

2022



West Region Nominees



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Basketball, Football, Baseball, Softball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Broadcaster, Announcer, Emcee
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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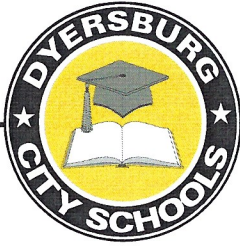
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Dyersburg City Schools

509 Lake Road • Dyersburg, TN 38024
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A graduate of Dyersburg High School, Charles Dawson began broadcasting for Dyersburg High School Basketball during the 1983-1984 school year. The following school year, he began broadcasting for Dyersburg High School Football. The 2021-2022 school year marks the 39th year for Charles to broadcast home and away sporting events for the school.

Through the years, Charles has provided play by play for Lady Trojan Basketball, Trojan Basketball, Trojan Football, Baseball, and Softball. To date, he has provided play by play for over 1,700 Dyersburg High School sporting events.

In 1991, Charles served as President of the Dyersburg-Dyer County Chamber of Commerce and received the AF Bridges Award for Contributor of the Year from the TSSAA for the 2011-2012 school year.

During the 2017-2018 basketball season, Dyersburg High School recognized Charles with "Charles Dawson Appreciation Night." At the event, Principal Kim Worley presented him with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of DHS. City of Dyersburg Mayor John Holden presented a Proclamation from the City of Dyersburg as well as a key to the City. Senior representatives from Lady Trojan Basketball and Dyersburg Trojan Basketball presented a #1 jersey to Mr. Dawson.

In the Spring of 2021, Mr. Dawson was inducted in the Dyersburg City Schools Hall of Honor for his positive contributions to society and for exemplifying the highest standards of ethical conduct and moral character. A fixture of the Dyersburg High School community, Charles can also be seen throughout the school year emceeing various events on campus.

It is impossible to list all of the highlights witnessed through such a dedicated career. However, Charles is quick to point out that any state playoff or state tournament game is at the top! Charles says that it has been a joy to be able to watch and announce games for the many teams and athletes that have worn the black and gold at DHS!

Sincerely,

Kim Worley, Director of Schools
Dyersburg City Schools



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Jerry Lawler
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SPORT Pro Wrestling
CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Wrestler, Commentator, Promoter, Owner
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Jerry "The King" Lawler, a life-long Tennessean and a graduate of Treadway High School in Memphis, is one of the most recognizable names in professional wrestling.

Since his debut in the squared circle in 1970, Lawler's contributions to the industry have included not only his work as a wrestler and a commentator—where he teamed up with Jim "J.R." Ross to form the most well-known commentary duo ever—but as a company owner and promotor. Along the way, he has competed in the National Wrestling Alliance, Continental Wrestling Association, the American Wrestling Association, World Class Championship Wrestling, United States Wrestling Association, New Japan Pro-Wrestling, and World Wrestling Entertainment.

Not only has Lawler won too many championships to count, he has been awarded Pro Wrestling Illustrated's Most Hated Wrestler of the Year (twice), PWI's Most Inspirational Wrestler of the Year (twice), the Wrestling Observer Newsletter's Best Commentator of the Year (twice), and the WON's Feud of the Year (three times).

In the ring, Lawler's rivalries are legendary and include some of the biggest stars in the history of professional wrestling: Jackie Fargo, "Superstar" Billy Graham, the Fabulous Freebirds, Randy Savage, Tommy Rich, Austin Idol, Curt Henning, Kerry von Erich, Terry Funk, Jimmy Valiant, Jeff Jarrett, Bill Dundee, and Bret "Hitman" Hart. However, it was his 1982 storyline with comedian Andy Kaufman—and an appearance on Late Night with David Letterman—that propelled Lawler to super-stardom and international fame.

Lawler is also a musician, actor, author, an outstanding artist, and owner of King Jerry Lawler's Memphis BBQ Company in Cordova.

He is a member of the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum.

