes," said Rogers. "I just felt the timing was right."

But it didn't happen without Rogers having to smooth over a lot of hurt feelings. His roots were at Lee and many of his friends, particularly former Lee athletic director Leon Barrett, who served as Rogers' defensive coordinator, assumed that Rogers would spend the rest of his coaching life on the Westside. Barrett's friendship with Rogers went back to junior high.

"Corky going to Bolles was a gut-wrenching deal for Leon," said Warner. "It hurt him a lot."

Barrett admits now that Rogers was only doing what was best for his career.

"Nobody is going to out-coach him," Barrett said. "He's too fundamentally sound. I felt he'd be more successful [at Bolles] because he didn't have to chase after kids to make grades, and players would want to play for him because of his track record at Lee. He's had a phenomenal run."

Especially in the postseason. Rogers was only 5-10 in the playoffs at Lee, losing six games from 1980-86 by a combined 24 points, including a four-overtime setback to Pensacola Escambia and Emmitt Smith in '84. At Bolles, Rogers' postseason record is 41-8.

"I thought we should have won about three state titles when I was at Lee," said Rogers. "If I had been a little smarter coach, I think we could have done it."

Borrowing from a legend

Without a huge assist from wins leader Cox at a coaching clinic in 1981, Rogers might never have been in position to win 313 games.

After Rogers made a presentation at the University of Florida clinic, he listened intently as Cox gave a talk on the Wing T offense. The more Cox spoke about the scheme made famous by longtime Delaware coach Tubby Raymond, with its emphasis on an option running attack and misdirection plays, the more Rogers thought he should look into it for his own program at Lee.

"I knew we had smaller offensive linemen and wouldn't have a quarterback with much experience," said Rogers. "We were trying to find some way to move the football."

So Rogers approached Cox after his talk and was advised to contact Ted Kempski, Delaware's offensive coordinator, to get his input. He did. Rogers and Belger installed the Wing T before the '82 season.

Lee ran it with great success, posting 10-0 regular-season records from 1983-85, and the Wing T began popping up at several other high schools around Jacksonville.Though Rogers has made several alterations through the years, the offense that he first learned from Cox two decades ago remains intact at Bolles today.

Cox attended Bolles' 31-10 win on Sept. 12 at Tallahassee Godby, and took notice of a 34-yard touchdown run by John Sofge, which came on a play involving a double handoff.

"It made me feel good that kind of misdirection stuff is still going," Cox said. "[Rogers] has perfected that Wing T and added more to it."

People at Bolles wonder how much longer Rogers will add to his success. His wife, Linda, doesn't want him to retire until she retires, and she said, "I have at least three more years."

Rogers has no set strategy on when he will get out of coaching.

"I don't want to set some plan that I'm going to work until this time and get out," he said. "I think I can move on from anything and be pretty comfortable. I don't think I'll base [when to retire] on wins. If I just get to where I don't think I can give the effort that I feel in my heart is necessary to win, that's when I'd like to get out.

"It might be now. It might be four years from now. I just don't know."

As he gathered the Bulldogs on the field for his postgame talk after last week's 26-0 win over Dunnellon in the 3A semifinals, there was a visible pause as a little smile formed on Rogers' face. The man on the brink of coaching history looked at his players, waiting on bent knees for him to say something, and he softly blurted out: "You're something special."

The record indicates that the same can be said of Chuck Rogers' son. He will soon be in a league of his own.

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CORKY ROGERS

With one more victory, Corky Rogers of The Bolles School will tie the record for most wins by a high school football coach in Florida. Here are the winningest coaches in state history and their records only at Florida schools.

Coach Fla. schools Years Overall record Winning percentage

Gene Cox Monticello/Tallahassee Leon/Suwannee/Aucilla Christian 1958-95 313-100-5 .754

Corky Rogers Lee/Bolles 1972-present 312-67-1 .822

+Carl Madison Pine Forest/Gonzalez Tate/Earnest Ward/Milton 1957-1999 298-123-7 .704

Sam Budnyk West Palm Beach Cardinal Newman 1961-present 278-172-4 .617

George Smith St. Thomas Aquinas 1975-present 268-59-0 .819

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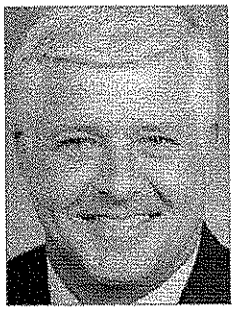
Larry Gergley Winter Park/Orlando Bishop Moore 1972-present 253-97-0 .722

+ Madison won three games in one season at Albany (Ga.)-Westover High. He has coached at Jackson County (Ala.) High since 2002.

Note: Billy Livings of Vero Beach has an overall record of 305-103-4, but won 103 games at Montgomery (Ala.) Jeff Davis High before coming to Florida.

Charles "Corky" Rogers

Coach
Inducted 2005



Charles "Corky" Rogers has amassed more high school football victories than any other coach in Florida. His 326-65-1 career record places him within the top 20 still-active coaches and the top 50 all-time coaches in the nation.

Rogers was born in Bay City, Mich., and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville in 1961. He was a three-sport athlete, playing for the Generals' 1960 mythical state championship football team and the 1961 baseball state championship team. He was also a basketball player. Rogers earned a scholarship to play football for Bobby Dodd at Georgia Tech. He received a degree in industrial management in 1968. Rogers then moved to the NFL, where he played briefly for Don Shula with the Baltimore Colts.

Rogers spent three years as an assistant football coach at Ribault High School in Jacksonville before taking the head coaching position at Robert E. Lee in 1972. He recorded 10 straight district titles from 1977-1986 and coached LeRoy Butler, who went on to become a four-time All-Pro safety for the Green Bay Packers.

In 1989, Rogers took the helm of the football program at The Bolles School in Jacksonville. His wing-T offense has led the Bulldogs to seven state championships and two runner-up finishes that span three classifications. Rogers' success has catapulted him to the top of the list of Florida's winningest high school football coaches. He took over the top spot with his 314th win in September 2004, surpassing fellow Hall of Fame member Gene Cox. Among the Florida high school coaches with more than 300 wins, Rogers is the only coach with fewer than 100 losses.

Rogers is a member of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and is a lifetime member of FACA. He was a 2002 nominee for the NFL High School Football Coach of the Year award, and was the head coach of Team USA for the NFL Global Junior Championship IX in Jacksonville in 2005.

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Once A Knight ...

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Few have won as much, or as long, as "Corky"

At every stop in my career, there have been outstanding coaches/people, most of them in Louisiana, where I spent 30 years.

I've written about some in the past year, and I will again. But today's focus is on the Jacksonville, Fla., area, where I encountered some remarkable coaches in seven years there.

That was in the late 1980s/early 1990s, and Charles "Corky" Rogers was already well on his way to being a legendary coach.

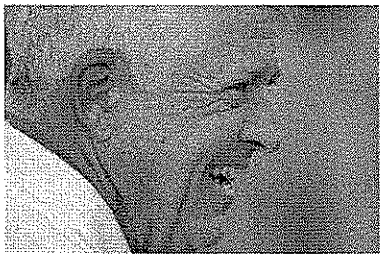
There's no doubt now.

After 41 seasons as a head football coach -- the first 17 (1972-88) at his alma mater, Lee High School, the last 24 at the prestigious Bolles School, Corky's teams have won 423 games, 73 of them in the playoffs, and 10 state titles. All are Florida state records.

He might hold another -- more dubious -- record. Last January, Corky thought he was going to have shoulder surgery. Instead, tests showed heart problems. The result: Blockage in seven arteries, and immediate septuple heart bypass surgery. Septuple -- look that one up.

He was 68 then. He wasn't just worried about his future as a football coach; he was worried about his future, period.

But he made it back, with hard work -- the kind he's always demanded from his players and coaches, and himself. The kind it took when, in 1988, his left leg was badly damaged in a hit-and-run accident with a drunk driver. He coached that season on crutches and endured a dozen surgeries for the injuries.



Corky Rogers (Kelly Jordan photo, Florida Times-Union)

It's obvious from photos I've seen in doing Internet research that he's a lot slimmer than in recent years, and it's obvious from what Bolles did this past season that he hasn't lost his touch as a coach.

Because the Bulldogs made it back, too -- to a state championship game. For the 13th time since Corky became their coach.

They didn't win the Florida Class 4A title last month, losing to Miami Washington 35-7 in a rematch of the 2011 state final when Bolles rallied for a 33-25 victory. It was only the third time a Rogers-coached Bolles team had lost in the championship game.

Will Corky, who turned 69 on Dec. 19, be back for another try? I'm a long way away, and I haven't been in Jacksonville in 18 years, so I don't have that answer. But I would bet he hasn't lost his competitive urge.

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I first met Corky Rogers in the fall of 1988, not long after I became prep sports editor of the *Florida Times-Union*. It was clear that he was an outgoing, personable, media-savvy coach totally invested in his school -- really *his* school -- his program, his staff and his kids.

In the early 1960s, he had been a star football and baseball player for Lee -- one of Jacksonville's three old-line public high schools for whites (with Jackson and Landon). He was a key player when Lee won a 1960 Florida state football championship and a 1961 state baseball title.

From 1963 to '66, he played wide receiver and cornerback for Georgia Tech under famed coach Bobby Dodd, winding up his college career in the Gator Bowl at home in Jacksonville. He was good enough to get a shot at making the Baltimore Colts.

He had come back to Lee to coach, taking over as head coach in 1972 at age 28. He had taken the Rebels to 10 consecutive state playoff appearances, with his best teams in the mid-1980s featuring future Florida State/Green Bay Packers stars LeRoy Butler and Edgar Bennett.

And then, after my first football season in Jacksonville, Corky shook up the prep world there.

He made a move from the public school system to the private-school world -- to Bolles, the best-known and arguably most celebrated of some classy private schools in town.

Plus, he took an assistant coach (Wayne Belger, who had been his first QB at Lee) with him.

Perhaps you could term it a controversial move. There was concern that Bolles would "recruit" kids; perhaps it always had. Certainly, private schools search the area for potential students who can enroll as early as kindergarten or grade school.

Bolles, founded in 1933 as a boys all-military school, had evolved as a coeducational school, with boarding students and top-notch facilities -- certainly the best football facility among Jacksonville high schools. Its nice main campus, on San Jose Boulevard near the St. Johns River heading into downtown, and most everything about the school had the auru of "upper class."

In athletics, it was known mostly for state-championship level teams in basketball and baseball (Chipper Jones was MLB's No. 1 draft choice out of there in 1990) and especially swimming (a dozen Olympic stars). But football had been only so-so ... until Corky arrived.

Didn't take him long to build a great program. He brought in a staff that has been stable for most of his 24 years there and athletes from all over, many going on to play college ball and several in the NFL.

In all his time at Bolles, Rogers' teams have missed the state playoffs once (1992).

He's always used the simple but tricky Wing-T offense, teaching it with precision and unyielding repitition. He's been a hard-driving, intense perfectionist, but also an approachable, affable guy away from the field. Seeing the available interviews and videos on the Internet, and remembering my talks with him some 20 years ago, he's always believed nothing substitutes for hard work -- like his idol, his father, taught him.

Back to his record, the 423 victories. It's tied for fifth-most among high school football coaches all-time. Interestingly, the four guys ahead of him -- one of them is John T. Curtis Jr. of Louisiana's John Curtis School (in the New Orleans suburbs) -- and one guy tied with Corky are active coaches.

I didn't have anything to do with the other guys. But I do know this about Corky Rogers. He's remarkable.

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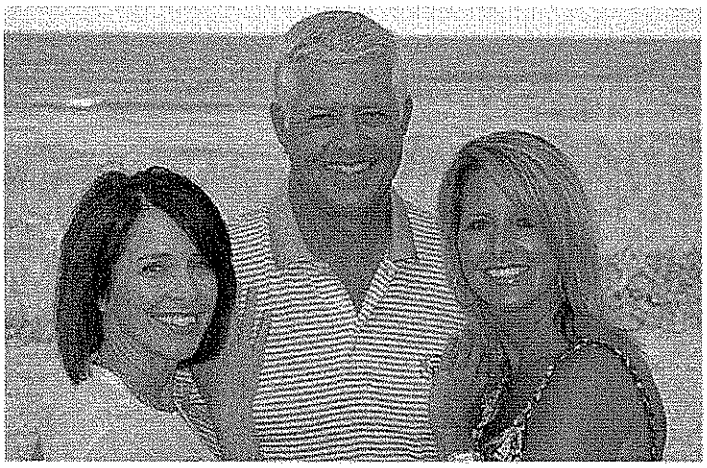
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Father's Day is special for nation's fifth winningest prep football coach Corky Rogers

Coach from Bolles (Jacksonville, Fla.) has overcome two health calamities to win 10 state titles and 423 games.



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Courtesy photo
High school football coach Corky Rogers always made time for his two daughters, Jennifer Drawdy (left) and Tracy Yost, despite a hectic coaching schedule.

Father's Day has been especially important to the Rogers family of Jacksonville, Fla., since patriarch Corky Rogers underwent emergency 7-bypass heart surgery in January of 2012.

The ultra-successful high school football coach at Bolles (Jacksonville, Fla.) was headed for shoulder surgery when a test revealed massive blockages and the doctors took a 180-degree turn. A three-hour surgery, hospital time and another two days later to take care of a medication problem enabled him to make a strong recovery.

But that wasn't a big surprise.

You don't win 423 high school football games without grit, a game plan, the ability to adjust or a strong finish. Rogers has displayed it all in a 44-year Hall of Fame coaching career, the same traits he has shown as a father to his two daughters and the hundreds of players he has mentored over six decades.

His wife of 45 years, Linda, said her husband went into heart surgery much like he prepared for a game on Friday night.

"I remember saying and thinking that I wasn't ready to let him go," she said. "He's a strong man. He told me things he wanted done (always with a game plan) before they put him down (for surgery)."

Corky and Linda have two daughters, Tracy Yost and Jennifer Drawdy, who both were cheerleaders for their dad's team.

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Tracy, who lives across the street from her parents, admitted, "I've never been more scared of anything. He's just always been there for me."

Jennifer added, "I was shocked and, of course, scared. I was quoting Bible verses over him, but he's such a strong man. I knew that if anybody made it, then it would be him. He had peace. I can't imagine life without him. He's been such an influence in my life and the lives of my husband and children."



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Corky Rogers and his wife, Linda.

Corky, who praised his doctors, said with a pained laugh, "My shoulder still kills me today."

He never got the shoulder surgery.

But his heart was fine. Good enough to return to the field for the 2012 season. He led Bolles to a 12-2 record and Class 4A state runner-up honors. His career win total (at Lee and Bolles) places him No. 5 in high school history. He also has won 10 state championships and is a member of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

At age 69, he already is preparing for the 2013 campaign. But he still feels the pings from a painful past.

Drunk driver

The heart surgery was the second medical crisis in Corky's life. In 1988 he was struck by a drunken driver and suffered a severely injured left leg.

"I had close to 16 surgeries (over the years)," Corky said. "I was in the hospital for two months. The last surgery was about five years ago and I still have rods in my leg. That really slowed me down. I couldn't run or jump (for demonstrations). I can ride a stationary bike and lift weights."

Said Linda: "That was awful, because at the same time his mother had open heart surgery. I had to wheel him to the hospital. That was worse than this (heart bypass). He lost so much weight. He had dark hair. When he came out of the hospital, his hair had turned gray."

Before becoming a coach, he had a fine career as a player at Jacksonville Lee, starring on a state championship baseball team and a mythical state championship football team.

At 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds with a 4.6 time for 40 yards, he later played football for legendary Bobby Dodd at Georgia Tech University and had two tryouts with the Baltimore Colts under Don Shula before joining the Navy.

Corky met Linda, a former cheerleader and a stewardess at the time, on a blind date and they soon were married. He started out selling insurance.

"It was a surprise," Linda said of his early shift to coaching. "I thought by now he'd be a CEO. I think he knew all along. He loved sports and just wanted to coach. He didn't like being inside and wearing a suit. But I loved being around all those kids, too."

Linda, who retired from teaching after 39 years, and her girls quickly fit into Corky's life as a football coach.

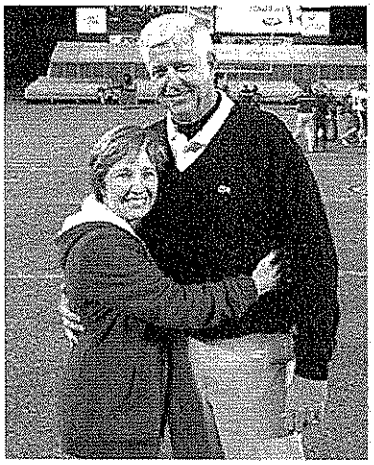
"The girls grew up around sports," Linda said. "It was just second nature to us.

We loved it. He'd bring home film and we'd do it on the wall when he was at Lee. I got to be best friends with the wives of his coaching friends. We'd have coaches and their wives over every Friday night (after games)."

Humble beginnings

The Friday night socials have been part of the Rogers family life ever since Corky became head coach at Lee (Jacksonville) in 1972. He had been an assistant at Ribault (Jacksonville) for three years and his head coach only had Friday night parties when the team won. The first year Ribault was 0-10 and Corky vowed never to let a loss keep him from bonding with his staff and other friends.

His family not only followed him in football, but also attended most of his games during a 30-year career playing amateur softball.



Courtesy photo
Corky and Linda Rogers after a game.

As a busy coach and athlete, Corky wasn't always available for family time.

"He did the best he could," Linda said. "We did trips every summer to the beach and we visited my parents. To be a good coach, he had to put a lot of effort into that. But the kids never resented it and the grandkids adore him."

Corky is the first to admit that he was gone a lot and gives Linda much credit for raising their daughters.

His biggest regret: "If there was anything you could ask of a coach it would be that he could go back and spend more time with his family."

When Tracy, now 43, was born, Corky already had hoped for a boy and was going to name him Rocky. He wound up getting a black lab (ironically also a female) and naming her Rocky. She was a family fixture for 16 years.

She related, "He was very tough on us girls growing up. He obviously wanted me to be a boy. We had to get good grades. I played softball at Lee and my dad was my coach. He would double up on me, extra hard. I ended up quitting the team. I became the scorekeeper, team manager and traveled with the team. in the locker room, he always tells the story that 'If I could cut my daughter, I could cut you.' "

Corky said Tracy was a good hitter, but needed a lot of work on defense, so he always hit extra balls to her.

Still, Tracy says, "I've always been closer to my dad because I'm a lot like him. We're both very strong-willed, confident, outgoing and people-pleasers. Football was our life and it still is with my kids. We've been to college games and have Jaguars season tickets. We tailgate. It's huge for us. I don't like to brag, but people will say 'Oh, you're Corky's daughter. Oh, he's a legend.' It always makes me so proud."

Jennifer, the youngest at 40, concedes she remembers nothing except football growing up.

"It was exciting, fun and a big deal and we loved Fridays," she said. "I remember making cookies for them (the players). The kids would hang out at our house. It was probably to keep them out of trouble before the game. I did have (crushes), but I will not give names. It struck me how they'd always come back (after graduation) and rave about him."

Among Bolles cheerleaders Jennifer was the acknowledged football expert.

"It was nice, because I knew more about football than the other cheerleaders," she said. "He won his first state title (in 1990) when I was a senior."

Softer side

Though driven and a task-master, Corky had a softer side, Jennifer said.

"He's really funny and likes to dance (but not in public)," she said. "His mom made him take dance lessons. He always had funny cars. The kids used to give them names like 'Prince Mobile' (after the artist)."

Jennifer said her dad has been a father figure to many of his players over the years.

"He'd have them come over and mow our lawn," she said. "We had people live with us once in awhile. A lot of dad's greatest friends are ex-players. It's just an honor to have him as my dad."

But she wishes football didn't take him away so much.

"It's a big regret that he wasn't around a lot," she said. "Now that we're parents, we realize things he wasn't at. But we always felt loved."

Corky admits that he never stops caring for his players, no matter how old they are.

"We've loaned money to so many people," he said. "We rarely get it back. You're trying to help and you move on."

Now the next generation has arrived and Corky finally has a chance to coach some special boys with three football-playing grandsons on the horizon. Tracy's son, Mason, will be an eighth-grader at Bolles, while Jennifer's sons, Sennett and Price are ages 11 and nine, respectively.

Jennifer says that Sennett is a spitting image of his grandpa at the same age.

"We can be harder," Corky said. "I run a camp in summertime and all three of my grandsons have been in the camp. I am with them for a week. I don't pull any punches for them. I'd love the opportunity to do that (coach them in high school). It would be a treat."

Mason, a 5-8, 142-pound linebacker, is quite proud of his famous grandpa.

"They (his friends) think it's really cool and always want to meet him," Mason said. "I want him to be there for me to play football and coach me. He taught me how to tackle, catch and to run routes better. He lets me run some of his plays to test them out sometimes (in backyard games)."

Asked if he expects his grandpa to be tougher on him than others, he replied, "Yes sir."

Asked if he is scared, he replied, "Kind of."

World's oldest teenager

The younger generation does have one advantage: the boys always beat their grandpa at video games like "Madden."

His oldest grandchild, Sidney Yost, will be a junior at Bolles and is following in the footsteps of her mother and aunt by being a cheerleader.

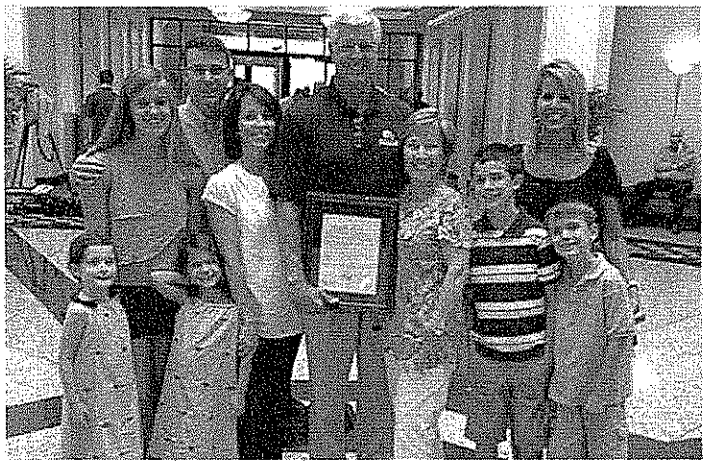
"I've been a cheerleader since I was five or six and I always wanted to cheer for his team," Sidney said. "I knew he was the coach and that was a big deal. It's really fun to be with him on Friday nights. He always hugs me and we'll talk, so it's brought us closer."

Though his family members call him "The Oldest Teenager in the World," he will turn 70 in December. He won't give up that affectionate nickname without a battle.

When will he retire?

"I really don't know," Corky said. "I'm still teaching (PE). I did math for many years. It's year to year. Certainly the school has treated me excellently well. I don't know when the time is right to step down. They claim we have the oldest coaching staff in the country. My assistants are 68, 66 and 63 with one at 42, who is young enough that he can still demonstrate things.

"We know each other so well that it's kind of hard to back away."



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Rogers with his extended family after receiving an award from the city council.

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Place of Birth: [Tab here] Bay City, MI Date of Retirement: [Tab here] N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here] Current Head Football Coach at The Bolles School

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here] N/A

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Tab here] Linda Rogers

Address: [Tab here] 10350 Tawa Trail Jacksonville, FL 32257

Phone: [Tab here] 904-262-6420

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: [Tab here] Robert E. Lee HS	[Tab here] Jacksonville, FL	[Tab here] 1961	[Tab here]
College/University: [Tab here] Ga. Tech	[Tab here] Atlanta, GA	[Tab here] 1968	[Tab here] Industrial Management
Post Graduate School: [Tab here]	[Tab here] —	[Tab here] —	[Tab here]

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.) – will scan & e-mail to Lorey Sorock
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Corky Rogers
Bolles Football Head Coach

Career Record:
423-73-1 (through the 2012 season)
282-34 at Bolles (1989-2012)
141-39-1 at Lee High School (1972-88)

10 State Championships

Became the eighth coach in the history of high school football throughout the nation to reach 400 wins

- Named National High School Football Coach of the Year for 2004-05 by the National High School Coaches Association
- Most wins, state titles, and playoff victories among high school football coaches in Florida history
- Florida Sports Hall of Fame (2013)
- Robert E. Lee High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame (2013)
- Gator Bowl Hall of Fame (2012)
- Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame (2005)
- Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Hall of Fame (2002)
- FACA Life Membership Award for outstanding contribution to high school athletics and the coaching profession
- USA Head Coach for NFL Global Junior Championships (2005)
- Sunshine Network Coach of the Year (2002)
- FACA-Dairy Farmers Football Coach of the Year (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008)
- Nominated for NFL High School Coach of the Year (2002)
- Head Coach of the North-South All-Star Football Classic (1990)

Charles "Corky" Rogers' career as a high school football coach has spanned five decades, producing more wins than any other coach in Florida with 423 through the 2012 season. In 2011, Rogers became just the eighth coach in the history of high school football in the nation to reach 400 wins. Rogers ranks fifth nationally in career wins among active coaches. He has guided the Bolles football program since the 1989 season, helping the Bulldogs to compile the most state titles of any football program in Florida with 11. Rogers also holds the state record for state titles won among coaches with 10 and playoff victories with 73. He led the Bulldogs to a record-tying 14th state final appearance in 2012.

The 2010 Bolles varsity football team posted the program's fourth undefeated regular season in the last five years, won the 30th district title in program history, posted an overall record of 11-1, and advanced to the Region 1-2B Final.

The 2008 and 2009 seasons produced the first back-to-back state titles in program history, bringing Bolles' state football titles to ten. Rogers recorded his ninth state title as the Bulldogs'

coach in 2009, increasing his lead in state championships among Florida coaches. Bolles posted a 12-1 record in 2009, winning the program's 29th district title along the way. The 2008 Bolles squad went undefeated, notching 14 victories.

In 2007, the varsity squad posted a 10-0 regular season record, winning the district title, their opening playoff game, and reaching the regional final. The 2006 season ended with Bolles' eighth state title in program history and Rogers' seventh as the Bulldogs' coach. Rogers tied the mark for most state titles among high school football coaches in Florida history. The team also posted a 14-0 record to go along with district and regional titles. In the 2005 season, he guided the Bulldogs to a 10-2 record, district championship title, and a region runners-up finish.

The 2004-05 academic year proved to be one of the most significant in Rogers' coaching career as he guided the Bulldogs to the School's seventh state title in football, became the all-time leader in wins among Florida high school football coaches, was inducted into the Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and was named National High School Football Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association. He also shared in the Bolles Athletic Program being selected the ninth best overall program in the nation by Sports Illustrated and the 2005 football squad being named one of the top 25 teams to watch in the nation by Street & Smith's.

Rogers has established this outstanding success by focusing on a single objective: developing his players into young men who possess the character-building skills necessary to win at football and life.

Nationally recognized by collegiate coaches for his skill in producing outstanding college football recruits, Rogers insists it is due to his team members' dedication. He requires them to play the game to the best of their abilities, maintain respect for their coaches and teammates, excel academically, participate in their communities, and make the right choices in every area of their lives.

Prior to Bolles, Rogers coached at his alma mater, Robert E. Lee High School, leading the Generals to playoff appearances in 10 straight seasons. As a student-athlete at Lee, Rogers played for the 1960 state championship football team and the 1961 state baseball championship team. He is a graduate of The Georgia Institute of Technology where he lettered in football.

Rogers and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Tracy and Jennifer, and several grandchildren.

Letters of Recommendation

FLORIDA
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Dear NFHS Screening Committee:

In our state it is well known that longtime high school football coach Charles "Corky" Rogers is the all-time winningest coach in Florida. He has led his teams to 423 wins, including 10 state championships, during 44 years as a head coach at The Bolles School and Robert E. Lee High School. He is a model of stability, still utilizing the Wing-T offense that he adopted back in 1982. In addition, he has been able to keep key members of his coaching staff intact for decades.

However, the stories less told are about the lives he has impacted away from the football field and the adversity he has had to overcome personally and professionally. As MaxPreps writer Dave Krider wrote on June 13, 2013, "You don't win 423 high school football games without grit, a game plan, the ability to adjust for a strong finish. Rogers has displayed it all in a 44-year Hall of Fame coaching career, the same traits he has shown as a father to his two daughters and the hundreds of players he has mentored over six decades."

In his first year as an assistant coach at Ribault in 1969, Rogers served as the play-caller as the team finished with a 0-10 record. Midway through that season, he was demoted to secondary coach and he did not get his original job back until 1971. Undeterred, he realized that to be successful, it would require organization, adaptability and attention to detail. He is now a member of numerous Hall of Fames, including the Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is also a recipient of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Life Membership Award for his contribution to high school athletics and the coaching profession in Florida . He currently ranks fifth nationally in career wins among active coaches. It is safe to say he figured out what it took to be successful.

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is responsible for hosting each of the state's 32 state championship events. Given that Rogers has won 10 state championships and finished as state runner-up three additional times, I have had the opportunity to meet with him on numerous occasions. Win or lose, Coach Rogers has always been a class act and displayed tremendous sportsmanship. It is obvious that his leadership rubs off on his team as his players and coaches always show respect for their opponents and the officials. Winning is one thing but winning "the right way" and setting an example for student-athletes that they can carry with them in the future is invaluable.

Coach Rogers is the epitome of the ideal mentor and leader for young student-athletes, on and off the field. With no hesitation, I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Coach Rogers for the Class of 2014. If you need any further information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Roger Dearing

Dr. Roger Dearing
Executive Director of FHSAA

To: Corky Rogers
Head Football Coach
The Bolles School

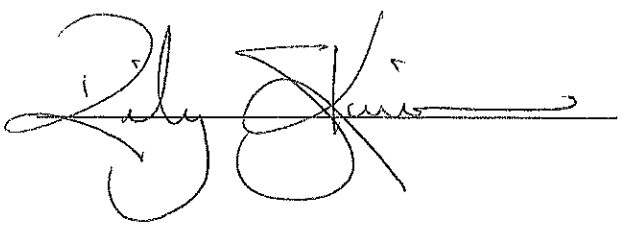
I had the privilege and honor of playing under Coach Corky Rogers ("Coach") for four years at The Bolles School. There is no doubt that Coach Rogers made me a better football player on the field, but it was the life lessons and character traits he instilled in me off the field that I will forever be grateful for. He taught us the true meaning of hard work through our 3-a-day practices, 7:00am summer weightlifting, conditioning drills, three hour practices in 100 degree Florida heat and much more. It was not fun at times, but Coach motivated us in a manner that helped us find ways to push through the fatigue and adversity.

Coach Rogers always expected the most out of each and every player, both physically and mentally. We were never the biggest, fastest or strongest team, but Coach knew how to get 110% effort both on the field and in the classroom. Coach always harped on the little things, such as: wearing tall white athletic socks and not ankle socks, having your toe one half inch behind the line before a warm up drill, tucking your shirt in, looking him in the eye while he was talking or even pushing your chair in after pre-game meal. To a high school teenager, these 'little' things seemed insignificant and unimportant, but Coach had a global vision that we could not see at times. He felt a responsibility in the leadership role he was in and was doing his part to help us become accountable for our actions and be men of character. Yet the most important character trait that Coach Corky Rogers instilled in me was humility and humbleness. Above all things, Coach preached team over individuality at all times. In my opinion, this is was what helped our team play in three consecutive State Championship games from 2002-2004, while winning two of them.

Not only did Coach Rogers teach his players, he believed in his players. Nothing was more evident of this than when he put his reputation on the line for me with the coaches at Wake Forest University, which resulted in my only Division 1 scholarship offer. This one effort on his part afforded me the opportunity to become the starting quarterback at Wake Forest University for four consecutive years, win an ACC Championship Title and play in the Orange Bowl. I will forever be grateful to Coach Corky Rogers for him believing in me and backing up his teachings with action.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to play under Coach Corky Rogers, in my opinion the best high school coach in America.

Regards,
Riley Skinner



Coffee High School
Department of Athletics
Region 1 - AAAAAA

August 28, 2013

Mr. Roger Dearing
FHSAA, Executive Director
1801 NW 80th Blvd.
Gainesville, FL 32606

Dear Mr. Dearing,

I have had the distinct honor and privilege of recommending Mr. Charles "Corky" Rogers to The National Coaches Hall of Fame. "Corky" exemplifies what this honor embodies. He has walked the sidelines now for 42 years, and has amassed a record of 423-73-1. While capturing 10 State titles, which is a state record in Florida today. That not only speaks volumes here in the southeast, its impact is nationally felt as well.

"Corky" is a great motivator and coach. He has influenced players and coaches on every level. Players that went from high school to collegiate, even to professional ranks in the NFL. Players like Edgar Bennett and Leroy Butler from Green Bay. All the way to Major League Baseball, and Atlanta's own, "Chipper Jones".

Coach Rogers also made great impacts on his peers. I for one recognize "Corky" as my greatest influence in terms of football and the success I have achieved on the grass as a coach today. He has been dedicated to the furtherance of this game on so many levels. I personally could not think of a man anymore deserving of the prestigious honor other than my friend and peer ~ Mr. Charles "Corky" Rogers.

Sincerely,

Robby Pruitt

Robby Pruitt
Head Football Coach

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July 3, 2013

Dr. Roger Dearing, Executive Director
The Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Blvd.
Gainesville, FL 32606-9176

Dear Dr. Dearing,

I am pleased; no I am honored to write in support of the nomination of Charles "Corky" Rogers for induction into the National High School Hall of Fame, sponsored by the National Federation of State High School Associations. As you know, he is a member of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, the Robert E. Lee (high School) Alumni Association Hall of Fame, the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame, the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Florida High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

I was privileged to work with Coach Rogers between 2001 and 2012 while serving as President and Head of School at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida. In those eleven years, he continuously demonstrated his coaching ability, but more importantly in my mind, he personally demonstrated the character, integrity and work ethic that continues to serve as an inspiration to his players as well as his former players. As a member of the teaching faculty, he always represented the school in positive ways both on and off the field and throughout the community.

When the NFL Jacksonville Jaguars honored him at a home game halftime following one of his milestone wins several years ago, we conducted a secret campaign to invite as many of his former players back to the game to that event. In one of the most amazing events in that franchise's history, former players emerged from under the stands and stood shoulder-to-shoulder, in numbers stretching from one goal line to the other, without his realizing it until it was announced to the stadium and he turned around, shocked to see them.

In the eleven years we worked together, his teams achieved six state championships and were runners up in an additional year. The regular season record during those eleven years was 104-5. As an academician however, it was at least equally important to me that every player who stayed and graduated from The Bolles School, went on to college. Many of them continued to play football or other sports, a number of them at very selective and Ivy League institutions. Whether they continued to play football or not, Coach Rogers' influence on their character and integrity continues to impact their lives.

I hope this letter finds you well, and that it will support you in your seeking this distinctive honor for Corky.

Sincerely,

John E. Trainer, Jr., Ph.D.
Senior Campaign Officer

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Dr. Roger Dearing
Executive director, FHSAA
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Dr. Dearing,

It would be an honor for me to endorse and suggest Coach Charles "Corky" Rogers to the National High School Hall of Fame. It is a tribute he truly deserves.

I had the privilege of playing for Coach Rogers in high school as a member of the Bolles Bulldogs, but his impact on my life started well before then. As an elementary and middle school football player, I attended Corky Rogers' summer football camp and learned the basic fundamentals of football. He taught me, and many others, the safe and correct forms and techniques of blocking and tackling. Almost 16 years later, I still find myself using these proper techniques on a daily basis in the NFL.

Coach Rogers undoubtedly instilled in his football teams (and myself) the value of hard work and team unity. One of his classic sayings that still rings in my head today is, "If it ends in a Y, it's a great day to work!" We didn't always have the best athletes on the field, but because we were conditioned to outwork our opponents and play together as a TEAM, we had a lot of success. In my four years under Coach Rogers, we won two state championships, a state runner up, and were one game away from going to our fourth state championship.

Coach Rogers' ability to help create responsible and disciplined young men is unmatched. He did that by teaching us the importance of being on time and always giving maximum effort. He also formed a toughness in us that couldn't be broken and remains to this day. Both physically and mentally, Coach Rogers challenged us to become better on the football field, in the classroom, and in everyday life. The responsibility, discipline, and toughness instilled in me by Coach Rogers and his staff has undeniably changed my life for the better. He helped mold me into the person I am today and a lot of the most valuable attributes I lean on throughout my everyday life stem from Coach Rogers.

As a personal mentor, Coach Rogers was always there for me. After tearing my ACL and missing my entire senior season, Coach Rogers went out of his way to keep me involved in the program and let me remain an active member of the team. He also helped me make one of the biggest and most influential decisions of my life – choosing which college to attend. Thanks to the coaching, leadership, and guidance directed toward me from Coach Rogers both on and off the field, I was able to attend the University of Georgia on a full football scholarship.

These are just a few of the ways Coach Charles "Corky" Rogers has impacted my life, and there are countless others who I know he has influenced in a similar and

perhaps even more significant way. His on field accomplishments, which are truly remarkable themselves, only tell half of his amazing career. I believe what he stands for and teaches, and the type of men he helps create off the field, are reason enough for him to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Once again, it is an honor to endorse Coach Rogers and the Hall of Fame is an accolade he truly deserves.

I sincerely appreciate your time.

Best,

Shaun Chapas

Roy Snyder

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Roy G. Snyder
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Steven Polonus

Phone: 610-670-0180x 1141

Street Address: 2601 Grandview Blvd.

