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Through his participation in the Knoxville Track Club Youth Athletics Program, Tony Cosey began to lay the foundation for his professional running career. In 1991, Tony was the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Nationals (Young Men's Division) runner-up in the 1500 meters (3:59). Also in the 1991 AAU Nationals, Tony anchored KTC's National Championship 4x800 relay (7:52).

At Central High School in Knoxville, Cosey was state champ in Cross-Country in 1990-1991 and state champ in the 1600 meters in 1992 and 3200 meters in 1991, and earned two state records: 1600 meters (4:11), cross-country (14:54). He was 12-time Knoxville Scholastic League (KIL) champion between cross-country, 800 meters, 1600 meters, and 3200 meters. On the national level, Cosey was a Footlocker Cross-Country National All-American in 1991, while representing the KTC Youth Athletics Program.

Cosey was a 7-time All-American for the University of Tennessee track and cross-country team in the indoor 3000m, outdoor 5000m, outdoor 10,000m, and the outdoor 3000m steeplechase. At the NCAA Cross-Country Championships, he placed 28th in 1994 and 7th in 1995. In the SEC Cross-Country Championships, Cosey was 4th in 1993, 3rd in 1994 and 3rd in 1995. At the NCAA Championships, Cosey twice finished 4th in the indoor 3000m, finished 5th in the outdoor 10k and 9th in the 5k and 4th in the steeplechase. Cosey was Mt. SAC Relays Champion and Penn Relays Champion, both at the 3000m steeplechase, as well as an SEC and USATF National Champion in the distance medley relay.

After his UT career, Cosey competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials and became a professional athlete after signing his first contract with Adidas. He represented the United States in three World Cross-Country Championships. In 1997, he competed in the World Goodwill Games, and in 1998 he represented the US in the World University Games. In 1998, Cosey took 3rd place in the 3000m at the US Indoor Track Championships.

Cosey's personal best in the steeplechase came when it mattered most - he ran 8:21.41 in the 2000 Olympic Trials, where he finished 3rd and qualified for the 2000 US Sydney Olympic team. In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Cosey finished 10th in the semifinals with a time of 8:35.25 and 24th overall. He is the only Knoxville-born track Olympian.

Cosey was on the KTC Board of Directors for two years and has served on numerous civic and national boards. He was a member of the Board of Directors for USA Track and Field for five years and served on their Audit Committee, Budget Committee, World and Olympic Coaches Selection Committees, and Ethics Committee. He was Vice-Chairman for the Athletes Advisory Council, and served on the Road Runner Council, Long Distance Executive Committee, and Cross-Country Executive Committee.

Cosey coached the Christian Academy of Knoxville cross-country team to their first Tennessee state title in 2012 and second place in 2013, and a fourth place for CAK in the state track & field finals. Cosey is the head coach for the CAK men's and women's program in both sports.

Cosey is also the current TSSAA A-AA Regional Director for both track & field and cross-country. He is the meet director annually for the TSSAA A-AA Sub-Sectionals and the Sectionals held at CAK.

Cosey was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. He and wife Kathryn have three children, Taylor, Mason, and Baker (two of whom have participated in the KTC Youth Athletic Program).



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R.A. Dickey

Robert Allen Dickey (born October 29, 1974) is an American former professional baseball pitcher. He played in Major League Baseball (MLB) for the Texas Rangers, Seattle Mariners, Minnesota Twins, New York Mets, Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves.

After limited success in the majors as a conventional starting pitcher, Dickey learned to throw a knuckleball. In 2012, Dickey was selected to his first All-Star Game, won the *Sporting News* Pitcher of the Year Award, and became the first knuckleball pitcher to win the Cy Young Award after posting a 20–6 record with a league-leading 230 strikeouts. From 2013 to 2017, Dickey and Boston Red Sox pitcher Steven Wright were the only two active knuckleballers in the Majors.^[1]

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R.A. Dickey



Dickey with the Blue Jays in 2016

Pitcher

Born: October 29, 1974
Nashville, Tennessee

Batted: Right **Threw:** Right

MLB debut

April 22, 2001, for the Texas Rangers

Last MLB appearance

September 26, 2017, for the Atlanta Braves

MLB statistics

Win–loss record 120–118

Earned run average 4.04

Strikeouts 1,477

Teams

- Texas Rangers (2001, 2003–2006)
- Seattle Mariners (2008)
- Minnesota Twins (2009)
- New York Mets (2010–2012)
- Toronto Blue Jays (2013–2016)
- Atlanta Braves (2017)

Career highlights and awards

- All-Star (2012)

High school career

Dickey attended Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. He was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 10th round (277th overall) of the 1993 Major League Baseball draft, but did not sign.

College

Dickey attended the University of Tennessee, where he played college baseball for the Tennessee Volunteers baseball team in the Southeastern Conference. He majored in English literature at Tennessee, where he had a 3.35 GPA and was named Academic All-American.^[2] He was also named Academic All-SEC.^[3]

Professional career

1996–2006: Texas Rangers

Dickey was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the first round (18th overall) of the 1996 Major League Baseball draft. After being drafted by the Rangers, Dickey was initially offered a signing bonus of \$825,000, before a Rangers team physician saw Dickey's throwing (right) arm hanging oddly in a picture of him with other Team USA players in Baseball America. The Rangers subsequently did further evaluation of Dickey, leading to the discovery of a missing ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow joint, and reduced their offer to \$75,000.^{[4][5]} Dickey has been quoted as saying, "Doctors look at me and say I shouldn't be able to turn a doorknob without feeling pain,"^[4] making his ability to pitch somewhat remarkable.