Lawler was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2007.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Keith Lee

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CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

ALTERNATE PHONE _____

SPORT Basketball

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

University of Memphis
Basketball Player

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Keith DeWayne Lee (born December 28, 1962) is an American retired professional basketball player who was selected by the Chicago Bulls in the first round (11th pick overall) of the 1985 NBA draft later to be traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers. A 6'10" forward-center from Memphis State University, Lee played in three NBA seasons for the Cleveland Cavaliers and New Jersey Nets.

High school and college

Keith Lee played high school basketball at West Memphis High School in West Memphis, Arkansas. The 1979-1980 team is considered by many to be the top high school basketball team in Arkansas history, going undefeated for a 30-0 record. After losing future NBA player Michael Cage to graduation, the 1980-1981 team went undefeated as well and set the longest winning streak for high school basketball in the state at 60 consecutive wins.

One of the most renowned players in Tiger basketball history, Keith Lee came to the University of Memphis in 1981–82 and made an immediate impact on the program.[citation needed]

During his four-year career, Memphis State compiled a record of 104–24, and made three NCAA tournament appearances (including one trip to the Final Four). Lee also guided the team to three Metro Conference titles, a school record 31 wins in 1984-85 and helped land the Tigers in the final Associated Press Top 20 poll all four seasons.

The four-time Associated Press All-American was Metro Conference Player of the Year in 1982 and 1985 and was named to 29 All-American teams. He is the Tigers all-time leading scorer with 2,408 points (18.8) and all-time leading rebounder with 1,336 (10.4).[1]

Lee was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 1985.

In 1985 Keith Lee helped lead the Memphis State Tigers to the Final Four and was also a first team All American. He was the first Tiger to earn AP All-America honors four times (first-team as a senior). Lee helped the Tigers compile a 104-24 (.813) record with four NCAA appearances from 1981 to 1985. His 2,408 career points are a Tiger record,[citation needed] and his number was retired in 1985.

Professional

Lee's best year as a professional came during his rookie season for the Cavs when he appeared in 58 games and averaged 7.4 ppg. In his NBA career, Lee played in 182 games and scored a total of 1,114 points.

Lee received a degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Memphis in December, 2008 and is a head basketball coach at a Shelby County Schools high school.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT RACQUETBALL
CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT PLAYER AND COACH
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Larry Liles is one of the premier racquetball players in the nation where in 1988 he won the Men's 40+ World Championship, the Men's National Double's Championship 30+ in 1981 and for men 40+ in 1991 and won the Tournament of Men's championship in 1988.

Larry coached the University of Memphis Racquetball team 1975 to 2003 where his teams won 17 National Men's Championships and 12 National Women's Championships. 60 of his players were National champions in singles or doubles. His coaching work was on a volunteer basis and he received no money or stipend.

In 1998-99 he was an assistant coach on the USRA National Team and 1992-95 the U.S. Olympic Festival Coach and was a USRA Collegiate Council member for 25 years. He coached the U.S. Olympic team for three years.

Larry from 1975 to 2000 was the National Youth Sports Program Activities Director an initiative to teach inner city kids racquetball and he went on to be Director from 2000-2004.

Larry's awards were the USOC Development Olympic Coach of the year in 1996, the USRA Collegiate Coach of the year in 2001, a member of Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame and in the 1990-1991 Memphis Magazine City Guide was listed as in the 100 Who's Who. Larry was listed in Sport's Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd in 1987. His biggest award when he retired from Coaching the Racquetball team the USRA named the National Championship trophy the Larry Liles Championship.

Larry's wrote *Winning Racquetball* published by McGraw-Hill in 1993

Larry and wife Dotsy have three adult children Buddy, a minister in Texas, Josh fitness instructor in New York City, Molly a professional photographer and together they have nine grandchildren. They are active members of First Evangelical Church in Memphis.