City, State, Zip Code: West Lawn, PA 19609

Signed:

Date: 11/6/15

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☒ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Roy G. Snyder
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 324 Charleston Ln
(street address)

Reading, PA 19610-1802
(city, state, zip)

Phone: 610-777-9980 Date of Birth: April 18, 1937

School Affiliation (if any) Wilson High School

City: West Lawn State: Pennsylvania

Place of Birth: Allentown, Pennsylvania Date of Retirement: Still Actively Coaching

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Tab here]

Address: [Tab here]

Phone: [Tab here]

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Allentown High School	Allentown, PA	1954	Diploma
College/University: East Stroudsburg University	East Stroudsburg, PA	1958	BS in Health and Physical Education
Post Graduate School: West Chester University	West Chester, PA	1970	Masters in Education

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
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COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Roy is the head coach of the Wilson High School boy's swimming team. He is in his 56th year of coaching swimming. It is his 50th season of coaching swimming at Wilson High School, which is a AAA program. Pennsylvania has two swimming classifications AA and AAA.

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

As the head boy's swimming coach, Coach Snyder has amassed a record of 503-108-1 , which gives him an 85% winning percentage. He has coached four Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) AAA team titles in 2000, 2001, 2005, and 2008. In 2013 he was honored for reaching the 500 win mark, as Wilson's boys swimming coach. In his career he has won 27 Central Penn League championships and 16 PIAA District 3 AAA championships. In the early 2000's his team won 97 straight dual meets over 7 seasons. Until 2013, the Wilson Bulldogs had a league winning streak of 118 straight dual meets lasting over 18 years. Under Coach Snyder's tutelage the Bulldogs have 13 undefeated seasons. They have won the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) National High School Dual Meet Championship nine times. Coach Snyder has also coached numerous state and national age group team champions during his six years while coaching for the YMCA at the start of his career.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

Coach Snyder has served the swimming and athletic community in many influential ways including:
- President of the Pennsylvania State High School Swim Coaches Association
- PIAA Swimming Steering Committee
- PIAA District 3 Swim Committee
- Executive Board of Berks County Sports Hall of Fame
- Secretary/treasurer of the Central Penn Swim League since its inception in 1966
- Berks County Amateur Athletic Union Commissioner
- Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors
- West Reading Recreation Board and Vice President of Green Valley Country Club.
- He has also served as the NISCA National Water Polo Chairperson.

Also in 1966, Coach Snyder helped form the Central Penn Swim League. He also established the All- American selection process that is still used today. He worked with the NFHS to develop the annual NFHS Swimming, Diving, and Water Polo rulebook.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Coach Snyder has coached two national interscholastic record holders, over 280 High School NISCA All-American Swimmers, water polo players and academic All-Americans. He has produced more than 185 PIAA District Champions, 6 PIAA record holders, and 25 PIAA champions. In 2000 at the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, Wilson was represented with three swimmers coached by Coach Snyder, one of which was Kristy Kowal who won the Olympic trials and went on to win the silver medal in the 200 meter breaststroke at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Another one of Coach Snyder's swimmers, Nate Savoy, made the finals of the 200 meter backstroke at the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 swim meet.

Over the years, Roy has received the following awards and recognition:
- Pennsylvania Swimming Administrator of the Year
- Red Cross 25 Year Service Award
- Reading YMCA Dr. Counsilman Service to Youth Award
- NISCA Outstanding Service Award
- Berks County Swimming Hall of Fame
- Pennsylvania State Swimming Hall of Fame
- Berks County Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame
- Wilson Sports Hall of Fame.
- 2009 Wilson Leader of Character for his dedication to the school district.
- He has received 3 PIAA Sportsmanship Awards
- 2002 Pennsylvania Coach of the Year
- 8 time Berks County Coach of the Year
- 2006 Outstanding Alumni of East Stroudsburg University for his contributions to interscholastic athletics.

Letters of Recommendation

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November 12, 2013

Mr. Bruce Howard, NFHS Assistant Director
NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
PO Box 690
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear ~~Mr.~~ BRUCE Howard:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you and the NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee with our personal recommendation and support of Mr. Roy G. Snyder. Mr. Snyder has served Wilson High School as their swimming coach for the past 50 years. It is with tremendous pleasure and admiration that I provide this recommendation.

Roy Snyder is Wilson High School swimming. He is one of the most recognized swimming coaches in Pennsylvania with 503 wins and counting. He started the swim program at Wilson High School in 1964 and his teams have won 27 league titles, 16 district championships and four PIAA swimming championships. His teams have won 118 consecutive league dual meets, a streak that lasted until 2013 and encompassed 18 years!

He has accomplished all of these accolades with a simple philosophy of "everybody counts or nobody counts". That philosophy and putting in the effort; hard work; has made his swim program a model of how educational based athletics can be an integral part of the mission of a school.

Roy has been inducted into the Wilson Sports Hall of Fame; the Berks County Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame. He is a recipient of the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's Outstanding Service Award, as well as the Jim Barniak Award from East Stroudsburg University for exceptional achievement in athletics after graduation. In recognition of these accomplishments, the newly refurbished pool at Wilson High School has been renamed the Roy G. Snyder Natatorium.

Roy has been tremendously successful in swimming, but where he really excels is as a teacher. He has the ability to assess a complex skill and break it into simple teaching components that he easily can communicate to those he instructs. This is the real gift that Roy possesses. It is a skill that only the most accomplished teachers understand.

Roy and his wife of 55 years, Mary Jane, have two children and three grandchildren. His family and their successes are probably his proudest achievements. This highlights the depth of the character of this great man. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to support Roy's nomination into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with some information on Roy G. Snyder. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lombardi

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director

RAL/bl

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR Mr. Roy G. Snyder

Presented to the National Federation of State High School-Associations

How does one provide a comprehensive portrayal of a man who has performed so well, as an athlete and a coach for over a half-century? This iconic man is one of the best-known and successful person in the athletic ranks of the state of Pennsylvania. Thus, herein, is an attempt to hilight the career of Mr. Snyder - a model of conistency, compassion, success and durability.

A graduate of Allentown, Pa. High School (1954) and East Stroudsburg University (1958), Snyder was an outstanding swimmer. He captained both his high school and college swim teams and held numerous records in the butterfly, breast stroke and individual medley events. Roy was a six-time District XI (Lehigh Co.) champion and a two-time PIAA Eastern regional champion.

Snyder opened the first school pool in Berks County at Wilson High School (1964) - a pool that is now being refurbished and will be called the Roy G. Snyder Natatorium.

Snyder's boy's swim teams have won four PIAA State team titles, 27 Central Penn titles and he led the Bulldogs to 118 straight dual meet wins over 18 years. He started the water polo program in 1966. His swim teams have compiled an overall record of 503-108-1 (82.32%).

Coach Snyder became Wilson's athletic director in 1984, a position he held for 20 years. He has been the president of the Pennsylvania high school swim coaches association and serves on the executive board of the Pa. Sports Hall of Fame (Berks Chapter). He has been the Berks County Coach of the Year eight times and Pennsylvania's Coach of the Year in 2002.

Honored as an outstanding alumnus of East Stroudsburg University, Snyder is in numerous halls of fame including the Berks County Swimming Hall, the Pa. State Swimming Hall, the Pa. State Sports Hall (Berks), and the Pa. State Sports Hall in 2009.

Roy has been married to his dedicated wife Mary Jane for 55 years and they have two children, Mike and Alison (both former Wilson swimmers) and three grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Flannery

Dr. Richard P. Flannery
President
Pa. Sports Hall of Fame (Berks)

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November 4, 2013

Greetings from Mesa, Arizona. This letter reflects my thoughts and those of my twin brother Harold. Presently, I serve as the high school principal of Red Mountain High School. Previously, I served 28 years as a teacher, coach, and school administrator in the Wilson School District in West Lawn, Pennsylvania. My Brother, Harold, presently serves as the Executive Director of the Arizona Interscholastic Association and also is serving a yearly term as the president of the National Federation of High Schools. Both of us grew up in the Wilson School District and Coach Snyder was our teacher and latter colleague and mentor. Therefore, on behalf of my brother and I, it is a great honor, to write a letter on behalf of Mr. Roy G. Snyder.

Roy is a living legend in Pennsylvania. His involvement in aquatics established him as one of the most outstanding coaches we the state of Pennsylvania has ever produced. Still active as the high school swimming coach at Wilson, Roy has spent 55 years coaching swimming. Such a long tenure has provided Roy the opportunity to influence thousands of young people at the high school level. His record speaks for itself. You will find very few coaches at the national level who have enjoyed such success. Roy is well known all over the country.

As a young football coach, I studied his coaching philosophy and tried to emulate the qualities that made him so successful and respected in the coaching community. Everyone admires and respects Roy. The methods in which he conducted himself in the coaching profession is of equal important to the victories and championships. Roy is well respected; former players name their children after him and the high school that he taught and coached at named the swimming pool in his honor.

Coach Snyder has achieved legendary status and many of his former swimmers can provide hundreds and even thousands of examples of how he has influenced their lives as they have become successful adults. As you review his biography, I am confident you will reach the same conclusion as our written sentiments. Roy G. Snyder has the resume and success to be recognized at the national level. The state of Pennsylvania has enjoyed a long tenure of athletic excellence and the sport of swimming has certainly contributed its share. Coach Snyder is one of the finest representatives the sport and the state can put forth for National Recognition.

Dr. Gerald D. Slemmer
Principal
Red Mountain High School
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Wilson's Mission:
In partnership with parents and the community, the Wilson School District encourages educational excellence today for tomorrow's leaders by accentuating rigor, building relationships and creating relevance.

November 5, 2013

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter from a very unique perspective. Almost 31 years ago, I had the good fortune to obtain a teaching position in the Wilson School District due to the advancement of a teacher to the position of Athletic Director. That individual is the same for whom I now write this letter of recommendation, Mr. Roy Snyder.

As a long-term member of the district and community, I have had the opportunity to witness the impact Roy has had, not only on our districts aquatic prowess, but more importantly, on the lives of the many individuals he has touched over the years. Roy's coaching acumen is legendary in the state of Pennsylvania as well as throughout the country. Roy's distinctive gift as related to coaching is his ability to encourage and to instruct swimmers no matter where they fall on the competitive spectrum to levels of achievement that would not occur without his guidance.

In conjunction with his superior ability to shape and to grow individual and team talent, Roy, through his intentional efforts, has assisted in the development of all things aquatic. In addition to the sport of swimming, Roy has been instrumental to the growth of water polo throughout the Commonwealth as an advocate and champion of the sport. Lastly, his expertise and encouragement in the area of aquatic program development related to physical education instruction and community programming is modeled throughout the region.

I would imagine that the NFHS has many candidates worthy for the prestigious honor. I have been involved in aquatics my entire life, in particularly the sport of water polo. I can tell you that Roy is recognized and more importantly well respected throughout the country based upon his superior achievement over time. As I write this letter, I cannot think of a more worthy coach for this prestigious national honor.

If I can be of additional assistance in any way please do not hesitate to let me know.

Best regards,

Rudy Ruth
Superintendent of Schools

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To the NFHS Hall of Fame Committee,

In the spring of 2002, I was hired as the Wilson School District athletic director. The position was available because the athletic director and boys swim coach, Roy Snyder was retiring from his athletic director position while continuing as the Wilson boys swimming coach.

I had known of Roy because I was the athletic director for another school district; however, I did not know Roy well. During the next 12 years, I have had the honor of supervising, observing him instruct athletes and design workouts that have resulted in countless championship teams. I have watched him interact with parents, students, and other coaches that bring out the best in them. I have watched Roy put together line-ups and utilize Wilson swimmers to win meets that Wilson should not have won. Throughout his career, Roy has consistently made decisions in the best interest of students in an effort to instill character and values. I have served on committees with Roy that have created new athletic department policies and new athletic facilities, and on these committees Roy's opinion was highly respected and valued based on his 50 years of coaching at Wilson.

During my 12 years at Wilson, I have observed Roy's coaching experience and leadership ability extend beyond the Wilson School District. He has made significant contributions to the sport of swimming at the league, regional, state, and national level. Roy initiated and has been the president of the Central Pennsylvania swim league for 48 years. He has served on numerous PIAA District 3 committees and on the PIAA swimming steering committee. His influence at the national level is a result of the hundreds of NISCA all-American swimmers, academic all-American swimmers and NCAA Division 1 swimmers he has coached.

It is remarkable that Roy achieved all of these accomplishments while using an age group swimming program he designed in the 1960s as a feeder program for Wilson swimming. The Wilson School District is fortunate to have our own pool (the Roy G. Snyder Natatorium) which has provided us with the opportunity to administer age group lessons and swim teams. Roy has created a successful interscholastic model for youth swimming in an era when club programs have become the accepted norm.

Roy's 500+ wins as a high school swimming coach are a milestone few will ever reach. However, that is only a small part of the legacy Roy has forged as the head swim coach at Wilson and nationally. His impact on interscholastic swimming cannot be measured except by personal testimony.

Sincerely,

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Snyder's 500th swimming victory was 'really special'

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Roy Snyder said he hadn't given much thought to winning 500 dual meets as the boys swimming coach at Wilson, a milestone he reached Thursday when the Bulldogs swept Exeter and Twin Valley in a Central Penn League tri-meet for wins 500 and 501.

Then someone on the pool deck told Snyder to look up into the gallery at the natatorium named for him.

"Just about everybody had signs that said '500' and they were holding them up," said Snyder. "That was sort of touching. That made it hit home for me."

Snyder, in his 49th season as coach of the program he founded, said he was struck by the number of people who turned out to see him reach the mark, from school board members to former swimmers and colleagues.

"A lot of people were there and a lot of alumni that I didn't expect," said Snyder, who also was presented a plaque commemorating the achievement. "It was really special."

- Steve Patton

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Courtesy of Erika DilksWilson fans celebrate swim coach Roy Snyder's 500th career win Thursday.

Sally Allen, Russ Moore and Ralph Tutlane Jr. recently received well-deserved recognition for their contributions to the game of tennis by the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the United States Tennis Association at the annual EPD awards banquet at Moravian College.

Allen, who has guided the Wyomissing girls team to nine county, eight District 3 and two state titles and a 215-15 record in 11 seasons, was honored as USTA Middle States Coach of the Year following an 18-1 season this fall that resulted in Berks and district titles and a quarterfinal finish at states.

Allen was selected Berks Girls League Coach of the Year by her coaching peers for the seventh time this fall.

In addition, Mara Trifoi, a freshman on Allen's Wyomissing team, was named Middle States Junior Volunteer of the Year. Trifoi, who went undefeated at No. 4 singles for the Spartans, is actively involved in the City of Reading (COR) tennis program, as a player, instructor and coach.

Tutlane, who won the EPD's Volunteer Award, has been involved with tennis in a variety of capacities in Berks for 33 years. A former high school coach, he started the CYO program in Reading and directed many Middle States tournaments, including the Berks Junior Open which has been in existence for 28 years. He has run the Keystone Games tennis venue for 23 years and is a registered USTA official since 1988.

He has been on the Berks County Tennis Association board, serving as its president in 1996, and sits on the EPD board.

Moore, who has helped introduce tennis to countless city children as a faithful volunteer with COR Tennis and as coach at Reading High, received the EPD's Courage Award.

Moore has continued to coach and work with his kids while fighting cancer. He guided the Red Knights girls team to its first playoff berth this fall.

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But things have changed.

- Terry Bickhart

Giving back

Every December the Reading Royals hold a Teddy Bear Toss. They ask fans to throw stuffed animals onto the ice to benefit children in need.

David Marshall decided he wanted to do more. The Reading Royals forward went on his own shopping spree in support of Toys for Tots, a charity run by the U.S. Marine Corps.

One of the presents Marshall bought was a stickball hockey set.

"It was something I wanted to do separate from the team," Marshall said. "I don't need recognition for it. Anything I can do to help. I'm able to right now with finances, so I was all for it."

Marshall has family in the military and said he likely would have enlisted if not for hockey. This charity has a special place in his heart.

The fourth-year pro actually is well-suited for Christmas shopping. Heading to a toy score in December is a lot like fighting for position in front of the net.

"It was crazy; it's fend for yourself in Toys R Us," Marshall said with a smile. "It's good, though. I had fun. Hopefully I got some good gifts. Hopefully it helps out those in need."

- Jason Guarente

Reid receives support

Andy Reid has been a polarizing figure in Philadelphia sports.

The greatest coach in the history of the Philadelphia Eagles has compiled a regular season record of 130-91-1 (.588 winning percentage) with six NFC East titles and five NFC Championship Game appearances.

Reid owns a 10-9 record in the playoffs and has won an NFC championship. He has coached six assistants who have become NFL head coaches.

Many NFL fans would cherish the stability Andy Reid has brought to the Philadelphia Eagles over the last 14 years.

Most Philadelphia fans do not feel the same way, which has baffled me for years.

In a city that over-analyzes every sports figure, Reid is at the top of the list.

Reid's 14 years have been too long for the city to endure. Some fans have grown tired of clock mismanagement, inadvertent timeouts and the same press conferences every week.

Or they are still haunted by NFC Championship Game losses to inferior teams such as the Buccaneers, Panthers and Cardinals.

The Eagles had more success than failure under Reid, which is how I'll judge his tenure as head coach.

Regardless of today's result, Reid deserves to receive a standing ovation, which is the least I can do for him.

- Jeff Kerr

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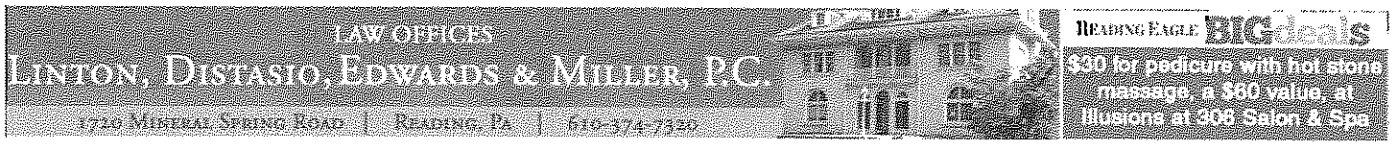
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Wilson swimming: a tradition unlike any other

Longtime coaches Snyder, Bright continue to turn out championship boys, girls teams

By Evan Jones
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West Lawn, PA - Steve Gallagher has bought into it.

So has Becca Robinson.

So have all of their Wilson teammates. And the hundreds who came before them.

There's a reason the Wilson swimming program has had so much success over the years under Roy Snyder. It's a simple philosophy, actually.

"It's something we strongly believe in," said Snyder, who's in his 45th season coaching the boys. "Everybody counts or nobody counts."

When the Bulldogs arrive at Cumberland Valley High Friday for the District 3-AAA championships, the boys and girls teams will be among the contenders - if not the favorites - to win team titles.

Sure, they will be put up there because they win it over and over again.

But Wilson will also be up there because the swimmers believe that's where they should be.

It's not cockiness that brings that attitude, but rather a strong belief in the system. It's one that's instilled in them as they work their way up Wilson's age-group ladder to the varsity.

"They believe in the tradition, and they have the confidence that when we taper for districts and states, rest up, try to drop times, they have the confidence they can do it because it's done year, after year, after year," Snyder said. "They're convinced that the hard work they've done every year is going to pay off for them. We do work them hard, but we feel that high risk brings high reward."

The result has been four state titles in eight years for the boys. They have also won 12 of the last 13 district titles and 13 Central Penn League titles in a row.

The girls have won 16 of the last 17 district crowns and the last 19 CPL titles.

"We build a team of winners," said Bob Bright, who is in his 27th year as girls coach and 39th overall at Wilson "We're not looking to have just a good season. We want to be the league champions, the district champions and do well at states.

"The team comes first and individuals are second."

It's not uncommon for Snyder and Bright - who were on the swim team together at East Stroudsburg State in the 1950s - to ask a swimmer to sacrifice an individual event to shore up a relay because a victory there is worth more team points.

The two, along with assistants Tom Houck and Helen Stevenson and diving coach Kathy Good, make sure each swimmer and diver on the roster is ready to do his or her part.

"Swimming is so serious," Gallagher said. "You help swimmers, and that helps the program."

"We're treated as equals," Robinson said.

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You won't find Robinson on the list of Berks best times, but her role as a team leader is still valued. She's a captain for the girls team, along with fellow seniors Tatum Colitz and Madison Hauk, who have helped guide the team's talented group of underclassmen.

The closeness is also helpful when the team is competing, as opponents would love nothing more than to bring down Wilson.

"There's always pressure because Wilson is known for the sport, and there's always a target on our backs," Robinson said. "We're trying to succeed and be the best we can."

Snyder started setting up the system when he arrived at Wilson in 1964 after spending six years as physical director and swim coach at the Reading YMCA.

At that time, the Bulldogs competed in a Berks-based league with Muhlenberg, West Reading, Gov. Mifflin and Exeter. Dual meets were held at the Reading Y on Saturday nights. Only Reading High's program was fully established.

Snyder quickly started building up the Bulldogs. He helped found the CPL in 1965 with teams from the York and Harrisburg areas.

The feeder program, which starts at age 6, was also built up, along with a group of dedicated coaches. Wilson's age-group teams have a winning percentage of 95 percent.

Many, like Snyder and Bright, have been involved for decades. Fritz Wenrich is the dean of the group at 30-plus years; Scott Chambers, Alison Snyder and Chuck Bartlett have been involved for more than 20.

And when the student-athletes graduate from Wilson, many never forget the program. According to Bright, several items, from the championship signs in the natatorium to the timing system used in meets, have been funded by alumni.

Several former Wilson swimmers also chip in as age-group coaches, helping build future generations of Bulldogs.

"We have tremendous support from our alumni," Snyder said. "The outpouring last week with what happened with Lorin Maurer was just amazing. We have a Web site now, and that's something we didn't have 45 years ago. We didn't have computers. I'm not sure if we even had a color TV.

"A lot of our alumni follow us through that and keep in touch. Every day I go through a lot of e-mails from them."

Thus, there should be little wonder why Snyder's record with the Wilson boys is 461-91-1.

"It's his organization," Bright said. "Undoubtedly, if you would take a poll of swimming coaches in Pennsylvania, he would be acknowledged as the best coach in the state.

"The age-group program is phenomenal because he set up the programs and kept the same coaches. They know what's expected of them."

The same goes for the swimmers.

"We want to look for success and championships and have fun doing it," Bright said. "We know we're going to lose sometimes, but we want them to swim their best and have fun doing it."

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A longtime coach prepares to reach a milestone win, teams coming off championship seasons work to maintain their success and others look to take a step forward. Following is a look at eight things to watch as the 2012-13 scholastic swimming and diving season begins:

1. 500 and counting

The numbers are staggering.

Roy Snyder has been coaching swimming at Wilson since he started the program in 1964 and continues to do it at an unmatched level.

His boys program has won four state championships, 15 District 3 titles and 26 Central Penn League championships. The team hasn't lost a CPL dual meet since 1996, its winning streak standing at 119 after an opening win over Wyomissing Friday.

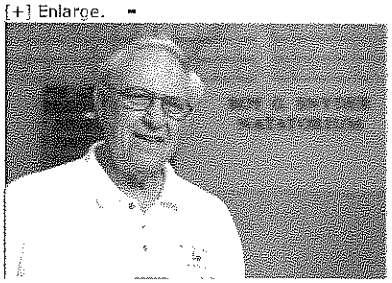
Wilson had a losing record in the second year of the program's existence and never another one. The Bulldogs have won at least 10 meets in a season 35 times.

Snyder has coached dozens of individual and relay state champions and more than 100 district champions, almost all of whom also earned All-American status.

This season he'll get his 500th dual meet victory while coaching the boys team, which has an all-time record of 499-100-1. Considering how rare it is for a high school swimming coach to get 500 wins coaching both boys and girls teams, it's a remarkable accomplishment.

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Roy Snyder, who has been coaching swimming at Wilson since he started the program in 1964, has a career record of 499-100-1 with the boys.

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And Snyder, beginning his 49th season as coach at Wilson, doesn't think about.

"No, never," said Snyder, 75, who coached at the Reading YMCA for six years prior to Wilson. "I never put it in that context. I knew what my record was only because at the end of each year I add on to running totals for our record book. But I never made a big deal out of 200, 300, 400.

"As you get older - or more experienced, as I like to say - you look at it as not only all the kids you've coached, but also how well so many of them have done after they got out of school, and that swimming might have played a part in their success. There's just so many people who swam for us, I see them everywhere and there's so many successful people and friends. I think you get the satisfaction out of that at this stage of the game more than the wins and losses."

Tom Houck, who swam for four years for Snyder in the 1990s and now stands with him on the pool deck as coach of the girls team, agreed that it's not just the numbers that define him.

"It's the way he does it that's special," said Houck. "Everyone that's swam for him just knows it. It's the way he does it. There's a lot of coaches that have great records, but the way he does it is just amazing.

"He's grown with the sport as far as coaching and technique and training. But his philosophy and the way he treats the team and the way he teaches has always been the same, and that's what everyone who ever swam for him loves."

Snyder has coached the children of swimmers he coached previously and thinks he's now on the verge of coaching grandchildren of swimmers. He's also watching men he coached retire.

But Snyder, who retired as Wilson's athletic director in 2001, said he believes coaching keeps him young and

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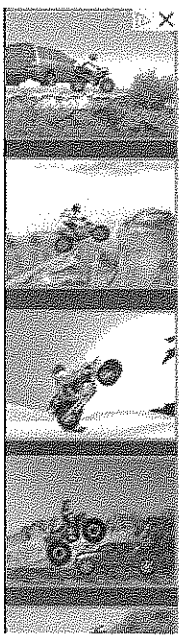
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including the gold-winning 200 medley that broke the Berks record.

Fleetwood's Matt Leenhouts medaled in the 200 free and 500 free in Class AA, and Conrad Weiser's Carley Wise earned a medal in the 50 free.

Rockett, Cortazzo and Leenhouts are juniors. Wise is a sophomore.

Another four swimmers were consolation finalists: Schuylkill Valley's Isaac Beltran Del Rio and Lexi Glassmire; Wyomissing's Caroline Edelman; and Brandywine Heights' Dillon Lancenese. Wilson diver Joe Warker made it to state finals and finished 14th.

7. Newcomers

A wave of young swimmers arrives this season, with a strong group of freshmen and sophomores ready to contribute right away or once districts begin, according to coaches.

Among those expected to have an impact: Muhlenberg sophomore Vincent Filippini; Reading High freshman Cole McGrath; Exeter freshman Trent Groff; Daniel Boone sophomore Ryan Owens; Exeter freshman Elizabeth Chemey; Muhlenberg freshman Mackenzie Gring; and Gov. Mifflin freshman Gabriella Johnson.

8. Pooling together

Several teams are involved with fund-raising events during the season.

The third Coaches vs. Cancer meet between Muhlenberg and Schuylkill Valley is scheduled for Jan. 31 at Leesport.

Proceeds from the Muhlenberg Mayhem Invitational on Jan. 7 will go to Special Olympics.

Exeter swimmers take part in the Polar Bear Plunge at Neshaminy State Park to raise funds for Special Olympics. This year's plunge is scheduled for Feb. 23.

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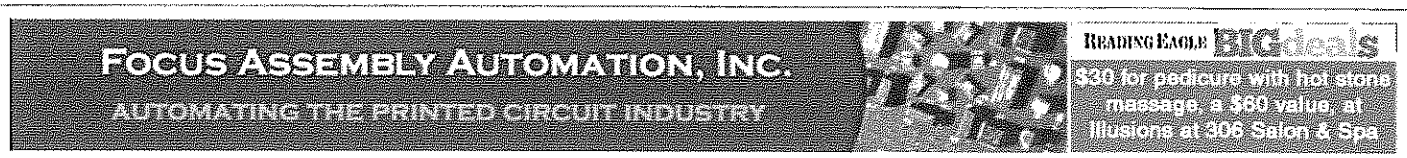
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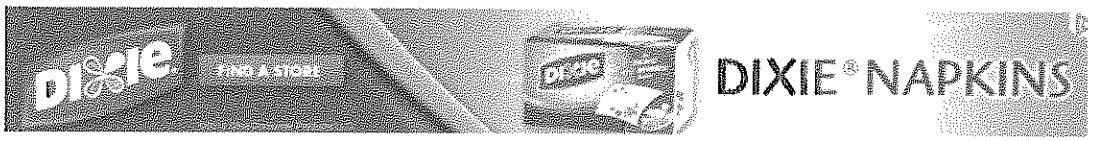
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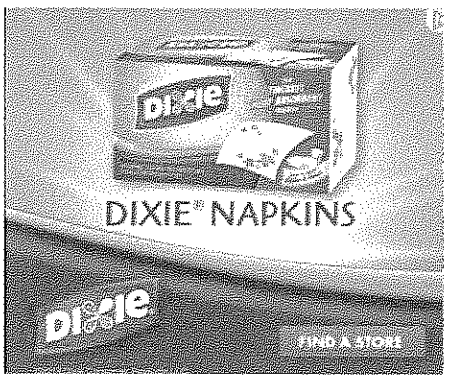


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Wilson's Snyder cherishes homecoming

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December 19, 2001 | By PAUL REINHARD Of The Morning Call

When Roy Snyder sits down with a bunch of young swimming coaches and the discussion turns to his own days as a swimmer, he likes to brag about the fact that he was coached by "the last nude swimming coach."

That invariably brings all conversation to a halt and invokes some strange-mind pictures.

Snyder quickly shares how legendary Allentown High School coach Davey Hackett used to parade up and down the deck of the Little Palestra pool in his birthday suit.

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Actually, except for actual meets, Hackett's swimmers also practiced sans swim suits. No lie.

Snyder graduated from AHS in 1954. He finished second in the butterfly at the PIAA championships in his senior year.

As good as he may have been as a competitor at AHS or East Stroudsburg University, his own achievement pales by comparison to the success swimmers under his tutelage have been able to achieve.

Snyder will be 65 on his next birthday. He is presently the athletic director at Wilson-West Lawn High School and is also in his 38th year as head swimming coach.

When Wilson whipped host Parkland 116-70 on Tuesday, it was the 68th consecutive dual-meet victory for the Bulldog boys, who have amassed a 385 wins as compared to just 84 losses and one tie during Snyder's tenure at the Berks County school.

Snyder gets back into his old stomping grounds only on alternating years for meets with Parkland and Emmaus, the premier high school programs in the Lehigh Valley.

So, on Tuesday, he had a chance to reminisce with Parkland coach Bob Clark, who also graduated from Allen (1970) but swam for Hackett's successor, Dick Bleam.

The meet brought together Wilson's defending PIAA Class 3A boys championship team and Parkland's defending Class 3A girls championship team.

While the final scores suggested that neither of the champs was seriously challenged, both veteran coaches were pleased to have an early-season barometer of their progress.

Neither Wilson nor Parkland faces much stiff competition until it comes to the championship portion of the season.

Parkland has its annual skirmish with Emmaus, a meet that will become more meaningful again when the Lehigh Valley Conference is formed, possibly as early as next season.

Wilson swims in the Central Penn League, once a highly competitive circuit that had Berks and Lancaster County

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divisions. But when the nine Lancaster County school broke away and formed their own league a couple of years ago, the Bulldogs were left as the cream of diluted crop.

"The kids only swim when they're tested, so this is good at this time of year," Snyder said. "The boys won't be tested at all in the league, so we try to schedule some good teams in non-league meets."

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Eight of the 11 boys who made up Wilson's state championship team last year are back again. While the three graduates were big contributors, Snyder has a nucleus headed by Shawn McLin, who set a Parkland pool record in the 100-yard backstroke Tuesday.

How good is Wilson?

Consider that Clark, who said his girls "were kind of flat today" despite their easy victory, also said his boys "were awesome" in their loss.

Parkland's boys team actually suffered a greater loss when Clark learned that sophomore Jason Reinhard would probably have to miss the entire season because of a stress fracture in his back, and another sophomore, Dan Lee, moved to Texas with his family.

"Jason was probably our third best swimmer, so that hurts, but the guys really stepped up today against a very good team," Clark said. "Roy is such a great guy ... an excellent coach, but also a very nice person."

Snyder has the same level of respect for Clark and Parkland. The Trojans girls graduated only one of the 10 girls who went to the state meet last year -- Lauren Golden.

Sophomores Jessica Lewis, Blair Clark and Lauren Butrie may be young, but they have the state championship experience on their side and should make the Trojans a formidable challenger again. A 115-71 win on an off day is proof enough.

"Bob does an excellent job with a solid crop of kids," Snyder said.

After 38 years, he should be a pretty good judge of that, too.

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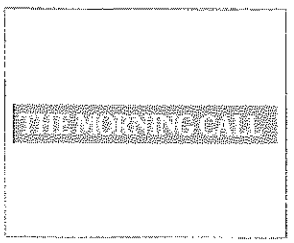
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PIAA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wilson proud of its program

Veteran staff blessed with top talent equals one very good team

BY JEREMY ELLIOTT
For The Patriot-News

When swimmers from Wilson High School jump into the pool today, it won't be just for individual glory.

It will be for team. It will be for community. And it will be for tradition.

The Bulldogs have racked up 18 District 3 girls' team championships to go along with 12 boys' titles. And don't forget the state championships on the boys' side (2001, 2002, 2005), plus the one time the girls' hoisted the state team trophy in 1994.

Individually, there have been 40-plus state champions donning red and white on their way to gold.

Those are all impressive enough. But what makes the Bulldogs' stats so jaw-dropping is the way in which they go about getting them.

"There are no parents involved," girls' head coach Bob Bright said. "We don't even have a year-round program.

"Our age-group program is run by former swimmers, and they do, basically, what we do at our practices. The kids know what is expected, and we tell them that they are carrying on the tradition that has been in place since before they were born."

Sounds like a pressure-filled situation, swimming against the past in search of the present. At least that is what it appears like from the outside looking in.

"We've had a successful program for a very long time," boys' head coach Roy Snyder said. "It's not pressure as much as it is a challenge.

"We don't talk about winning and losing. It's about improving strokes and working hard."

It also doesn't hurt having a coaching staff that knows how to push the right buttons.

Snyder has been at Wilson for 43 years. Bright is not exactly a newcomer, as he has been by Snyder's side for 26.

"I was an assistant under Roy, and he asked me to take over the girls' for a year until he found someone," Bright said. "That was 25 years ago.



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Wilson swimmer Marianne Flynn is back to defend her state championship in the 100-meter breaststroke.

"We've had a successful program for a very long time. It's not pressure as much as it is a challenge. We don't talk about winning and losing. It's about improving strokes and working hard."

Wilson boys' swimming coach Roy Snyder

"Roy does the training and sets everything up. He is the brains behind this."

Snyder and Bright have always had a good relationship with their swimmers. In fact, many pop in for periodical visits to the program.

It's about building relationships that last a lifetime.

There is Kristy Kowal, who while at Wilson owned the national high school 100 breaststroke record. She went on to land a silver medal in the 2000 Olympics held in Sydney, Australia.

Then there is Kristen Woodring, a Wilson grad who broke Kowal's national high school record.

"Kids come back to practices and meets," Bright said. "We'll introduce them and point out what they accomplished. They talk to the kids, and the kids listen."

Those talks combined with the 2½ hours of practice daily have paid off for this year's crop of Bulldogs that have landed in Lewisburg looking for gold.

"We want to do well, but I think our best is still a year away," Snyder said. "It's important to get the kids there to gain the experience of swimming at states.

"A lot of kids get overwhelmed their first time and come back the next year and swim great."

Don't expect too much of a drop-off for this year's entrants.

There is top-seeded diver Ryan Kuser and defending state champion Marianne Flynn in the 100 breaststroke. Overall, 13 swimmers from the Berks County school will be involved in individual and relay competition this weekend.

And they will all be looking for one thing: to build on that already rich Bulldogs tradition.

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Shoudt, Snyder Receive Barniak Award at Homecoming 2006

At Homecoming the Alumni Association honored **Robert B. Shoudt '64** and **Roy G. Snyder '58** as winners of the Jim Barniak Award, presented to alumni for exceptional achievement in athletics after graduation.

Bob Shoudt became well-known throughout Pennsylvania in Track and Field. He was an NCAA Division I Track and Field Coach of the Year for Indoor Track and Field, and he coached the world record in the distance medley relay, American Collegiate record 4 x 800 relay, three national individual champions, 41 All Americans, four Olympic trials qualifiers, and was a six time Big East Conference coach of the year. He also coached five Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) team championships, was a four time MAC coach of the year, coached three high school national champions, and six High School All Americans. He was also a founding father of the Pennsylvania State Indoor Track and Field Championships, the Montgomery County Cross Country Championships, and the Chichester Relays.

Roy Snyder began his swimming coaching career in 1958 at the Reading YMCA where he coached numerous state and national age group champions during his six year YMCA career. In 1964, Roy opened the first school pool in Berks County at Wilson High School. At Wilson, his swim teams won the Central Penn League title, 10 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District three AAA championships, and two PIAA State AAA Team titles. His teams recently compiled a 97 straight dual meet win streak that lasted for seven years.



(L-R) **Bob Shoudt '64** and **Roy Snyder '58** were congratulated at mid-field by President Dillman and the Homecoming crowd.

Photo by **David Hooper '05**

Roy has coached two national interscholastic record holders, over 120 High School All-American swimmers and water polo players, more than 110 PIAA District champs, and 20 PIAA state winners. For his efforts he was awarded the Pennsylvania Swimming Administrator of the Year Award and the Reading YMCA Dr. Councilman Service to Youth Award. He also was inducted into the Berks County Swimming Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame at Penn State, the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and was the 2002 Pennsylvania Coach of the Year.

Triplets and Entire Basketball Team Are Among Inductees

Continued from previous page

of 41-21-3 and conference titles in 1973 and 1976.