Dickey debuted with the Rangers in 2001. "His stuff was dime-a-dozen, though: a high-80's fastball, an occasional fringy breaking ball, and a forkball he dubbed 'The Thing.'"^[5] The start of the 2004 season was thought to be a turning point in Dickey's career, as he managed to compile a 4–1 record through his first five starts. This hot streak was short-lived, however, and he ended up finishing the season a disappointing 6–7 with a 5.61 ERA.^[6]

Transition to the knuckleball

Throughout his career, Dickey did not know that his "forkball" pitch was actually a hard knuckleball, but by 2005, Dickey had realized that the best way to extend his career was to perfect the pitch.^[4] At the beginning of the 2006 season, the Rangers gave Dickey a chance to try out his knuckleball at the major league level by naming him the 5th starter. However, after giving up 6 home runs in his first start on April 6, tying the modern era baseball record with another knuckleballer, Tim Wakefield, he was demoted to the Rangers' Triple-A minor league affiliate, the Oklahoma RedHawks.

2007: Milwaukee Brewers

On January 13, 2007, he signed a minor league deal with the Milwaukee Brewers and spent the 2007 season with the Triple-A Nashville Sounds. After finishing the season with a 12–6 record and a 3.80 ERA, Dickey was named the Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year.^[7]

- NL Cy Young Award (2012)
- Gold Glove Award (2013)
- NL strikeout leader (2012)

Medals

Men's baseball

Representing United States

Olympic Games

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2007–2009: Minnesota Twins & Seattle Mariners



Dickey pitching for the Seattle Mariners in 2008

Dickey became a minor league free agent after the season. On November 28, 2007, he signed a minor league contract with the Minnesota Twins that included an invitation to spring training, but was claimed in the Rule 5 draft by the Seattle Mariners on December 6, 2007.

On March 29, 2008, the Mariners traded minor league catcher Jair Fernandez to the Twins to retain the rights for Dickey and initially optioned him to Triple-A Tacoma, recalling him to the major league club on April 14.^[8]

On August 17, 2008, Dickey tied the record for most wild pitches in an inning, with four. This came against the Minnesota Twins in the fifth inning. He joins four others, including Hall of Famers Walter Johnson and Phil Niekro, who have accomplished this feat.^[9]

In 2008, he led the majors in games started with fewer than four days of rest, with six.^[10]

He became a free agent after the season after refusing a minor league assignment. On December 23, 2008, Dickey signed a minor league contract with an invitation to spring training with the Minnesota Twins.^[11] He would go on to pitch in 35 games for the Twins in 2009.

2010–2012: New York Mets

On January 5, 2010, Dickey signed a minor league contract with the New York Mets, receiving an invitation to spring training.^[12] He was assigned to the Triple-A Buffalo Bisons to begin the season. While playing for the Bisons, Dickey threw a one-hitter on April 29. He gave up a single to the first batter, and then retired the next twenty-seven in a row.^[13]

On May 19, 2010, the New York Mets purchased Dickey's contract from the Buffalo Bisons, and he made his first appearance as a Met against the Washington Nationals on the same day. In his debut for the Mets, Dickey pitched well, going six innings, giving up five hits, two earned runs, and striking out two, but received a no-decision. His next start, May 25 against the Philadelphia Phillies, he went six innings again, giving up 9 hits, walking 3 and striking out 7 in an 8–0 shutout for his first victory as a Met. On August 13, 2010, Dickey threw a complete game one-hit shutout of the Philadelphia Phillies — the only hit being a single surrendered to Phillies starting pitcher Cole Hamels.^[14] Dickey finished the 2010 season with a very strong ERA of 2.84, which was 7th best in the National League and 10th in all of baseball, and served as a rare bright spot on an otherwise disappointing season for the Mets.^[15] In 2010, Dickey posted career highs in Games Started (26), wins (11), complete games (2), innings pitched (174.1), strikeouts (104), ERA (2.84), WHIP (1.19), and BAA (.252).

On January 29, 2011, Dickey agreed to a two-year contract with the Mets. Under the agreement, Dickey received a \$1 million signing bonus, \$2.25 million in 2011, and \$4.25 million in 2012. In addition, the Mets had a \$5 million option for 2013 with a \$300,000 buyout.^[16] During the 2011

season, Dickey posted career bests in game starts (32), innings pitched (208²/₃) and strikeouts (134). He finished the year with a record of only 8–13, despite a 3.28 ERA that was 12th best in the National League.^[17]

2012: Cy Young Award season

Dickey's performance in the first half of 2012 drew comparisons to some of the most dominant pitching streaks of the last 50 years.^[18] Mets Manager Terry Collins remarked, "I've never seen anything like this. Never. I've seen some dominant pitching, but nothing like what he's going through right now."^[19] Hall of Fame Pitcher and fellow knuckleballer Phil Niekro commented on Dickey, "I had a few streaks, but nothing like he's going through. I don't know if any other knuckleballer has ever been on a hot streak like he has been. He is just dynamite right now."^[20]



Dickey pitching for the New York Mets in 2011

Dickey recorded double-digit strikeouts in back-to-back games in May,^{[21][22]} becoming the first Mets pitcher to do so since Pedro Martínez in 2006. Over the two games, Dickey allowed one run in 14¹/₃ innings for an ERA of 0.63, and he was named National League Player of the Week for the week ending May 27, 2012.^[23]

In Dickey's next two starts, he pitched 16¹/₃ innings, allowing no runs. During his next outing on June 13, Dickey allowed only one hit, struck out a career-high 12 batters, and walked none, facing only 29 total batters to lead the Mets to a 9–1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The only hit was an infield single by B.J. Upton on a play where third baseman David Wright tried to barehand the ball but failed to field it cleanly. The Mets formally appealed the official scorekeeping of the only hit allowed to be changed to an error on Wright, but MLB denied the appeal.^[24] Dickey was the first pitcher in the major leagues to reach 10 wins in 2012.^[25]

In his next start, Dickey pitched a complete game one-hit shutout against the Orioles, becoming the first pitcher since Dave Stieb in 1988 to throw two consecutive one-hitters.^[26] He also became only the third pitcher, after Sandy Koufax and Nolan Ryan, to have two complete game one-hitters with 12 or more strikeouts in one season, and the only pitcher to do it in back-to-back starts.