Membership Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame

1970 - 2011



*Amateur Sports
Hall of Fame*

ADULT TEAM MANAGER/COACH

Al Brown
Stennis R. Cain
Beverly "Bevo" Covington
George P. Everitt Sr.
A.A. "Tony" Falcinelli
F.C. "Fat" Farmer
Ralph Gattelli
Alan Goodwin

Frank A. Gregg
Mack Hamblen
William Roy Harwell
Billy Gene Herman
James "Jim" Jacobs
Mike Jennings
Steve Knott
Mickey Lambert

Larry Liles
Gene Lusby
Fritz Mattes
Raz Lee McElhane
Howard Moore
Maurice "Mo" Owen
Paul Russell "Pops" Parks
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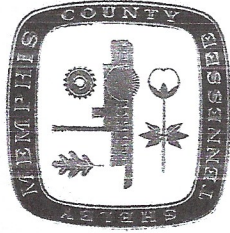
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Zula Benson Bailey
Chauncey Barbour
Dave Barnett
Maye Tulley Beck
Dorothy "Dottie" Bizzell
Norris C. Blackburn
Bobby J. Bridges
J.N. Chaille
Martha Cobb Chaille
Haggard Cherry
Joyce Burgess Coats
Bill Cochran
Elizabeth Jacobs Collier
Joyce Mize Conlee
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Joe Dondeville
Lynn Dowdy
Mary Margaret Fogerty
Kathryn French
Leo Fristrom
Larry Garber
Jeannette Garret,
Marion Getz
Fred W. Getz
Janeane Goad
Dennis Harrison
June Stratmann Hildebranch
Mary Lou Johns
Lowery Kirk
Bill Koehler
Walter "Peanut" Kulp

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Pep Marquette
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Lloyd C. McDougal Jr.
Brenda Hughes Meadors
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Jim Murdaugh,
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Bobby Peacock
Shirley Pinkston
Charles E. Powell
Allie Prescott Jr.
Mary Stratmann Robinson
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Harry Sharpe

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Katy Smith
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MAYOR

Racquetball squad brings home

14th national title



Mike Murray
Memphis State racquetball coach Larry Liles and his Tigers brought home their 14th consecutive national championship this week. Cindy Doyle, a freshman from Buffalo, N.Y., captured the No. 1 slot to help the women's team place second overall. Liles is pictured with the championship trophies.

PETER K. LAW



After a 21-year career devoted entirely to seeking a cure for muscular dystrophy, Dr. Peter Law may be close to achieving a breakthrough. A technique he developed, myoblast transfer therapy, has shown promising results in tests at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, where the 44-year-old Law is a professor of neurology. Born in Changsha, China, Law emigrated to Canada in 1975. There he attended McGill University and the University of Toronto, breezing through his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in seven years. A meticulous researcher who admits that his life revolves around the laboratory and classroom, Law believes that his work could have far-reaching implications. "If the MD procedure is successful," he says, "it could be applied to a wide range of genetic disorders."

JERRY LEE LEWIS



Operating in the shadow of the Presley legend, this wild man of rock-and-roll has survived a seemingly endless parade of drug and alcohol abuse, divorces, personal trage-

dies, tax difficulties, and health problems. A native of Ferriday, Louisiana (and cousin of both Mickey Gilley and Jimmy Swaggart), The Killer tore up the charts back in the Fifties and Sixties with hits like "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" and "Great Balls of Fire." At 54, Lewis is still capable of churning out the fire-and-brimstone brand of rock-and-roll that made him famous. Local fans can sometimes catch an unscheduled set by The Killer at local honky-tonks late at night. Last year's movie *Great Balls of Fire*, though a box-office flop, has helped revive his popularity.

SARA LEWIS



Born 54 years ago in the North Memphis neighborhood now known as the Free the Children area, Sara Lewis seemed the natural choice to succeed Jerome Ryans as executive director of this Shelby County anti-poverty project. Lewis worked as a teacher and principal at elementary schools in the Free the Children area before serving as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the Memphis City Schools from 1983 to 1990. She assumed her position as Free The Children executive director in June, 1990. Her new position harks

back to her social-work roots: she holds a sociology degree from LeMoyne Owen College. Lewis explains that she accepted the directorship in order to address "all the social, emotional, and physical needs of children." After all she says, "Children are not educated in a vacuum."