Thatcher played soccer and competed in track and field as a student. He served as ESU's head athletic trainer for 25 years from 1974 to 1999. He was named the nation's outstanding athletic training educator by the National Athletic Trainers' Association in 2001.

Dr. Wolbers guided ESU men's tennis teams to ten conference championships and the women's squad to one from 1963 to 1985. His 1969 men's squad finished third in the NCAA Division II Tennis Tournament. The Wolbers Tennis Courts on campus are named in his honor.

Simard is the leading scorer in ESU basketball history with 1,733 career points. She holds the school and PSAC career record with 535 free throws. She made the All-Conference and All-ECAC Region team as a senior after averaging 20.0 points and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Pio grabbed a school-record 1,013 rebounds and scored 1,527 points during her career. She holds school marks for career and season field goal shooting. She was a two-time All-PSAC first team player and was a key member of the Warriors' 1995 PSAC championship team.

Owens set school gymnastics record in every event with marks of 9.00 in the floor exercise, 8.80 on the uneven bars, 9.15 in the vaulting, 8.50 on the balance beam and 35.15 overall. She became the school's first AIAA national championship qualifier in 1977.

Ellison was chosen on the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association All-America second team in 1989. She was chosen on the All-PSAC first team twice. She scored 35 goals over a four-year period from 1986-89, fourth best in the school's history.

The 1970-71 women's basketball team gained the school's first berth in the AIAW national championships which included colleges from all divisions. The Betty Lou Murphy-coached team beat Marshall in the first round before losing to Mississippi College in the quarter finals. The team finished with a 13-3 record, which tied the school victory record.

Jackie Stiles

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Jacqueline Marie Stiles
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

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Phone: 620/617-4619 Date of Birth: 12/21/78

School Affiliation (if any) Claflin, KS (HS)

City: Claflin State: Kansas

Place of Birth: Kansas City, KS Date of Retirement: 1997

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
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Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Pat and Pam Stiles

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Phone: 620/617-3660

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Claflin	Claflin, KS	1997	General
College/University: Southwest Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	2001	Sports & Fitness Promotion
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Jackie Stiles
Honors and Awards

1993-94

Freshman year:

Cross Country - 3rd in State Meet

Volleyball - Honorable Mention All - League (Central Prarie)

Basketball - Associated Press 1st Team All-State; Kansas Basketball Assoc. 1st Team All-State; Hutchinson News 1st Team All-State and female player of the year; USA Today's Top Ten Player List in America; KS Sports Magazine 1st Team All-State and player of the year; plus numerous other media All-Star and All-State teams.

Track - 1A State Meet Champion in 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run and Triple Jump (4 gold medals); Member of State Championship Team in 1A girls plus numerous other meet firsts.

1994-95

Sophomore year:

Cross Country - 3rd in State Meet; Regional champion

Tennis - Regional singles champion; 7th in State meet; Team placed 2nd.

Basketball - Associated Press 1st Team All-State, Kansas Basketball Coaches Assoc. 1st Team All-State; KS Sports Magazine 1st Team All-State and player of the year; Great Bend Tribune 1st Team and female player of the year; plus numerous other media All-Star and All-State teams.

Track - 1A State Meet Champion in 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run and 2nd the triple jump (3 golds and 1 silver); Member of State Championship Team in 1A girls plus numerous other meet firsts.

1995-96

Junior year:

Cross Country - 2nd in State Meet; Regional champion

Tennis - Regional singles champion; 5th place in State meet; Team placed 2nd place in State Meet.

Basketball - Associated Press 1st Team All-State, Kansas Basketball Coaches Assoc. 1st Team All-State; Kansas Player of the Year in the Wichita Eagle, Hutchinson News, Topeka Capital Journal and Gatorade; Parade Magazine 4th Team All America and USA Today Honorable Mention.

Track - 1A State Meet Champion in 800 meter run (New State Meet Record of 2:17.46); 1A State Meet Champion in 400 meter dash, 1600 meter run and 3200 meter run. Member of 3rd Place 1A Girls team.

1996-97

Senior year:

Cross Country - 3rd in State Meet; Regional champion

Tennis - Regional singles champion; 3rd place in State meet; Team placed 2nd place in State Meet.

Basketball - Pre-Season Street & Smithson All American 3rd Team; Associated Press 1st Team All-State; Kansas Basketball Coaches Assoc. 1st Team; Gatorade Kansas Player of the Year; Parade Magazine 1st Team All-American; USA Today 1st Team All-American; WBCA/Nike All-America 1st Team and MVP of the red team; plus numerous other awards in Kansas papers.

Track - 1A State Meet Champion in 3200 meter run, 1600 meter run, 800 meter run plus 2nd place in the 400 meter dash.

Jackie Stiles
Records and Accomplishments

Basketball

State All-Time Career Scoring leader with 3603 points (94-97).
Most Points Scored in Single Season with 1252 (1997).
Most Points Scored in Single Game with 71 points (1997) Claflin vs Macksville
Highest Scoring Average for a Season with 46.4 points per game (1997)
Highest Scoring Average for a Career with 35.7 points per game (94-97)
Member of the Gold Medal USA Junior Olympic National Team (97)
State Tournament Most points per game - Top four performance in State with 53 pts (95); 48 pts (95 & 97); 47 pts (97).
State Tournament Most points per tournament - Top two performances in State with 120 pts (97) & 114 pts (94).
State Tournament Most points per tournament for career - First with 368 career points (94-97).
State Tournament Most Field Goals per tournament - First with 49 (97).
State Tournament Most Field Goals in a game - Top three performances with 22 (95), 20 (97) twice

Track

14 Career Gold Medals in State Meet and 2 Silver Medals.

General

Hutchinson News Female Athlete of the Year (2 years, 96 & 97)

Post High School

College Career at Southwest Missouri State and Springfield, Missouri.

NCAA All-American Freshman First Team
Highest Scoring Freshman in nation
Missouri Valley All-Conference 1st Team 3 years (98, 99, 00)
Scored 56 points in single game as a junior. (Highest single game scoring in nation in 99-00 and the 4th best for a single game in history of NCAA womens basketball.)
Led NCAA in average scoring per game in 99-00 (27.8 points per game).
Owns record for most points in single season at Southwest Missouri State with 890 points.
Second in Missouri Valley women's All-Time scoring in a career with 2,331. Record is held at 2,636 with one year to go to score 305 points.

Supporting Information in the paper clip as a attachment. There are two many honors and awards to mention them all.

Letters of Recommendation

Kansas State High School Activities Association

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October 15, 2014

TO: National High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee

RE: Nomination of **JACKIE STILES (KANSAS)**

The Kansas State High School Activities Association is honored to nominate Jackie Marie Stiles, the multi-sport athlete and Kansas basketball legend from Claflin (KS) High School, to the National High School Hall of Fame.

As a high school honor student and athlete in Class 1A Claflin, KS High School from 1993-1997, Jackie Stiles re-wrote the record books for Kansas Girls Basketball. Regarded as the greatest high school player in Kansas history, she scored 3,603 points and averaged 35.7 points during her HS career, which includes a staggering 46.4 points a game during her senior year. She scored over 50 points in twelve games (including a state record 71 points) and has seven (7) of the top ten (10) Kansas records for points in a game. She holds claim to nearly every Kansas girl's state basketball record and is the only four-time First Team all-state pick in Kansas history. Post-high school included a record-setting 4 years at Southwest Missouri State University (which included a trip to the Final 4) and she was drafted by the WNBA Portland Fire, where the records and honors continued.

While many may only associate Jackie Stiles with significant accomplishments in the sport of basketball, there is much more to this student athlete. In the fall season she participated in two sports. As a cross country runner she captured 3 regional individual titles and placed all four years at the state meet (three third-place finishes and one runner-up finish). In 3 years of tennis she earned three regional singles titles, medaled each year at the state meet and led her team to three runner-up finishes.

And then there is track & field. Stiles set an all-state record with 14 gold medals and 2 silver (out of a possible 16 medals). As a freshman she won 4 gold medals and in her junior year she became the first female athlete to win the 400m, 800m, 1600m and 3200m races. Her amazing feats earned Claflin HS two championship titles.

Jackie Stiles exemplifies the rewards of a strong work ethic – her numerous hours of running, hitting balls and shooting baskets have not only put her in the record books – they have inspired a generation of students to apply themselves. Jackie's numerous list of accomplishments, awards and honors are reflected in the support material with this nomination package.

I appreciate your careful consideration of Jackie Stiles for inclusion into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Gary Musselman
Executive Director

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Date: 09-16-2013
To: NFHS
From: Shane Cordell
RE: Jackie Stiles

To whom it concerns:

My name is Shane Cordell. I am a lifelong educator and Coach in the state of Kansas. This is my 35th year at this capacity. I was privileged to be associated with Kansas high school basketball during the career of Jackie Stiles. In fact Claflin is 40 miles from my home of Little River.

The first time I saw Jackie play was in little girls softball against my daughter's team. From there I listened to the rumblings of this girl in junior high that was going to revolutionize girls basketball. These are big words. I finally got to see Jackie play when she was a freshman in high school. It was against my team in the District playoffs. It was true. Jackie was something special! Never have I seen a girl like her since and will probably not in my lifetime.

I like to refer to the time Jackie was in high school as the "Golden Years" in Kansas high school girls basketball. In the central region of our state there were some great basketball teams. In 1996 there were four State Champions less than 100 miles apart. We, like Claflin were a 1A school. This is the smallest classification in Kansas. We were in the midst of a 91 game winning streak and defeated all of the four State Champions one year. I say this not to take anything away from Jackie or to toot our horn. I tell you this to set up what was going on during Jackie's high school years. I tell you this hoping to give some creditability to my statements.

We played Jackie every year she was in high school. Our team was loaded with great guards and we threw everything we had at Jackie and her Claflin team. As amazing as it was we never lost but were never able to shut this young lady down. It would be hard for any coach, that had the opportunity to coach against Jackie, to say that it did not help make him a better coach. She made you coach, brainstorm, and scheme.

The 1A State Tournament games, during these years, were often standing room only crowds. There were great IA teams and there was Jackie. After their games Jackie would sit and sign autographs at the State Tournament. These were long, long lines of people waiting to get her autograph. I have never seen anything like this since in our state.

If Kansas ever needed a poster child for where hard work and preparation can take you, it should look no further than Jackie. Her long hours in the gym are legendary. Her accomplishments in track are also incredible. These track events were also middle distance and long distance, the most grueling of all.

Through all of this Jackie has remained a great role model for young people. She did things the right way. Work hard, prepare, develop your skills, and believe in your self.

I have not listed all of Jackie's accomplishments in high school and college. I know she set high school scoring records in basketball that will probably never be broken. She set records for the events in the State Track Meet and number of golds won. Setting the all time NCAA women's scoring record is just amazing! Then to go on and be the WNBA rookie of the year is the topping on the cake! This was all done by a girl from a small 1A school in Kansas.

I know this is getting lengthy, but it is hard not too. I will close by saying this young lady has done things in her life that has brought out all of the good things high school athletics stand for. Jackie also did this with respect and honor to the activities and to her teammates, opponents, and fans.

Please consider this young lady for Hall of Fame status.

Sincerely yours,

Shane Cordell

Shane Cordell
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To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of nomination for Jackie Stiles, a former player I coached from Claflin High School, Claflin Kansas.

I cannot think of a more deserving person to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame than Jackie. There has never been, nor will there ever be, a player with the work ethic and determination to be great. The stories of making 1,000 shots a day, every day, are all accurate and true.

Equally, if not even more importantly, she is a fantastic person. For having the incredible talent and ability that she had, she is one of the most humble and down to Earth person I have ever been associated with. EVERY game, she would stay and sign autographs until the last person who wanted one had one. That is unheard of in this day and age, especially for professionals.

I was saddened when her career was cut very short due to the many injuries that she sustained. Part of it was due to her drive and desire to be the best that she could possibly be. Her body used up all it had just when she was reaching here prime after being named WNBA Rookie of the Year.

Not only was she an inspiration for players in Kansas, both female and male, but an inspiration for players in all states who come from small towns. She was a player from a small town who made it on the big stage.

It has been my honor to recommend Jackie Stiles for induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame. Please give very serious consideration, she is more than deserving.

Sincerely,

Clint Kinnamon

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Head Coach St. John High School
Former Coach of Jackie Stiles

TO: NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
FROM: Paul E. Palmer, Retired KSHSAA Administrator

RE: Jackie Marie Stiles, DOB - 12/21/78

It is a privilege and honor to recommend Jackie Stiles for NFHS Hall of Fame consideration! During my tenure with the KSHSAA, Jackie was involved as a competitor in the three activities for which I had administrative responsibilities. It was obvious she was a highly self-motivated, competitive, talented young lady who epitomized these qualities while being a humble and gracious athlete.

While her basketball accomplishments are legendary and well documented, and her multi-sport talents speak well to her ambitious and committed work-ethic, there were several specific instances, personally observed, which remain in my memory which personify Jackie as not only a fierce competitor, but a gracious young lady. Citing a few:

1. In her freshman year at the KSHSAA State Track and Field Championships, long after all other preliminary events were concluded, Jackie won the Triple Jump on her final jump of the night, then barely eight hours later won the first of the three distance running events she would win that day . . . four gold medals as a freshman! Two years later at a qualifying Regional T & F meet, she won all four distance running events within a three hour time span after which it was acknowledged that the State Meet would be less tiring. It was, but she won four more gold medals adding to what would be a final total of 14 gold and 2 silver medals out of a possible 16.

2. After the final State Basketball game of her senior year, Jackie was provided a special location and graciously signed autographs for the hundreds of young kids and adult admirers well into the third quarter of the game which followed. Myriad times during her high school basketball career, packed venues for games in which she was involved had many leave prior to the boys' game. While obviously able to totally take over a basketball game when necessary, always she endeavored to include teammates, a characteristic recognized and admired by those who followed her career..

3. Following her outstanding college career, Claflin, Kansas, held a special Jackie Stiles parade and awards ceremony attended by thousands, not only area and local individuals but persons from across Kansas, as well as several other states, lined the parade route and filled the Claflin football stands (later the gymnasium to capacity plus due to Kansas weather challenges). It was my honor to attend and present Jackie with her KSHSAA Hall of Fame Plaque.

Stories and statistics about her athletic accomplishments will undoubtedly be reviewed by others; they are familiar to many. If ever there was a student-athlete who embodied the characteristics worthy of Hall of Fame consideration, Jackie Stiles was, and is, a wonderful representative of all that is good in high school activities - my sincere and hearty recommendation is given.

Paul E. Palmer
High school teacher/coach/administrator 1961-1987
NFHS and KSHSAA administrator 1987-2004

Missouri State University Foundation

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Women's Basketball Coach at Missouri State (formerly Southwest Missouri State University) and the University of Michigan, it is my pleasure to nominate Jackie Stiles to the NFHA Hall of Fame with these supporting materials. Jackie has certainly separated herself by her athletic accomplishments in high school, college, and the professional ranks. What has also made Jackie incredibly special is her work ethic, integrity, humble qualities, academic accomplishments and her willingness to give of herself in her surrounding communities.

Jackie's athletic accomplishments are numerous and diverse but she is known best for her endeavors on the basketball court. As a junior in high school she scored 61 points in 17 minutes of the opening game of the season. By the end of her senior year she becomes the leading scorer for boys and girls in Kansas High School history. Jackie is the state record holder with 71 points in one game. During her four years of high school she won a state record 14 gold medals in track, including the first to win the 400, 800, 1600 and 3200 meters in one day. She placed in the top three in state cross country all four years. This well rounded athlete also played tennis for the Claflin Wildcats and placed 2nd in state all three seasons.

At Missouri State, she was known for her spinning jump shots, driving lay ups and 3-pointers. She is the all time leading scorer in NCAA division one basketball history with 3,393 points. She had a compelling competitive spirit and stop-on-a-dime quickness. What she brought to the court was incredible jump shots and moves that defied defenses designed specifically to stop her. Her career at MSU culminated in the 2001 NCAA Tournament where she led the Lady Bears to a Final Four appearance. In the Sweet-Sixteen game she scored 41 points in an 81 – 71 shocker against top-ranked Duke. Jackie remains the only woman to score more than 1,000 points in a single season. In her college career she procured a number of outstanding awards including: Three time Missouri Valley Player of the year, won the Wade Trophy for best female basketball player in the nation, and the Broderick cup for college women athlete of the year in 2001. Verizon Academic All American 1st team and the Kodak 1st team All American.

In the 2001 WNBA draft, she was picked fourth by the Portland Fire. She captured the rookie of the year title that summer with a scoring average of 14.9 points. She was named to the 2001 WNBA All-Star team and was picked WNBA Player of the week averaging 22 points on 54% shooting. In 2002 she scored a season high 18 points for the Los Angeles Sparks. Her WNBA career was ended prematurely by injury.

2001 Season at Missouri State University

Senior Awards

- MVC Player of the Week (11-27, 12-18, 01-08, 01-15, 01-22, 02-12, 03-05)
- ESPY Award Nomination
- Sports Illustrated for Women All-American 1st Team
- 2001 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Team
- First Team Verizon/CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) District All-Academic team
- Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year
- Missouri Valley Conference All-Conference First Team
- Associated Press First Team All-American
- Verizon Academic All-America First Team
- First NCAA Division I women's player to score more than 1,000 points in a season (finished with 1,062 for season)
- United States Basketball Writers Association's Women's All-America 1st Team
- 2001 NCAA Tournament West Region MVP
- ESPN The Magazine Shooting Guard of the Year
- Winner of the Wade Trophy (best player in the nation) as selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport • Kodak 1st Team All-American
- Set NCAA Women's Career Scoring Record with 3,393 points
- March 1st named Jackie Stiles Day in Missouri
- April 14th named Jackie Stiles Day in Claflin, KS
- Lady Bear Prestige Award
- Won the Broderick Cup as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year 2001
- Named the 2001 WNBA Rookie of the Year on August 16, 2001.

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• Named to the 2001 WNBA All-Star Team in her first season.
• Jackie Stiles named WNBA Player of the Week June 25 – July 1, averaging 22 pts on 54% shooting during the week.
• WNBA's largest-ever single-product, single-player retail deal after Springfield-area Wal-Mart stores ordered 10,000 T-shirts bearing Jackie Stiles' name, jersey number and team logo.
• Jackie Stiles was drafted by the Portland Fire as the #4 pick in the 2001 WNBA draft.
Once referred to as the "Michael Jordan of women's basketball," Jackie Stiles, like Jordan, still loves competition and pushing the limits.
During her career, the 5-foot-8 Stiles, though unassuming off the court, was a handful on the hardwood. Stiles was 40 minutes of terror for opposing defenses, scoring on jump shots and drives against defenses designed specifically to stop her. Her ability to move without the basketball and get open was legendary. She led the nation in scoring in both the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 seasons, topping the 50-point mark twice. Her 56-point game against Evansville on March 10, 2000, is the fourth highest scoring effort in NCAA history.

After winning the Missouri Valley Conference Championship for the first time, Stiles and the Lady Bears were forced to go to New Jersey for first- and second-round action in the 2001 NCAA Championship. Following an 89-71 win against Toledo in the first round, Missouri State rallied to beat Rutgers 60-53 on its home court.

The improbable journey then picked up momentum as the Lady Bears went to Spokane for regional play. With Stiles pouring in 41 points, Missouri State upset top-seeded Duke 81-71 in the Sweet 16.

Stiles added 32 in a 104-87 win against Washington as the Lady Bears advanced to the Women's Final Four in St. Louis. One of Stiles' favorite memories remains the teams' arrival at the Springfield Airport following the regional championship victory.

Missouri State arrived in St. Louis to great fanfare. With tremendous electricity at the Savvis Center, the open practice session prior to the national semifinal games set an attendance record. Unfortunately for Stiles and the Lady Bears, the game with Purdue did not live up to its advance billing, as the Boilermakers ended the Lady Bears' national championship dreams with an 81-64 win.

Jackie most recently has returned to Missouri State University as an assistant basketball coach. She was just named as one of the top 8 academicians in the history of athletics at Missouri State University.

These are just a few excerpts of an exception person, athlete, academician, and citizen!

With the Highest of Standards,

Cheryl E. Burnett

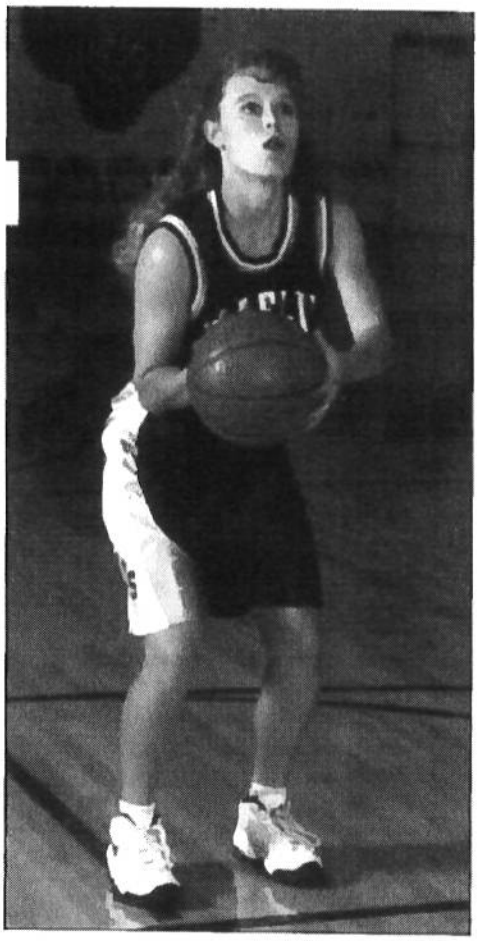
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Career scoring mark falls to Stiles

Claflin star continues assault on records

By Harold Bechard



Jackie Stiles didn't become the greatest scorer in Kansas high school basketball history by sitting around the family home in Claflin.

No, the 5-foot-8 senior guard for the Wildcats did it the old fashioned way ... through hard work.

Stiles broke Susan Woolf's all-time career scoring record in front of an appreciative home crowd with a 55-point effort Jan. 18 against Greensburg.

Stiles scored the 2,852th point of her career — one more than Woolf, who starred at Andover from 1992-96 — when she made a free throw with three minutes remaining in the game.

"It's a relief that it's over," Stiles said. "There was a lot of pressure to break (the record) at home, and it was great to do it in front of the home fans.

"It means a lot to me," she added. "Susan Woolf was a great player. I never dreamed I would break the record. I have a lot of people to thank for it."

She can thank herself as well.

"What has separated her from others is her work ethic," said Pat Stiles, Jackie's father. "I've never seen a kid work so hard. She tries to work on her game every day."

Jackie's workouts have taken on legendary proportions. During the off-season, she makes 500 shots a day from five spots on the court (two baseline, two wing and key) and adds 100 free throws at a time between stations. She cuts back to two or three times a week during basketball season, but also has specialized workouts for ball handling and other offensive moves.

Stiles, who has averaged over 40 points a game this season, began attending summer basketball camps when she was seven years old. But, she started enjoying the sport much earlier than that. Her father was a coach and Jackie spent many hours with him during practice.

"When he went to the gym, I was always right behind him," Jackie said. "I always had a ball in my hand."

There were some who doubted Stiles' ability early in her prep career. And those doubts usually centered around Claflin's small-school status.

"Early in her career, she was doing all these things and people were saying, 'Well, she's playing in 1A', so we weren't sure how good she was," Pat Stiles said. "But, when she got invited to the Junior Nationals and a prestigious camp like the NIKE camp, it hit us that, hey, she's one of the better players in the country."

Despite becoming just the 26th girl nationally to score more than 3,000 points in a career, Stiles is a team-oriented player. When she scored a state-record 71 points (in 24 minutes) against Macksville a week before breaking Woolf's career mark, Stiles also added 11 rebounds, 7 assists and 4 steals in the game.

"I like it when I get a lot of assists," Stiles said. "It means as much to me as the points. I get just as much satisfaction setting up my teammates for baskets."

The phone has rung off the hook during this, Stiles' last season with Claflin. Nearly everyone, it seems, wants to watch her play at least once before she heads to Southwest Missouri State next year.

"When she scored the 71, the phone calls really picked up," said Pat. "We've been getting calls from all over the state."

"It keeps me working hard because I don't want to disappoint anyone," Jackie said.

Not a chance of that happening.

"You know, it's still hard to fathom that she's scored more points than anyone else in Kansas history," Pat Stiles said. "Everything has gone so fast. It just seems like yesterday that she was a freshman."

And, with the postseason here and her prep career nearly over, Stiles is after one goal she hasn't reached yet — helping Claflin High School win a state title.

"That's the center focus of this team," Stiles said. "The awards are great, but we want to win a championship."

KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CAREER SCORING LEADERS

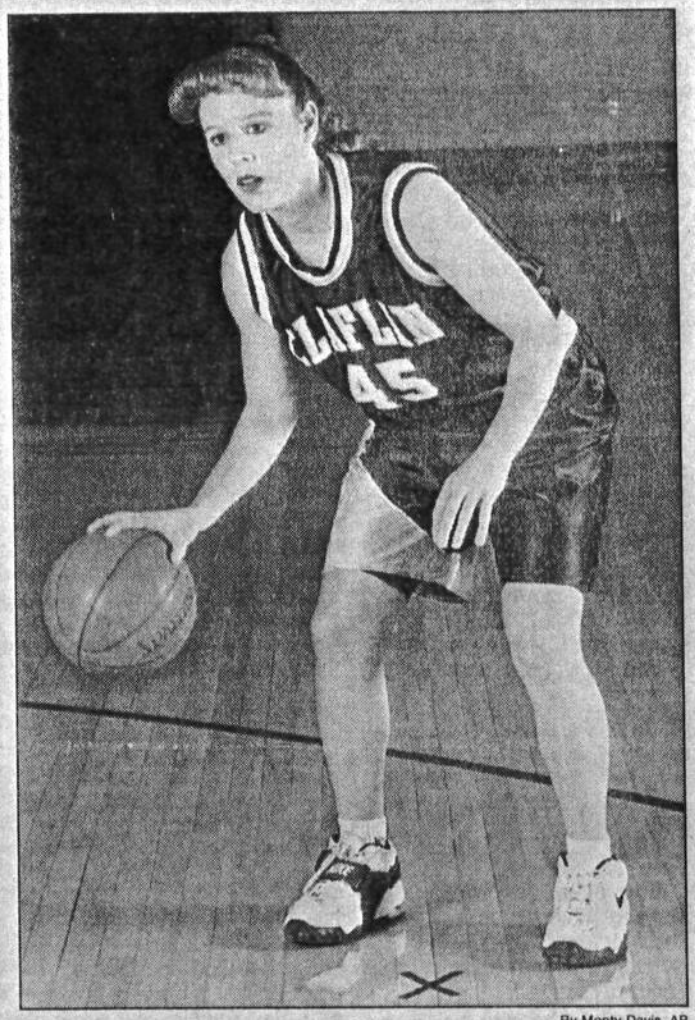
(Through games played Feb. 7, 1997)

• 3,100	Jackie Stiles, Claflin	1994-97
2,851	Susan Woolf, Andover	1993-96
2,203	Kelly St. Clair, Baxter Springs	1982-86
2,199	Kari Jones, Skyline-Pratt	1974-78
2,165	Nicky Ramage, Little River	1993-96
2,162	Jennifer Perine, Rossville	1993-96
• 2,150	Shauna Porter, Waconda East	1994-97
2,124	Crecia Meitler, Sylvan Grove	1990-93
2,042	Rachelle Roulier, Colby	1983-87
2,003	Brenda Phillips, Golden Plains	1977-81

• *Active*

Lots of practice rounds hone aim of record-setting Kansan

By Jeffrey Blackwell
USA TODAY



By Monty Davis, AP

Before, during and after: Jackie Stiles shoots baskets before school, again at practice, and yet again, after practice on her own.

If the lights burn bright inside Claflin High at night, it's a safe bet in this rural Kansas town that Jackie Stiles is shooting hoops.

The 5-8 senior guard is described as the best player in the state and among the best in the nation because of a record-setting shooting hand and a work ethic that borders on obsession.

Coaches, college recruiters and opponents regard her a legend in Kansas basketball and a future star at Southwest Missouri State, where she will attend school in the fall.

But to the people of Claflin, a farm town of 678, 130 miles northwest of Wichita, this legendary player is just "Jackie."

"Every game she seems to sign more and more autographs," says Pat Stiles, Jackie's father and Claflin's athletic director. "But she gets more attention from out of town, because here Jackie is just Jackie."

Stiles is a state champion in track, runs cross country, plays tennis and is an honor student. But her first love still is basketball.

She averages 44 points a game and last week set the state's all-time scoring record at 2,847 with a 55-point effort.

Stiles also holds the state record for points in a game with 71. Her team is undefeated this season.

"From 15 feet she can drive in, pull up, shoot and hit at full speed," Claflin coach Gregg Webb says. "She can put the ball in from anywhere, from any angle, at any time."

Stiles' talent is forged in constant practice. The 18-year-old begins the day with a shoot-around. After school is team practice. After practice, she continues the workout alone.

Two or three times a week, that continued workout includes a routine of hitting 1,000 shots, which can take as long as four hours.

Few obstacles have kept her away from the court. Late in her sophomore year, for example, she broke her shooting hand. With a cast on her right arm, she learned to shoot with her left hand, and still averaged 23.3 points.

"She pushes herself because she struggles to believe in her talents," Webb says. "The day after she scored 71 points, she was back in the gym shooting."

At age 5, Stiles would follow her father to basketball practice and dribble around the gym.

On a court near the town's highest structure, a grain elevator, Stiles practiced her shot against twin boys who lived next door and played on Claflin's basketball team.

"I've had great coaches," she says. "They taught me the skills, and I work on them as

Stiles visited Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas State and Oklahoma before signing with Southwest Missouri in November. The quest to enroll her talents was so hot that one fan purchased a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper, asking her to sign with Southwest Missouri.

The incident put Stiles' eligibility into question. The NCAA ruled Thursday that no action was needed in the case.

But in the wave of all the attention and her growing base of fans, Stiles has managed to keep her feet on the solid Kansas soil.

"I still can't figure out why people want my autograph,"

Jackie Stiles wins KSM Player of the Year honors for third time

By Harold Bechard

Jackie Stiles didn't get the state championship she coveted, but the 5-foot-8 guard from Claflin accomplished nearly everything else during her fabulous four-year high school career.

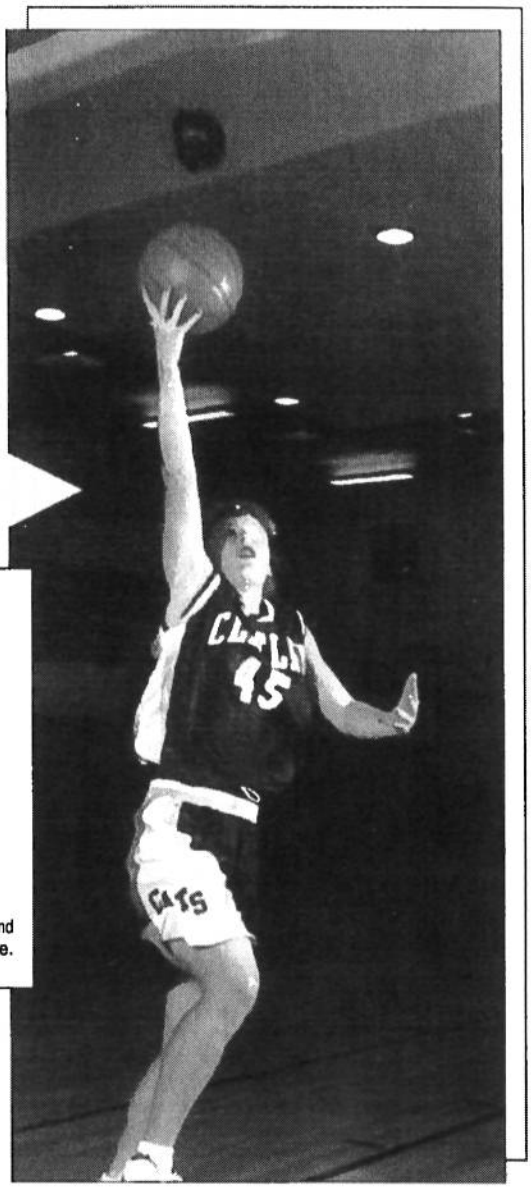
Stiles, regarded by many as the greatest high school player in Kansas history, finished her career with 3,603 points - 752 more than second-place Susan Woolf - as she averaged a staggering 46.4 points a game during her senior year.

And so, it comes as no surprise that Stiles has been chosen as the Kansas Sports Magazine's Player of the Year for the second straight year and third time in four years.

Stiles is joined on the 11th annual KSM Girls All-State Team by Kelly Priest of Sabetha, Jodi Rausch of Garden Plain, Emily Bloss of Wellsville and Mary Denning of Baldwin.

The KSM Coach of the Year for the third straight season is Shane Cordell of Class 1A powerhouse Little River.

Stiles started the 1996-97 season 500 points behind Woolf on the state's career scoring charts, but took only half the season to break the record. She scored a state-record 71 points against Macksville on Jan. 11 before breaking Woolf's all-time record a week later against Greensburg.



KANSAS ALL-TIME RECORDS SET BY JACKIE STILES 1994-97

Points Scored - Career - 3,603	1994-97
Points Scored - Season - 1,252	1997
Points Scored - Game - 71 *	1997
Scoring Average Season - 46.4	1997
Scoring Average Career - 35.7	1994-97
Field Goals Made - Career - 1,374	1994-97
Field Goals Made - Season - 490	1997
3-Point Field Goals - Season - 91	1997
Free Throws Made - Career - 662	1994-97

* Stiles scored over 50 points in twelve games and has 7 of the top 10 marks for points in a game.

Kansas Sports' 1996-97 Girls All-State Basketball Team

Coach of the Year
Shane Cordell, Little River

Player of the Year
Jackie Stiles, Claflin

Sophomore of the Year
Caton Hill, Lansing

All-State - First Team		
Jackie Stiles, Claflin	5-7	Sr
Kelly Priest, Sabetha	5-11	Sr
Jodi Rausch, Garden Plain	5-11	Sr
Emily Bloss, Wellsville	6-0	Sr
Mary Denning, Baldwin	6-1	Sr
Second Team		
Lisa Carey, Washburn Rural	5-8	Sr
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge	5-6	Fr
Alyssa Shriver, Salina South	6-3	Jr
Shauna Porter, Waconda East	5-6	Sr
Kendra Jones, Wichita NW	5-6	Sr
Third Team		
Jocelyn Ramos, Lakin	5-11	Sr
Katie Gates, Miege	6-0	Jr
Kristi Shupe, Minneapolis	5-10	Sr
Liz Beggs, Olathe North	6-1	Sr
Jennifer Butcher, Olathe North	5-11	Sr

In addition to being the only four-time First Team all-state pick in Kansas history, Stiles also excels in cross country, tennis and track and field. She won four gold medals in last year's State Outdoor at 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meters. She has 11 gold medals in her career and has a chance to surpass the all-time record of 13 wins by Sandra Myers of Little River.

Stiles, who led the Wildcats to back-to-back appearances in the 1A state tournament, will play at Southwest Missouri State next season.

Priest, a 6-0 senior, averaged 18.1 points a game in leading Sabetha to the Class 4A state championship and a 26-0 record.

Priest, also named the 4A Player of the Year, scored 46 points in the state tournament for the balanced Bluejays who defeated Baldwin for the school's first-ever state championship.

Rausch is the 2A Player of the Year after helping the Owls to a 17-1 regular season. She suffered a season-ending knee injury on Feb. 21 and finished the year averaging 23.5 points and 8.0 rebounds a game for the Owls.