During this streak, Dickey set a new Mets franchise record of 32²/₃ consecutive scoreless innings, besting Jerry Koosman's 31²/₃ in 1973.^[27] On July 1, 2012, Dickey was named to the National League All-Star team. He was also honored with being the National League Pitcher of the Month after going 5–0 with a 0.93 ERA for the month of June.^[28] On August 31, Dickey pitched his third complete game shutout of the year. The win marked the first time a Met pitcher had reached 17 wins since Al Leiter in 1998.^[29] Dickey won his 20th game of the season on September 27, 2012, tying his career high with 13 strikeouts.^[30] For the 2012 season, Dickey set new career bests in games started (33), wins (20), complete games (5), shutouts (3), innings pitched (233²/₃), strikeouts (230), ERA (2.73), WHIP (1.05), and BAA (.226).

Dickey won the NL Cy Young Award, beating out Gio González of the Nationals and Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers. He became the first knuckleballer in MLB history to win the award.^[31] He also became the third Met pitcher to win the award, joining Tom Seaver (1969, 1973, and 1975) and Dwight Gooden (1985).^[32]

2013–2016: Toronto Blue Jays



Dickey in April 2013

On December 16, 2012, the Mets agreed to trade Dickey to the Toronto Blue Jays (along with Josh Thole and Mike Nickeas) in exchange for Travis d'Arnaud, John Buck, Noah Syndergaard and Wuilmer Becerra, contingent upon his agreeing to a contract extension with the Blue Jays.^[33] The two sides agreed on December 17 to a two-year, \$25-million extension with a club option for a third year in 2016 at \$12 million; the deal became official once he passed his physical.^{[34][35]} On February 5, 2013, manager John Gibbons said Dickey would be the opening day starter for the Blue Jays.^[36] Dickey lost his first start for his new team, giving up four runs and five hits in six innings in a loss to the Cleveland Indians. Dickey pitched his first complete game and shutout as a Blue Jay in a game against the Tampa Bay Rays on June 26.^[37] Dickey would finish his first season as a Blue Jay with a record of 14–13, an ERA of 4.21, and 177 strikeouts over 224²/₃ innings pitched.

On October 25, Dickey was announced as a finalist for the AL Pitcher's Gold Glove, along with teammate Mark Buehrle and Detroit Tigers pitcher Doug Fister.^[38] He was awarded the 2013 Pitcher's Fielding Bible on October 28, 2013,^[39] and was announced as the AL Pitcher's Gold Glove Award winner on October 29. Dickey led all American League pitchers with 40 assists and 7 defensive runs saved, and yielded only 8 stolen bases.^[40]

Dickey began the 2014 season with a 4–4 record and a 4.20 ERA through his first 10 starts. On May 24, he won his fifth game of the season, 5–2 over the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics. In doing so, he lowered his ERA to 3.95, the first time in his tenure as a Blue Jay in which his ERA has been below 4.^[41] On June 27, Dickey recorded his 1,000th career strikeout, coming against Tyler Flowers of the Chicago White Sox. He would start the final game of the Blue Jays season on September 28, against the Baltimore Orioles, and would pitch 6 innings and yield only 1 run, but Toronto would lose 1–0. Dickey finished the season with a 14–13 record, 3.71 ERA, 173 strikeouts, and a 1.23 WHIP in 34 starts totaling 215²/₃ innings.^[6]

Dickey opened the 2015 season as the number two starter in the Jays rotation. On June 18, he made his first start against the Mets since being traded in 2012, and pitched 7¹/₃ innings in a 7–1 win. Dickey was placed on the bereavement list the following day after it was revealed that his father, Harry Lee Dickey, had died on June 16.^[42] At the All-Star break, Dickey had a 3–10 record and a 4.87 ERA.^[43] He would turn his season around after the break, and earned his 100th career win on September 25.^[44] Dickey pitched a little over ninety-nine innings after the All-Star break, fourth most in the American League, resulting in eight wins with only one loss, 6th best in the AL. His ERA was a meagre 2.80 over that period, which would have tied him for the best in the American League with Justin

Verlander (50 inning minimum), had it not been for two other Jays starters, Marco Estrada, with a 2.78 ERA, and David Price, at 2.55. Overall Dickey finished the season with an 11–11 record, 3.91 ERA, and 126 strikeouts in 214⅓ innings pitched.^[6] He made his postseason debut on October 12, starting game 4 of the ALDS against the Texas Rangers. At 40 years of age, Dickey became the oldest player in MLB history to make his postseason debut, pitching 4⅔ innings before he was relieved by David Price, who would go on to earn the win.^[45] On November 3, Dickey's \$12 million option for 2016 was exercised by the Blue Jays.^[46] During the offseason, he underwent surgery to repair a tear in his right meniscus.^[47]