LARRY LILES



At 43, MSU racquetball coach Larry Liles has accomplished more than most coaches dream of doing in a lifetime. In his 16 years as head coach, Liles has led the Tigers to a whopping 15 consecutive national titles. In 1990, MSU racquetball players won seven individual and five doubles championships as well as the national team title. In addition, as head coach for the U.S. Racquetball Team for the past four years, Liles has brought home two world titles and two Pan American titles. Team titles aren't his only motivation, though; Liles himself is a top-ranked competitor and has played in tournaments in Europe and South America. In 1988, he captured the U.S. Men's Seniors singles title. Off the courts, Liles is the campus advisor for the Navigators, a Memphis State Christian youth organization.

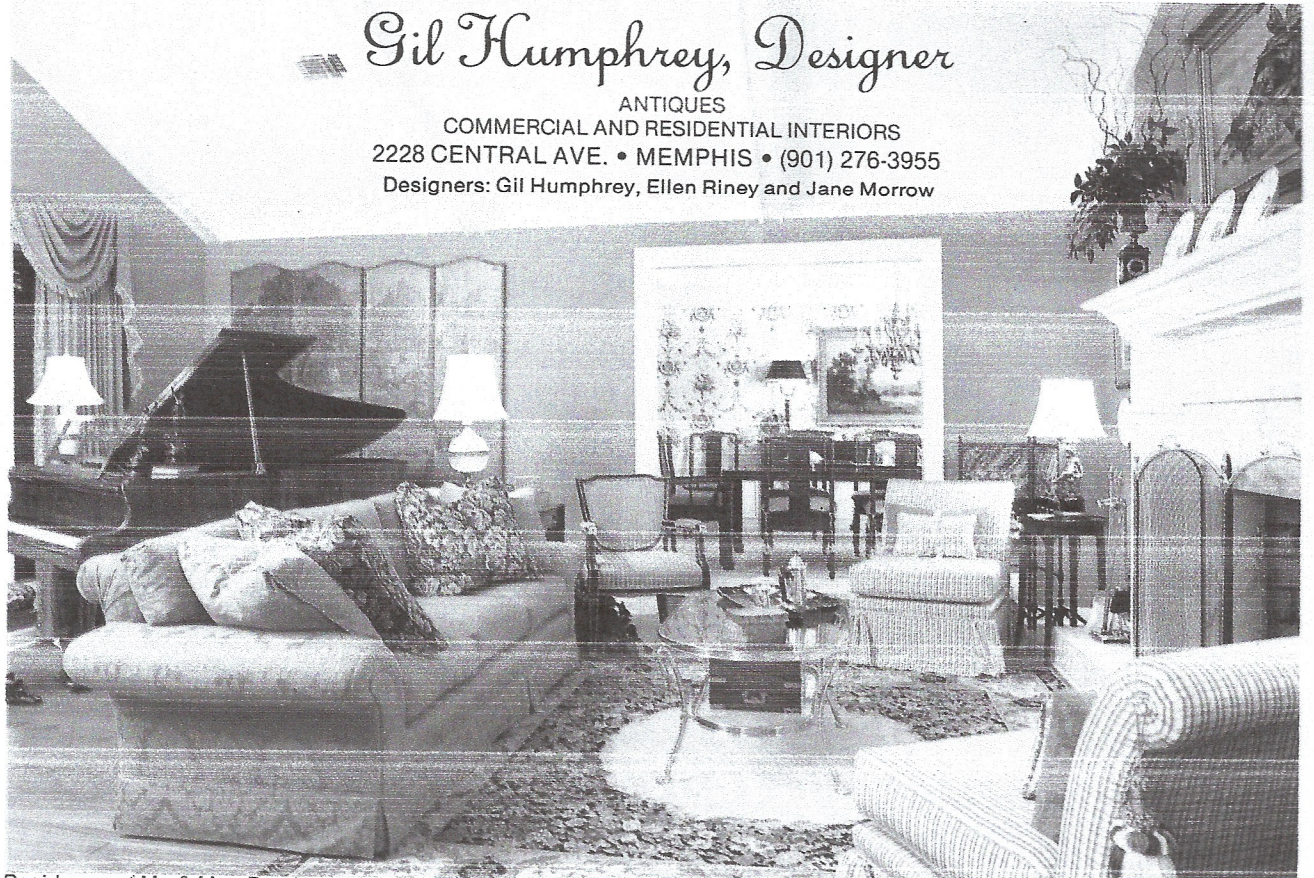
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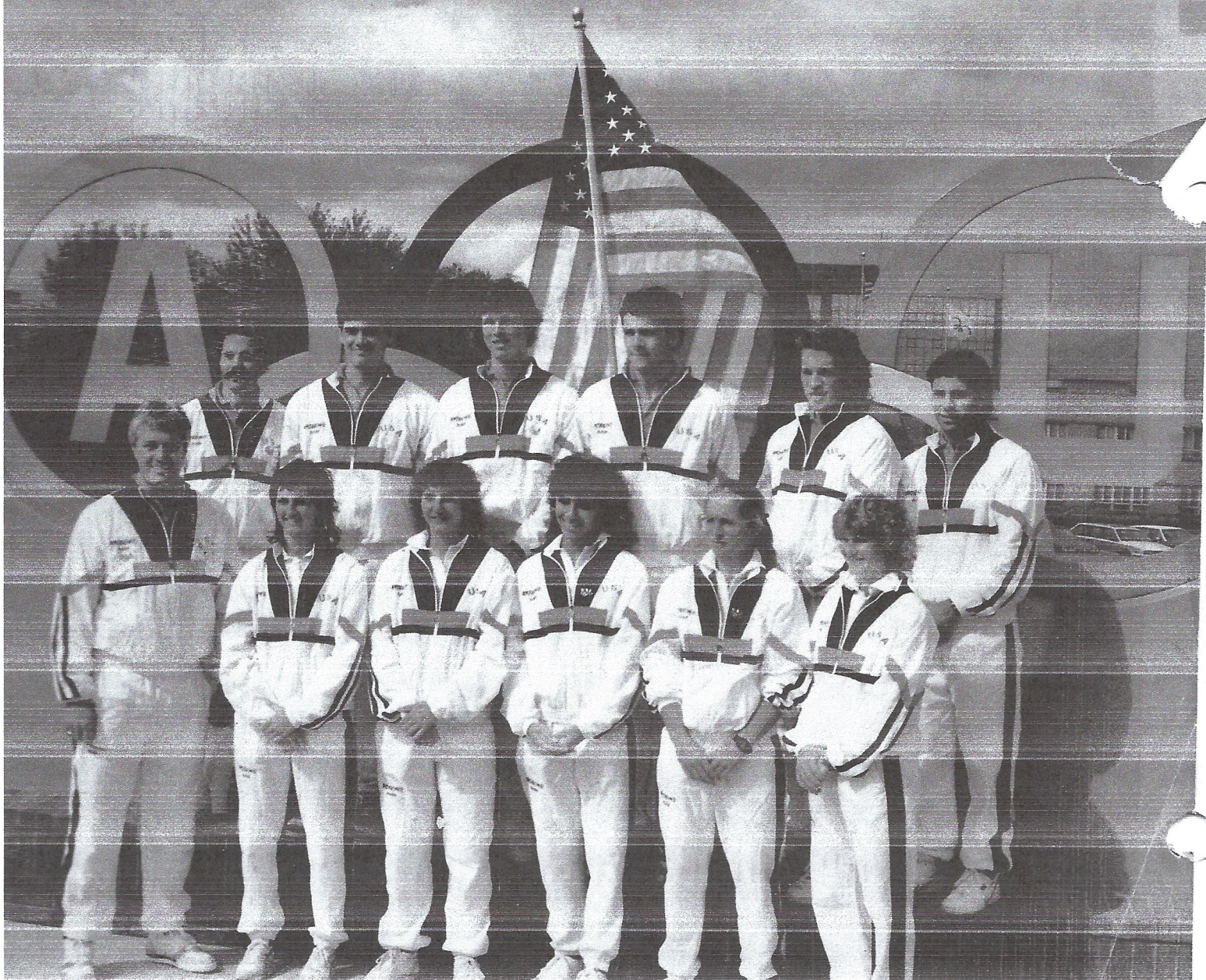


Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Don Hughes

Photo: Mary Wallace Crocker

1988 AARA Tournament Program

United States National Team



Winning Racquetball



LARRY LILES
ROBERT A. NEIMEYER





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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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SPORT Women's Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Univ. of TN
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NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Nikki Kesangane McCray-Penson (born December 17, 1971) is the former head coach of the Mississippi State Bulldogs women's basketball team^[1] and a former professional women's basketball player. She played in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) for eight seasons. In 2008 after leaving the WNBA, McCray joined the coaching staff as an assistant coach for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.^[2] McCray-Penson was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Playing career

A 5-foot-11-inch (1.80 m) guard from the University of Tennessee, McCray was a member of the Washington Mystics, the Indiana Fever, the Phoenix Mercury, the San Antonio Silver Stars, and the Chicago Sky. She was named to three WNBA All-Star teams (in 1999, 2000, and 2001) and scored 2,550 career points. Prior to joining the WNBA in 1998, she was a star in the now-defunct American Basketball League. While playing in the American Basketball League, McCray was named Most Valuable Player for the 1996–97 season.

McCray has also played basketball at the international level. She won gold medals at the 1996 and 2000 Summer Olympics, and she participated on America's 1998 FIBA World Championship team.^[3] She made a name for herself in women's basketball as a world class defender by shutting down a number of the world's best players.

In 2000, she was named a member of the President's Fitness Council,^[4] and was also chosen for the 2000 USA Olympic basketball team.

Coaching career

McCray has been an assistant coach at University of South Carolina. She made a new home for herself at the University of South Carolina with a former teammate as head coach, Dawn Staley. Staley said about McCray: "Nikki is hungry for success, and that comes from playing at Tennessee where the coach never settles for anything less than being number one at whatever she's doing. That mentality is instilled in Nikki, and I want people around me like that. She is energetic, confident and engaging – all qualities that you need when you're coaching and recruiting. We spent two Olympic Games together and have shared being successful in the very best arena there is to test yourself."^[2] She resigned as head coach at Mississippi State in October, 2021 citing health reasons.^[5]

Other work

In addition to her career on the court, McCray also created a name for herself in the realm of community service. In the year 2000 Nikki McCray was hand-picked by President Bill Clinton to be made a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

In 1999 The Library of Congress selected Nikki McCray to be the keynote speaker for the Women's History Month Address. "We are pleased to have Ms. McCray with us to kick-off our month long celebration of women's history," said Federal Women's Program Manager Jean Parker. "As an employee of the first women's professional basketball team in the nation's capital and through her community service, Ms. McCray is a wonderful role model for young people."^[6]

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William (Bill) Hurd, M.D.

Track & Field

Nominated 2014 and 2017 by himself

Sprinter "State(Tn) 100 yd dash champion (1964) segregated south; Ran a 9.3 sec 100 yd dash (April 1965) unofficially breaking Jesse Owens H.S. record;
5-time All American at Univ of Notre Dame; 1968 Notre Dame Athlete of the Year; Still the Notre Dame record-holder for 100m (10.1) and 200m (20.3); former American record for indoor 300 yds(29.5 s); NCAA Silver Anniversary Award (1994) recipient and Rhodes Scholar finalist (1969). Bill is currently a practicing eye surgeon (ophthalmologist) for 30 years in Memphis. Have been on a dozen surgical/medical mission trips (mostly Africa) to provide otherwise unavailable service.