Rausch, a 6-0 center, shot 66 percent from the field and averaged 4.5 steals a game. As

GIRLS BASKETBALL - 1996-97 STATISTICAL LEADERS

CLASS 1A

SCORING	G	TP	Avg
Jackie Stiles, Claflin Sr.	27	1252	46.4
Shauna Porter, Waconda East Sr.	23	747	32.5
Karen Shearer, Natoma So.	20	462	23.1
Pamela Welsh, Weskan Jr.	27	595	22.0
Kristin Rethman, Centralia Jr.	27	590	21.9
Lacie Blase, Lucas-Luray So.	22	475	21.6
Kirsten Barrett, Jewell Jr.	25	531	21.2
Jodi Boomer, Southern Cloud Sr.	22	452	20.5
Christina Triplett, Logan Jr.	23	467	20.3
Sarah Schieck, Golden Plains So.	20	400	20.0
Miklannet Tennal, Centralia Fr.	27	515	19.1
Nicole Foster, Utica Jr.	24	454	18.9
Jamie Helman, B&B So.	24	454	18.9
Jennifer Ludwig, St. Johns-Beloit Fr.	21	383	18.2
Wendy Okeson, Weskan Jr.	27	486	18.0
Jessica Knight, Hamilton Jr.	20	357	17.9
Amy Greving, Logan Sr.	25	446	17.8
Robyn Garrett, Wheatland Jr.	22	390	17.7
Sarah Griffeth, Jewell Sr.	25	440	17.6
Quinn Aspegren, Pike Valley Jr.	22	385	17.5

REBOUNDS	G	RB	Avg
Sarah Griffeth, Jewell Sr.	25	355	14.2
Kirsten Barrett, Jewell Jr.	25	345	13.8
Nicole Foster, Utica Jr.	24	273	11.4
Lacie Blase, Lucas-Luray So.	22	248	11.3
Amber Miller, Cunningham So.	19	212	11.2
Heather Maupin, Natoma Fr.	21	233	11.1
Bridget Burke, Jetmore So.	22	233	10.6
Kelly Antholz, Cheylin Sr.	21	222	10.6
Jamie Helman, B&B So.	24	250	10.4
Jodi Strathman, Bern So.	26	268	10.3

ASSISTS	G	Ast	Avg
Nikki Bina, Centre Sr.	24	240	10.0
Michelle Alexander, Chase Sr.	21	161	7.7
Trisha Reting, Waconda East So.	23	164	7.1
Julie Scheef, Jewell Jr.	25	172	6.9
Emily Stucky, Pretty Prairie Sr.	24	163	6.8
Mindy Withington, Logan Sr.	26	164	6.3
Jackie Stiles, Claflin Sr.	27	170	6.3
Jodi Boomer, Southern Cloud Sr.	22	125	5.7
Kami Ochs, Utica Jr.	24	135	5.6
Wendy Okeson, Weskan Jr.	27	148	5.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENT (100 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Shawna Stephens, Claflin Jr.	193	122	63.2
Amy Prose, Little River Jr.	139	83	59.7
Jamie Helman, B&B So.	338	196	58.0
Lacie Blase, Lucas-Luray So.	351	203	57.8
Amy Griest, Bennington Sr.	186	107	57.5
Sammie Hernandez, Ashland Jr.	253	145	57.3
Greta Osterhaus, Wetmore Jr.	260	149	57.3
Alycia Ryff, Hope Fr.	110	63	57.3
Erica Hatterman, Centre Fr.	280	160	57.1
Robyn Garrett, Wheatland Jr.	288	163	56.6

FREE THROW PERCENT (50 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Kristin Rethman, Centralia Jr.	145	126	86.9
Jackie Stiles, Claflin Sr.	215	181	84.2
Kate Humphreys, Ashland Sr.	61	50	82.0
Miklannet Tennal, Centralia Fr.	124	99	79.8
Wendy Okeson, Weskan Jr.	82	64	78.0
Pamela Welsh, Weskan Jr.	128	97	75.8
Katie McClellan, Pretty Prairie So.	53	40	75.5
Stacey Welsh, Weskan So.	133	100	75.2
Shauna Porter, Waconda East Sr.	195	145	74.4
Kirsten Barrett, Jewell Jr.	92	68	73.9

3-POINT FG PERCENT (20 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Nicole Bayne, Protection Sr.	24	12	50.0
Pamela Welsh, Weskan, Jr.	47	22	46.8
Wendy Okeson, Weskan Jr.	48	22	45.8
Megan Coco, Jewell Sr.	43	19	44.2
Kirsten Barrett, Jewell Jr.	21	9	42.9
Julie Scheef, Jewell Jr.	29	12	41.4
Karen Shearer, Natoma So.	75	31	41.3
Kristin Rethman, Centralia Jr.	123	50	40.7
Emily Stucky, Pretty Prairie Sr.	85	34	40.0
Cathryn Fessenden, Northern Valley So.	35	14	40.0

STEALS	G	ST	Avg
Nikki Bina, Centre Sr.	24	171	7.1
Cara Berkley, Downs Jr.	21	145	6.9
Shauna Porter, Waconda East Sr.	23	157	6.8
Julie Scheef, Jewell Jr.	25	154	6.2
Wendy Okeson, Weskan Jr.	27	163	6.0

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	BL	Avg
Nicole Foster, Utica Jr.	24	105	4.4
Brenda Herrman, Pike Valley Jr.	22	70	3.2
Amber Miller, Cunningham So.	19	59	3.1
Lacie Blase, Lucas-Luray So.	22	68	3.1

CLASS 2A

SCORING	G	TP	Avg
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge Fr.	26	680	26.2
Nicole Williams, West Elk Sr.	22	512	23.3
Alissa Durbin, Troy Sr.	21	470	22.4
Becky Alexander, Meade Sr.	21	404	19.2
Amy Scardina, Blue Valley Sr.	24	436	18.2
Jamie Talbert, Elkhart Jr.	22	384	17.5
Janell Gillett, Mankato Sr.	26	432	16.6
Dodie Martin, Stanton Co. So.	24	397	16.5
Angela Smith, Pleasanton Jr.	23	374	16.3
Heather Larsen, Lincoln So.	21	322	15.3
Erica Schlatter, Fairfield So.	21	319	15.2
Stacy Lee, Blue Valley Fr.	24	361	15.0
Holly Ross, Plainville So.	21	302	14.4
LeAnn Schielke, St. Francis Jr.	19	270	14.2
Amy Allen, Pleasanton Jr.	23	324	14.1
Shelly Bartelson, Oxford Sr.	23	316	13.7
Lonni Grattan, Sedgwick Jr.	20	273	13.6
Jenny Williams, Wathena Sr.	22	293	13.3
Jessica Grimes, Wathena Jr.	22	288	13.1

REBOUNDS	G	RB	Avg
Angela Smith, Pleasanton Jr.	23	348	15.1
Nicole Williams, West Elk Sr.	22	275	12.5
Janell Gillett, Mankato Sr.	26	271	10.4
Jamie Talbert, Elkhart Jr.	22	223	10.1
Christie Holzwarth, St. Francis So.	20	193	9.6
Heather Larsen, Lincoln So.	21	199	9.5
Jessica Grimes, Wathena Jr.	22	202	9.2
Teri Finlay, Syracuse Jr.	20	182	9.1
Erica Schlater, Fairfield So.	21	191	9.1
Trisha Skibbe, Oxford Fr.	23	194	8.4
Sheri Rathbun, Lincoln So.	21	177	8.4

ASSISTS	G	Ast	Avg
Deena Holloway, Moundridge Jr.	26	184	7.1
Katie Pruitt, Pleasanton Fr.	23	138	6.0
Stacy Lee, Blue Valley Fr.	24	125	5.2
Amber Burklund, Blue Valley So.	24	109	4.5
Linsey Moddelmog, Moundridge Jr.	26	105	4.0
Stacey Young, Plainville Jr.	21	84	4.0
Tiffany Stecklein, Hill City Jr.	20	76	3.8
Tegan Ostmeyer, Quinter Jr.	23	83	3.6
Whitney Davis, Sublette Jr.	22	77	3.5
Dodie Martin, Stanton Co. So.	24	84	3.5
Angela Soupiset, Elkhart Jr.	22	76	3.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENT (100 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Jamie Talbert, Elkhart Jr.	250	156	62.4
Erica Schlatter, Fairfield So.	225	126	56.0
Genea Lee, Sublette Sr.	182	101	55.5
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge Fr.	492	273	55.5
Kim Pitts, Moundridge Jr.	247	134	54.3
Janell Gillett, Mankato Sr.	338	183	54.1
Jenny Williams, Wathena Sr.	210	107	51.0
Angela Smith, Pleasanton Jr.	333	164	49.2
Stacy Lee, Blue Valley Fr.	264	130	49.2
Jessica Grimes, Wathena Jr.	250	120	48.0

FREE THROW PERCENT (50 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge Fr.	81	70	86.4
Linsey Moddelmog, Moundridge Jr.	96	76	79.2
Amy Scardina, Blue Valley Sr.	80	62	77.5
Dodie Martin, Stanton Co. So.	101	76	75.2
Nicole Williams, West Elk Sr.	182	136	74.7
Stacy Lee, Blue Valley Fr.	132	98	74.2
Cindy Smith, Sublette Sr.	106	78	73.6
Kim Pitts, Moundridge Jr.	53	39	73.6
Erica Schlatter, Fairfield So.	94	67	71.3
Tiffany Stecklein, Hill City Jr.	102	72	70.6

3-POINT FG PERCENT (20 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Andrea Bontrager, Fairfield Sr.	44	23	52.3
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge Fr.	144	64	44.4
Heather Walker, Altoona-Midway Sr.	25	11	44.0
Amy Scardina, Blue Valley Sr.	70	28	40.0
Dodie Martin, Stanton Co. So.	60	23	38.3
Nicole Williams, West Elk Sr.	27	10	37.0
Kelsey LaFay, Stanton Co. Jr.	27	9	33.3
Libby Lewis, Syracuse Fr.	70	23	32.9
Becky Alexander, Meade Sr.	63	20	31.7
Katie Pruitt, Pleasanton Fr.	42	13	31.0

STEALS	G	ST	Avg
Laurie Koehn, Moundridge Fr.	26	121	4.7
Stacey Young, Plainville Jr.	21	90	4.3
Dodie Martin, Stanton Co. So.	24	97	4.0
Nicole Williams, West Elk Sr.	22	79	3.6
Deena Holloway, Moundridge Jr.	26	88	3.4

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	BL	Avg
Angela Smith, Pleasanton, Jr.	23	116	5.0
Trisha Skibbe, Oxford Fr.	23	52	2.3
Jamie Talbert, Elkhart Jr.	22	48	2.2
Mandy Farris, Sublette Sr.	22	46	2.1
Deena Holloway, Moundridge Jr.	26	52	2.0

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SCORING	G	TP	Avg
Emily Bloss, Wellsville Sr.	26	657	25.3
Kate DeBaun, Osage City Jr.	22	554	25.2
Kristi Shupe, Minneapolis Sr.	22	454	20.6
Beth Lenherr, St. Marys Jr.	24	450	18.8
Amy Rheem, Collegiate Sr.	21	382	18.2
Tammy Walt, Trego Sr.	20	347	17.4
Rachel Stuckey, Hesston Sr.	20	343	17.1
Dayna Finch, Smith Center Fr.	24	387	16.1
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	22	324	14.7
Vicki Florine, SE-Saline Sr.	21	300	14.3
Keli Chisholm, Hillsboro Sr.	23	328	14.3
Jill Cox, Norton So.	21	299	14.2
Monica Viner, Cheney So.	22	308	14.0
Gina Wheat, Northern Hts. Fr.	23	320	13.9
Amanda Young, Northern Hts. So.	23	298	13.0
Meg Guilford, Hoisington Sr.	20	242	12.1
Ruth Harder, Hillsboro Sr.	23	278	12.1
Angie Riffel, SE-Saline Sr.	21	253	12.0
Maren Harding, Royal Valley Sr.	22	265	12.0
Caley Carter, St. John So.	18	215	11.9

REBOUNDS	G	RB	Avg
Kate DeBaun, Osage City Jr.	22	284	12.9
Rachel Stuckey, Hesston Sr.	20	245	12.2
Emily Bloss, Wellsville Sr.	26	298	11.5
Casey Dreitz, Southwestern Hts. So.	22	226	10.3
Tammy Walt, Trego Sr.	20	173	8.6
Maren Harding, Royal Valley Sr.	22	189	8.6
Jill Yartz, Northeast Fr.	21	179	8.5
Beth Lenherr, St. Marys Jr.	24	200	8.3
Amanda Young, Northern Hts. So.	23	188	8.2
Sara Woods, Smith Center Sr.	24	196	8.2

ASSISTS	G	Ast	Avg
Shelley Koch, Osage City So.	21	120	5.7
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	22	124	5.6
Jessica Calderwood, Nemaha Valley Sr.	23	122	5.3
Jara Coles, Cimarron Jr.	23	120	5.2
Jill Harris, St. Marys Fr.	24	120	5.0
Stephanie Annable, Hesston Sr.	21	102	4.9
Vicki Florine, SE-Saline Sr.	21	92	4.4
Megan Bush, Northern Hts. Jr.	23	100	4.3
Jennifer Miller, Southwestern Hts. Sr.	22	95	4.3
Ashley Whitham, Leoti So.	23	85	3.7
Lynne Dalke, Leoti Jr.	23	84	3.7

FIELD GOAL PERCENT (100 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Beth Lenherr, St. Marys Jr.	301	195	64.8
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	180	109	60.6
Ruth Harder, Hillsboro Sr.	130	77	59.2
Mary Tanking, St. Marys Sr.	170	98	57.6
Monica Viner, Cheney So.	230	129	56.1
Tommi Whalen, Leoti So.	188	103	54.8
Jenna Evans, Southwestern Hts. Jr.	138	75	54.3
Meg Guilford, Hoisington Sr.	189	102	54.0
Kristi Shupe, Minneapolis Sr.	323	174	53.9
Cassie Hillman, Norton Sr.	210	112	53.3

FREE THROW PERCENT (50 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	122	95	77.9
Michelle Rogge, Riley Co. Sr.	83	61	73.5
Kristi Shupe, Minneapolis Sr.	112	81	72.3
Casey Dreitz, Southwestern Hts. So.	64	46	71.9
Macy Tanking, St. Marys Sr.	50	35	70.0
Caley Carter, St. John So.	70	49	70.0
Jami Hanson, Riley Co. Sr.	83	57	68.7
Kate DeBaun, Osage City Jr.	181	124	68.5
Tammy Walt, Trego Sr.	97	66	68.0
Emily Bloss, Wellsville Sr.	240	161	67.1

3-POINT FG PERCENT (20 Att)	ATT	M	Pct
Dee Ewart, Cimarron So.	58	31	53.4
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	24	11	45.8
Jennifer Miller, Southwestern Hts. Sr.	60	25	41.7
Amy Rheem, Collegiate Sr.	85	31	36.5
Becky Wild, St. Marys Jr.	50	18	36.0
Kate DeBaun, Osage City Jr.	45	16	35.6
Vicki Florine, SE-Saline Sr.	128	43	33.6
Angie Rottinghaus, Nemaha Valley Sr.	21	7	33.3
Denyse Finch, Smith Center So.	121	40	33.1
Jill Cox, Norton So.	139	45	32.4

STEALS	G	ST	Avg
Molly Knobbe, Cimarron Jr.	22	131	6.0
Ashley Whitham, Leoti So.	23	115	5.0
Amy Rheem, Collegiate Sr.	21	103	4.9
Dayna Finch, Smith Center Fr.	24	102	4.2
Riann Hill, Hillsboro Sr.	22	79	3.6

BLOCKED SHOTS	G	BL	Avg
Katie Childs, Belleville Jr.	14	48	3.4
Kate DeBaun, Osage City Jr.	22	61	2.8
Casey Dreitz, Southwestern Hts. So.	22	45	2.0
Beth Lenherr, St. Marys Jr.	24	45	1.9
Allison Rose, Eudora So.	22	41	1.9

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Claflin's Jackie Stiles

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one event, say the 800 meters, Webb has no doubt she would be an Olympic qualifier.

"If the 800 had been her one race, who knows how good she could've been," he said. "I do know this. She's got the determination of a lion and heart of a champion. With her work ethic and talent, there is no bounds to what she could've accomplished."

SOME PERSPECTIVE

Webb said no one can appreciate how hard Stiles worked to sharpen her athletic skills.

"Most people don't know the time she has spent putting forth the effort and pushing herself to be the best she could possibly be," Webb said. "Very few people really do that. That's why we respect Jackie so much.

Past Winners

- 1986 – Elyse Funk, Newton
- 1987 – Diana Miller, Buhler
- 1988 – Robin Baker, Buhler
- 1989 – Kim McCreery, Sterling
- 1990 – Camilla Hartzler, Spearville
- 1991 – Rene Zimmerman, Sterling
- 1992 – Jennifer Gruver, Scott City
- 1993 – Mieka Woudstra, Sterling
- 1994 – Treva Russell, St. John
- 1995 – Laura Worthing, Inman
- 1996 – Nicky Ramage, Little River; Jackie Stiles, Claflin
- 1997 – Jackie Stiles, Claflin

"She's driven. It's almost like a sickness."

Basketball is her game, but Stiles said her 14 gold medals in track and field is probably her shining achievement.

"Winning that many golds is probably my biggest accomplishment," she said. "Never did I dream I would win 14 gold medals. I was fortunate to stay healthy at state.

"But it was a lot of hard work and pressure, and a lot of miles. It was a sport that I had to deal with adversity during the season."

BASKETBALL FIRST

Basketball has always been Jackie's favorite sport, and it's opened the most doors.

She has signed a college scholarship offer from Southwest Missouri State, and she qualified for her second straight USA Junior National squad.

Her basketball feats are legendary, from her 71-point game against Macksville, to her 53-point state tournament game; to her 1,252-point season and 46-point average, to her 3,603-point career.

The only prize Stiles didn't capture was a Class 1A state basketball title.

"I worked very hard, and we did some great things in four years," she said. "But it wasn't totally everything I had wanted because we didn't reach our ultimate goal of winning a state title."

Webb said she is simply the best player he's ever seen.

"When you see her every day, you become callous to the talent she has," Webb said. "People, including me, can take her talents for granted.

"The thing about basketball is you appreciate her years of effort to get as good as she could be. She always handled the pressure, and conducted herself in a mature way."

SOME FREE ADVICE

If anyone is interested, Stiles has advice for youngsters.

"I would always tell somebody to just try a sport," she said. "There are so many opportunities out there, you should just give a sport a try, and see if you like it.

"In my case, sports like cross country and tennis were complete surprises. I had no idea what I could do. But I enjoyed them because I got to meet a lot of neat people that I would've never met."

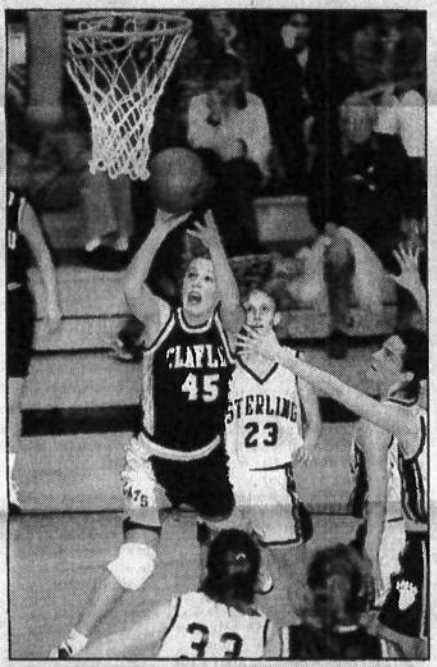
Stiles has earned dozens and dozens of medals in every sport imaginable.

She's kept them all, except one.

Jackie's final tribute to Carlie was leaving her National AAU Junior Olympics 1,500-meter gold medal in her sister's casket.

"She's always inspired me to be the best I can be," Jackie said.





Above: Jackie Stiles dribbles upcourt against Lyons during the 1997 Sterling Tournament. Left: Stiles penetrates and goes up for a shot against Sterling. Below: For four years, Stiles has mystified defenders. She is shown splitting a double team while breaking a full-court press.

Photos by Dan Bayer



The Crabbers were led this season by juniors Ronald Curry, a 6-2 guard who averaged 23.5 points, 6.7 assists and 6.3 rebounds, and Bobby Blizzard, who averaged 14.6 points and 9.2 rebounds.

From his quarterback position, Curry helped lead the Hampton High School football team to consecutive VHSL Group AAA Division 5 state titles, and to 27 consecutive victories, during the past two autumns. The gridiron Crabbers exhibited both explosive offense and tenacious defense in 1996, as they outscored their opponents by an average of 58.5 to 5.9 points per game.

MASON CITY WINS IOWA STATE TITLE . . . The Mason City (Iowa) High School boys basketball team won its second consecutive Iowa High School Athletic Association Class 4A state title March 22 with an 85-74 victory over Sioux City West High School.

In that game, which was played before a capacity crowd of 13,500 at Des Moines Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 6-0 senior guard Dean Oliver poured in 38 points to pace the Mohawks. Brant Harriman, a 6-11, 248-pound senior center, added 16 points and 14 rebounds for the winners, who finished the season with a 23-0 record. Kyle Galloway, a 6-7, 175-pound senior for runner-up West High School, matched Oliver's 38-point scoring outburst.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SUNFLOWER STAR SHINES ON THE COURT . . . Jackie Stiles is anything but an ordinary high school basketball player. The Claflin (Kansas) High School senior point guard is described by Claflin High School girls basketball coach Greg Webb as "the most famous high school basketball player (among boys and girls) in Kansas during the past few years."

After every girls home game, Stiles' fans line up just to get her autograph. "Stiles sits in the school cafeteria at a table specifically designated for her, and signs autographs until the boys game ends," Webb added. "She gets the most attention and she receives a ton of fan letters."

Why does Stiles attract such a crowd? Among other things, her basketball accomplishments speak for themselves. On January 10, the 5-foot-8 Stiles shot out the lights as she scored a state-record 71 points in just 24 minutes of play in the Wildcats' victory over Macksville (Kansas) High School. That scoring eruption worked out to an outstanding 3.4 points per minute.

A four-year all-state selection, Stiles finished the 1996-97 season with 1,252 points and she averaged six assists per game. This season, she also had a string of five games in which she scored 50 or more points.

"What separates Jackie from any other girl that I've seen is her ability to score," Webb said. "She averaged 46.4 points per game this year and that was with constant double- and triple-teaming. She finds a way to put the ball in the basket. She is about as gifted offensively as anybody.

"The thing that differentiates Jackie's game from the average player is her competitiveness and her willingness to practice. She has taken practice to an entirely new level. She is 18 years old, and I don't think she has ever spent more than one day away from a gym. For years, she would go by herself to the gym, taking only her radio along to keep her company.

"Jackie's weekly regimen includes successfully converting at least 1,000 shots three times a week. With a rebounder, it takes her a bit over two hours, and without a rebounder, it takes about four-and-a-half hours to complete her routine. Her shooting is amazing. It's uncanny. She is the best high school shooter I have ever seen. She hardly ever misses.

"Jackie would have done anything to win the state title this year. She would have sacrificed every point for the championship if that's what it would've taken."

This season, Stiles averaged about 31 shots per game. "That may seem like a lot of shots, but Jackie always found the open teammate," Webb stated. "She averaged six assists this year, and 5.2 during her career. She made the rest of her teammates better. Jackie is the most humble girl you will ever see, and she is very appreciative of all the attention."

Finishing her career with 3,603 points, Stiles averaged 35.7 points per game. In addition, she successfully converted 486 three-pointers (made 39.7 percent of her attempts) over her career. She also shot 62.8 percent from two-point range and her overall career field-goal percentage was 58 percent.

DUNCANVILLE WINS AGAIN . . . On March 1, the Duncanville (Texas) High School girls basketball team defeated Alief Elsik to claim its fifth Texas University Interscholastic League state title.

In that game, tournament most valuable player Tamika Catchings had 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Jalie Mitchell added 14 points and four assists for Duncanville, 40-0.

In an 81-37 defeat of San Antonio East Central, the 6-1 Catchings collected 26 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Basketball ability runs in the Catchings family, as Tamika's father, Harvey, was a 6-10 player in the National Basketball Association, and her sister, Tauja, currently plays for the University of Illinois.

PIONEERS CONTINUE TO BLAZE TRAILS . . . On March 1, the Oregon City (Oregon) High School girls basketball team defeated Portland Westview High School, 60-39, to win its state-record fourth consecutive Oregon School Activities Association Class 4A state title.

With the victory, the Pioneers concluded the 1996-97 season with a 26-0 record and extended their winning streak to 68 games. Six-two junior forward Linda Yamasaki scored 22 points and 5-4 senior point guard Ashley Smith added eight steals.

The person responsible for directing the Pioneers to their recent success has been Ashley's father, 44-year-old coach Brad Smith. Brad Smith, who attended Oregon City High School and returned to his alma mater following college graduation, a la "Welcome Back Kotter," revitalized the Pioneer program when he installed a frenetic, up-tempo playing style, and organized a community league feeder system supervised by himself and assistant coach Carl Tinsley.

THREE-POINT BOMBER . . . Possessing what is described by her coach as "picture-perfect shooting form," Christy Rich of Benton (Louisiana) High School was one of the nation's top high school girls three-point field-goal shooters this year.



Christy Rich

Rich, a 5-6 senior guard, concluded her career with 355 career three-point field goals, which ranks fourth in the National High School Sports Record Book. In addition, she set the

Claflin's Stiles is all smiles after 4 victories

■ Junior standout eases the pain of basketball disappointment with a rare track sweep.

By Jeffrey Parson
Wichita Eagle correspondent

Jackie Stiles still hates to talk about it. She still can't get it out of her mind.

There she was in Hays, her head buried in a towel after her Claflin basketball team was eliminated from the Class 1A state tournament.

It hurt then and it still does. Stiles, a junior who was named fourth-team All-America by Parade magazine, had to find a way to get over her aggressions, a way to start over again.

So she ran. She has always run and long been an accomplished track athlete, but this was different.

"It motivated me," Stiles said. "I decided I never wanted to feel like that again. I worked even harder."

And it paid off Saturday at the state meet. Stiles became the first female to win the 400-, 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter races.

For Stiles, the scene was very different from Hays. Her braced smile was all over Cessna Stadium, accepting congratulatory handshakes and hugs, doing numerous interviews, and breathing a very big sigh of relief.

"I didn't think I could do it," Stiles said. "It's unbelievable."

No one was surprised by Stiles' athletic ability. That was a given.

The surprise came in the intelligence Stiles showed in her different strategies.

In the 3,200 and the 1,600, Stiles was a shadow. Wherever the leader was, Stiles was right behind. Then with 200 meters to go, Stiles would use her tremendous kick to leave the competition far behind. She won by four seconds in the 1,600 and eight seconds in the 3,200.

It was a plan made not only for the two races, but for the day as a whole.

"What I was going for was the four medals, so I had to save as much as possible," Stiles said. "I knew I might have to sacrifice some times."

The extra energy paid off in the 400, the key event in Stiles' feat.

In last week's regional, Grinnell's Merry Teeter, the state's top-ranked quarter-miler, beat Stiles by 1.6 seconds.

But when the 400 started, Stiles took immediate control. She shot out like a sprinter and never let up.

"I was surprised she went out like that," said Teeter, a freshman. "I thought she would let up later."

But it didn't happen. Stiles just kept extending her lead.

"On the last turn, it was the scariest feeling ever. I was thinking, 'Where is she? Where is she?' " Stiles said of Teeter. "I was surprised she wasn't there."

That set everything up for the 800.

"I wanted to go out and see how much I had left," Stiles said. "I thought I would drop back, but with the crowd and everything, the adrenalin was really going."

Indeed, the crowd offered a standing ovation as Stiles, gritting her teeth, completed her unprecedented day. Oh yeah, she also broke the 1A meet record in the 800 with a time of 2:17.46.

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HUTCHINSON NEWS 1996-97 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CLAFLIN'S JACKIE STILES

At the head of the class – again

By Jim Misunas
Assistant Sports Editor

Carlie Stiles never won a gold medal, or even ran a race.

She never got that chance.

But whenever Jackie Stiles laces up her sneakers, she draws her inspiration from Carlie, the sister she was never able to enjoy.

When Jackie was in seventh grade, an angel took 9-month old Carlie to heaven because of an unknown illness.

"I was very close to Carlie, and took care of her a lot," Jackie said. "She was the sweetest baby. She was always smiling. But she never got the chance to live her life.

1996-97 Stiles Highlights

- Finished third in state cross country
- Finished third in state tennis
- Broke state's all-time girls basketball scoring record (finished with 3,603 points)
- Reclaimed state's single-game scoring record with 71 points against Macksville
- Broke state's single-season scoring record (1,252)
- Led Claflin to fourth place in Class 1A state basketball tournament
- Won the Class 1A 3,200-meter run
- Won the Class 1A 1,600-meter run
- Won the Class 1A, 800-meter run
- Finished second in the Class 1A 400-meter run.
- Set all-time state record for gold medals with 14

"She didn't do anything to deserve what she got. That definitely was the toughest thing I've ever had to go through."

As Jackie rededicated her life to God, she dedicated her athletic career in memory of Carlie.

"I decided that everything I would accomplish was dedicated for her," Jackie said. "Accomplishing some great things in her memory is what has driven me. She has inspired me to be the best I can be."

Stiles said she does two things before competing, she prays a little, and she thinks of Carlie.

HER CAREER

Claflin coach Gregg Webb has no doubt — Jackie Stiles is the greatest all-around athlete he's ever coached.

She ended her prep career as the state's all-time leading basketball scorer (3,603 points) and the all-time gold-medal winner (14) in track and field. She also medaled in state cross country and tennis six times.

Stiles was honored for her accompishments as Hutchinson News Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. Last year she shared the honor with Little River's Nicky Ramage.

"It'll probably be several years to appreciate her accomplishments," Webb said. "She's the best competitor under pressure that I've ever coached. She is unbelievable."

In fact, Webb supports the notion that Stiles is the state's all-time girls performer.

"There's been some great ones," Webb said. "Lynette Woodard's accomplishments are legendary. The track times that Sandra Myers recorded are unbelievable.

"But if you look at all of Jackie's accomplishments, you realize that she pushed herself as far as she could to be the best she could be."

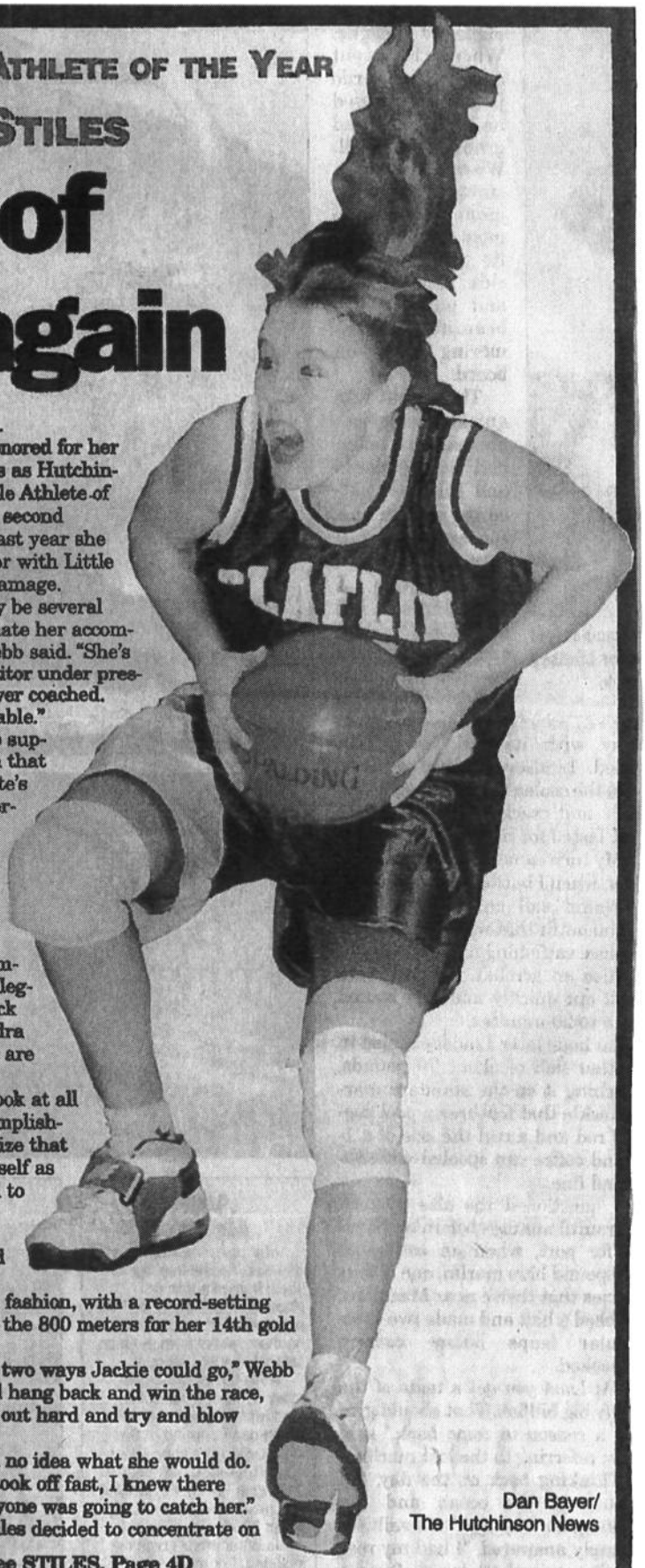
Stiles capped her high school career in grand fashion, with a record-setting performance in the 800 meters for her 14th gold medal.

"There were two ways Jackie could go," Webb said. "She could hang back and win the race, or she could go out hard and try and blow them away.

"I really had no idea what she would do. But when she took off fast, I knew there was no way anyone was going to catch her."

In fact, if Stiles decided to concentrate on

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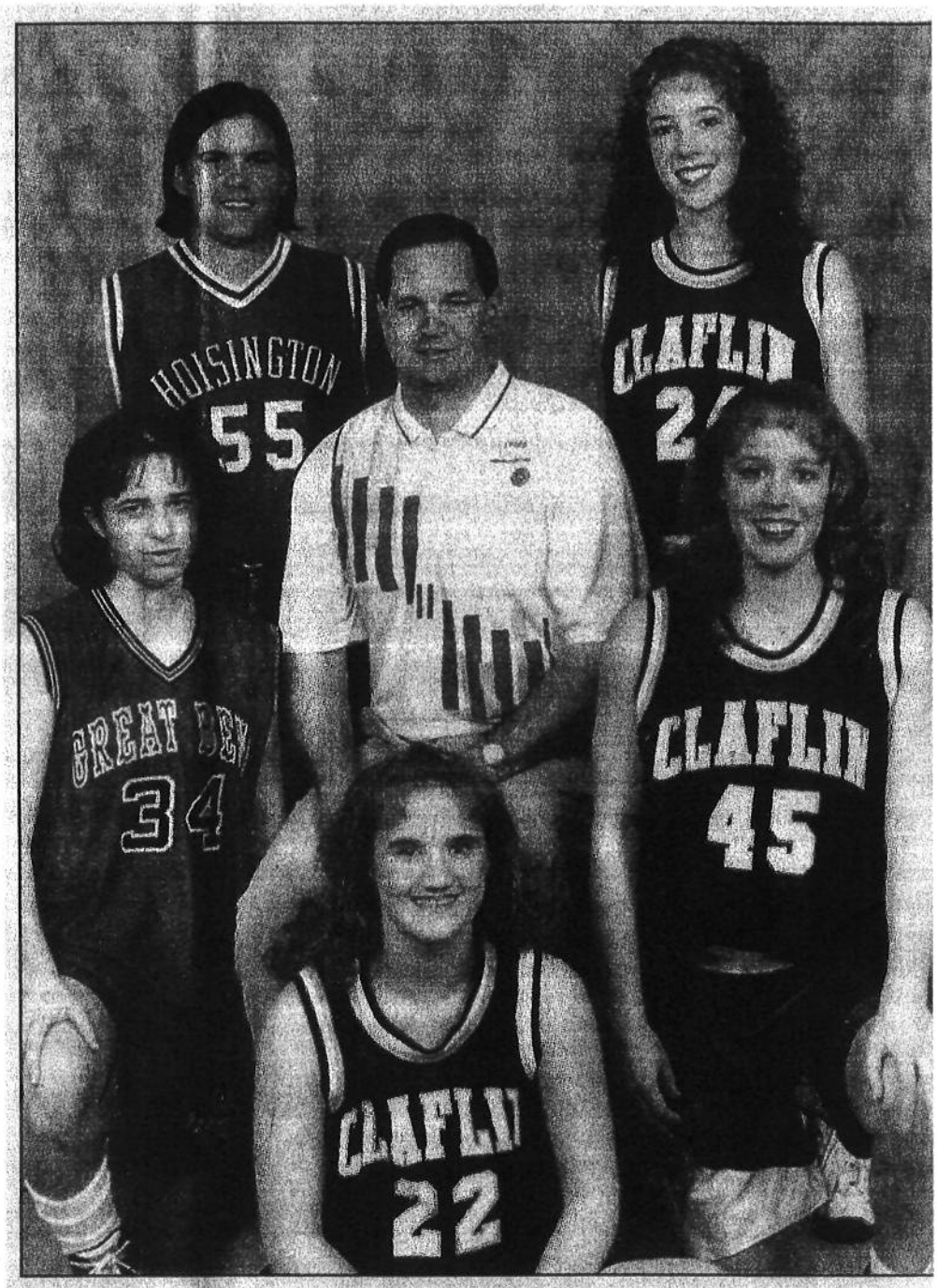


By Monty Davis, AP

Scoring prowess: Senior Jackie Stiles holds Kansas prep girls record with 71 points in a game.

Offensive machine

Claflin senior guard Jackie Stiles, averaging 44 points, is a basketball legend in Kansas — where she's the career scoring leader — but she also runs track and cross country, plays tennis and is an honor student, **6C**



ALL-AREA GIRLS TEAM — Back row, left to right: Sara Reichuber, Hoisington; Amar da Magette, Claflin. Second row: Kelsey Smith, Great Bend; Coach Rick Simoncic Larned; Jackie Stiles, Claflin. Front row: Andrea Hekele, Claflin. — (photo by Mike Harmon)

Stiles earns fourth All-Area Player of the Year award

BY JOHN J. MESH
Sports Editor

CLAFLIN — Jackie Stiles has set a standard by which high school girls basketball players in the state of Kansas can measure themselves by.

Not just in terms of statistics — where her name will be found at or near the top in almost every category — but in terms of work ethic as well.

Stiles' work ethic, which included shooting drills before school and late in the evening, is what has set her apart from other athletes, said Claflin girls coach Gregg Webb.

"You don't get very many kids like that who want to win like she does," Webb said. "Everybody wants to win, but are they willing to put in the time?"

Stiles, the all-time leading scorer in the history of high school basketball in Kansas (boys or girls) with 3,603 points, combined a hard-work ethic with her "gift," and is the Great Bend Tribune's All-Area Girls Player of the Year for the fourth consecutive season — the only four-time winner since the Tribune started naming Players of the Year in 1989-90.

Stiles, who will play collegiately at Southwest Missouri State University next year, said she was excited about the honor. She would have liked to added a 1A state title to her lengthy list of accomplishments.

"I wanted a state championship so bad," said Stiles. The Claflin Wildcats finished fourth at state this season and posted a 25-3 record (including one win for a regional bye). Claflin made four straight trips to state, and went 89-12 with Stiles in the lineup.