Dickey had an up-and-down 2016 campaign, closing the regular season with a 10–15 record, 4.46 ERA, and 126 strikeouts over 169⅔ innings.^[6] Due to the acquisition of Francisco Liriano at the trade deadline, Dickey made only three pitching appearances in September.^[48] With the Blue Jays only needing four starters for the playoffs, Dickey was left off of the postseason roster in favor of Marcus Stroman, Aaron Sanchez, Marco Estrada, and J. A. Happ. Dickey became a free agent at the conclusion of the 2016 season.^[49] On October 27, Dickey was named a finalist for the pitchers Gold Glove Award, along with Justin Verlander and Dallas Keuchel.^[50]

2017: Atlanta Braves

On November 10, 2016, Dickey signed a one-year, \$7.5 million contract with the Atlanta Braves that included an \$8 million club option for the 2018 season, with a \$500,000 buyout.^[51]

In 31 starts for the Atlanta Braves in the 2017 season, Dickey had a 10–10 record with an ERA of 4.26. The Braves declined the 2018 option on Dickey, leaving him a free agent. He retired in 2018 after not being signed in free agency.^[52]

Pitching style

Dickey relied primarily on the knuckleball, using the pitch around 80% of the time. His repertoire was rounded out by two-seam and four-seam fastballs (82–85 mph) and a rare changeup (76–78 mph).^[53] Dickey's knuckleball came in two forms — a "slow" knuckler in the low-to-mid 70s that has been clocked as low as 54 mph, and a "fast" one in the upper 70s, sometimes reaching as fast as 83 mph. Dickey tended to use the slow knuckleball when he was behind in the count, and used the fast one when he was ahead.^[54] However, he resorted to a fastball in most 3–0 and 3–1 counts.^[53]

International career

Dickey was a member of the 1996 US Olympic Baseball team that won a bronze medal in Atlanta. Dickey started two games, recording wins in both.^[55] 17 years later, Dickey once again pitched for Team USA in the 2013 World Baseball Classic. He started two games, going 0–1 with a 5.00 ERA.

Awards, honors, and notable achievements

- 2012 NL Cy Young Award winner
- All-Star selection (2012)
- National League Pitcher of the Month (June 2012)
- National League Player of the Week (5/27/2012)^[23]

- Won a bronze medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta for Men's Baseball.
- *Baseball Prospectus* Cy Young Award (2012)
- *Sporting News* NL Pitcher of the Year (2012)
- Holds the Mets franchise record of 32²/₃ consecutive scoreless innings (set June 13, 2012).^[27] Stands second among Mets pitchers all-time with 44²/₃ consecutive innings pitched without giving up an earned run.^[56]
- Threw two consecutive one-hitters on June 13 and 18, 2012. The last time a pitcher had thrown two consecutive one-hitters was in 1988 in the AL and 1944 in the NL. During the June 18 one-hitter, he also set a career high in strikeouts with 13.^[57] Dickey is also the only pitcher to throw consecutive one hitters and post 10+ strikeouts.
- With his June 18, 2012 win over the Orioles, he became the only pitcher in major league history to have five consecutive starts without giving up any earned runs and still getting at least eight strikeouts in each game.^[58]
- Branch Rickey Award (2012)^[59]
- National League Outstanding Pitcher of the Year (2012)^[60]
- Received an Honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters from Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto on May 13, 2013.^[61]



Dickey charting pitches on his day off.

Personal life

Dickey is married and has two daughters and two sons.^[3] A born-again Christian, he helps operate the Ocala, Florida-based Honoring the Father Ministries which provides medical supplies, powdered milk, and baseball equipment to the impoverished in Latin America.^[62]

A 2010 *New York Times* article reported that Dickey is an avid reader and that at the time, the stack of books in his locker included *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel and a collection of works by C. S. Lewis. Dickey has said that if he had not become a professional athlete, he would have become an English professor.^[63] Dickey named his bats for literary swords--Orcrist the Goblin Cleaver (from *The Hobbit*) and Hrunting (from *Beowulf*).^[64] Dickey mixed up Orcrist and Sting when explaining the origin of the name.^{[65][66]} Dickey's at-bat introduction song was the theme from *Game of Thrones*.^[67]

In November 2011, Dickey announced that he would risk his 2012 season salary (\$4,250,000) to attempt to climb Mount Kilimanjaro; he credits this aspiration to his boyhood reading of Hemingway's *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*.^[68] While climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, he set out to raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking in India. His climb was in support of an organization called "Bombay Teen Challenge" that ministers to victims of human trafficking and their children in the heart of the red-light districts. Dickey returned from this trip in January 2012 with Mets bullpen catcher Dave Racaniello and the Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Kevin Slowey, and together raised over \$100,000.

His 2011 season was followed in the documentary film *Knuckleball!*^{[69][70]}

His autobiography, *Wherever I Wind Up: My Quest for Truth, Authenticity and the Perfect Knuckleball*, written along with *New York Daily News* reporter Wayne Coffey, was released in 2012.^[71] In the book, Dickey reports suffering sexual abuse as an 8-year-old child by a 13-year-old female babysitter, and later by a teenage male, and discusses his struggles with suicidal thoughts as an adult.^[72] In September 2012, Dial Press announced a deal with Dickey to publish three books, including a children's version of his memoir.^[73]

On June 20, 2012, it was reported that Dickey was helping coach an 18-year-old knuckleball pitcher from Long Island, helping him become a walk-on pitcher for the University of Maryland Terrapins.^{[74][75]}

In 2013, Dickey appeared in a video for I Am Second describing his suicide attempt, history of abuse, and becoming a born-again Christian.^[76]

See also

- List of knuckleball pitchers
- List of Major League Baseball annual strikeout leaders
- List of Major League Baseball annual shutout leaders

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Donnie Holbrook (1960-2012)

Donnie always had a passion for racing. He was not one to be satisfied with his most recent run. He was always seeking ways to improve the car and be quicker. Throughout his career as driver, crew chief, team owner and sponsor, Donnie won 2 world championships, set 4 world records and 14 national records. He was the youngest Top Fuel team owner at the age of 27.