Charlie Cavagnaro

Athletic Director

Nominated 2016 by Mary Jackson AND in 2020 by Don Coffey

During Charlie's tenure at Memphis State, he was instrumental in the hiring of coaches and personnel that took Memphis to the Final Four twice. This was the start of the greatest athletic sports program in history at Memphis State. Charlie believes in and was responsible for the schools instituting the improvement of player's graduation at Memphis State. He operated an \$11 million budget and built the departments reserve funds from \$750,000 to \$5,000,000, instituted a program that improved the graduation rate of athletes from 22% in the mid-1980s to 92% in the last year's he was at Memphis State. He established a fifth-year scholarship program for athletes, instituted an NCAA compliance program, and was directly responsible for a football program that posted winning seasons in the last three years he was there for the first time in 20 years. Memphis State turned in 12 of the last 13 years as winning years. In addition to hiring winning coaches in both basketball and football, Cavagnaro negotiated significant TV and radio contract worth more than \$1 million per year and created season ticket sales in football that were the best in Memphis history. Cavagnaro hired three minority coaches and created a gender equality study committee at the University of Memphis, played a central role in creating conference USA and the first professional staff member from the University of Memphis appointed to the prestigious NCAA counsel, where he worked on the Warren Burger committee to review the entire NCAA enforcement process.

Donald Shaver
Football/Administration
Nominated 2017 by Rick Barker

His first year to play on the varsity as the quarterback was 1964. UTC, or UC as it was then known, had developed an outstanding reputation for producing standout quarterbacks since switching to the T formation in the early 1950s. These included Hal Ledyard, Johnny Green and Ron Eisaman, who was also a solid contributor on the 1964 team. Shaver went on to set a total offense record and finished as the senior athlete with the highest academic average.

2004-2007 he was Lambuth Athletic Director. His hard work and dedication resulted in the construction of the Lambuth Sports Hall of Fame room in the Athletic Center. Lambuth enjoyed its first NAIA championship win in Women's Basketball under his direction.

Ronald D. Kreistein
Pistol/Rifle
Nominated 2017 by William Tagg

Ronald D. Krelstein began his shooting career in 1960. Krelstein went on to win 4 collegiate pistol championships, two at CBU and two at Vanderbilt Law School. During this run, Krelstein became the first ever collegiate shooter to break a score of 2600 points. He was named a first team All American in 1964 and set many records at CBU, some of which still stand today. He also received his distinguished pistol shot badge in 1964. After leaving college, Krelstein went on to win many pistol competitions at both the state and national level. His career includes winning over 50 major competitions and being awarded with the Elihu Root Medal in 1965 and holding 16 national pistol records. Krelstein went on to have a very successful international shooting career as well. He was a charter member of the United States National Team in 1978 and a member of multiple winning teams at the Benito Juarez Shooting Championships, the National Shooting Championships of Mexico, and Maccabiah Teams, between 1965 and 1985. His international career includes 13 gold medals and 1 silver medal. In 1985 after injuring his shooting arm, He began competing in rifle in 1990. He has earned the President's Hundred in both pistol and rifle and has been awarded with the distinguished rifle badge making him the 66th civilian since 1884 to have both a distinguished pistol and rifle badge. He also holds 3 records with the high-powered rifle making him one of two shooters who have active records in both pistol and rifle. Krelstein currently resides in Germantown, Tennessee where he has his own law office which he established in 1985.