Claflin finished third at state her freshman year, fourth the following year and lost in the first round last season. After opening the 1997 state tournament with a win over Olpe, Claflin lost a 56-51 heartbreaker to Centralia in the semifinals and was leveled 104-74 by Weskan in the third-place game.

Stiles scored 120 points in three games at state, breaking her old mark of 114 set in the 1994 tournament.

"I would trade every record for a state championship. I wish I could have done more."

In addition to setting the all-time scoring record for points, Stiles more than likely put the single-season mark out of reach. Stiles scored 1,252 points this season, obliterating the old mark of 963 she set last year.

She averaged a record 46.4 points a game, increasing her all-time career mark to 35.7.



MICHELLE ALEXANDER — Alexander also received first-team honors, but was not available for the team photo. — (photo by Neal Fann)

On Jan. 10 at Macksville, Stiles reclaimed the single-game mark with a 71-point night.

Stiles opened the season with the record, but Waconda East's Shauna Porter, who is the third all-time leading girls scorer with 2,373 points (Susan Woolf, who played at Andover from 1992-96, scored 2,847 points), scored 63 points on Dec. 7, 1996.

Stiles scored 61 points against Otis-Bison in the opening game of the 1995-96 campaign.

During the 1996-97 season, Stiles posted eight 50-point-plus games. When the season started, she needed 496 points to tie Woolf for the all-time mark. She passed Woolf with a 55-point effort at Greensburg on Jan. 17.

Stiles passed the 3,000-point mark during the Otis-Bison game on Feb. 4 (a game in which she scored 55 points). She posted five straight 50-plus performances. During a 10-game stretch from Jan. 10-Feb. 14, she averaged 52.9 points a game.

Stiles owns 12 of the top 15 single-game scoring efforts of all time, including a state-tournament record 53-point effort in the semifinals of the Class 1A tournament in 1994. She also scored 53 points in a loss to Little River in the finals of the Class 1A regional in 1996.

Claflin also lost to the three-time undefeated state champion Redskins (82 wins in a row) in the 1A regional title game this year.

Stiles was more than just a scorer. She pulled down 829 rebounds in her career, dished off 523 assists, had 329 steals and

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Jackie Stiles

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blocked 91 shots. Her career assist/turnover ratio was 5-3. In 1996-97, she had 170 assists and just 73 turnovers (better than 2-1).

Stiles said her teammates, coach Webb and the Claflin community gave her a big lift emotionally.

"I love my teammates and coach Webb — this was an experience I'll alway remember," Stiles said. "That last game (Weskan) was so mentally and physically draining. The Centralia game was the most devastating loss of my career. I tried to come out Saturday (in the third-place game, and we gave it our best.

"I really appreciate all the support I got from the community. That made me feel better after Saturday. I hope I can give them something back."

In addition to the Tribune's award and All-State first team recognition by the Wichita Eagle , Stiles was one of six finalists for the Boost-Naismith National Girls Player of the Year Award. She also garnered All-State and Player of the Year honors from the Associated Press.

Stiles' high school basketball career isn't quite over, although she's trying to get ready for the upcoming track season.

Stiles will be participating in two prestigious national all-star events in April.

On April 5, she will play in the Boo Williams/NIKE All-Star Game in Virginia, and then on April 12, Stiles is playing in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association/NIKE contest in Tennessee.

According to NCAA rules, athletes competing at the Division I level cannot participate in more than two all-star events, so Stiles won't be able to play in any Kansas all-star games.

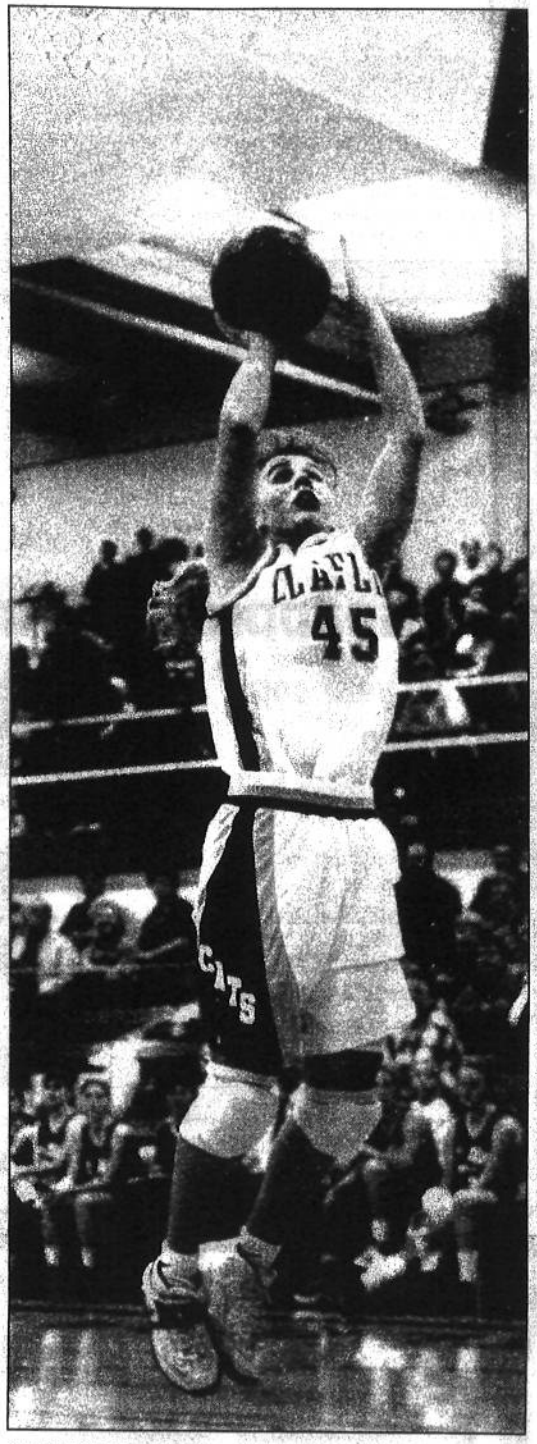
Stiles will then make her "Farewell Tour" on the track.

Stiles, who has won 11 first-place gold medals at the Kansas State High School Track and Field Championships, needs two to tie and three to pass Kansas Hall of Famer and Olympian Sandra Myers (Little River, 1976-79) to become the state's most highly-decorated track athlete.

Also, Stiles will also be trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Junior National Team that will be competing in the 1997 FIBA Women's Junior Championship in Natal, Brazil this summer.

Stiles said her goals for the future include playing in the NCAA Tournament, professional basketball in one of the two women's pro leagues and the possibly the Summer Olympics.

She is undecided on a major at Southwest Missouri State.



STILES FOR TWO MORE — Claflin standout Jackie Stiles shoots for two more of her state-record 3,603 points. The four-time Great Bend Tribune All-Area Girls Player of the Year will play collegiately at Southwest Missouri State University next year. — (photo by Mike Harmon)

STILES FILE

SINGLE-GAME POINTS

71 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Jan. 10, 1997 vs. Macksville)
63 — Shauna Porter, Waconda East (Dec. 7, 1996)
61 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Dec. 1995 vs. Otis-Bison)
60 — Kari Jones, Pratt-Skyline (1977)
57 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Feb. 14, 1997 vs. St. John)
57 — Lori Keith, Morland (1986)
55 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Feb. 7, 1997 vs. Stafford)
55 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Feb. 4, 1997 vs. Otis-Bison)
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54 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Jan. 28, 1997 vs. Sterling)
53 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Feb. 11, 1997 vs. La Crosse)
53 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Jan. 31, 1997 vs. Lyons)
53 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (Feb. 24, 1996 vs. Little River)
53 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (March 1994 vs. Logan)*
52 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (March 7, 1997 vs. Lewis)

* State Tournament Record

POINTS SCORED — CAREER

3,603 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (1993-97)
2,847 — Susan Woolf, Andover (1992-96)
2,373 — Shauna Porter, Waconda East (1993-97)

POINTS SCORED — SEASON

1,252 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (1996-97)
983 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (1995-96)
937 — Kari Jones, Pratt-Skyline (1976-77)
807 — JACKIE STILES, CLAFLIN (1993-94)
786 — Susan Woolf, Andover (1994-95)

Other key stats:

- Claflin's record (with Stiles) — 89-12.
- Season scoring average — 46.4 in 1996-97 (1st); 38.5 in 1995-96 (3rd).
- Career scoring average — 35.71 (1st).
- Field goals made career — 1,374 (1st).
- Field goals made season — 490 in 1996-97 (1st).
- Field goals made game — 26 in 1995-96 (tied for 2nd).
- Two-point field goals made career — 1,181 (1st).
- Two-point field goals made season — 399 in 1996-97 (1st).
- Three-point goals made season — 91 in 1996-97 (1st).
- Free throws made career — 662 (1st).
- Free throws made in season — 181 in 1996-97 (2nd); 177 in 1993-94 (3rd).

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Player, SMS coach thankful for chance to work together

Stiles, Burnett appreciate contributions each has made to the game and program.

By Steve Koehler
News-Leader

There are those who say the partnership of Jackie Stiles and Cheryl Burnett was a match made in heaven.

One of those who believes it is Burnett, coach of the Southwest Missouri State Lady Bears.

She feels someone upstairs was looking out for her and the program.

"I say a prayer of thanks all the time for Jackie. One of the best players in the country picked Southwest Missouri State and it's a kid like Jackie Stiles. It's a perfect fit for our program," Burnett said.

"For Jackie Stiles to be at Southwest Missouri State, God has to be involved."

And in Stiles' opinion, it's Burnett who is a coaching god.

"In my eyes, she's the best coach in America. She is very underrated," Stiles said without hesitation. She also agrees that there was a touch of divine intervention in her decision to come to SMS.

"It's weird how things fall into place and how things are meant to be that I came here," Stiles said. "A lot of people where I was from didn't understand it. They said: 'Why Southwest Missouri?'

"But it was Coach Burnett and Coach (Lynette) Robinson. Coach Robinson saw me when I was 13 and got to me early. When I started going through the recruiting process, a lot of coaches weren't like Coach Burnett. She is special."

Burnett remembers seeing the Claflin, Kan., phenom for the first time at a Lady Bears basketball camp when Stiles was a sixth-grader.

To say Stiles was impressive would be an understatement.

"When she came as a sixth-grader, she made our high school elite all-star team of the best high school players in the camp," Burnett said.

"We stayed in touch."

And eventually Stiles chose SMS and Burnett over many other schools. But the relationship between the two was far from rosy for the first few years, and during her sophomore year there were reports that Stiles was considering leaving SMS for the University of Connecticut.

"At one time it kind of got out of hand with the media blowing it out of proportion a little bit. Things that were said were taken out of context. I think the biggest thing was that we were losing. Things got stirred up," Stiles said.

"There were some tough times, I'm not going to lie, but I always had faith in her and always believed in her as a coach."

Burnett and Stiles met more than two years ago to hash out their problems. Now, they look back on how much things have changed for the better both in their relationship and in Stiles' play.

"(Burnett's) done wonders for my game," Stiles says. "I wouldn't be half the player I am if it wasn't for her challenging me every day."

Those challenges have made her a better defensive player and a better shooter, working for an open shot, especially from long range.

There's also been the work and improvement on the mental aspect.

"A lot of people don't know what she's done for me mentally," Stiles said. "I'm not a very confident player and she's taught me that even if I miss a couple of shots, don't even act like it affects me. Just keep shooting."

But at times, it wasn't easy.

"It's hitting her upside the head with a 2-by-4 and saying this is what you're going to do and fighting her along the way to get her to do that," Burnett said. "Then you reach a certain point in the process where she's got it. She understands, but it has taken a while."

Stiles smiles when she hears the comments.

"She has had her work cut out for her and I just really appreciate her never giving up on me," she said.



File photo

Southwest Missouri State coach Cheryl Burnett says she says "a prayer of thanks all the time for Jackie." Stiles says Burnett has made her a better player.

"Now that I'm a senior and more mature, I can totally see every step she was taking. I know exactly what she was doing through those tougher times and I'm just so thankful for it and glad she did that for my game."

But the games are almost over and one of the best coach-player combinations in SMS history will be parting company.

Stiles says that even after her career is over, Burnett will always be "Coach" to her, although Burnett has been more than that to her at times.

"She's kind of been like my mom away from home," Stiles said. "I've really had to depend on her. She's helped so much off the court with everything I've had to deal with. She's helped me through those hectic times on and off the floor. I've really come to enjoy playing for her. She will always be the one who I will go back to. Even if I further my career, she will be the coach who I come and get advice from with my game."

Burnett was thinking a lot of a Lady Bears program without Stiles long before the final games approached.

"I've even talked about it already this year," Burnett said. "Starting next year we'll understand when she's gone what a tremendous basketball player was here with everything she could do.

"When she's gone, we're just going to smile and think, 'Man, we watched her play every day.' "

And then everyone will thank heaven.

It took one summer for the rest of the country to find out what Kansans already knew about local basketball legend Jackie Stiles.

"When you're around her, it's almost like you're in the presence of greatness," said Claflin coach Gregg Webb, who will lead the Wildcat girls basketball team for the first time this winter.

One such "discovery" occurred last summer when a University of Connecticut coach asked a University of Oklahoma coach about who would be the best player in the first-ever Nike girls summer camp at Indianapolis, Ind.

The Oklahoma coach answered with, "that guard from Kansas," while pointing to Stiles.

Later in the week, when the coaches crossed paths again, the Connecticut coach responded with a simple, "You were right."

The Oklahoma coach responded with, "Leave her alone."

Neither school won the battle for Stiles' signature on a letter of intent.

Stiles signs with Bears

Southwest Missouri State eventually won the "Stiles Sweepstakes," over higher-profile programs like Tennessee and Connecticut.

"It's been completely crazy, and I think that's an understatement," Stiles said about the recruiting process.

Such is the life of the most celebrated Kansas girl's basketball player since University of Kansas All-American Lynette Woodard graduated from Wichita North 20 years ago.

On her recruiting trip to Connecticut, Stiles stood between former Huskie All-Americans Rebecca Lobo and Jen Rizzotti.

Stiles wondered aloud what she was doing standing between the former collegiate standouts.

"I always ask myself, 'Why are they paying this much attention to me?' " Stiles said. "But when anyone pays me a compliment, it's a great feeling. That's why I always want to lead by the best example I can lead by. It makes you work harder and motivates you to do better."

Word of Stiles has gotten around

Stiles' national reputation spread when she made the elite 12-player USA Women's Junior National basketball team last summer in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"When Jackie made the junior national team, people knew she was legitimate," Webb said. "The tryouts had unbelievable talent, just like you'd expect from 24 of the best girls in the country. I was in awe of the players' ability. There were very athletic girls who could run the floor and handle the basketball.

"But Jackie is one of those special talents who plays with fire and passion. She raises her game and shows you what she's got."

What Stiles received in return was the most grueling test under fire she's ever endured.

"There was great talent and great players going against each other every day in practice," Stiles said. "I've scrimmaged against college teams last summer and the intensity isn't the same as we had in Colorado.

"It gave me a good perspective of what college would be like. But there's no college team in America that has 12 high school All-Americans out there."

Stiles said the experience of playing for the runner-up USA team in Mexico was a positive experience.

"It's definitely helped me so much because it showed me where my game needs to be at," Stiles said. "It showed me what things I need to improve on. When you're playing against that level of athletes, you can see your weaknesses, and what you need to work on."

Life returning to normal

Stiles said her life has finally slowed to a livable pace after a frantic fall where she competed in cross country and tennis while trying to squeeze in countless recruiting details.

"I remember getting off the plane from Mexico and getting right into cross country and tennis meets and trying to get caught up with my homework," Stiles said. "I was home a week and home visits started with colleges. That was a rough 19 or 20 days."

To appreciate Stiles' talent, Webb said, you've got to see her play.

Stiles shot 44 percent on 3-pointers, 64 percent overall and 86 percent from the free-throw line while averaging 38 1/2 points per game last year. And she's also the Wildcats' press breaker and best passer.



Webb rattles off a pair of 53-point games against Logan and Little River as two of Stiles' best performances, but perhaps there was none better than the 1996 AAU game in which Stiles scored 61 a few days after suffering an ice-inflicted burn.

"It's going to be hard to outdo herself," Webb said. "She sometimes feels pressure about trying to play the perfect game. She has this crazy notion that she doesn't want one person to go away disappointed when they see her."

On record pace

Through three seasons, Stiles has scored 2,351 points, a career average of 31.8 points per game. She's 496 points shy of Susan Woolf's Kansas scoring record of 2,847 points.

"I love the game and I try to play it to be as good as I can possibly be," Stiles said. "But never did I dream that I could possibly have a chance to be the leading scorer in Kansas history."

At last year's 38 1/2-point pace, Stiles would need 13 games to break Woolf's record, but state-record high games of 61 all-time and 53 in the state tournament prove anything is possible.

"Jackie has gotten better," Webb said. "She's improved so much that on any given night, she's capable of scoring tremendous numbers. She's the type of girl where it's hard to get the ball out of her hands."

Claflin will start its regular season Friday against Hoisington.

And with Stiles, Webb said the Wildcats must prepare for the postseason every day in practice.

"We have a legitimate chance to win the state championship. We're practicing every day for the state championship game because that's where we need to get to at the end of the season," Webb said. "I'm not asking my kids to score. What I am asking them to do is play great defense and rebound the basketball.

"If a team ever tries to put two or three girls on Jackie, then our other girls have the ability to dominate the game."

'Cats have shot at title

Stiles believes Claflin's best shot at winning the state title came in her freshman season.

"My freshman year was probably our best chance of winning it because Little River got upset. We should've beaten Logan and we would've been in the championship game. Little River has been an unbelievable team the past two years. They've been one of the best teams in the state."

Stiles' role, as she sees it, is to be Claflin's vocal and visual leader. She must inspire her teammates to reach their potential.

"I'm always positive. We need to stay together and have good team unity and make sure everybody is working hard.

"I'm definitely going to be more vocal and be our leader. I've got to help my teammates out if we get down. If there's people on me, I want to find that open player and help us score."

Above all, Stiles is mindful of how she got where she is, and who has helped her along the way.

"There is no substitute for hard work," she said. "I've had great coaching since I picked up a ball or I wouldn't be close to where I'm at. My parents have worked hard to help send me to camps. My dad has taught me things about basketball since I was 3. I've been lucky."

And even if Claflin doesn't win its coveted state title, Webb will be left with the knowledge that he's had the good fortune to coach Stiles.

"It's a special feeling to be involved coaching Jackie," Webb said. "What makes her special, is she's such a good person. She's the humblest, nicest girl you'd ever want to meet."

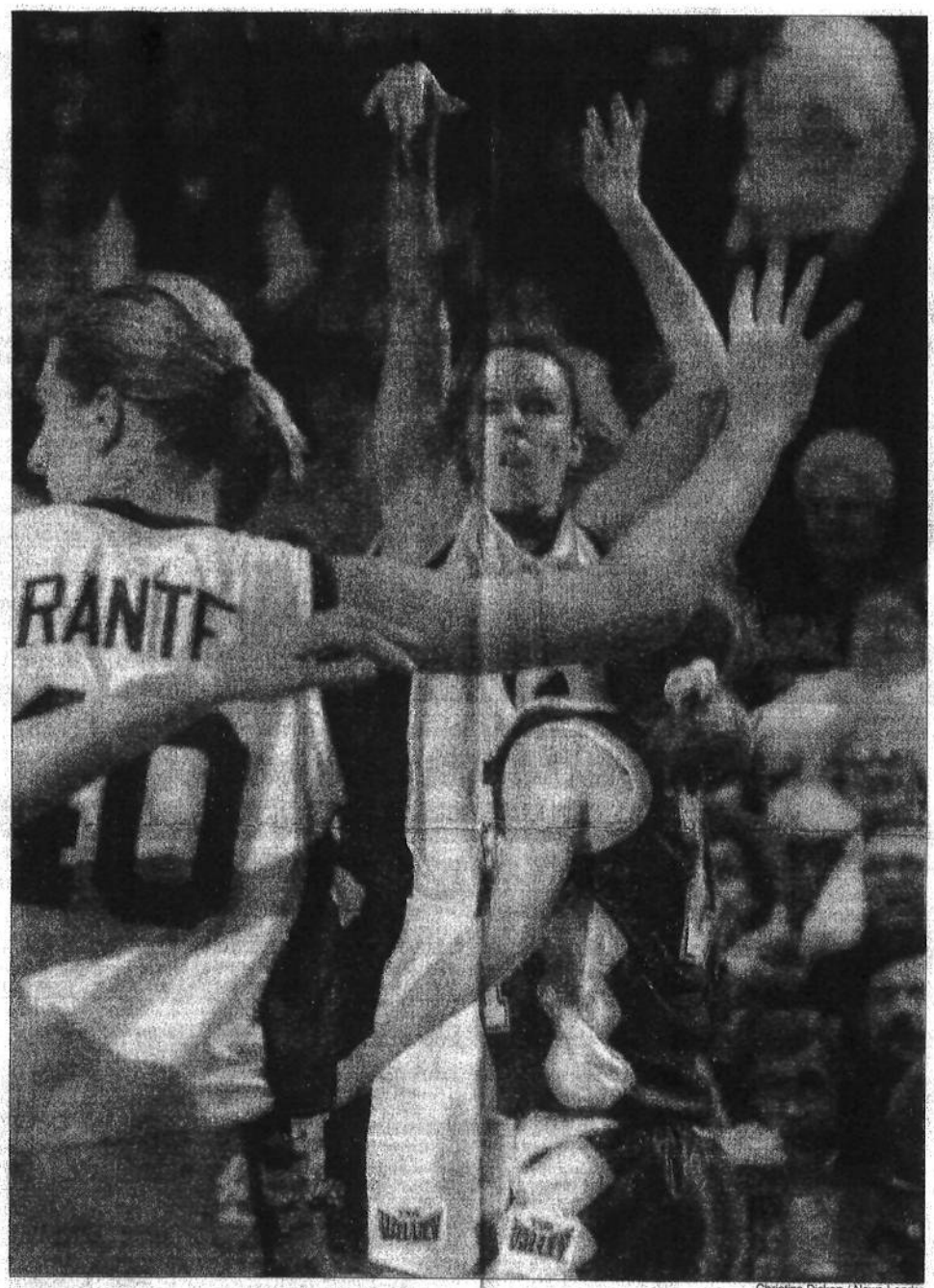
Stiles' bottom line is doing whatever it takes to win Claflin's first-ever girls state basketball championship.

"I'm not leaving high school without a state championship," Stiles said. "But it's now or never. I don't even want to think about it if we don't win it because I know it'll be devastating.

"I'm going to be totally focused. I've worked my whole life for a state championship. I'll do whatever it takes for our team to win the state championship. I just hope that last game that we go out as a team and play the best game we can possibly play. If we win that state championship, all the work I've put into it would definitely be worth it."

Story by Jim Misunas / Photos by Dan Bayer

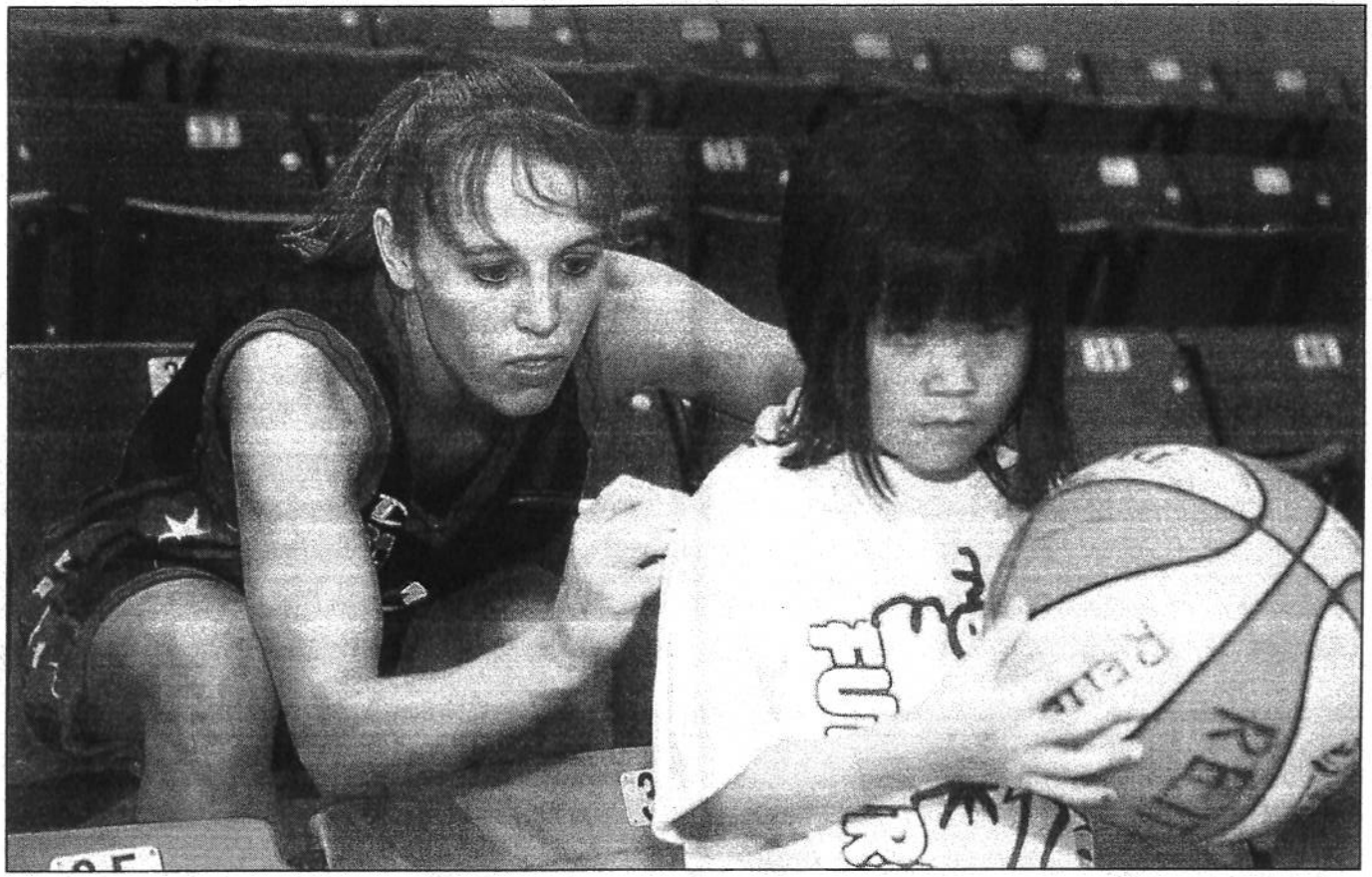
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Christina Dicken / News-Leader

Jackie Stiles follows through on her record-breaking shot — a 3-pointer early in the second half — that propelled her into the top spot on the career scoring list for NCAA Division I women's basketball.

JACKIE STILES DAY



KEITH RIGGS/Great Bend Tribune

Jackie Stiles takes a moment during her August 2000 summer camp to sign an autograph for Nicole Reiter. Saturday people will be able to purchase pre-signed T-shirts, all part of the celebration of Jackie Stiles Day in Claflin.

Hometown 'star' gets hero's welcome

Stiles to be inducted into Hall of Fame

By JOHN J. MESH
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CLAFLIN — Saturday is Jackie Stiles Day in Claflin and she will be honored with her very own parade .

Stiles will also be inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame. She will be honored with a noon parade and and a recognition ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Claflin football field.

Paul Palmer, assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, will officially induct Stiles into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame.

Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran, who represents the first district, will take part in the ceremony.

Stiles, a Claflin graduate whose No. 45 jersey is the centerpiece of a display at the high school, is the all-time leading scorer in Kansas high school history with 3,603 points. She also won a state-record 14 gold medals at the state track meet.

Stiles finished a stellar four-year career at Southwest Missouri State University, where she scored an NCAA Division I women's basketball record 3,393 points and helped guide her team into the NCAA Tournament Final Four.

Following the parade there will be a presentation at the Claflin High School gym. A private media luncheon will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a press conference.

The recognition of Stiles' accomplishments will extend to her parents, siblings and grandparents.

Stiles is also scheduled to make presentations to the Claflin football team, which won three Class 2-1A state titles in a row before placing second this year, and Claflin's Gary Bittner, who was named Kansas Tennis Coach of the Year.

★ **Stamps, T-shirts** — The Claflin post office will have a special cancellation stamp available for that day honoring Jackie Stiles as the all-time scorer in NCAA Division women's basketball history.

People can mail post cards and envelopes to have them canceled and mailed back to them. The postcard or envelope has to have a stamp on it. The cancellation will be available for 30 days.

Any post card or envelope that arrives after Saturday have to come with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the postcard or envelope to be mailed back in.

Also, T-shirts celebrating the big day will be sold. Organizers are hoping to get Stiles' picture on it with her autograph. It will say: "Jackie Stiles Day — Claflin, KS —April 14, 2001."

The T-shirt will have total career points from high school and college. There will be a No. 10 (from Southwest Missouri State) on one sleeve and a No. 45 (from Claflin) on the other sleeve.

The shirts will cost $10. To order a shirt and have it shipped will cost $5 more for each shirt. People can order the shirt by sending a check or money order to: Jackie Stiles Day, P.O. Box 14, Claflin, Kansas, 67525.

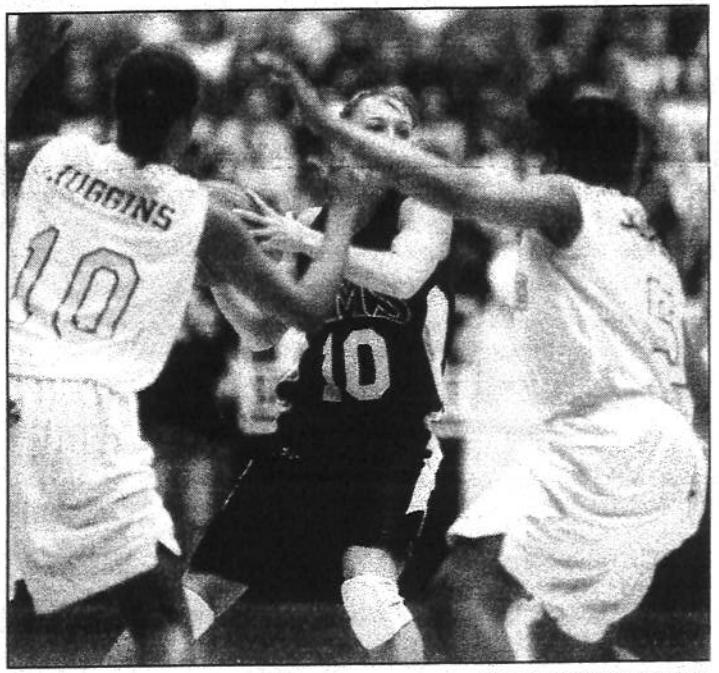
★ **Jackie Stiles CD** — The "Thank You, Jackie" compact disc is available at KVGB/Eagle Country 101.

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A portion of the proceeds will fund a Jackie Stiles Scholarship at Claflin High School.

The CD will be shipped directly from the studio. Allow at least two weeks for delivery.



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During the final games of her college career, opposing teams — like the Wichita State Shockers in their Feb. 25 game against Southwest Missouri State — learned to double-team Jackie Stiles in an attempt to keep her scoring down.

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Great Bend Tribune



Jackie Stiles gets a hug from SMS Coach Cheryl Burnett after the team's win over WSU.

JACKIE STILES DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2001
CLAFLIN, KANSAS
SCHEDULE

10 a.m.-noon — Private luncheon meeting, by invitation only. Family, friends, local media.

1 p.m. — Parade, Main Street, Claflin.

Awards and Recognition ceremony follows the parade, Claflin High School. If the weather's nice, the ceremony will take place at the football field.

What characteristics/type of team are you hoping to fit into in the WNBA?
– Internet questioner

"Any team that will take me, I'll just be happy to play for. I really don't know what particular styles will be better. If I do make a team, I'll just have to really try to blend in and try to do what they need me to do."
Jackie Stiles

THE STILES FILE

To be continued ...



#10 JACKIE STILES
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Southwest Missouri State
Hometown: Claflin
Kansas' All-Time Leading Scorer with 3,603 points
Kansas Hall of Famer

Career points: 3,393

Points this season: 1,062 (35 games, 30.3 ppg.). She broke the NCAA Division I women's single-season scoring record.

NCAA and MVC record-holder:
Jackie Stiles 3,393 points (129 games, 26.1 ppg.)

Honors: Stiles was drafted in the second round of the USBL draft by Dodge City Legend.

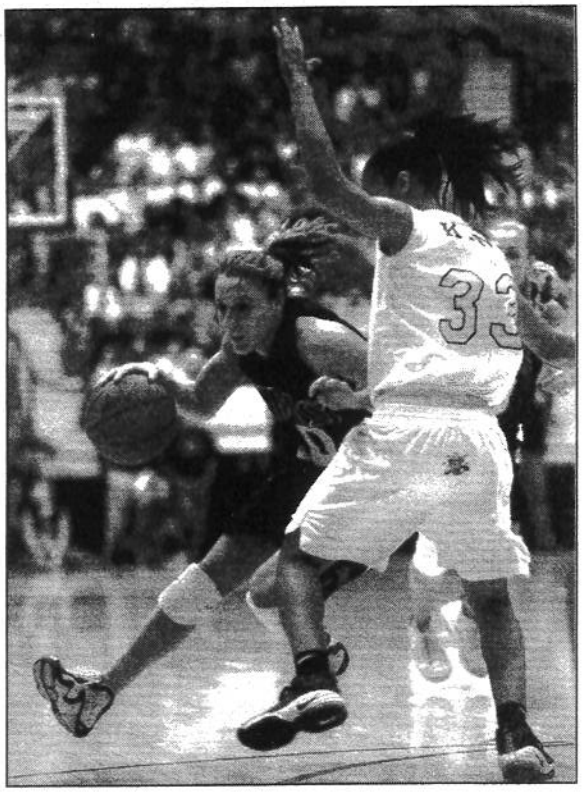
Notes: Stiles scored 22 points in the Bears' 81-64 loss to Purdue March 30 in the NCAA Final Semifinals at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.

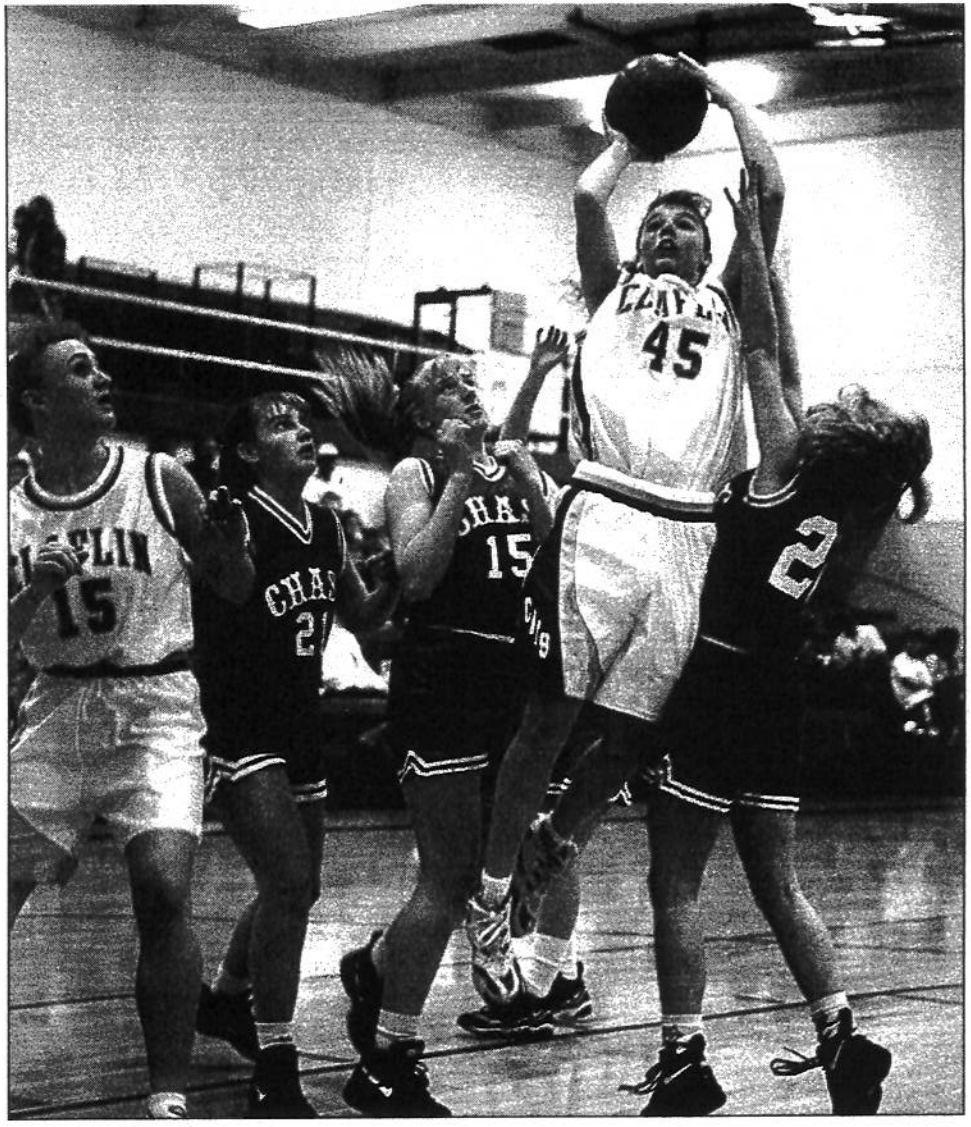
She scored 140 points in five NCAA Tournament games, the third-best effort in the history of the tournament.