Donnie and his wife Barbara founded a racing business in 1992. Holbrook Performance Parts, Inc. – a business designed for racers (drag racers, monster trucks, mug boggers, drag boat racers, tractor pullers and 10.5 racers), and today, has a footprint across six continents. Through Holbrook Performance Parts, Donnie quietly trained and helped numerous racers get proper training and/or the parts to keep their dream alive. His client list includes the biggest names in the business.

NRHA asked Donnie to represent the sport overseas in 1996 as Team USA in Japan and Brazil. Donnie raced in 5 continents during his career.

In 2012, Donnie was killed in an airplane crash. He had been a pilot for almost 20 years.

He was active in the sport and with his clients until his death in 2012. His legacy continued as his business Holbrook Performance Parts carried out his vision in its daily operations until the family sold the business in July 2020.

In 2018, NHRA inducted Donnie into the Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2017. He received the Don Garlits Pioneer award. Don made the call himself to inform Barbara of Donnie's induction.

Donnie was inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame in 2019.

In 2020, Donnie and Steve will be recognized by the East Coast Nostalgia Drag Racing Organization and presented with their "Performance Award", equivalent to a Hall of Fame award.

Please see website donnieholbrook.com for more information.

Donnie & Holbrook Performance Parts Accomplishments

NHRA Drag Racing Hall of Fame - Class of 2017

Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame - Class of 2019

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- 23 - Event championships
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- 11 - times Top MPH
- 14 - times finished in Top 10 in points
- 12 - times finished in Top 5 in points
- Raced in 5 continents
- NHRA's Team USA member



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT: FOOTBALL

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT: TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS WR (1993-96), TITANS WR (1997-99)

(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Here's why Joey Kent should be in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and to try and do this within 300 words disrespects his achievements and how beloved he is within the Vols community and the state. It's not merely the stats, but they're impressive enough on their own. As one of Peyton Manning's favorite targets, Joey was responsible for 183 catches for the Vols, totaling 2814 receiving yards and 25 touchdowns... with outstanding junior and senior seasons that helped Tennessee in an era when Vol Football was approaching National Championship form. He still holds the all-time career receptions record for Tennessee, ranks both fifth and sixth in school history for single season receptions, is tied in single-game receptions with 13 against Arkansas in 1995, and the 2814 receiving yards... you guessed it, that's nearly 400 more than anyone else has ever accomplished in Knoxville.

He had a short stint in the NFL, lasting four years in the league, but the one constant was the University of Tennessee, and the state he's called home ever since. He may be from Alabama, but he's a Volunteer. Just ask him. Once he arrived here, he never left.

Successful in pharmaceutical sales today, Joey couldn't "quit" Tennessee athletics and continues to faithfully represent the best of Volunteer Football. He switched from the player side to the media world and has served as the likable and popular host of the Tennessee Tailgate Show for nearly a decade on WGFX-FM 104.5 The Zone. The program either directly precedes or follows Vol Network coverage every Saturday during the regular season and also airs before bowl matchups. On the show, Joey has brought on many Volunteer legends, past and present, and he has quietly kept in communication with his teammates and current players. Just this past offseason, Joey sought out and spoke with Vol WR Josh Palmer, helping him understand how to become a leader in the receiving room.

More than anything he did on the field, which included enormous, memorable plays against Alabama, Florida, and all of the school's most formidable rivals, more than the bowl wins and the one-loss season in 1995, the reason Joey stands out most is the impressive and humble gentleman, husband, and father he's been and continues to be. To say he's a credit to the sports community in Tennessee is a massive understatement. Without hyperbole, I have never met anyone in this industry I hold in higher regard as a human being than Joey Kent. Watching how he treats everyone in his orbit, watching how he always has time for fans when we've done the show on location, and just watching how he conducts his life, he's not just a Hall of Fame talent, he's a Hall of Fame person. It's a pleasure to call him a friend, a true blessing, and I believe the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame NEEDS Joey Kent, because everything he touches is better for having been associated with him.

My name is Jason Martin. I currently host JMart and Ramon on 104.5 The Zone alongside Vol legend and 11-year NFL veteran Ramon Foster. The show airs 6-10 AM CT Monday through Friday and is also available via all podcast locales. I've been with the station since 2012 and have worked with Joey on the Tennessee Tailgate Show for the past five years. I also host The Jason Martin Show, syndicated for two years nationally on Fox Sports Radio and heard in over 400 markets across the country. I've also served as Fox's primary fill-in

morning host since 2017 and have worked on other shows for the network. I've written for SB Nation, for Outkick, for 104.5 The Zone, and other outlets, and have been a television broadcaster both for the KHSAA and TSSAA in high school football and basketball since 2013.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and considering Joey for induction. This is one of the easiest letters I've ever written. Nominating Joey couldn't possibly feel more right or more proper. Thanks for the opportunity to place his name at your table. I believe with all my heart that Joey Kent belongs in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Men's Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player, Head Men's Basketball Coach, and Athletic

Director at Maryville College

(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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**Nomination for Randy Lambert for induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
Submitted by Eric Etchison on August 13, 2020**

Following a legendary career as a collegiate men's basketball coach and athletic administrator, Maryville College's Randy Lambert has been selected for induction into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame on Tuesday, July 21st.

Randy Lambert concluded his 40th year of employment at Maryville College in June 2020 and he has decided to gracefully move into retirement. After four decades at his Alma Mater and serving in several capacities, Lambert feels it's time to leave. "I had a great time and I developed lasting relationships with so many staff members, fellow coaches, and young student-athletes," Lambert explains. "To think you can live out your dreams in your own backyard and coach the sport you love while sharing this great experience with family and friends, it has been so special."