Stiles scored in double figures in 93 consecutive games and posted 40 career 30-point plus games. She scored more than 40 points 12 times and twice scored more than 50.

Next stop: The WNBA. The draft is Friday, April 20 in Secaucus, N.J. at 10:30 a.m., and will be televised on ESPN2 (Channel 33).Stiles is projected as a top five pick. The Seattle Storm has the first pick in the draft.

> **I doubt that they'll ever make me a shoe. I've never dreamed of having my own shoe or that it would even be possible. I don't know about that ... we'll just have to wait and see.**
>
> **Jackie Stiles,**
> Southwest Missouri State University





KEITH RIGGS/Great Bend Tribune

Left, Jackie Stiles drives past Wichita State's Raeven King, 33, during the Feb. 25 game at Wichita State University. Right, while playing for Claflin High School, Stiles goes up for a jump shot against Chase during a high school game.

Stiles' storybook career at SMS ends

But another chapter will be written in the WNBA

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The Southwest Missouri State University chapter of Jackie Stiles' career closed with an 81-64 loss to Purdue March 30 in the NCAA Women's Division I Tournament Final Four semifinals.

Now it's on to the WNBA. Stiles, a 5-foot-8 shooting guard from Claflin High School, is expected to go early in the April 20 draft

Notre Dame, which defeated 2000 champion Connecticut in the other semifinal, won its first national championship with a 68-66 victory over Purdue on April 1.

Notre Dame's Ruth Riley, who along with Stiles claimed most of the Player of the Year awards, scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and was the tournament's MVP.

A tired Stiles was limited to 22 points on 7-of-21 shooting against the Purdue Boilermakers in St. Louis. She finished her career with an NCAA Division women's record 3,393 points, including a season-record 1,062 her senior year.

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The Bears, who also reached the Final Four in 1992, won 15 of their last 17 games and posted a school-best 29-6 record.

Coach Cheryl Burnett's 14-year record is 303-123, including 11 straight winning campaigns and 10 trips to the Big Dance. She won her 300th game when SMS defeated Toledo in the first round of the NCAA Tournament March 17.

Stiles may have been feeling the effects of the Bears' whirlwind trip through the NCAA Tournament.

The Bears won first- and second-round West Regional games against Toledo and Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J. Then SMS won the West Regional in Spokane, Wash., with wins over Duke and Washington.

The regional final against Washington was on March 26. Two days later, she was whisked off to Minneapolis to receive the Wade Trophy as the best women's player in the country.

On the day of the Purdue game, she was interviewed on "Good Morning America" on ABC and had to go to a banquet that honored the *Associated Press* All-American Team.

In all, the Bears flew 5,760 miles, including the trips to Piscataway and Spokane, to end up 215 miles from Springfield.

The Boilermakers used three players to defend against Stiles. Purdue All-American Katie Douglas was one of the defenders. They also used freshman Shereka Wright and senior Shinika Parks.

Although she was disappointed in the loss to Purdue, Stiles credited the Boilers' defensive effort.

"They did a great job defensively," Stiles said. "They made us work for everything. They made me work so hard in the first half. In the second half, I sort of just ran out of gas towards the end."

Seniors Carly Deer and Tara Mitchem scored 11 points each for SMS, which was outrebounded 47-29.

Douglas led the Boilers with 25 points. Camille Cooper added 16, Kelly Komara 13 and Wright 11. Shalicia Hurns grabbed 12 rebounds and chipped in with 9 points. Cooper had 10 boards and Douglas 7.



KEITH RIGGS/Great Bend Tribune

Part of breaking records during her college career, Jackie Stiles had to learn to deal with the media and interviews like this one on camera with Mitch Holthus with the Fox Sports Network.

NCAA WEST REGIONAL
SPOKANE, WASH.

★ **SMS 104, Washington 87 —** The Bears claimed the NCAA West Regional Championship with a 104-87 victory over the Washington Huskies.

Stiles poured in 32 points and Mitchem 23 to lead the offensive attack. Erika Rante, a 6-foot-4 junior from Sao Paulo, Brazil, notched her double-double of the year with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The Bears sprinted out to a quick start and led at halftime 51-33. The Bears outrebounded the Huskies 37-27.

★ **SMS 81, Duke 71 —** The Bears overwhelmed the Blue Devils in the semifinals of the West Regional. SMS trailed at halftime 42-36.

Stiles scored 41 points — the fourth-highest total in NCAA Tournament history. Mitchem chipped in with 17 points.

Deer, Stiles' roommate for four years, pulled down 11 rebounds as the Bears outboarded Duke 41-33.

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Stiles'

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WEST REGIONAL
PISCATAWAY, N.J.

★ SMS 60, Rutgers 53 — After suffering a mild concussion in the Bears' first-round win over Toledo, Stiles scored 32 points to lead SMS.

Southwest Missouri State became the first team to hand Rutgers its only loss at the Louis Brown Athletic Center. Rutgers returned four starters from a Final Four Team and defeated eventual champion Notre Dame.

Stiles made 16-of-19 free throws as SMS outscored the Scarlet Knights 21-4 at the foul line. Carly Deer led the Bears on the boards with 8. SMS outboarded Rutgers 38-24.

Stiles hit seven free throws in the final 90 seconds to clinch the victory for SMS.

★ SMS 89, Toledo 71 — Mitchem exploded for a career-high 40 points as the fifth-seeded Bears defeated 12th-seeded Rockets in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Stiles suffered a mild concussion at the 11-minute mark in the second half. She ran into a pick at midcourt set by Toledo's Kahli Carter.

Stiles was held to a season-low 13 points.

But Mitchem hit 13-of-20 from the field and 12-of-12 from the free throw line. She scored 18 at intermission. Her 40 points is fifth best in NCAA Tournament Play.

Deer added 21 points, including 5-of-5 from 3-point range.

Stiles scored 17 points in the first 5 minutes of the second half en route to a 47-point performance — the second-highest scoring effort in MVC Tournament history.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

★ SMS 84, Drake 69 — The Bears captured the Missouri Valley Conference postseason tournament in what turned out to be the senior class' final home game at the Hammons Student Center in Springfield, Mo.

It was also the first time since the tournament format was changed to a single site that the home team won the title.

Stiles scored 17 points in the first 5 minutes of the second half en route to a 47-point performance — the second-highest scoring effort in MVC Tournament history.

She hit 16-of-27 field goals, including 5-of-8 3-pointers, and 10-of-10 free throws.

Stiles was named the MVP and was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Deer and Rante.

Mitchem scored 11 points and Rante 10. Deer scored 8 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

★ SMS 86, Northern Iowa 54 — In the Valley tournament semifinals, the Bears placed five players in double figures.

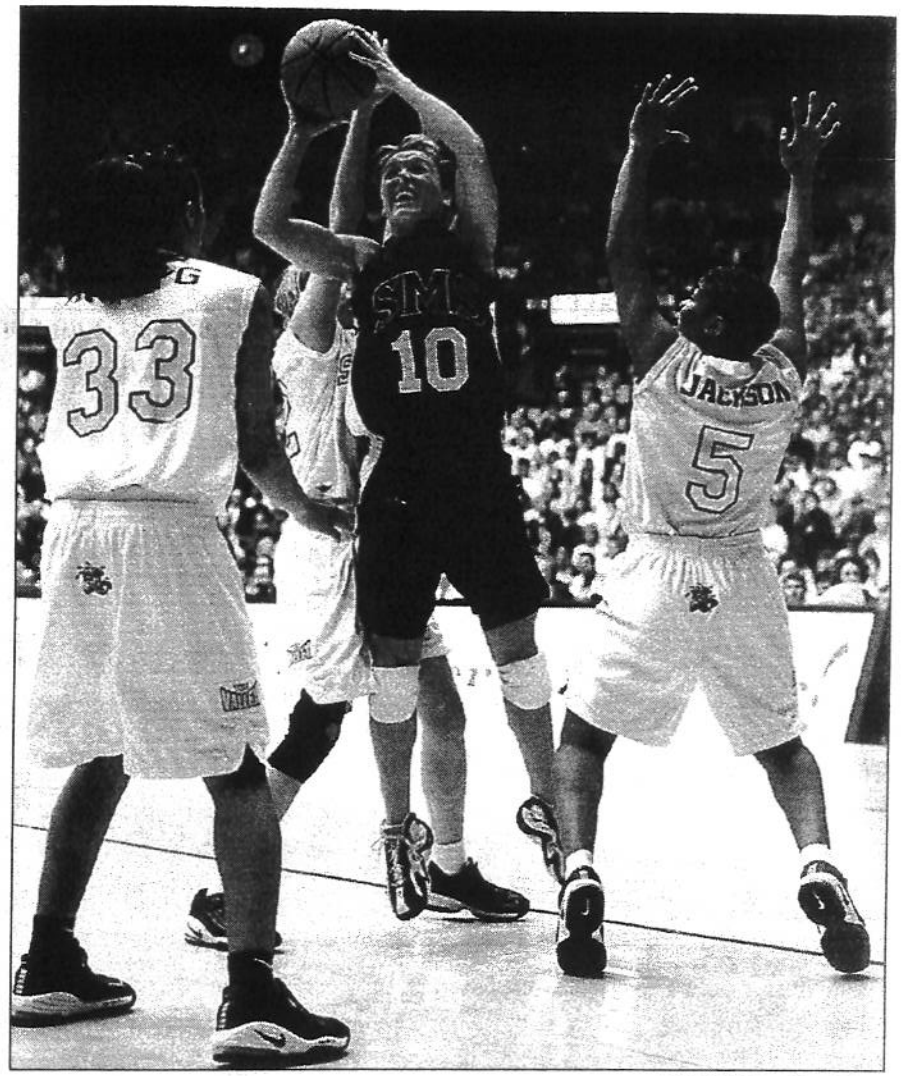
Stiles scored 16 points. Erica Vicente, Mitchem and Rante scored 13 points each and Deer 11. Rante also had 11 rebounds and senior Melody Campbell dished off 6 assists.

The Bears shot 70.4 percent from the floor in the first half.

★ SMS 92, Indiana State 63 — Southwest Missouri State blasted Indiana State in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

SMS dished out 30 assists, with Vicente handing out 11 and Campbell 9.

Stiles scored 22 points on 8-of-14 field goal shooting and 5-of-5 free throws. Rante scored 15 points and Mitchem 14. Deer added 8 points, 6 rebounds and 6 steals.



DALE RIGGS/Great Bend Tribune

Jackie Stiles faces triple-team play used by opponents to keep the Southwest Missouri State player from making the points to become the top-scoring player in women's collegiate basketball.

College record tells the whole story

ALL-AMERICAN
JACKIE STILES
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
5-foot-8 senior guard
Claflin High School

- 2000-01 Wade Trophy Winner
- Nation's Leading Scorer (2 years in a row)
- First Team Kodak All-American
- Associated Press First Team All-American
- 1998-99 and 1999-00 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year

2000-01 Highlights

Jackie Stiles:

- Led NCAA Division I in scoring through 35 games, averaging 30.3 points a game.
- Scored 30 points vs. Creighton (3/1/2001) to become the all-time career scoring leader NCAA Division I women's basketball history, beating the record of 3,122 by Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State (1985-89).
- Became the Missouri Valley Conference career scoring leader when she scored 24 points vs. Indiana State on Jan. 4, 2001, surpassing the old MVC record of 2,636 points held by Wanda Ford of Drake.
- Has been named MVC Player of the Week seven times this season and and league record 18 times during her career.
- Played in her 100th career game vs. Tulane on Dec. 4, 2000 and made her 100th career start vs. Iowa on Dec. 7. She started 128 of 129 during her career at Southwest Missouri State.
- Scored in double figures in 92 straight games and 127 of 129 career games.
- Scored 80 points over the course of two games to earn tournament MVP honors at the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, which featured Southwest Missouri State, Texas Tech, Penn State and Louisiana State Nov. 24-25, 2000.
- Has scored 20 or more points 96 times during her SMS career. She has also scored 30-plus points 40 times. She has scored 40 points or more 12 times and posted two 50-point plus games.
- Became the first player in NCAA Division I women's basketball history to record a 1,000-point season by scoring 41 points against Duke in the second round of the NCAA Tournament (3/24/2001).

SMS Career Highlights

Jackie Stiles:

- Is the first player in league history to four straight Player of the Year honors and was the first sophomore in MVC history to be named the league's Player of the Year.
- Led the NCAA in scoring her junior year with an average of 27.8 points a game and was second her sophomore year at 25.7.
- Led NCAA Division I freshman in scoring in 1997-98 at 20.6 points a game.
- A member of the United States' Gold Medal-Winning 2000 R. Williams Jones Cup Team.
- Has led SMS to three NCAA Tournament berths, including the second round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament and the 1998-99 MVC regular season title.
- Was named to the to the academic all-district VII and Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete first team twice.
- Has earned first team Kodak All-District V honors and GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors as both a sophomore and junior.
- Was named to the all-MVC first team and the Valley all-tournament team in each of her first three seasons.
- Scored 56 points in the Bears' Valley tournament semifinal win over Evansville (March 10, 2000), the fourth-best single-game scoring performance in NCAA Division I women's history and tops in the country in 1999-2000.
- Set a WNIT record for points (41) and three-pointers (8) vs. Davidson in 1998-99.
- Is one of only two players in NCAA Division I women's basketball history to score 52 or more points twice in a career as she notched 52 vs. Baylor on Dec. 2, 1998.
- Led the nation's freshman in scoring in 1997-98, averaging 20.6 points a game.
- Is one of only three SMS players, with Melody Howard and Roshonda Reed, to have at least 1,500 points, 300 rebounds, 200 assists and 100 steals.

WHERE DOES JACKIE STILES RANK ON THE ALL-TIME LIST AT SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE?

1st in Points Scored — 3,393
1st in Games Played — 129
1st in Minutes Played — 4,133 (31.9 minutes per game)
1st in Field Goals Made — 1,160
1st in Field Goals Attempted — 2,188
1st in Scoring Average — 26.1
1st in Free Throws Made — 852
1st in Free Throws Attempted — 997
2nd in 3-Pointers Made — 221
2nd in 3-Pointers Attempted — 501
2nd in Free Throw Percentage — .850
7th in Field Goal Percentage — .528
10th in Assists — 295

Jackie Stiles also recorded 151 steals, 479 rebounds, 23 blocked shots and 372 turnovers.

WHERE DOES JACKIE STILES ON SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE'S SINGLE-SEASON LIST?

POINTS
1st — 1,062 in 2001
2nd — 890 in 2000
3rd — 823 in 1999
4th — 618 in 1998

MINUTES
1st — 1,169 in 2001
2nd — 1,093 in 2000
7th — 1,069 in 1999

SCORING AVERAGE
1st — 30.3 in 2001
2nd — 27.8 in 2000
3rd — 25.7 in 1999
5th — 20.6 in 1998

FIELD GOALS MADE
1st — 365 in 2001
2nd — 297 in 2000
3rd — 288 in 1999
tied for 7th — 210 in 1998

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS
1st — 645 in 2001
2nd — 595 in 2000
3rd — 544 in 1999

THREE-POINTERS MADE
3rd — 66 in 1999
4th — 65 in 2001
6th — 58 in 2000

FREE THROWS MADE
1st — 267 in 2001
2nd — 238 in 2000
4th — 181 in 1999
5th — 166 in 1998

FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED
1st — 301 in 2001
2nd — 277 in 2000
4th — 216 in 1999
5th — 203 in 1998

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE
3rd — .887 in 2001
5th — .859 in 2000
7th — .838 in 1999

2000-01 SEASON HIGHS
Points — 49 vs. Northern Iowa, Jan. 20
Rebounds — 8 vs. Indiana State, Jan. 4
Field goals made — 17 twice
Free throws made — 14 vs, Wichita State, Jan. 27
Assists — 6 vs. Oklahoma State, Nov. 28, 2000
Steals — 4, three times

CAREER HIGHS
Points — 56 vs. Evansville, March 10, 2000
Rebounds — 10 vs. Baylor, Nov. 27, 1999
Field goals made — 19 vs. Baylor, Dec. 2, 1998
Free throws made — 17 vs. Evansville, March 10, 2000
Assists — 6, three times
Steals — 7 vs. UMKC, Dec. 18, 1999

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(and counting)

Relief and joy sweep over Stiles.

By Larry S. Hazelrigg
News-Leader

"Finally."

That wasn't Southwest Missouri State star Jackie Stiles after breaking the NCAA Division I women's basketball scoring record Thursday night.

No, that was her apartment-sharing teammate, fellow senior Carly Deer.

"It's over, she can, we can have a newspaper in our house now, probably, and watch the news and see what's going on in the world."

Those things have been banned in the Stiles-Deer abode since Stiles started bearing down on the record of 3,122 points by Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State. Stiles didn't want to feel the added pressure.

But Stiles' 30 points in a 94-59 victory over Creighton at Hammons Student Center took care of the record and hiked it to 3,133. It will grow even more when the Lady Bears take on Drake at 2:15 p.m. Saturday at Hammons.

And if anyone expects Stiles to wear the record on her sleeve, forget it.

"She's so selfless and that really helps," Deer said. "She never comes in the locker room and says, 'Yep, I got 40 tonight.' No, you never hear that coming from her. She wants to make sure we get the win and everybody on the team has confidence in themselves."

Stiles said she definitely felt some pressure going into the game needing only 20 points for the record.

"It was a little tough for me to eat today before the game. Normally that is not a

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On the Web

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- **SMS president John Keiser** and Jackie Stiles stand in front of a banner commemorating Stiles setting the Division I women's scoring record.

Reactions

PAT STILES

— Dad



"I'm very proud of her. But it's also a relief that it's over because this thing has gotten so wild."

RACHEL JOHNSON

— Former teammate



"I'm so happy for her. She's so selfless ... she won't admit it, but she deserves everything she receives. I played with her for three years, but watching her (while doing games on radio) now, I see just how much she has improved — not just offensively, but especially defensively."

MELODY HOWARD

— Led SMS to 1992 Final Four



"I'm so glad the way she did it ... you could see she was under some stress ... Just to finally get it over with, now she and the team can move on."

MORGAN HOHENBERGER

— SMS freshman and Jackie Stiles' backup

(on how Stiles broke the record)



"That's typical Jackie — it's how she is ... she can explode any time."



Edmée Rodriguez / News-Leader

Jackie Stiles shares a warm moment with her family following her record-breaking game on Thursday night, getting congratulations from her father Pat and mother Pam during a post-game ceremony.

Stiles

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problem," she said with a laugh.

"And the commotion ... people everywhere. I just really tried to focus on what was most important and that was to get the win ...

"I don't know, actually I know I don't deserve all this attention. This is crazy. I'm just Jackie, just a small-town girl (Claflin, Kan., population around 700). But it means a lot to me and the university and we just appreciate it a lot."

Stiles said she's usually wound up after games, adding "I won't be sleeping much."

"But this is a moment I will never forget and what made it so special is all the great people I'm surrounded by, the fans who made it so incredible, my teammates, my coaches. I have to thank Robin (Meeks), our trainer, and all the athletic training staff for keeping me healthy all these years, knock on wood."

Stiles said she never would have imagined a day would be named in her honor in Springfield, as Mayor Lee Gannaway did Thursday night.

"It's a shock to me that they would actually give me my own day, but I was just wondering if they decided that before the game, what would have happened if I hadn't broken the record," she said laughingly.

The record came on a 3-pointer from the left side, over Creighton top defender Krissie Spanheimer, with 18 minutes 40 seconds left in the second half.

"In high school, she broke the scoring record with a free throw. I knew when she was three points away, she was going to do it with a 3-pointer," Stiles' father Pat said. "She just squared up and made it."

"Only one person in the country can be the all-time leading scorer and now it's her," Stiles brother P.J. said. He's a senior at Claflin High.

"We just stood up and went crazy," said her seventh-grade sister, Roxanne.

Stiles said she knows there is some controversy regarding the 3,649 points scored by Kansas' Lynette Woodard in the days of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

"I just want to say that even if they (the NCAA) don't recognize her record, what she did, people will always know how great a player she was regardless of whether they give her the record or not."

SMS coach Cheryl Burnett knows Stiles and Woodard better than practically anyone.

"Isn't it remarkable that I have the privilege of coaching the current NCAA recordholder and I played with Lynette Woodard?" Burnett said. "I was the screener and the passer (to Woodard)."

She said she always recognized Stiles' potential: "I said she would average 20 points a game (as a freshmen) and people thought I was crazy ... a little kid from Claflin, someone who hasn't experienced college life. And she did average (20.6)."

Burnett did not tell Stiles or the team that Hoskins was going to be at the game and also revealed nothing about the post-game ceremony that featured state and local officials.

Even the Creighton team returned to the floor to see Stiles honored.

"This was a special occasion," CU coach Connie Yori said. "We have great respect for Jackie Stiles, not only as an athlete, but for the way she's handled everything. She's had a lot of pressure and has handled herself well."

Stiles by the numbers

A look at the major records held by Jackie Stiles:

- **NCAA Division I scoring** — 3,133 points (Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State previously held record with 3,122 points).
- **Missouri Valley Conference** — Stiles passed record of 2,636 points held by Wanda Ford of Drake with 24-point game against Indiana State on Jan. 4, 2001, in Hammons Student Center.
- **SMS** — Stiles broke Melody Howard's career scoring mark of 1,944 on Jan. 29, 2000, scoring 30 points in 84-48 victory over Bradley at Hammons.

SMS 94, Creighton 59

CREIGHTON (17-9, 11-6)

	mn	fg-a	ft-a	r	a	f	pt
Neneman	20	5-9	2-2	3	1	4	13
Jones	16	1-4	2-8	3	2	1	4
Hover	7	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0
Timmons	24	5-7	4-4	1	2	1	15
Spanheimer	28	1-6	0-0	1	0	4	2
Cizek	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Hildebrand	11	1-4	0-0	2	2	0	2
Cenac	20	2-7	1-3	3	1	3	5
Bloomquist	13	0-4	0-0	0	3	0	0
Finch	19	2-6	0-0	1	1	3	6
Wessling	13	4-10	0-0	1	0	4	8
Allen	8	1-3	0-2	3	0	0	2
Burns	15	1-3	0-0	1	0	2	2
Team				5			
Totals	**200**	**23-6**	**49-19**	**28**	**12**	**23**	**59**

SMS (21-5, 15-2)

	mn	fg-a	ft-a	r	a	f	pt
Mitchem	23	2-4	4-6	6	2	1	8
Deer	27	3-4	0-0	10	3	0	6
Rante	20	6-6	2-2	1	0	1	14
Stiles	31	11-17	6-6	3	1	2	30
Campbell	16	0-2	2-4	0	2	5	2
Kiss	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Vicente	25	7-9	2-3	2	8	3	16
Busbey	11	2-2	0-0	4	0	0	4
Kadic	5	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Hohenberger	20	0-1	2-2	3	0	3	2
McMorris	8	2-2	1-2	1	0	1	5
Cavey	11	1-2	5-6	4	0	0	7
Team				2			
Totals	**200**	**34-50**	**24-31**	**36**	**18**	**17**	**94**

Halftime — SMS 50, Creighton 21. **3-point goals** — Creighton 4-14 (Neneman 1-2, Timmons 1-1, Spanheimer 0-2, Bloomquist 0-4, Finch 2-5), SMS 2-4 (Deer 0-1, Stiles 2-2, Vicente 0-1). **Team rebounds** — Creighton 28 (Hover 4), SMS 36 (Deer 10). **Deadball rebounds** — Creighton 5, SMS 5. **Turnovers** — Creighton 22, SMS 22. **Blocked shots** — Creighton 1 (Bloomquist), SMS 6 (Cavey 4). **Steals** — Creighton 11 (Hildebrand 3, Cenac 2, Neneman, Jones, Bloomquist, Finch, Wessling, Burns), SMS 9 (Deer, Stiles, Vicente 2, Mitchem, Campbell, Cavey). **Technical fouls** — None. **A** — 9,155.

Reactions

PAM STILES

— Mom



"It's unbelievable. She never ceases to amaze me. Just when we think she's maxed out her potential, she does something else. We were excited when she set the high-school record in Kansas, but college is totally another level. Still, she does it. It's amazing."

LEON NEAL

— Evangel University coach



"Jackie breaking the record is one of the best things to happen to Springfield. Young girls in the area get to see one of the best players ever in the NCAA, which can only boost the sport in southwest Missouri. She's full of class and her work ethic is beyond anyone I've seen."

LISA DAVIES

— Former teammate



"I really felt she was capable of doing this. Not just because of her athleticism, but her determination and desire. Anything she puts her heart into, she does."

COREY STILES

— Brother



"It was awesome seeing her break the record and watching the place explode."

Stiles can play for only one

By MIKE MARZOLF
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SECAUCUS, N.J. — No one knows yet who will have their name read first April 20 when the Seattle Storm makes the first selection of the WNBA annual draft.

Chances are, it will be one of among five or so players. Jackie Stiles is one of those players.

The draft will be televised for the first time in league history on ESPN2, starting at 10:30 a.m. Fans can also follow the draft on WNBA.com and NBA.com.

Making that selection for the Storm will be coach and general manager Lin Dunn.

She shared some thoughts about some of those players who might be the first pick of the Storm:

Jackie Stiles

"Jackie Stiles is a player that I think helped herself. She put her team on her shoulders and carried them to St. Louis. The offensive display she put on was incredible. As we learned more about Jackie on the national and international level, we couldn't help but notice her outstanding work ethic.

"We learned about her getting up at the crack of dawn to lift weights, making 1,000 shots a day and the overall investment she has put forth to get her to this point. She is driven to being successful. She is the type of player we like to have as role models.

"During the tournament I couldn't help but notice her accessibility to the fans, children and the media. She is the all-American girl in more ways than one. She is the type of player and person we want sports to symbolize."

Ruth Riley

"Ruth Riley (Notre Dame) is another player who I think played outstanding. A girl from a small town in Indiana that somehow escaped Purdue. She helped grow the Notre Dame program into a national power. She seems to be extremely accessible and a good role model as well.

"We're all impressed by her mobility. She is a 6-5 post player who has great feet and hands, and plays tough on both ends of the floor. She is one of the best post players we've had come along in a long time."



Jackie Stiles

Amanda Lassiter

"The performance Amanda Lassiter (Missouri) had at Georgia to defeat the Bulldogs was outstanding.

"We had seen a lot of tapes on Amanda and had watched her in person, but she took her game to another level in the tournament. She showed excellent three-point shooting, ball handling and passing ability. I was impressed with everything about her."

Second pick

The second pick in the draft will be made by the Charlotte Sting. New coach Anne Donovan also has her eye on Stiles.

"We watched closely the entire season and tournament," Donovan said. "Jackie Stiles had a great tournament. It was nice to see her finally get the national attention. I've known about her for a long time, though. Ruth Riley and Niele Ivey led their team to the championship and that was impressive.

Charlotte radio analysis Debbie Antonelli also some takes on various players and his to say about Stiles.

"There are only three players in the country that I would get in my car and drive to see play ... Jackie Stiles is one of them," Antonelli said. "I have been working games in the Missouri Valley conference Jackie's entire career, and I've called games when she has scored 56 and 49 points. She is the real deal! She has the whole offensive package, and is leading the nation in scoring for the second consecutive year.

"But it's not just the fact that she scores: It's the way that she scores. No one in the country has the mid-range game Jackie has. She can create space between herself and her defender better than any guard in the country. She would be a valuable asset to the Sting because she is a shooter and a scorer together. She is a special talent."

The WNBA will tip off its fifth season on May 28, Memorial Day, with a rematch of last year's Western Conference Finals between the WNBA Champion Houston Comets and the Los Angeles Sparks.

The nationally televised contest, to be played at the Compaq Center in Houston, will air on NBC.

The Memorial Day game will be the first of 10 regular season telecasts on NBC.

Additionally, ESPN will televise 11 regular season games, and 10 games will air for the first time on ESPN2.

The first ESPN telecast will be on June 4, when the New York Liberty hosts the Sacramento Monarchs.

ESPN will also telecast the 2001 WNBA All-Star Game, to be played July 16 at the TD Waterhouse Center in Orlando.

ESPN2's initial telecast will be on June 3, as the Seattle Storm travels to Washington to face the Mystics.

The 2001 WNBA regular season will end on Aug. 14, with the playoffs scheduled to begin on Aug. 16.

2001 WNBA Draft Order

First Round	Second Round
1. Seattle	17. Seattle
2. Charlotte	18. Charlotte
3. Indiana	19. Indiana
4. Portland	20. Portland
5. Miami	21. Miami
6. Detroit	22. Detroit
7. Minnesota	23. Minnesota
8. Utah	24. Utah
9. Washington	25. Washington
10. Orlando	26. Orlando
11. Cleveland	27. Cleveland
12. Portland (1)	28. New York
13. Phoenix (2)	29. Phoenix
14. Sacramento	30. Sacramento
15. Houston	31. Houston
16. Los Angeles	32. Los Angeles
Third Round	**Fourth Round**
33. Houston from Seattle (3)	49. Seattle
34. Charlotte	50. Charlotte
35. Indiana	51. Indiana
36. Portland	52. Portland
37. Miami	53. Phoenix (4)
38. Detroit	54. Detroit
39. Minnesota	55. Minnesota
40. Utah	56. Utah
41. Washington	57. Washington
42. Orlando	58. Orlando
43. Cleveland	59. Cleveland
44. New York	60. New York
45. Phoenix	61. Phoenix
46. Sacramento	62. Sacramento
47. Houston	63. Houston
48. Los Angeles	64. Los Angeles

NOTES:

(1) Minnesota traded Kristin Folkl and the first round draft choice it received from New York in exchange for Grace Daley (September 13, 2000) to Portland for Lynn Pride and Michele VanGorp (February 20, 2001).

(2) Both Phoenix and New York finished the regular season with 20-12 records. Phoenix won the tiebreaker based upon having a better record against teams in the opposite conference and therefore selects after New York.

(3) Seattle traded its third round draft choice to Houston in exchange for Andrea Garner on May 27, 2000.

(4) Miami traded its fourth round draft choice to Phoenix in exchange for Shantia Owens on April 25, 2000.

Kathy Tadlock

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Kathy Tadlock
(first, middle, last)

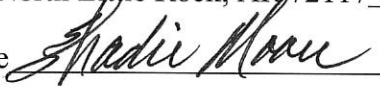
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Signed: Wadie Moore 

Date: 10-10-14

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☒ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Kathy Tadlock
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: PO Box 211
(street address)

Sheridan, AR 72150
(city, state, zip)

Email: kctadlock@windstream.net

Phone: 870-942-5957//501-607-3815 Date of Birth: 9-5-40

School Affiliation (if any) Arkansas Activities Association (retired)

City: North Little Rock, AR 72117 State: AR

Place of Birth: Nashville, TN Date of Retirement: 6-30-10

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:
Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame Board of Directors//Hendrix College Board of Directors///Volunteer Scorer for area 5K races

If deceased, date of death:
No

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Charles Tadlock

Address: PO Box 211, Sheridan, AR 72150

Phone: 870-942-6478

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Central	Little Rock, AR	1958	--
College/University: Hendrix	Conway, AR	1962	B.A.
Post Graduate School: Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	1967	M.Ed.

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ADMINISTRATOR

Note: All candidates in this category must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year to be nominated. In addition, state association administrators must meet the following additional criteria:

- Extended service as state association administrator.
- Viewed as innovative leader within respective state. Statewide accomplishments beyond "simply doing the job."
- National impact on high school activity programs
    1. Service to NFHS should include the following:
        a) member of NFHS rules committees
        b) member of other NFHS committees
        c) member/president of NFHS Board of Directors
        d) speaker at NFHS conferences, meetings
    2. Involvement with NFHS exceeded normal service opportunities, for example:
        a) national impact on playing rules
        b) viewed as leader nationally among state executives
    3. Impact on high school activities beyond NFHS service, for example:
        a) national speaking engagements
        b) expert in certain field; i.e., technology, Title IX, etc.
        c) accomplishments as state CEO received national attention
- Longevity as state association administrator without major and innovative accomplishments at the state and national levels does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.
- Serving on the NFHS Board of Directors and as NFHS President without major and innovative accomplishments at the national level does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.

Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

30-year career as the first female administrator for the Arkansas Activities Association. When hired in 1980, she was told that she would be responsible for "all girls sports that did not have a boys team" - initially, volleyball and girls gymnastics, plus publications and general administrative interpretations. Over the years she was also respsonsible for the sports of spirit, swimming, track and field and cross country. In addition, she was responsible for the administration of the AAA's coaches education program, sportsmanship initiative, and served as AAA liaison to the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association.

Tadlock organized and hosted the first cheer coaches conference, from which grew the Arkansas Cheerleading Coaches Association. After two years they began holding their own conferences at which she was a presenter each year.

In Track and Field Tadlock helped institute the use of qualifying standards for state meet qualification, initially adopted to benefit outstanding athletes who might be ill or injured on the day of the conference meet but who had performed well during the regular season.

In volleyball she worked with the staff to put in place a finals formet similar to that used in football, basketball and other sports.

In track and cross country she worked with technical experts to transition to fully automatic timing from the old manual timing system. As a retiree she continues to work AAA events as an official.

Special Honors and Achievements

Tadlock was named Contributor of the Year by the Arkansas Dance Team Association in 1995 and by ACCA in 2007. In 2007 ACCA named a scholarship in her honor. Twice she was presented a Distinguished Service Awar vy the AHSAAA.

Tadlock was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2011.

Tadlock was inducted into the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

Tadlock served two non-consecutive 4-year terms as Chair of the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee and served two additional years as a committee member.

She served a 4-year term as Chairman/President of the National Federation Interscholastic Spirit Association.

In 1995, Tadlock received NFHS Distinguished Service Award for services and contributions to NF Spirit Programs and Services.

Other information *(not previously listed)*

Named NFISA National Contributor of the Year in 1996

Received NFHS Cittation in 1998 for Outstanding Contributions to Interscholastic Spirit

Received NFHS Citation in 2004 as selected by Section 6

Served on an NHFS Strategic Planning Committee

Attended and participated in 25+ National Athletic Directors Conferences

Through the NIAAA she earned her Certified Athletic Administrators (CAA) designation in 1999, and her Certified Master Athletic Administrators (CMAA) designation in 2010

Served as a presenter at NFHS Summer Meetings, National and state A.D."s conferences and numerous NFISA and state spirit conferences

Served as certifier for the American Association for Cheerleading Conferences and Administrators (AACCA), teaching AACCA classes for over two years.

Co-authpred three spirit coaches publications, "Guidelines for Spirit Squad Tryouts", "The Comprehensive Guide for Spirit Coaches", and "Spirit Program Management", which served as the textbook for SPM classes that she helped to teach as the beginning of formal spirit coaches education. She taught numerous SPM classes in several locations in Arkansas and in a number of other states.

At the request of Susan True, she sreated the first NF authorized course, maual, and testing program for Spirit Competition Technical Judges. She both judged state testing competition and trained coaches and judges in various states outside of Arkansas.

Letters of Recommendation

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October, 2014

Dear Nominating Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate Kathy Tadlock to the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame. She was a pioneer on both the state and national level for girls' sports, especially for the growth of spirit competition.

Kathy also played a significant role in the growth of volleyball, gymnastics and our athletic director's program. She has a long and rich history in high school athletics.

I can think of few people who have demonstrated a higher commitment to the young people of Arkansas than Kathy Tadlock. She had a unique ability to handle difficult circumstances, and always kept the best interest of the student-athlete in mind.

After a 30-year career, it was hard to hear her mention the word "retire". That was like losing three members of my staff at one time, knowing that someone would have to step up to take over volleyball, track and field and be a liaison for the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association. She was a highly skilled administrator.

Our mission is to promote the value of participation in interscholastic activities among our AAA member schools, and it is our goal to prepare individuals to become positive, contributing citizens modeling the democratic principles of our state and nation. Kathy Tadlock walked that road locally and nationally for 30 years to promote our educational values and to foster a cooperative spirit of good sportsmanship.

It is my sincere belief that Kathy Tadlock qualifies as a candidate for the NFHS Hall of Fame. I highly recommend her for that honor.

Sincerely,

Lance W. Taylor

Lance Taylor
Executive Director
Arkansas Activities Association

Susan S True
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October, 2014

NFHS
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NFHS Hall of Fame Committee:

This letter is to serve as a strong endorsement of the AAA's nomination of Kathy Tadlock for the National High School Hall of Fame.

During my years on the NFHS staff, I worked with Kathy on several committees. She served on the Girls Gymnastics Committee, including a term as the chair of the committee. She was always the voice of reason, and a person who kept the committee mindful of the fact that the majority of the high school gymnasts do not belong to private clubs. Therefore, the rules should reflect that fact.

Kathy served on the NFHS Ad Hoc Committee that eventually recommended and developed the first NFHS Spirit Guidelines (later to become a Rules Book). Kathy served on the Spirit Rules Committee, first as the liaison from the NFISA, and then returned to the committee for a full four-year term.

Kathy was serving on the girls' gymnastics committee and the NFISA board when I felt we needed her leadership as the chair of the NFISA board. She gave up her position on the girls' gymnastics committee to fulfill that request. There is no one within the NFHS who did more for interscholastic spirit programs than Kathy. She was involved for years on the committee that wrote the rules, she did rule interpretation meetings across the country, she was a safety certifier for AACCA and she trained judges and serve as a judge for many state and national competitions.