Lambert is no stranger to the Maryville community. He was born and raised in Maryville by his parents, Harold and Jean Lambert. He graduated from Maryville High School in 1972, and continued his education at Maryville College. "I was a very average high school basketball player, but I played for some great coaches. Bill Phillips, Jim Campbell, and Don Story taught me the fundamentals of basketball and demonstrated their love of working with young people, which helped me develop my passion for coaching," Lambert said. "I loved the game and would play any chance I could," Lambert continues. "By the time I got to college with Coach Boydson Baird, my skills and intensity for the game had developed." As a member of the Scots basketball team, Lambert was a four-year starter and garnered numerous honors, including being the 16th leading scorer in the nation at 23.7 points per game his senior year. With 1,489 points, he is currently listed as the eighth leading scorer in MC Basketball history.

After college graduation in 1976, Lambert received his Masters in Physical Education from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and served as a traveling physical education instructor for the Knoxville City Schools. His first teaching and coaching job was at Lenoir City High School. Lambert reflects on his Lenoir City experience, "I was an assistant for one of the best high school coaches in East Tennessee at the time, Willie Joe Smalley. Coach Smalley taught me so much in regards to practice organization, work commitment, and dealing with players and parents. When it came to the X's and O's, he was one of the best around."

While working at a University of Kentucky Summer Basketball Camp for Joe Hall in the summer of 1980, Lambert received a call from Maryville College and was offered the head basketball position. He would replace another aspiring young coach, Knoxville's own, Rick Byrd. At the age of 25, he would become the youngest head coach in the NCAA at the time and would begin a career of 39 seasons at the helm of his Alma Mater. In his first year, his team finished 15-11, which was the most wins in 32 years! The best was yet to come. As he continued to develop the program, his 1984-85 team registered a 17-8 record clinching the college's first conference championship in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. During the remaining seasons of the 80's, the MC Cagers recorded a string of winning records. Based on its consistency of winning and its up-tempo style of play, the program was beginning to receive national recognition. Lambert's talented troops of the 90's began an unprecedented National Tournament run.

The 1990-91 team shattered every school record in basketball. The team finished 22-5 and participated in the NCAA Division III National Tournament, the first such trip in MC's Basketball history. Lambert's 91-92 squad did even better, ending the season with a 24-5 record. This outstanding team was ranked sixth nationally in the final poll and received the No. 1 Seed in the South for the National Tournament. This team advanced to the Elite Eight before falling to Bo Ryan's Wisconsin-Platteville University by a score of 87-83 in O.T. "This team was good enough to win it all. I had a solid player at every position with depth. Sometimes, it just boils down to match-

ups and making a few shots at the right time", Lambert remembers. "I really wanted to bring a national championship banner back to Maryville, I was so disappointed." The twenty-win seasons and national tournament berths continued and the Scots posted twelve consecutive seasons of the newly established benchmark. Continuing on into the 2000's, Lambert's Scots tallied an amazing .797 winning percentage for the next 10 years, which was ranked 7th nationally! "I was blessed to coach young men who had the same drive and motivation as I had. With quality assistants and dedicated players, my job was easy and, boy, did we have some fun. Hopefully, I was able to impact their lives as much as they did mine," Lambert reflects. In 2018-19, Lambert concluded his illustrious career with yet another conference championship and an NCAA Tournament Bid. The highlights of his career are summarized below:

- 39 seasons as a head coach, all at MC
- 20 trips to NCAA Division III National Tournament, 3 Sweet Sixteen appearances
- 20 Twenty-win seasons
- 722-325 overall record with a .689 winning percentage
- Eighth coach in D-III to win over 700 games
- 42nd all-time, all divisions in wins in NCAA Basketball history
- 4th coach in all divisions in NCAA to win all of the 700 games at his alma mater
- Coached 42 All-conference players and five All-Americans

As if coaching was not enough, Lambert also served as MC's Athletic Director from 1985 to 2008. During his 23 years, the department experienced an amazing turnaround in its success. From greatly improved winning percentages amongst its sports to a higher retention of student-athletes, the Scots began to be recognized as one of the South's finest NCAA Division III programs. The athletic facilities also received a much-needed facelift during his tenure. A one-million-dollar renovation of Cooper Athletic Center, a \$500,000 development of the football facility, six new tennis courts, and improvements to the baseball, softball, and soccer fields were some of the featured changes. He was also very instrumental in the origination of the Great South Athletic Conference in 2000 and served as its Commissioner for two years. For the past year, Lambert was the Coordinator of the Athletic Facilities Campaign at the college, a proposed, ambitious 22 million-dollar major overhaul of the Athletic facilities. "The college has been very good to me and my family. I am hoping I can have an impact on preparing for the needs of the next generation of student-athletes. I really believe in our mission. We are giving our students the life lessons that are necessary to be productive citizens," Lambert adds.

As if his service to the college is not enough, Coach Lambert has had quite a positive influence on the Maryville community. His summer basketball camps have served thousands of young boys and girls over the years. He has served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Red Cross, Harbour's Gate Ministry, Greene Co. Bank, Blount County Athletic Hall of Fame, and Maryville First United Methodist Church. He was a long-time Walk Chairman for Alzheimer's Tennessee. He was also very active in the NCAA and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, where he served on various regional and national committees. Lambert was inducted into the Maryville College Wall of Fame in 1991 and given the MC Presidential Citation in 2007. He was inducted into the Blount County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. He continues to live in Maryville with his wife, Laney. They have three children (Kami, Jason, and Wes) and five grandchildren (Kaylee, Emma, Isaac, Luke, and Sutton). When asked about his retirement, Lambert concludes, "You have to continue to serve and have a real purpose in life. I plan on spending more time with my children and grandchildren. I will continue to volunteer and be active in the community and at the college. It is time for me to pay back those who gave me so much. I may even find some time to play a round or two of golf."

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Career (39) 722-325 (.689)



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SPORT Basketball

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Andy Landers bio

Maryville native Andy Landers was an ultra-successful college coach before becoming one of the most prominent voices for ESPN's coverage of women's basketball.

Landers recorded 944 career victories, including 862 in 36 seasons at Georgia. In 2014, he became the seventh basketball coach with 850 victories at one NCAA Division I school, joining Pat Summitt, Geno Auriemma, Mike Krzyzewski, Dean Smith, Jim Boeheim and Adolph Rupp.

After graduating from Tennessee Tech, Landers became the head coach at Roane State and posted an 82-21 record from 1975-79.

In 1979, Landers was hired as UGA's first full-time women's coach and quickly turned the program into a powerhouse. Georgia won the 1981 WNIT title. The Lady Bulldogs played in the first NCAA Tournament in 1982 and advanced to the Final Four in 1983. Two years later, the Lady Bulldogs were NCAA runners-up.

When Landers retired, the Lady Bulldogs ranked No. 2 nationally in NCAA Tournament appearances (31) and weeks in the AP poll (522). Under Landers, Georgia advanced to 20 "Sweet 16s," 11 "Elite Eights," five Final Fours and finished as NCAA runner-up twice.

Landers was named National Coach of the Year four times, while his players include three National Players of the Year, three National Freshmen of the Year, one National Defensive Player of the Year and 31 All-Americans.

Equally impressive, all 67 of Landers' four-year letterwinners earned degrees from UGA.

All told, 41 Lady Bulldogs went on to play professionally. Landers' players own eight WNBA Championship rings. Georgia teammates Teresa Edwards and Katrina McClain became the backbone of virtually every U.S. national team for a decade and combined to win six Olympic Gold Medals.

Landers was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2009, Landers, the state of Georgia's winningest college basketball coach at any level, was inducted into the State of Georgia's Sports Hall of Fame.

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SPORT Football

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player and Coach

(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Hall of Fame Nomination Bio for Doug Mathews

Playing Career:

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M:

Led Northeastern Oklahoma A&M to National Championship 1967

Offensive MVP in national championship game

1967 -NJCAA All American

1967- NJCAA Player of the year

2008- NJCAA Hall of Fame Induction

Vanderbilt University:

1968:

- Started at defensive back for the commodores.
- Led Nation in punt return average.

1969:

- Started at tailback for the commodores.
- SEC rushing champion
- Rushed for 214yds against Tulane (still third highest rushing total in Vanderbilt History)

Coaching Career:

1971 Montgomery Bell Academy – Assistant Coach

1972 Northeast Louisiana University – Assistant Coach

1973-1976 Weber State University – Assistant Coach

1976-1978 University of Louisville – Assistant Coach

1979 – Virginia Tech University – Assistant Coach

1980 – 1989 University of Tennessee – Assistant Coach , Defensive Coordinator

1990 – Vanderbilt University – Assistant Coach, Defensive Coordinator

At University of Tennessee, Doug was charged with heading up the recruiting of Middle Tennessee. Forging hundreds of relationships with high school coaches in the state, recruiting their players and helping them as coaches. During this time Doug signed countless young men to stay in state and play for Tennessee. From 1980 – 1988, Doug served as Coach Johnny Majors running back coach. A member of the epic 1985 SEC Championship and 1986 Sugar Bowl teams. In 1988 the Vols started the season 0-5. Prompting Coach Majors to move Doug from Running Back coach to Defensive Coordinator. After these changes the volunteers lost to Alabama the following week, and then won the remaining games in the 88' season. Doug remained the defensive coordinator for the 1990 season which brought the Vols the 1989 SEC Championship, his second at Tennessee, as well as the 1990 cotton bowl championship. Finishing the season 11-1 and the #4 national ranking.

At Vanderbilt in 1990 while serving as defensive coordinator for Watson Brown, Doug signed Shelton Quarles and Robert Davis in his one recruiting class.

Post Coaching Career:

1991 – Served as the color commentor for Vanderbilt Football

1992 – Founded Doug Mathews All American Athlete sporting goods company. Which would go on to become Doug Mathews' Team Sports, serving numerous area high schools and middle schools with their team athletic needs. During this time Doug mentored countless area coaches during their careers. Mathews' served the community in this role for 20 plus years.

For the past 25 years, Doug has been a staple on the radio airwaves in the Midstate. Starting at WLAC 1510 and then moving to his current home at 104.5 the zone. Known for fair and honest broadcasting on his shows Big Orange Sunday, Forklift Systems Sports Saturday, Coach to Coach, as well as Titans Radio he has developed a large and loyal audience.

He has served as color commentator on several Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl Broadcasts.

All the while Doug has served his community in many behind the scenes roles with numerous middle Tennessee charitable organizations. Including time served as President of the MNPD Police Athletic League, and President of Brentwood Civitan.