Kathy co-authored the "Guidelines for Spirit Squad Tryouts" (a MUCH-needed document) and "The Comprehensive Guide for Spirit Coaches which was replaced by the Spirit Program Management manual which she also co-authored. These manuals became an important part of formal spirit coaches' education.

Kathy has been appropriately recognized with the following awards: the NFHS Distinguished Service Award for contributions to NFISA; the NFISA National Contributor Award, the NFHS Citation for her work on spirit programs and the Section 6 NFHS Citation. Now it is time for Kathy Tadlock to be a member of the National High School Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Susan True

Susan True

October, 2014

NFHS
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NFHS Hall of Fame Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I support Kathy Tadlock for her nomination into the National Federation of State High School Association's Hall of Fame. No one has done more for the building of spirit activities in this country than Kathy.

When I first became a part of the National Federation's Spirit Committee in 1990, I did not realize that Kathy had developed what the Federation had. Before 1986, there was virtually no rule book, no standards, and no training for cheerleading coaches or athletes. Cheerleaders were considered sideline extras by high schools and the "sponsors" who directed them were usually chosen from the ranks of interested secretaries or mothers. As a result, the NFHS began the incredibly lengthy, tedious process of writing a rules book, convincing all the associations that this needed to be done, and finding the most professional, knowledgable person to move this idea forward. When a Spirit Rules Committee was formed, Kathy Tadlock became the chair of that committee.

In addition to the constant updating and upgrading of the Spirit Rules Book, Kathy also became instrumental in developing judges training and testing. Kathy also created the "Guidelines for Spirit Squad Tryouts" and "The Comprehensive Guide for Spirit Coaches" which became the foundations for the NFHS Spirit Program Management Manual and the integration of these items into the NFHS Spirit Rules Book.

Kathy accomplished all this ground breaking work through her incredible attention to detail and her work ethic. No one on our Spirit Committee worked harder or spent more hours writing and re-writing spirit rules than Kathy. She also embraced technology when it first came into our offices and utilized it to help communicate with all associations. By the time Kathy was no longer a part of the Spirit Rules Committee, most of her work had become a part of the Rules book, and those of us who chaired the Rules Committee after her had a foundation that was solid, safe, and ready for the modern evolution of cheer and dance.

Kathy has received the NFHS Distinguished Service Award for services and contributions to the National Federation Spirit Programs and Services, the NFHS Citation for her work with spirit programs, the NFISA National Contributor of the Year, and the NFHS Citation for Section 6. In 2006-07 the Arkansas Cheerleading Coaches Association named her Contributor of the Year and created a scholarship named in her honor.

Her admission into the NFHS Hall of Fame would not only add the most prestigious award to the above list, but it would also rightfully place her in a very select group of Hall of Fame members who have contributed at the highest level in their respective sports or activities. Kathy would be a proud and deserving member of that special group and I recommend her to you without hesitation. If I can share my confidence in Kathy's selection in any other format, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Loomis

Susan M. Loomis
Retired NFHS Spirit Liaison

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September 29, 2014

National Federation of State High School Associations
Attention: NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Re: Mrs. Kathy Snell Tadlock Nomination to the NFHS Hall of Fame

Dear NFHS Selection Committee,

I am extremely honored to recommend Mrs. Tadlock for the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Administrator category. Her impressive professional administrative history is full of extraordinary achievements and expertise. Mrs. Tadlock served as Associate Executive Director for the Arkansas High School Activities Association for 30 years. She was the first female to serve in this capacity in Arkansas. As an administrator, she stressed the importance of educational based athletics and leadership at the highest level everyday. Her leadership has paved the path for many others to have great success, most of all, the student athletes. Her role as Associate Executive Director included overseeing many sports state wide and was the AAA liaison to the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association. She was the reason I was prepared as a coach and later as an athletic administrator. Mrs. Tadlock's administrative style of leadership, mentorship, expectations, and continued growth in education has insured that the appropriate policies were in place. Additionally, her expertise has afforded opportunities for coaches and all administrators to serve the student athletes while being protected and in compliance with the NFHS regulations. She was a teacher to all. She always provided resources for administrators such as "Athletic Administrative Tool Kits" to guides on hosting parent meetings and tournaments, legal forms and so much more. Mrs. Tadlock often attended activities across the state in order to continue to serve all of us with the knowledge of the best practices and materials nationwide while building professional relationships. She was the master of organizational development that needed to be in place to ensure safety, continued learning, and fun for administrators, coaches, and schools.

As a Past President of the AHSAAA and the years I served on the executive committee, her commitment showed her to be a true advocate for athletic administrators and the role we play in the success of school settings. She continued to bring new ideas, speakers, sports guidelines, and opportunities to be the best we could be. Before the development of NIAAA LTI and the NFHS classes, Mrs. Tadlock often traveled teaching and presenting workshops in Arkansas and across the nation on her own time. Mrs. Tadlock would go above and beyond to provide us all with the best resources available in the nation. She consistently attended conferences like the NFHS/NIAAA to learn new things and bring back to administrators. Mrs. Tadlock even received her CAA and CMAA to continue her professional growth and boundaries of value for us beyond Arkansas. Mrs. Tadlock encouraged me and other administrators at a young age to attend the NFHS/NIAAA national conference that changed our lives of which I am ever grateful to her. I still attend today and have been able to follow in the monumental paths she created for women to have opportunity based on skills not gender. She was a true administrative role model for all, as represented by our state association bestowing the Hall of Fame nomination for her.

Mrs. Tadlock has received numerous awards as you can imagine throughout her career, too many to mention in this recommendation letter to keep it short. I know that she will be a Hall of Fame Inductee that you will be pleased to see receive the award, selected. Her love, appreciation, proactive relationships, capacity building, passion for her work, work ethic, integrity, and service at

all levels with the AAA, NFHS, and the NIAAA is one all state leaders and administrators should follow. To be a servant leader, great listener, problem solver, advocate, engaged and consistent are qualities that all in the Hall of Fame possess. An administrator is someone who leads through example, shows respect for others in all areas, makes hard decisions, is a continuous learner, giver, motivator, passionate, detailed, organized, visionary, innovative, and humble all of which Mrs. Tadlock exhibits.

Listed are some of the areas that you will see noted on the nomination application:

- The longest and a very prestigious state employee at the AAA with 30+ years of service of excellence.
- The administrator liaison to the AHSAAA and helped create its mission
- LTI teacher at the state level
- Certified Test Administrator for the NIAAA
- Coaches, AD's and AAA board special event organizer
- Head of Volleyball, Cross Country, Spirit, Swimming/Diving, Gymnastics, and Track and Field at the AAA overseeing and working with all coaches and administrators from preseason to the state tournament and all star games.
- Served on the NFHS rules committee for 5 sports through her years as Executive Administrator of the state association.
- Worked with the Universal Cheer Association to implement the policies and events for state spirit competition
- Certifier of American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators
- Taught the AACCA Coaches Certification classes
- Oversaw technology growth and social media expansion with AAA and AHSAAA
- Event guru for conferences, banquets and much more for educational organizations
- Key role player in the Administrators' Governing Body meeting and voting

You have been bestowed one of the most important positions with the NFHS as part of the Hall of Fame selection committee; I commend and thank you on your commitment and selection. Being inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame is one of the the highest honors anyone can receive in the realm of educational based athletics and administration. I assure you that in the display in the NFHS office and at the state AAA building other administrators, coaches, educators, and even parents will be inspired by her work and recognition. Many who have known Mrs. Tadlock the past 30 years and her service will stop to say "Kathy Tadlock is a clear description of what a Hall of Fame Inductee is though her contributions and love for her work". I enthusiastically support Mrs. Tadlock's nomination and her being awarded this recognition.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at 479-879-1656 or annettescogin@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Annette Scogin, CMAA

Annette Scogin, CMAA
NIAAA and AHSAAA Past President

The NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee
c/o Wadie Moore, AAA

I have known and worked with Kathy Tadlock for the past 20 years and am pleased to recommend her for induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame. As a former staff member of the NFHS, I collaborated closely with Kathy on many occasions, most particularly, dealing with the promotion of coach education in Arkansas.

I also worked with Kathy to promote coach education to spirit coaches both in Arkansas and throughout the United States. She is a strong advocate of coach education and through her influence Arkansas has the most stringent requirements for coaches in the country. Arkansas requires all new coaches to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, First Aid Health and Safety for Coaches, Concussion in Sport, and Coaching Sport Specific courses before they have contact with students. Upon completion of these four courses every coach in Arkansas automatically becomes certified by the NFHS as an Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC). No other state has this level of requirement for coaches to date.

As I think of the qualities an administrator must possess to be considered for induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame I think of attributes modeled by past recipients such as Bob Kanaby, Ronnie Carter, Don Sparks, Sheryl Solberg and others. Over 30 years, Kathy has modeled the same qualities and attributes of former inductees. She has demonstrated the following attributes that place her in an elite category; leadership, responsibility, and being a good role model, to mention a few.

Kathy demonstrated her leadership by being selected chair of several NFHS standing and rules committees and promoting higher educational requirements for coaches. She was a presenter at NFHS national meetings as well as many spirit coach conferences. Next to Susan True, she was the "go to" person when it came to spirit rules and spirit coach education. Leaders get involved and influence others for what is right.

Regarding responsibility, Kathy was a person you could count on to get the job done. Unfortunately today, many people talk a good game but don't deliver the goods. When she was tasked to complete a project you did not have to worry that it wouldn't get done in time and correctly. To state associations and the NFHS this quality is critical.

She was and is a powerful role model and used this quality to influence others to act appropriately and do the right thing. Anyone that knows Kathy thinks of an honorable person. This reputation is earned through her dealings with people at all levels of sport from the local school district to the state association and the NFHS. One of the strongest attributes of leaders is their ability to influence others and the best way to do that is model the behavior you expect others to exhibit.

Kathy would be an excellent representative for administrators in the NFHS Hall of Fame. I support Kathy with my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Tim Flannery, CMAA, AIC, CIC
Former NFHS Director of Coach Education

October 10, 2014

Wadie Moore
Arkansas Activities Association
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North Little Rock, AR 72117

Dear Mr. Moore,

Having learned of the AAA's NFHS Hall of Fame nomination this year, I eagerly wanted to endorse this highly respected individual, Kathy Tadlock. In many ways Kathy has exceeded the challenging requirements and expectations for the award. Her ambitions, leadership and accomplishments complement precisely the stellar community of past recipients and make her highly deserving of the honor bestowed by the NFHS Hall of Fame Award. To further support her credentials, I would like to share my insights into Kathy's unique talents and qualifications.

As a newly hired administrator for spirit in Illinois in 2004, I had the honor of meeting and working with Kathy on the NFHS Spirit (cheer & dance) Rules Committee. I developed enormous respect for her dedication to the mission of interscholastic athletics & activities. I also became acutely aware of her knowledge and skills as well as the endless hours she worked in determination to help make NFHS Spirit Safety a priority. In fact, I had never worked with a person who gave as much attention to detail as she did when she served as Chair of the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee. Her willingness to take on difficult projects in Spirit like Judges Training and Coaches' Education in a time where the activity was often viewed as trivial proved that she was a visionary leader.

Her skills do not end with her administrative work. Kathy's distinguished career includes tremendous highlights but I would also like to add that she also served as a professional mentor, wise counselor and bearer of integrity. I have seen her resolve conflicts and handle difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. Kathy successfully juggled multiple roles and always projected an encompassing attitude with her colleagues and went out of her way to help, work hard and lift up those around her.

Everyone wants to leave a legacy of their leadership. Kathy's national leadership and service to high school spirit teams has touched every young person. She was a pioneer in the uncharted waters of writing and administrating safety rules for Spirit Activities that align with all other sports. She brought ideas and oversight which all contributed to a more credible rule writing process for spirit participants. Additionally, through her position, she developed opportunities for thousands of student athletes nationwide. Kathy's commitment to interscholastic leadership is real and she is a difference maker.

Kathy's characteristics represent all that is good in NFHS leadership and I am pleased to highly endorse her nomination for the NFHS Hall of Fame. It has been a privilege to know this brilliant and dedicated administrator. I can think of no one more deserving of this award than Kathy Tadlock.

Regards,

Susan M. Knoblauch

Susie Knoblauch
Director of Performing Arts & Sports

October 9, 2014

Members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support on behalf of Kathy Tadlock, who has been nominated for the National High School Hall of Fame sponsored by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

During my more than two decades of observation and involvement with Kathy as an Assistant Director of the Arkansas Activities Association, including her service on numerous committees within the Federation, I have always found her to be dedicated to the highest standards of education-based sports and activities and a person committed to serving the youth of her state and this nation in an exemplary manner.

The growth and development of cheerleading as an interscholastic sport and activity in our nation's school programs is in no small measure an accomplishment in which she played a major role serving in a direct leadership position on committees for more than twelve years. In addition, she dedicated her service to other sport committees such as Track and Field, and Gymnastics.

Beyond sports, she served on the Sportsmanship, Coaches Education, and the Strategic Planning Committees within the Federation. To each of those responsibilities she brought energy, insight, enthusiasm and a dedicated cooperative spirit to the task at hand.

Kathy has demonstrated many times that she is a caring and conscientious person. Albert Schweitzer once observed, "The only people in this world who will truly find happiness are those who have learned how to serve others."

Kathy has earned the happiness this recognition would provide as acknowledgment of her service to others. I recommend her with complete confidence in her worthiness of this honor. If I may be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kanaby

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October 15, 2014

NFHS Hall of Fame Committee
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To whom it may concern,

It is my honor and privilege to support the nomination of Kathy Tadlock to the NFHS Hall of Fame. There is no other administrator who has been or is involved with scholastic sports and student athletes in Arkansas for whom I have greater respect than Mrs. Tadlock. In the interest of brevity, you can read her accomplishments, all of which I laud highly. I write simply to assure you of her immense impact in the state of Arkansas and, in many areas, throughout these United States in the areas of student athlete safety, success and support.

I have known Mrs. Tadlock for the better part of 20 years; 6 during my involvement in coaching cross country and track which she oversaw and 14 years as an athletic administrator working with her as she served as liaison to our state athletic administrators' association. At no time in my experience have I known her to act in any fashion other than with utmost integrity, taking personal responsibility for the uprightness of the programs, students, coaches and administrators whom she served. She demonstrated no political agenda nor personal schedule or ambition.

She was a staunch supporter of our state athletic administrators' association and the members for whom she worked, sometimes facing unjust opposition. I have worked with many people of similar position at the state, regional and national levels, none of whom exceed her professionalism, competence and respect for right action, courtesy and diplomacy. Mrs. Tadlock served all with grace and perspective working cooperatively toward the common goal of excellence. Additionally, she served at a time which was most difficult for females to affect positive influence yet persevered and produced a highly respected body of work. She is a model of leadership to all in her former profession and most assuredly to other women in the field. To demonstrate her devotion in our field, after retirement she successfully completed the requirements for the CMAA designation from the NIAAA, a degree of achievement few reach even while employed in the profession.

In my experience in activities and involvement while working in an assortment of levels of athletic administration, I am most secure in supporting Mrs. Tadlock's nomination and am quite confident she has and will continue to represent our professional activities and the NFHS Hall of Fame with great distinction and honor.

Sincerely,

Doug Killgore, CMAA
Assistant Principal, Activities Director
NIAAA Secretary, AHSAAA Past President

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Dear Members of the NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I owe a debt of gratitude for the women in the National Federation family who have been an inspiration for me. Kathy Tadlock is one such person. Kathy's professionalism and commitment set the tone and created boundless possibilities for women, who seek activity administrative opportunities.

Kathy served and chaired numerous NFHS committees, she led our Associations to the next level in spirit program accountability but her constant presence in the forefront of equity and leadership will stand as a measurement for those of us that still serve.

A role model, a difference maker, and a pioneer, that is Kathy Tadlock. Kathy has never been unnerved by challenging the status quo. Her passion to stand for impactful change on behalf of students, coaches, and officials could not go unnoticed. She convinced us that non-revenue, especially single girl, activities deserved the same spotlight and visibility as their revenue generating counterparts. Her voice was never raised but caused us to stand, listen, and follow.

Please accept my letter of recommendation for Kathy Tadlock for the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame. She served many years in the Arkansas Association but fifty-one state associations benefit from her servant leadership.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Blanford-Green
NSAA Executive Director

Support Data

Kathy Tadlock Named to Hendrix College Hall of Honor



Kathy Tadlock

Kathy Tadlock, who retired at the end of the 2009-2010 school year as associate executive director of the Arkansas Activities Association after a 30-year career, will be one of six new members inducted into the Hendrix College Sports Hall of Honor at Worsham Hall in the new Student Life and Technology Center on Friday, April 15.

This will be Hendrix College's 18th Hall of Honor class. The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m.

The other 2011 honorees are Porter John (1934), Wendell Jackson (1938), Don McDonald (1975), Mark Calvin (1983) and Meg Frazier Amerine (2001). Tadlock was a graduating member of the 1962 class and a Little Rock Central High School graduate in 1958.

Tadlock, a native of Little Rock, graduated from Hendrix College with a bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She received her Master's in Elementary Education from the University of Arkansas in 1967 and has had additional work at UA-Little Rock and Westark Community College (now UA-Fort Smith) and UA-Pine Bluff to obtain Secondary Principals Certification.

She was a cheerleader at Hendrix College for three years.

Tadlock joined Lee Cassady's AAA staff during the 1980-81 school year. Prior to joining the AAA staff, Tadlock coached at Charleston High School for six years. She served as the state gymnastics chairman and state meet director in 1979-80.

During her 30-year career with the AAA, Tadlock was the director-in-charge, staff liaison and in most cases the rules interpreter for volleyball, gymnastics, track, cross country, swimming, decathlon, heptathlon, Meet of Champions,, spirit and dance. In addition she was also responsible for coaches education, registered volunteers and was staff liaison to the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association.

For decades, Tadlock has made numerous contributions to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in the area of spirit. She chaired the original ad hoc spirit committee in 1986 that led to the formation of the Spirit Rules Committee. Since then she has served two four-year terms as committee chair. Tadlock was also the first chair of the NFHS Spirit Association, and she served another term on the board.

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BE A SPORT

Tadlock to Retire at End of School Year Leaving a Multi-Task Position Available



Kathy Tadlock

Kathy Snell Tadlock, who has served as an Assistant Director or Associate Director for the Arkansas Activities Association since January, 1981, announced that she will retire at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The AAA Board of Directors accepted Tadlock's resignation at its January 15th meeting.

Tadlock, a native of Little Rock, graduated from Central High School in 1958 and Hendrix College in 1962 with a BA in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She received her Master's in Elementary Education from the University of Arkansas in 1967 and has had additional work at UA-Little Rock and Westark Community College (now UA-Fort Smith) and UAPB to obtain Secondary Principals Certification.

Tadlock joined Lee Cassady's AAA staff during the 1980-81 school year. Prior to joining the AAA staff, Tadlock coached at Charleston High School for six years. She served as the state gymnastics chairman and state meet director in 1979-80.

During her 30-year career with the AAA, Tadlock was the director-in-charge, staff liaison and in most cases the rules interpreter for volleyball, gymnastics, track, cross country, swimming, decathlon, heptathlon, Meet of Champions, cheer and dance. In addition she is also responsible for coaches education, registered volunteers and is staff liaison to the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association.

For decades, Tadlock has made numerous contributions to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in the area of spirit. She chaired the original ad hoc spirit committee in 1986 that led to the formation of the Spirit Rules Committee. Since then she has served two four-year terms as committee chair. Tadlock was also the first chair of the NFHS Spirit Association, and she served another term

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Tadlock worked for four of the five AAA Executive Directors – Cassady, Lamar Cole, Jimmy Coats and current director Lance Taylor.

"Our staff, coaches and school administrators both around the state and nationally will truly miss Kathy," said Taylor. I'm not sure if one person can step in and handle the workload with the same type of professionalism and knowledge of each sport or activity as she did. Kathy is a perfectionist who doesn't stop until the assignment is 100 percent complete and correct."

Kathy Tadlock is married to Charles E. Tadlock, who coached at Charleston and was the Sheridan Junior High principal before his retirement. They have two children, Craig , an attorney in Dallas and Cymber, a Deputy Prosecutor for the Jefferson and Lincoln counties and two grandchildren Katie Beth, 14 and Drew Tadlock, 12.

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TADLOCK WINS FIRST NFHS SPIRIT CITATION



Kathy Tadlock, who has served as an assistant executive director of the Arkansas Activities Association since 1981, was chosen as the first recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations Citation for spirit activities.

Tadlock was honored at an awards luncheon on May 3, 1998 in Kansas City, MO at the NFHS Leadership Conference.

Tadlock has given countless hours of service to interscholastic spirit programs in Arkansas and throughout the nation. Prior to state association work, Tadlock was a college cheerleader, high school teacher and cheer coach for 12 years.

Tadlock has primary responsibility for spirit rules interpretations for the AAA and has continued to teach and assist with spirit programs as the state liaison. She organized and conducted Arkansas' first cheer coaches conference, which led to the formation of the Arkansas Cheerleading Coaches Association.

Tadlock served on the ad hoc spirit committee which recommended formation of the National Federation Interscholastic Spirit Association and created the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee. She chaired the NFISA Advisory Board from its formation and served a four-year term. During this time, the Board produced the guidelines for spirit competition. She also chaired the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee from 1991 to 1995 and previously received the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award and the NFISA National Contributor Award.

In addition to her contributions to spirit activities at the national level, Tadlock served two terms on the NFHS Gymnastics Rules Committee and was a charter member of the NFHS Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee. She is now serving a four-year term on the National Federation Track & Field Rules Committee.

AHSCA/AOA HALL OF FAME

Kessinger to Speak at Hall of Fame Banquet

Donnie Kessigner, the Major League Hall of Famer out of Forrest City who is now head baseball coach at the University of Mississippi, will be the guest speaker at the fourth annual Arkansas High School Coaches Association/Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame Banquet.

The induction banquet will be Friday, July 17, 1998, at the North Little Rock Riverfront Hilton Inn at 7:00 p.m.

Kessinger was the first of four Arkansans to be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

For the fourth year in a row Hot Springs athletic director Joe Reese will serve as master of ceremonies.

Those to be honored by the AHSCA are Jimmy "Red" Parker of Fordyce, James "Jimmy" DeVazier of Forrest City, Mike Malham, Sr. of Jonesboro, Paul Noesser of Blevins, and Sharon Morgan of Austin, TX.

The AOA selections are Ernie Deaton of Russellville, Smitty Bonds of Bea Branch, Bill Valentine of Little Rock, Bob Banks of Hot Springs and Denzol Bailey of Pine Bluff.

Parker attended Rison High School and Arkansas A&M (now UAM). He started his coaching career in 1953 at Fordyce High School where he compiled a 75-15-4 record, and the last 37 wins were a consecutive game win streak. Parker coached at Rison from 1993-1995 and led his team to a 15-0 mark and the Class A state title in 1995. He coached on the collegiate level at Arkansas A&M, The Citadel, Clemson, Southern Arkansas University, Delta State University, Ole Miss and currently at Ouachita Baptist University.

DeVazier attended Forrest City High School and Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA). He had a 21-1-3 junior high record at Forrest City, and his senior high Mustang teams went 77-36-7, which included two undefeated teams in 1957 and 1959. He coached six high school All-Americans, which included Kessinger.

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Kim Schofield Werth

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: Kimberly Lynn (Schofield) Werth
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: Martin L. Hickman, Ed. D

Phone: 309-663-6377

Street Address: 2715 McGraw Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Bloomington, Illinois, 61704

Signed: Martin L. Hickman, Ed. D

Date: 11/15/2013

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category:

☒ Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Fine Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: Kimberly Lynn (Schofield) Werth
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: 2713 Tartan Way
(street address)

Springfield, Illinois, 62711
(city, state, zip)

Phone: (217) 483-6060 Date of Birth: September 26, 1957

School Affiliation (if any) Southeast High School

City: Springfield State: Illinois

Place of Birth: Springfield, Illinois Date of Retirement: N/A

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or fine arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

If deceased, date of death:
N/A

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: Dennis Werth (husband)

Address: 2713 Tartan Way, Springfield, Illinois, 62711

Phone: (217) 483-6060

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: Southeast High School	Springfield, Illinois	1975	General
College/University: University of Florida	Gainesville, Florida	1984	Education
Post Graduate School: n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached
☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

All titles/records/honors below were achieved in single-class system.

Kim Schofield won eight individual event state titles and was also a part of a relay team state title during her electrifying three-year high school career. Her record for having won more individual events than any female track & field athlete in IHSA history, including NFHS Hall of Famer Jackie Joyner-Kersee, stood for nearly three decades. Kim was also restricted by not having an opportunity to compete as a freshman, as the first IHSA state track meet did not take place until her sophomore year in 1973. Kim's state final efforts helped her team win the state championship in 1973 and tie for second-place in 1974 and 1975.

INDIVIDUAL – STATE TITLES
50-Yard Dash 1973, 1975
100-Yard Dash 1973, 1974, 1975
Long Jump 1973, 1974, 1975
440-Relay 1973

TEAM – STATE TITLES
1973 Team State Champions (20 points, 15 individually from Kim, 5 from relay team she anchored)

RELAY – STATE PLACES
440-Relay Third-Place 1974

TEAM – STATE PLACES
1974 Tied for Second-Place (13 points, 10 individually from Kim, three from relay she anchored)
1975 Tied for Second-Place (18 points, all points scored by Kim (6 per title)

INDIVIDUAL - RECORDS

Individual career state titles	Most by an individual in state history in the one-class system. Most by an individual in state history in track events only (5) (broken in 1997). Career record of nine state titles tied in 1997 (two-class) and broken in 2011 (three-class)
50-Yard Dash ^	:5.9-Set in 1973 finals, tied in 1974 prelims & 1975 prelims (still active)
100-Yard Dash	:11.0-Set in 1973 finals, tied in 1975 finals (broken in 1978)
Long Jump	19-4 3⁄4-Set in 1973 (broken in 1978)
440-Relay	:51.0-Set in 1973 finals (broken in 1974)

^ Event no longer contested

SUMMARY/NOTES
-The 1973 team title was the only one- or two-class team state title in Southeast's school history. The school won no other team state titles until 2010, when the Girls Track & Field team won the Class 2A title (three classes). Southeast's girl's track team has now won four straight IHSA state championships and five overall.
-In 1973, Kim was the lone individual event qualifier for Southeast and won all three individual events she was entered in (5 points per title). She personally produced enough points to tie

Southeast for the state title (runner-up Maine South had 15 points). Southeast won the team title based on winning the 440-Relay, which Kim anchored.
-In 1975, an individual event title was increased to six points and Kim again scored all of her team's points en route to the "team" tying for second-place.
-After tying her 50-yard dash state record in the prelims in 1974, Kim lost her chance to repeat as the state champion after being disqualified following two false starts.
-Kim held the record for the fastest 100-yard dash time in the history of the Springfield City Meet until November, 2013.
-State Meet 50-Yard Dash Summary (Three-time qualifier, two-time state champion, DQ)
-State Meet 100-Yard Dash Summary (Three-time qualifier, three-time state champion)
-State Meet Long Jump Summary (Three-time qualifier, three-time state champion)
-State Meet 440-Relay Team (Member of two qualifying relay teams, one state title, one third-place finish)

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS
-Eight-time individual state champion
-One relay event state championship
-One team state championship
-Placed in Top 3 in state 10 times in individual/relay events
-Part of two team runner-up finishes
-All-State performer eight times
-1975 Chicago Tribune Female Athlete of the Year
-1975 Champaign News-Gazette Female Athlete of the Year
-Billie Jean King Award winner in 1975
-Inaugural member of the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame (1991, dad and grandfather also inducted that year)

NATIONAL HONORS
-Member of Team USA in 1976, participated in Olympic Trials in long jump & 100-meter dash
-1972 AAU National Champion (Long Jump)
-Member of Team USA Junior Track & Field Team in 1973

COLLEGE HONORS
-1982 All-American (Long Jump)
-1982 Southeast Conference (SEC) Long Jump Champion
-1982 Long Jump performance (20'8 ½) still ranks ninth in University of Florida history
-Set Penn Relays long jump record (21'0) that lasted for six years
-1984 SEC Academic Honor Roll
-Team Captain at the University of Florida

Other information *(not previously listed)*

-Kim attended Iowa State University to participate in track & field after high school. During her freshman year she suffered a hairline fracture in her lumbar. She continued to compete, although not at 100% percent, at Iowa State and at the Olympic Trials that year. She left school due to the injury before her sophomore year and got married and had her first child (Jayson). It took nearly four years for her back to heal from the injury. After her back healed, she attended the University of Florida, where she competed for three seasons in track & field after a nearly seven-year hiatus.
-Kim participated in field hockey for Southeast High School where she was also a standout.

-Kim played a part in Springfield Southeast's Title IX compliance. After Title IX became law in 1972, Springfield Southeast did not immediately act upon compliance with the law. Southeast teacher Sandy Spengler brought Kim and two other female student-athletes before the School Board at a meeting to push for the creation of girl's teams at Southeast High School. The Board voted at that meeting to begin girls' sports at the school, paving the way for Spengler to coach Kim and her teammates to the inaugural state title in track that spring.
-Kim's three children are all successful athletes:
Son Jayson Werth (34) – Currently a starting outfielder for Washington Nationals (World Series Champion in 2008, MLB All-Star in 2009)
Daughter Hillary (26) – Three-time All-State in track, two-time All-State in basketball, attended UCLA on track scholarship. Was a member of Team USA for bobsled and skeleton until injuries recently forced her to retire.
Daughter Hannah (23) – High school All-American in volleyball, who attended the University of Nebraska on scholarship, where she was a two-time All-American. Currently playing professional volleyball in Puerto Rico.
-Kim served as a track & field assistant coach at Glenwood High School in Chatham, Illinois while her daughter Hillary was a student-athlete there. She helped Hillary earn seven state place medals, including one state championship (100-meter high hurdles).
-Kim has several other famous ties. Her husband, Dennis Werth (stepfather of Jason, father of Hillary & Hannah) played three seasons for the New York Yankees, winning the World Series in 1981. Her grandfather, Dick "Ducky" Schofield, won a World Series with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1960 and her uncle, Dickie Schofield, won a World Series with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1993. Carol Thomson-Slowik, who was the track & field coach at the University of Florida that recruited Kim to campus (and authored a letter of recommendation for this honor) is married to current Washington Redskins linebacker coach, Bob Slowick. Her long-time friend and training partner, Chris Ramsey, is the daughter of "Rocket" Ray Ramsey, who played professional basketball for the Baltimore Bullets and professional football for the Chicago Cardinals.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
In addition to the official letter from the IHSA, included are letters of recommendationfrom Kim's college track & field coach Carol Thomson-Slowik, long-time Springfield Journal-Register sports writer Jim Ruppert and her first track & field coach, Dave Miller.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS
A PDF of supporting materials is included, which feature several stories that highlight or reference Kim's success and story.

Letters of Recommendation

November 15, 2013

Esteemed members of the NFHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

In 1975, the Chicago Tribune declared that Kim Schofield was "the first superstar of IHSA girl's track & field." Thirty-eight years later, one could still make the case for her as the state's best ever. That is an incredible statement in its own right; when you consider that the likes of NFHS National High School Hall of Fame inductee Jackie Joyner Kersee have gone on to follow in Schofield's very fast footsteps.

It is with the utmost respect that the Illinois High School Association submits the nomination of Kim (Schofield) Werth for consideration of enshrinement into to the National Federation of State High Associations National High School Hall of Fame.

Kim Schofield's eight individual state championships, which resulted in one team state championship and two runners-up, remain a part of Illinois prep sports lore. The fact that Kim's records for career individual state titles have since been met and surpassed do not limit her candidacy in any way. In fact, they only fuel more debate about her place among the all-time best, especially when considering her accomplishments came in three seasons (the state track meet began her sophomore year) and in the single-class system (she was equaled in the two-class system and bested in the three-class system).

Where Kim Schofield ranks in the all-time pantheon of track & field athletes in Illinois is a conversation better left suited for fans and media members. What we do know about Kim is that like all of the other athlete inductees in the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame, she possesses incredible athletic gifts that fueled her to unprecedented success.

What makes Kim even more deserving is the character and determination that were instilled in her as a high school athlete, traits that were revealed through the adversity she faced after high school. Kim went from being one of the top athletes in the country, participating in the 1976 Olympic Trials for Team USA, to leaving the sport after a debilitating back injury. However, she summoned the strength to return to the sport almost seven full years later, after getting married and having her first child, and became an SEC champion and earned her degree from the University of Florida.

The Illinois High School Association is proud to recommend Kim (Schofield) Werth for enshrinement into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame and we hope that you will give Kim and the enclosed application materials full consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Hickman, Ed. D
Illinois High School Association
Executive Director

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Wauconda High School
IHSA Board President

November 5, 2013

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To The NFHS High School Hall of Fame Nominating Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Kim Schofield Werth for nomination into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Kim was a tremendous student- athlete for the University of Florida during my tenure there as Head Coach of the University of Florida Women's Track and Field Team from 1979-1983.

Although Kim's achievements in high school athletics were superlative with numerous state championships in the 100 yard dash, the 50 yard dash and long jump, her best accomplishments were achieved while a member of the UF track team.

Kim is still listed in the all-time top ten performances at the University of Florida for the long jump. Kim was an All American at the University of Florida in 1981-82 and SEC champion in the long jump.

Kim held the Penn Relays record for the women's long jump of 21'0 that lasted for 6 years.

Kim was also an international competitor being a member of the USA track team that competed in Russia in 1976 and an Olympic Trails participant.

Kim was also a team captain for the women's track team, elected by her peers for her strong work ethic in training and academics, her fiery competitiveness in competition, her unyielding support of her team mates and her wonderful balance of being a humble, yet driven to become the best that she could be.

Kim's talent in sprinting and long jump in high school and college and her unselfish attitude with her team mates have led Kim into a successful life after athletics. She is a supportive, hard driven mother that has instilled the traits of hard work and perseverance that is evident in her children as they have all gone on in life to become very, very successful athletes in their respective sports.

Sincerely,

Carol Slowik

To the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame Nominating Committee:

The first assignment I ever had when I joined the sports staff of The State Journal-Register in Springfield, Illinois in June of 1976 as a 22-year-old neophyte was to interview Kim Schofield. The Iowa State University track standout had just returned from the Olympic Track Trials.

I knew she was the daughter of former major league baseball player Dick Schofield, but the more research I did, the more impressed I became. Eight individual girls state track meet titles. Anchor leg on a state championship relay team. A scholarship to Iowa State. The Olympic Trials.

More than 35 years later, Kim Schofield's legacy lives on in Springfield and in Illinois. She put girls track on the map in this state and made it possible for the Jackie Joyners and Dana Moriballis to grab the spotlight. She was the sports first superstar when the sport desperately needed a face.

She had a son who is a Major League Baseball All-Star. She had a daughter who won seven medals at the girls state track meet. She had another daughter who earned All-America status in volleyball.

She has coached track in the Springfield area and helped numerous athletes achieve great things.

I am proud to recommend Kim Schofield Werth for induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations National Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Jim Ruppert

Sports Editor

The State Journal-Register

10/31/13

RE: Recommendation letter for Kim Schofield Werth for NFHS National High School Hall of Fame

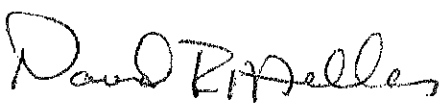
I first heard of Kim in 1970 when she was 12 years old as having a future in track & field. Due to her father's major league baseball career and being with the Boston Red Sox that year, she was not going to be in the Springfield area that summer, so I had no luck in recruiting her for my team, an AAU team called the Peoria Pacettes. But the summer thereafter, she was available because her father had been traded to the St. Louis Cardinals and Kim was living in Springfield, therefore Kim became a Pacette.

That summer as a 13 year old, she long jumped nearly 18 feet and was also an outstanding sprinter. The following summer (1972) her big breakthrough happened at the AAU Jr. Olympics Regional meet in Dayton, Ohio, where she won the long jump at nearly 19 foot and qualified for the national meet. At that meet, in Spokane, Washington she again improved, going over 19 feet and winning her first national championship.

One year later as a 14 year old, we took her to Irvine, California for the National Jr. Women's AAU Championships. There she showed what she was made of. She had three tries in the preliminary jumps to qualify for finals. Her first two, she wasn't feeling comfortable and ran thru the board without an attempt. I was so nervous about it all, and she seemed to have no problem with it. She then ran down the runway and produced the jump that won the meet at what I believe was 19-8. With that, she made the U.S.A. Jr. Women's team that toured East Germany, Poland, and the Soviet Union that summer.

In 1974, she went with the Pacettes to Bakersfield, California, was third in the long jump, scored in the 100-meter dash, and was on a scoring 4x400 relay team, and the team finished second in the country.

From the beginning, Kim showed the talent to be an outstanding athlete, but in my 38 years of coaching, many showed talent but not the drive to succeed. Kim refused to be beaten, was going to do what it took to be successful, always , always working to succeed. After starting college, and having a child, she returned to track and field, and again elevated herself to a superior athlete category, competing at the University of Florida.



Submitted by: David R Miller, former head coach of the Peoria Pacettes and retired coach of Western Illinois University men and women's track & field

Support Data

(Kim Fields by Bill Wise)

Florida's Kim Schofield Placed Second in Long Jump

Florida Shows Off in the Sunshine

By CHUCK MULLINS
Sun Correspondent

For the past several months now, Carol Slowik's University of Florida Lady Gator track team has practiced under the Florida sunshine. That preparation's all fine and well, but Florida's dual meets were contested indoors January through early March.

So naturally, when Saturday night's Lady Gator Relays at Percy Beard Track kicked off the outdoor season, Slowik and her women had reason to feel at home.

And judging from the results, with four Lady Gators qualifying for the outdoor nationals, UF could be a potent force in women's track and field once the dual meets hit the schedule next week. The Lady Gators travel to Athens, Ga., next Saturday for a solo bout with Georgia.

Already qualifying for UF at this early-season point was sophomore Lori Dinello in the 100 hurdles (13.9), junior Donna Campbell in the 800 (2:08.9), Kim Schofield in the long jump (20-4) and senior shot putter Sharon Lohmore (47-8).

Lady Gator Relays

For Schofield, the night was truly a special occasion. Her moment of glory came not in qualifying in the high jump, but for just wearing Lady Gator colors.

Back in 1976, Schofield was a freshman at Iowa State, strictly minding her track business like any first-year athlete would. Suddenly, then, Schofield encountered back ailments, then marriage, and finally a baby.

Now as a 24-year-old sophomore, following a seven-year sabbatical, Schofield has lent her talents to a striving UF squad.

"The layoff may have hurt my speed a little," Schofield, who also had a pr in the 100 dash, confessed. "All I need is to get my quickness back and to work on my acceleration. My reaction's still a little slow."

While Schofield was one Lady Gator who left the 14-hour day enthused with her performance, Dinello had reservations. She walked away with mixed emotions after watching Florida State's Carolyn Fulton breeze past her and teammate Piper Brezeant in the 100 hurdles. Fulton won — and also qualified — with a 13.7 sprint, while Brezeant placed third at 14.2 and must wait another meet for a chance at a ticket to the outdoor nationals.

"I wasn't really mentally prepared," a disgruntled Dinello commented. "It's my own fault and I'm starting to wake up now. My priorities had changed. I hadn't been working real hard and it's starting to show now. I've gotta get my butt in gear."

Slowik's one who more than welcomes Dinello's frankness. Here's a young talent who qualifies for a national meet, yet still expresses disappointment at not doing better. And Slowik knows the Lady Gators must continue to focus on higher standards if they're to give FSU, which place fourth in the indoor nationals this season, a rough time when the Lady Seminoles come to town in May for a dual meet.

"There weren't any real outstanding performances, but we didn't fall on our faces," Slowik said. "We're still not where we want to be. It's so early in the season. But by the end of April or early May, we'll feel more comfortable."

Florida's Kim Schofield Placed Second in Long Jump

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SPORTS

Daughter of stars shines

May 14, 2004 | By Barry Temkin.

Considering the gene pool she's part of, it's hardly surprising Hillary Werth has big-time athletic ability.

The only suspense has been where she would finally decide to use it.

First she loved soccer. Then basketball was No. 1.

Finally the Chatham Glenwood junior gave her heart to track, the sport she had once spurned even though her mother was the first superstar of the Illinois High School Association's girls state track meet.

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Maybe that was the problem. Maybe Hillary, a seemingly independent sort, had to set her own course before discovering that Mom's sport was OK after all.

Her mom is Kim Schofield Werth, daughter of Dick "Ducky" Schofield, a Springfield native who played major-league baseball from 1953-71. Kim's brother, Dick, played from 1983-96. Hillary's father, Dennis Werth, played four seasons in the big leagues. Her brother, Jayson, is an outfielder with the Dodgers.

Kim Werth won an unprecedented eight individual girls state track gold medals for Springfield Southeast from 1973 through 1975, the first three years of the girls state meet. She didn't force her daughter into this or that sport but did attempt, without immediate success, to coax Hillary into trying track.

"But she wasn't at all interested," Kim said.

In 7th grade, though, Hillary competed in junior high track and liked it enough that it replaced soccer as her "other" sport. Basketball remained king.

She starred in varsity basketball as a freshman and sophomore at Chatham Glenwood, which is just south of Springfield. In track, she won three state medals as a freshman and one as a sophomore, but something was still missing.

"She didn't have that track mentality," her mother said. "She was a basketball player running track."

Gradually, Hillary realized she was more comfortable in an individual sport than in a team sport setting. She decided to skip her junior season of basketball, and she competed in summer track for the first time last year.

Glenwood girls head coach T.J. Jumper and Kim, who is an assistant coach, suggested Hillary compete in the heptathlon, a grueling two-day event in which athletes compete in the 100-meter hurdles, the 200 and 800 meters, the high jump, the long jump, the shot put and the javelin.

Hillary was an instant hit, winning a Junior Olympic regional title in her age group after only a month's practice in the event and finishing fourth in the Junior Olympic national championships in Miami.

"She can do a lot of the events well," Kim said. "The key is liking something, and she likes the heptathlon. It's not a chore for her."

The event's variety appeals to Hillary, who is finally passionate about track.

"It kind of clicked," she said of the heptathlon. "It was, `This is it. This is what I want to do.'

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"I wanted to try different things, and the heptathlon is an opportunity to try all the different events. The training is pretty grueling, but you never get bored."

The heptathlon is not part of Illinois high school track, but it has nonetheless changed Hillary's prep track career. Formerly a sprint and high jump specialist, she is focusing now on the hurdles and long jump.

She currently ranks first in the state in the 100-meter high hurdles and is among the leaders in the 300 intermediate hurdles and the long jump. That success is particularly impressive considering she used to hate the long jump and had never hurdled until she took up the heptathlon.

Competing in the long jump also means working closely with her mother, who coaches Glenwood's long and triple jumpers in addition to helping with the sprinters.

"We're very close," Hillary said. "We have our disagreements once in a while, but she always ends up winning them because I figure out I'm usually wrong.

"She let me do my own thing and has supported me in whatever I do."

Hillary will compete Friday in the Class AA sectional meet at Glenwood. After the state meet, she will begin practicing twice a day in hopes of doing well enough in the heptathlon this summer to attract the attention of top college track programs.

She wants to run track professionally after college, and Jumper believes she can do it.

"I think she'll be a better college athlete than she has ever been in high school because she has that winner's mentality," said Jumper, a former state high jump champion whose wife, Laura, coaches Glenwood's hurdlers. "She is a tremendously hard worker and is mentally tough, but right now we have no one to push her.

"When she works out with top-notch athletes every day, she'll be even better."

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A World Series champ and his phenomenal family

Hard work and good genes got Jayson Werth to the top of his game.

By Dusty Rhodes (by-author-2-1.html)



Kim Schofield Werth took this picture of her son, Jayson Werth, being interviewed on the field by a reporter just after the Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series.

The Werth family doesn't mind if you call them stupid, as long as it's the right brand of stupid. "We're baseball stupid," dad Dennis Werth says. "That was the only thing I thought you could do in life."

The mindset paid off last week when former Glenwood High School baseball star Jayson Werth provided a crucial base hit to help his teammates on the Philadelphia Phillies win the World Series on Oct. 29. Jayson's mom Kim Werth, contacted in Philadelphia on Thursday night, called the ensuing celebration "the most amazing thing I've ever seen."

The Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays in the fifth game of the series, at Citzens' Bank Park in Philadelphia.

"I can't even explain to you how cool it was," Kim says.

Yet, in another way, it's almost business as usual for the Werth family. Kim's father and brother — Dick "Ducky" Schofield and Dick Schofield — each have World Series rings. The elder was on the 1960 championship Pittsburgh Pirates team; Kim's brother was on the 1993 championship Toronto Blue Jays team. Jayson's stepfather, Dennis, who raised Jayson from the age of five, was a member of the 1981 American League champion New York Yankees.

"All the men in his life have World Series experience," Kim says. "I wouldn't say it's normal, but it's kinda what we do. I just grew up going to ballparks and I just thought that's what you do. You're supposed to be good. It's what you see, it's what you get used to, and it's your mental approach."

The females in the family don't exactly sit on the sidelines. Kim was a track star at Southeast High School, winning state titles in the long jump and two sprinting events, and competing in the 1976 Olympic Trials. Kim and Dennis' older daughter, Hillary, received a track scholarship from University of California at Los Angeles, where she competes in the heptathlon. Little sister Hannah, known as the best volleyball player in the Central State Eight Conference, graduates in December from Chatham's Glenwood High and will begin playing for the University of Nebraska where she has a scholarship.

In fact, Dennis left Philadelphia after Game 4 to fly home so that Hannah could play volleyball with her team as scheduled. They watched the end of the World Series in their living room with a few friends.

In some ways, being home instead of in the ballpark provided Dennis — who coached Jayson's traveling club teams for 10 years — with an outlet for his nerves. "When I go to a game, I'm actually managing it in my head. It probably drives Jayson's wife and my wife crazy," he says. "Sometimes I have to walk. I'm not real good at sitting, and I had to sit at most of the Series."

The Phillies sold standing-room-only tickets for $700 apiece, turning every trip to or from a seat into a friendly combat mission. "You had to kind of push and muscle your way just to get back to your seat," he says. "It was chaos."

Kim encountered more chaos after the final game. Leaving the stadium, she says, fans were clinging to the hood of the car. "People were climbing on poles, falling off of lampposts . . . . I've never seen a city so behind their team," she says.

When she went out to breakfast the next morning with Jayson and his wife and kids, patrons at the corner diner where he's a regular customer gave him a standing and chanting ovation. The family then got to enjoy a quiet meal, while fans who wanted autographs waited politely outside.

Kim says she had a hunch Jayson could be a great athlete when he started walking at nine months of age. She soon began pitching tennis balls to him by the bucketful, and he would swing at them with a toy bat. She knew he was good, but it was too early to predict success. "Here's what I didn't know: I didn't know if that's what he was going to like," she says.

Dennis says he saw Jayson's potential the summer after ninth grade, when he blossomed from a scrawny kid the family called "Stick" into a six-foot-tall muscular man with a graceful stride.

"I was coaching third base at a game in Wichita, and I looked at him across the field and thought, man, he grew a lot. Then that kind of klutzy, clumsy stride he had when he was young developed into a stronger-looking pattern when he ran, and I thought wow! Look at him! He glides. He's like a gazelle."

Still, Dennis knew it would take more than the family's gene pool for Jayson to realize his potential.

"There's a lot more things that just the natural abilities," he says. "There's mental abilities, how much of it you can handle, what kind of work ethic, and whether he's going to be pulled away by other things that may or may not be important."

Jayson's mental toughness and work ethic were tested when he was severely injured during spring training in 2005. He was hit in the wrist by a 96-mile-per-hour fastball, breaking a bone and two tendons, requiring two surgeries and months of rehabilitation.

"I don't think people realize how hard he's worked to get where he's at," Kim says.

The Werths say their family of phenomenal athletes is a product of a little nature, a little nurture and a lot of hard labor.

"If you've got to hold [your children's] hands and make them do things, you're wasting your time," Kim says. "I always told the kids: 'If this is what you want to do, I'll drive you to practice, I'll get you there, but the rest is up to you.' "

Contact Dusty Rhodes at drhodes@illinoistimes.com

Eugene "Lefty" Wright

Nomination Form



HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright
(first, middle, last)

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NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET

***Please Check Appropriate Nomination Category*:**

☐ Athlete ☐ Coach ☒ Official ☐ Administrator ☐ Performing Arts ☐ Others

Name of Nominee: R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright
(first, middle, last)

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Phone: 952-542-1147/952-393-4549 Date of Birth: Dec. 12, 1935

School Affiliation (if any) [Tab here]

City: [Tab here] State: [Tab here]

Place of Birth: Sterling, Illinois Date of Retirement: June 1993 (from teaching)

Is the nominee still active in any area of athletics or performing arts other than the category for which he/she is being nominated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:
[Tab here]

If deceased, date of death:
[Tab here]

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: [Tab here]

Address: [Tab here]

Phone: [Tab here]

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
High School: St. Louis Park	St. Louis Park, MN	1953	
College/University: Macalester College	St. Paul, MN	1957	Bachelor of Science
Post Graduate School: Macalester College	St. Paul, MN	1958	

☒ Small Portrait-type Photograph of Nominee Attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
☒ Letters of Recommendation Attached

☒ Newspaper and/or Other Supportive Material Attached

ATHLETE

Athletic Participation in Senior High School [give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc. Please note the classification of the high school (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Lefty particiated in track and field and ice hockey at St. Louis Park High School.

Honors (give complete details of high school and post-high school athletic honors and achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements)

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Other information *(not previously listed)*

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COACH

Career Description as High School Coach [give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in athletics, i.e., coaching positions, tenure, etc. Please note the classification of the high school(s) (A, AA, etc.) and how many classes the state had in that sport.]

Although we are nominating Lefty Wright as an Official, we are including pertinent information about his roles as Coach and Administrator, as well. Those roles certainly had a strong influence on his officiating career.

From 1958 - 1969, Lefty coached track and field and cross country at St. Louis Park High School. St. Louis Park is a major first-ring suburb of Minneapolis. Both sports were administered as one class at the time. Now St. Louis Park is in Class AA, the larger of the two classes.

Former athletes from Lefty's St. Louis Park teams are deeply woven into the administration and officiating at the Minnesota state cross country and track and field championships, and other highly regarded local and regional meets.

Lefty was also a teacher at St. Louis Park High School from 1958-1993.

Coaching Records and Honors (overall record, outstanding seasons, etc.)

As a coach, Lefty's teams won four state track and field championships (1962, '63, '65 and '66) and one state cross country running championship (1961). His cross country team also earned second place in state in 1963 and '68, and third place in '64 and '69. In addition, for five consecutive years, St. Louis Park runners won the mile championship.

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Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in state and national coaching associations and other related professional organizations)

Member of the Minnesota Track and Field Coaches Association
St. Louis Park Athletic Hall of Fame, 2011

Other information *(not previously listed)*

CONTEST OFFICIAL

Career Description as High School Official (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school officiating, i.e., sports, number of years, etc.)

Lefty is a more than 50-year veteran official of track and field and cross country running. In 1963, Lefty began his meet management and officiating career, clerking meets at the University of Minnesota. He soon became a track and field and cross country starter and referee, and has since held any and all roles needed to facilitate a top-notch meet.

Lefty has been the Meet Director of the Minnesota cross country state meet for 46 years, in addition to being the meet director at qualifying section meets. He has been the lead official at the state track and field meet for 22 years.

As the 46-year MSHSL Rules Clinician and consultant for track and field and cross country, some of Lefty's primary initiatives were the mechanics of starting, how to run a successful meet, the role of referees, and preventative officiating.

Beginning in Minnesota, Lefty developed a procedure to minimize disqualifications in athletes who are participating in running and field events by creating a check-in/check-out form with the clerks and head event judge. This contribution has now become standard procedure in the NFHS Rule Book, and annually helps countless high school athletes around the country successfully balance their involvement in both running and field events.

Lefty introduced a NCAA meet model to Minnesota's state track and field meet. The state meet now includes two head running referees, a head field referee, a horizontal jumps referee, a vertical jumps referee, and a throwing referee. He has made Minnesota's officials some of the best in the nation.

Lefty has also established a time schedule for track and field meets, including the ability to incorporate event awards in between running events. This is an efficient schedule he is constantly monitoring and adjusting if needed. He truly is a behind-the-scenes engineer and magician! He continues to seek ways to run an efficient meet, and if anyone can do it, Lefty can.

Another of Lefty's contributions is as a highly sought-after speaker on meet management. In 2011, he participated in the "Officiate Minnesota" Conference as a presenter on the topic of "How to Run a Successful Track and Field or Cross Country Meet." He has spoken at clinics that have been attended by coaches and officials from throughout Minnesota and the Region.

Lefty's influence in Minnesota and throughout the Region - which includes mentoring countless coaches and Master officials - makes track and field and cross country better sports for athletes, coaches and officials. It would be challenging to find a track and field of cross country official in Minnesota who wouldn't credit Lefty as one of his/her most influential mentors.

Special Honors and Achievements

Minnesota Track and Field Hall of Fame, 1984
USA Track and Field Hall of Fame, 2002
Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame, 2011

The Lefty Wright Invitational, which this year included 1,800 students representing 25 high schools, is a cross country meet that a large Minnesota conference named in Lefty's honor for all that he has done and continues to do for cross country. This year's invitational included boys teams currently ranked #3 and #21 in the country for cross country, and girls teams currently ranked #9 and # 22. Both directly and indirectly under Lefty's leadership, Minnesota high school cross country teams are regularly recognized as some of the top in the nation.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national officiating associations and other related professional organizations)

USA Track and Field

Other information (*not previously listed)*

Beyond his influence on high school events, Lefty has also been an official for championship events of the NCAA Division III, Big 10, Olympic Festival, USA Masters, Junior Nationals and TAC/USATF.

A fellow official of more than 30 years, Gary Wicks, stated about Lefty, “He realized many years ago that Minnesota needed a cadre of well trained and knowledgeable track and field officials to make the sport better. Through informal and formal means he has accomplished this feat and made Minnesota officials some of the best in the nation.”

ADMINISTRATOR

Note: All candidates in this category must be retired by November 15 of the applicable year to be nominated. In addition, state association administrators must meet the following additional criteria:

- Extended service as state association administrator.
- Viewed as innovative leader within respective state. Statewide accomplishments beyond "simply doing the job."
- National impact on high school activity programs
    1. Service to NFHS should include the following:
        a) member of NFHS rules committees
        b) member of other NFHS committees
        c) member/president of NFHS Board of Directors
        d) speaker at NFHS conferences, meetings
    2. Involvement with NFHS exceeded normal service opportunities, for example:
        a) national impact on playing rules
        b) viewed as leader nationally among state executives
    3. Impact on high school activities beyond NFHS service, for example:
        a) national speaking engagements
        b) expert in certain field; i.e., technology, Title IX, etc.
        c) accomplishments as state CEO received national attention
- Longevity as state association administrator without major and innovative accomplishments at the state and national levels does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.
- Serving on the NFHS Board of Directors and as NFHS President without major and innovative accomplishments at the national level does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame induction.

Career Description as High School Administrator, State Administrator or National Administrator (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school athletic administration)

From 1977-1993, Lefty was the St. Louis Park Athletic Director.
From 1990-2000, Lefty was the Executive Secretary of the Classic Lake Conference.

Special Honors and Achievements

Lefty was named Regional Athletic Director of the Year five times between 1977 and 1993.

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national administrative associations and other related professional organizations)

Member of the Minnesota Athletic Directors Association

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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PERFORMING ARTS

In the Performing Arts category, the following guidelines have been developed to help in nominating individuals. These are merely guidelines and not hard-and-fast criteria:

1. Overall contributions – high school, college, professional career description (background pertaining to professional involvement in the performing arts: speech/theatre/debate/music activities); performing or professional career positions or any training/teaching positions, tenure, years of service, publications.
2. Service both to the performing arts/curricular and/or co-curricular activities.
3. Contributions/organization and continuance of an activity program.
4. Significant and ongoing contributions to the field.
5. Contributions to the profession both in and out of the state – national presence.
6. Personal and professional achievements.
7. Leadership in state and national organizations and professional organizations.
8. Value in arts and athletics.
9. Continuation in the profession – education, politics, entertainment, literalist, performer, director, coaching, teaching, other.

Career Description as High School Speech/Debate/Theatre Coach or Musical Director/Adjudicator or High School Performing Arts Participant (give complete background and information pertaining to involvement in high school performing arts programs, i.e., positions held, tenure, etc.)

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Special Honors and Achievements (If a performing arts participant, please give complete details of high school and post-high school honors and achievements, awards and recognition.)

[Tab here]

Professional Affiliations and Achievements (i.e., involvement in local, state and national speech/debate/theatre or music associations)

[Tab here]

Other information *(not previously listed)*

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OTHERS

Sports Media | Sports Medicine | Contributors, etc.

Career Description and Affiliation with Interscholastic Athletics (areas, length or service, etc.)

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Contributions to Interscholastic Athletics (stress those with national impact)

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Special Honors and Achievements Including Involvement in Local, State and National Professional Organizations

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Other information *(not previously listed)*

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Letters of Recommendation

To Bruce Howard and Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

We are pleased to present to you our nomination for the NFHS Hall of Fame, R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright. Lefty has been involved as an official, meet director and rules clinician in Minnesota for more than 50 years in the sports of cross country and track and field. One would be challenged – perhaps impossibly so - to find a cross country or track and field official in Minnesota who does not credit Lefty as a profound influence and role model. Lefty's calm, even-keeled demeanor and immeasurable love for running sports has brought him the admiration from throughout our state, and beyond.

After more than 50 years, Lefty is still constantly seeking out ways to make meets more efficient and better experiences for athletes, coaches and officials. One such contribution was developing the check-in/check-out procedure for contestants who compete in both running and field events (see page 59 in the NFHS Track and Field Officials Manual). Always looking to provide a better experience, Lefty wanted to reduce the number of disqualifications of athletes who wanted the opportunity to compete in both running and field events. This procedure is now used by high school athletes throughout the nation.

We have included the completed nomination packet, three strong letters of recommendation, an article and a headshot. Lefty will be in our office soon to get an updated headshot, and we can provide that to you. In our nomination packet, you will see Lefty's many qualifications for admittance into the NFHS Hall of Fame. What is impossible to convey in an application and impossible to overstate is Lefty's leadership style; he is comfortable presenting to large groups of officials at state and regional clinics, and yet can be such a humble, soft spoken, behind-the-scenes leader.

Lefty Wright is truly deserving of recognition in the prestigious NFHS Hall of Fame. Please strongly consider our nomination, and let us know if there is any additional material we can provide. You can't go wrong with "Wright!"

Sincerely,

Dave Stead, Lisa Lissimore and Amy Doherty

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National Federation Hall of Fame Selection Committee
November 7, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

"Every competitor wants to win but only a few have the will to win. The will to win is as much the will to train as it is the will to compete."

These words of Coach "Lefty" Wright, were some of the first I heard when I began running at St. Louis Park High School in 1961. Always the motivator, Mr. Wright's diligent approach to coaching included workouts, posted in advance, combined with daily inspiration. Lefty's comprehensive knowledge, combined with a firm and gentle training approach, resulted in the success of St. Louis Park's Track and Cross Country squads.

I remember Lefty cautioning me not to let running success go to my head. The day after winning a state championship I got up early and ran fifteen miles. Lefty saw me later and asked if I had run yet! "That's why you're a champion, Wags. Some want to win, but most won't do the homework." As motivation for me to train twice a day, he would say, "If you're not out there running, what do you think your competitors are doing?"

Lefty and his wife knew that I lived in a broken home and that I was troubled. They would have me babysit for their two children just to have some relief from my chaotic home life. One time, my father threw all of my clothes out of my room and told me to leave. When I consequently rode my three-speed bicycle through the night to Litchfield MN, seventy miles or so, Lefty got word of it. He organized a way back for me and three days later, I broke the State Cross Country record. On two occasions we traveled together to National Collegiate Track Championships.

Lefty always made me feel special. Many times, he and I would be the only two on the track, in the rain. He would time every lap I ran, and call out "splits" to keep me on pace. He saved every workout I completed for future reference. When I won state meets, he often rewarded me with a Bridgeman's "Lalapalooza" or a steak dinner.

His plans for me were sometimes presented without much warning. One time, as I got off the bus at a conference championship meet, he unexpectedly told me that I would be running the 2-mile that day. It was a fairly new event, and there was no one else from our team to run it. Assisted by his constant cheering, I set a new state record that day.

Even now, after fifty-four years, the training methods of Mr. Wright inspire me daily as a runner and coach. We still keep in touch, mostly at Track and Cross Country events where he still volunteers. I heartily encourage the Selection Committee to consider Mr. Wright's long, active career and reward him with the recognition that he so deserves.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Wagner

November 7, 2014

To: National Federation Hall of Fame Selection Committee

It gives me great pleasure to recommend for admission consideration to the National Federation High School Hall of Fame, R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright. Track and Field, as well as Cross Country Running as we know it today in the state of Minnesota, is a result of the efforts of Lefty. Coaches, athletes, and officials over the past 50+ years have benefited from his involvement with the sport of running.

Lefty demonstrated his passion for this sport as a high school coach with innovative training techniques. I was a student-athlete at St. Louis Park High School during the late 1960's under Lefty's tutelage. Lefty coached us not only in ways that would train us to improve our running times, but he was also concerned with our development as young men. Coach Wright introduced the concept of diet and its effects on our performance. The use of deep fried foods and carbonated beverages were not allowed during the season. He also introduced various cutting edge training styles which included off season weight training, "little hurdles", which were designed and made by Lefty with the help of the St. Louis Park High School staff as a way to improve knee lift, and using a "blind exchange" with the international zone in sprint relay races to improve our time and efficiency. These innovative training methods are now considered common training practices. These examples and many others were made possible because Lefty took it upon himself to attend collegiate coaching clinics during the summer months. He not only attended the training, but he implemented what he had learned and we were the beneficiaries. Whether it was in individual events or relay races we excelled due his interest in improving us as athletes.

When Lefty left the coaching ranks and moved in the area of meet management and officiating, his quest for betterment of the sport continued. This crusade for improvement grew out of an incident at a section track meet that resulted in his athletes being denied advancement to the State Meet due to less than desirable track management and officiating practices. The silver lining in this situation was that the athletes in the State of Minnesota have reaped the benefits of fairness and consistency in the sport of running. Lefty has been the driving force in recruiting and mentoring officials with the mantra of preventative officiating. The days of proudly discussing how many disqualifications that one had given are gone and have been replaced with of the contentment of having seen an athlete correct a possible violation in order that they might compete. Coaches and athletes have benefited from Lefty's constant quest to improve track meets, the management of meets, logistics of staging athletes at big meets, guarding the integrity of records, and many others. In Cross country, Lefty was the one who was willing to improve the finish line mayhem of large meets where place is the determining factor in tallying the results. He first accomplished this by experimenting with swing ropes to help sort athletes as they finished and was a moving force in embracing the use of chips to tally team scores. Meet management also reflects Lefty's quest for excellence. The efficient management of the current state meet exemplifies his attention to detail. With our current configuration of having a separate meet for each class, Lefty has orchestrated the events, presentation of awards, and in keeping a smooth flow throughout this important meet. He has introduced the concept of having a separate starter as well as a separate referee at major meets, which is not the norm at most meets. He is constantly thinking about how he could improve the track experience for the athlete. Those of us in the officiating community know of the "Wright" way to manage competitions and are very grateful for his leadership.

Because of Lefty's dedication, innovation, and integrity given to running sports in Minnesota, I hope that you will join me in recommending for admission to the National Federation High School Hall of Fame, R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Dornfeld

November 4, 2014

To: National Federation Hall of Fame Selection Committee

From: Bruce Mortenson, St. Louis Park High School '62

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Eugene "Lefty" Wright

It is my great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Eugene "Lefty" Wright for his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame.

I met Lefty 55 years ago when I went out for the cross-country team at St. Louis Park High School in the fall of 1959. As a coach he helped inspire in me a love of running that continues to this day. But more importantly, he became a mentor and life-long friend. His love of high school sports has inspired countless others to continue his legacy. As an example, I was at a high school track meet two years ago when I noticed a strong St. Louis Park connection: three coaches, the starter, the shot put official were all people who had learned the love of the sport from Lefty and were giving back to nurture high school students.

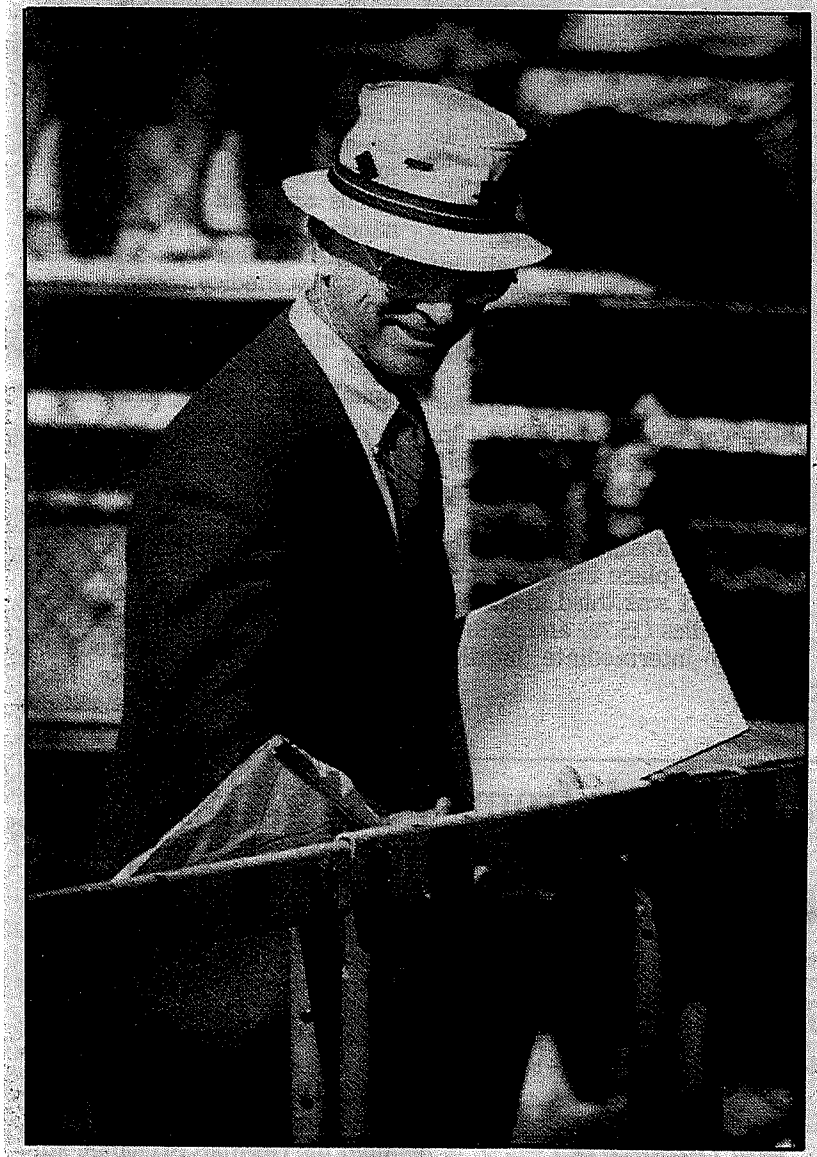
Lefty's contributions to high school and college sports in Minnesota as a coach, athletic director, starter, and meet manager are well documented. He has developed many innovations to improve the efficiency and safety of meets. Even into his seventies, he continues to take an active leadership role in many of the top meets in Minnesota including the Lefty Wright Grade Level Cross-Country Meet and the Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota, one of the most prestigious meets in the country.

Lefty never seeks attention for his work. He is willing to perform any task to make a better experience for the high school athletes. He solicits the opinions and ideas of others. He always remains calm if a problem arises and makes a well-informed decision.

Lefty can best be described for his honesty, dignity and dedication to his family, friends, and his sport. He has been and continues to be a coach, mentor and trusted friend. He is truly an inspirational person to all who know him.

Support Data

Wright winds down 35-year career at Park



Lefty Wright does not plan to disappear from the local sports scene, even though he will retire next month from his job as St. Louis Park High School athletic director. For one thing, he will continue helping organize and officiate track meets, as he did last Thursday at the Lake Blue Division finals. (Photo by Mike Shaughnessy)

By Mike Shaughnessy

It started innocently enough at a region track meet years ago.

A St. Louis Park High School sprinter appeared to have qualified for the state meet, only to learn that the final in that particular dash would have to be re-run.

"They recalled the race because there was no finish string," said R. Eugene "Lefty" Wright, then a social studies teacher and assistant track coach at Park High. "In the re-run, our sprinter finished third (the top two went on to state).

"I just felt there was so much mismanagement of the meet and it cost one of our kids a chance to go to state. I think that became my cause."

Since track meets, then and now, are run mostly by unpaid volunteers, people were only too willing to let Wright try to prove he could do a better job.

Now, he has a hand in organizing most of the major track and cross country meets that take place in this area. He's been involved in some capacity in the last 25 state high school track meets and was co-meet manager for track and field at the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival (along with Roy Griak, former St. Louis Park coach and current University of Minnesota men's coach).

That's something Wright would like to keep doing even after he retires as St. Louis Park athletic director on June 30. Wright will be honored at a party Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the St. Louis Park VFW, 5605 W. 36th St.

His retirement will end a 35-year career with St. Louis Park schools, the first 19 as a teacher and the last 16 as athletic director. That doesn't include the time he spent there as a student, when he ran varsity cross country and track, played goalie in hockey and was student manager for the basketball team.

Wright, 57, is eligible to retire with full benefits. He plans to keep busy, just not at his desk in the athletic office.

"Longevity in a position sometimes has disadvantages," he said. "It's not that I don't have the energy to continue. Sometimes your routine, your approach, is not subject to change. I've heard ministers say from the pulpit, 'X number of years (in one community), and that's it.' "

Wright will continue to help organize track and cross country meets. He's looking into the possibility of teaching graduate courses in athletic administration. He may even try sales. And he'd like to be considered for the yet-to-be-filled position of Classic Lake Conference executive secretary. St. Louis Park will be a member of the new eight-school league which starts play

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this fall.

Wright's replacement at St. Louis Park, Holly Huso, starts July 1. Huso currently works for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and coached women's basketball there.

She won't have much time to settle into her new job before fall sports practices start in mid-August. But most of the work involved with switching conferences (from Lake Blue to Classic Lake) has been completed. St. Louis Park will be the smallest school in the Classic Lake, but it will be in a league with schools that have been traditional rivals and have enrollments closer to Park's.

The school district has taken steps to reverse what Wright and others saw as a huge problem — the large number of non-school staff members coaching at the high school.

"Three years ago, six of our eight football coaches were outside the system," Wright said. "Now, six of eight are in the system."

Track is the sport that holds the most attraction for Wright. He said he was no great shakes as a distance runner at Park, but described himself as a "track junkie" who wanted to stay involved in the sport.

He got that chance from Griak in 1959. An assistant coach was leaving to attend medical school. Griak offered the job to Wright, who had recently returned to St. Louis Park as a teacher after completing undergraduate work at Macalester College.

"We had a slogan, 'No one has ever drowned in sweat,' " Wright said. "Kids would laugh at it now. But Roy gave you a sense of discipline, a sense of what it took to be successful. It's hard work.

"Roy was ahead of his time in terms of theory. He was a jump or two ahead of other high school coaches, and the university picked up on that."

The "U" hired Griak away from St. Louis Park in 1963, but the Orioles continued to win state championships. St. Louis Park won four state titles in the five years from 1962-66 (the Orioles also won in 1958).

"Those were the golden years of track and field," Wright said. "But we were coaching kids to specialize and one of the problems we went through were the demands we were placing on a student-athlete. We were asking kids to train 11 months a year.

"My gut feeling is it's better for a student-athlete to be a two or three-sport person."

In 1969, Wright left coaching to spend more time officiating meets. He became Park's athletic director in 1977, succeeding Lloyd Holm.

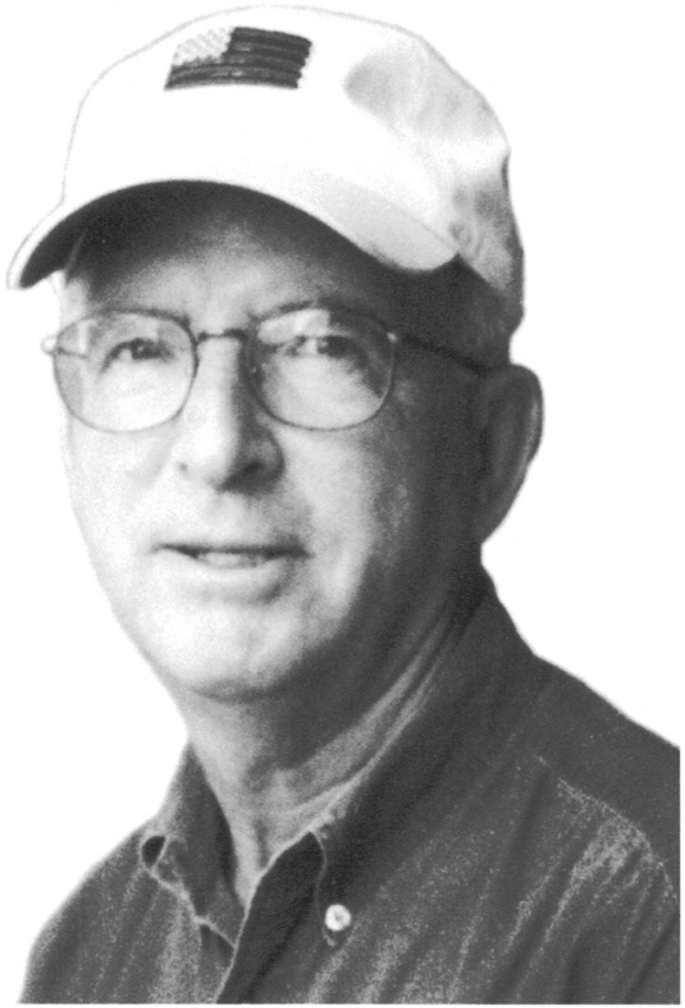
It wasn't that easy to leave the social studies department, but Wright said he was ready to move on. He had helped the department develop minority studies classes and "for eight years, my wife and I took 80 kids to Washington, D.C. (on field trips) over spring break. And we survived."

People who were around Park High in the 1960s saw a different side of the school: an enrollment giant similar to what Burnsville, Anoka and Stillwater are now.

But Park was also among the first of the "first-ring suburbs" to experience an enrollment drop. St. Louis Park, once one of the biggest Lake Conference schools, became the smallest.

With enrollment now stabilizing and the athletic programs appearing to be likewise, Wright says it's time to move on again.

"This is probably a good time to try something else afte 35 years of the same thing," he said.



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