Hall of Fame Nomination Bio for Doug Mathews

- Led Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in becoming NJCAA champions in 1967
- Was Offensive player of the game in national championship game
- 1967 NJCAA All American
- 1967 NJCAA Player of the Year
- 1968 Started at defensive back for Vanderbilt Commodores & led nation in punt return average
- 1969 Started at tailback for Vanderbilt Commodores
- 1969 SEC league rushing champion (Only Vanderbilt Back To Ever Lead SEC)
- 1969 Rushed for 214 yards against Tulane (Still the third highest rushing total in Vanderbilt history)
- 1971 Assistant football coach at Montgomery Bell Academy
- 1972 Assistant football coach at Northeast Louisiana University
- 1973 – 1976 Assistant football coach at Weber State University
- 1976 - 1978 Assistant football coach at University of Louisville
- 1979 Assistant football coach at Virginia Tech University
- 1980 – 1989 Assistant football coach at University of Tennessee
 - From 1980 until 1988 Doug served as Coach John Majors' running back coach
 - Part of the 1985 SEC Championship and 1986 Sugar Bowl Championship teams
 - In 1988 after a 0 – 5 start Doug moved over from offense to become defensive coordinator
 - The Vols lost the next week to Alabama then closed the 1988 season by winning out.
 - In 1989 Doug was the defensive coordinator for the 1989 SEC Champion Vols and 1990 Cotton Bowl Champions. Tennessee finished the season 11 -1 and #4 in the nation

While at the University of Tennessee Doug was in charge of recruiting middle Tennessee. Doug signed countless young men from the state of Tennessee to play for the Vols

- 1990 Defensive coordinator for Vanderbilt University under Watson Brown. Signed Shelton Quarles and Robert Davis in his one recruiting class at Vanderbilt
- 1991 Served as Vanderbilt radio color commentator
- 1992 Doug founded Doug Mathews All American Athlete sporting goods company (Soon to become Doug Mathews Team Sports serving numerous area high and middle schools with their athletic team needs. During this time Doug mentored countless area coaches during their careers. Doug served the community in this role for 20+ years
- For the past 25+ years Doug has been a staple in the radio industry at WLAC 1510 and 104.5 The Zone with his work with Big Orange Sunday, Forklift Systems Football Saturday, Coach to Coach and time with Titans Radio

- Doug also served as color commentator for several Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl radio broadcasts
- Doug has given his time to numerous charitable organizations through the years in middle Tennessee including time served as president of the MNPB Police Athletic League and Brentwood Civitan



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT _____

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT – Student-Athlete at UTC (1992-95) – Pro Football Hall of Famer

(player, coach, official, administrator)

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Terrell Owens (1992-95) compiled 144 receptions and 2,320 receiving yards with 19 touchdowns during his UTC career. He ranks second in school history in both catches and receiving yardage. He caught at least one pass in 20 consecutive games from 1994 to 1995.

Owens, who also earned two letters in basketball, was a third-round draft pick by the San Francisco 49ers in 1996. He has earned the reputation as one of the top pass-catchers in the NFL and has made three straight Pro Bowls.

- 2018 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
- Six-Time Pro Bowl
- Five-Time All-Pro
- 1,078 Catches - 5th in NFL History
- 153 receiving TDs - T2nd in NFL History
- UTC 1992-95



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Men's Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Coach / Administrator / Athletic Director
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George Samuel Pitts

George S. Pitts was a TSSAA High School Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director from 1970-2006. Prior to his coaching career, George graduated from Young High School, and went on to play freshman basketball at ETSU. His freshman team beat UTK that year and AW Davis was the star on the UT team. George transferred to UTK graduating in 1970. His overall High School coaching record over 36 years was 820 wins 211 losses. During that time, he coached at Young High School, South-Young High School, and Bearden High School all in Knoxville; Science Hill High School in Johnson City; and Brentwood Academy in Nashville.

His High School teams won a total of seven TSSAA State Championships, which is the most in TSSAA boys basketball history. He won three titles while coaching at Science Hill High School in Johnson City (1990, 1994, and 1995); four while coaching at Brentwood Academy (2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006), becoming the only boys basketball program in TSSAA history to win four Championships consecutively. He also finished Runner-Up when coaching the Bearden Bulldogs in 1983.

Following his career in the High School scene, Coach Pitts served as Head Coach of the King University, Bristol, TN, Men's Basketball Team from 2006-2019. During his years at King, the Blue Tornado, won three ACC Championships and qualified for three NAIA National Tournaments. Coach Pitts notched seven 20-win seasons during his tenure at King. He was named Conference Carolina Coach of the Year three times. He retired as the winningest coach in the history of King University.

In March of 2020, Providence Academy, Johnson City, TN, announced his hiring as the school's new Athletic Director.

Submitted by Daniel B. Parker; 7 Commons Drive; Bradfordwoods, PA 15015
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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Bobby Snyder

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

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SPORT High school basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Coach

(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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835 career coaching victories at Daniel Boone at Boones Creek combined
66-game conference winning streak in the 1960s
Three straight regional titles in the 1990s
Team reached Class AA state tournament in 1999
Coached basketball for 45 years, baseball for 11
Ten-time conference coach of the year in basketball
Baseball teams went 130-61 with two Washington County League titles
Member of ETSU Athletic Hall of Fame
Member of TSSAA Hall of Fame
As a player, Snyder led the Washington County League in scoring with 21.6
points per game in 1954-55.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Tony White

ADDRESS N/A

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

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SPORT _____

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT PLAYER
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Third-team All-American selection in 1987 by the Associated Press and UPI ... Two-time first-team All-SEC selection (1986 & 1987) ... Named SEC Player of the Year in 1987 by the UPI ... Joined Bernard King as the only two Vols to win two SEC scoring titles, leading the league in 1986 and 1987 ... Finished his career ranking second on UT's career scoring lists with 2,219 career points ... It was the fifth-highest scoring total in SEC history at the time ... Set the UT single-game scoring record with 51 points against Auburn ... Earned SEC All-Tournament honors in 1984 and 1987 ... Selected in the

second round (33rd overall selection) of the 1987 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls ...
Named an SEC Legend in 2002.

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