Michael "Memphis" Douglas
Basketball
Nominated 2017 by website nomination

"Luck only happens when preparation and opportunity meet". Michael shares this message with youth because it also guides his life. Growing up in Memphis, TN, Michael Douglas had a love for the game of basketball. His dedication and determination led him to be an outstanding basketball player at all levels. Michael was an outstanding athlete at Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis and became a leading athlete at Dyersburg State College in Tennessee. The opportunity presented itself in 1986 for Michael to try out for the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters along with 1500 other outstanding athletes. Michael was the top pick for the Harlem Globetrotters and toured with the team from 1986 - 1993. Michael has traveled to over 100 countries entertaining crowds as the 7th Showman in the history of the Harlem Globetrotters – sharing a positive attitude and embracing diversity.

Michael Hogue
Pole Vault
Nominated 2018 by Allie Prescott

Injuries often mean the end of an athletic career, but it doesn't have to mean the end of a professional career. For one UT pole vaulter, a major surgery not only left him with questions about his future in sports, but answers to a life after graduation.

In 2007, after a track meet, something happened to Michael Hogue's arm that almost ended his championship aspirations. Doctors told him he had Venous Thoracic Outlet syndrome - blood clots caused by a chronic injury. Michael had to have major surgery to remove a rib, to be able to continue his pole vaulting career. The surgery was a success, and two months later, he won the SEC Championships.

"It was a great end of the story, it was a lot of fun. It was fun to continue to be on the team and continue doing what I love," says Hogue. But the story wasn't over yet. On the same floor where doctors saved his life, he's now saving others. His experience inspired him to become a nurse.

"You realize how fragile life is and how much you appreciate God and religion and how much other people can mean to you."

Hogue holds a special place in sports history. He is only the second athlete in sec history, and first since 1976, to win three consecutive indoor conference pole vault crowns.

Judge Harry W. Wellford
Racquet Sports
Nominated 2018 by Harry W. Wellford, Jr.

Judge Wellford, along with his service to athletics in Memphis, earned Division I Athletic Letters for three universities: University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, and Washington and Lee University in tennis. Wellford played during the “golden era” of Memphis tennis, earning several Missouri Valley Championships and Tennessee State Championships as a singles and doubles player. He continued to play tennis and win local championships well past his forties. Wellford also participated in squash tournaments, travelling all over the state of Tennessee to compete.

Wellford led efforts to construct recreation/gymnastic facilities at Idlewild Presbyterian Church. These facilities were a haven for inner city kids to learn about basketball and sportsmanship. Inductee Penny Hardaway is one of the notable players to come from the Idlewild program.

On top of his sports accomplishments, Wellford has been a significant supporter of athletics in Memphis. He is a University of Memphis season ticket holder, Memphis Grizzlies season ticket holder, supporter of Rhodes College Athletics, and a huge supporter of the various tennis facilities located in Memphis.

Kennedy “The King” McKinney
Boxing
Nominated 2018 by Rev. Kelvin Bowen

Kennedy McKinney grew up in Memphis and began boxing at a very young age, training under the late Bevo Covington of the Memphis Park Commission Boxing team. Kennedy won numerous awards while with the Memphis Park Commission, including the Golden Gloves. Kennedy graduated from Melrose High School in 1984 and enlisted in the US Army, where he furthered his career as an amateur boxer. In 1988, he competed as a Bantamweight and took the gold medal at the Seoul Olympic Games. Kennedy turned professional under top/Rank Boxing and won several world titles, including Super-bantamweight title in 1992, the IBF Super-bantamweight crown in 1992, the WBU Super-bantamweight championship in 1995, and the WBO Super-bantamweight title in 1997. He finished with a professional record of 36 wins (19 by KO), 6 losses, and 1 draw.

Stockton Adkins
Football
Nominated 2018 by Ryland Hoskins

Adkins was raised in Union City, TN and played for the Union City Golden Tornadoes high school football team. After graduating in 1954, he was recruited by the University of Tennessee. He became a starter his sophomore year as a Blocking Back on offense and Linebacker on defense. In 1956, Adkins junior season, UT went undefeated in the regular season, won the SEC Championship and finished 2nd in national polls. Adkins was awarded the 1956 Jacobs Trophy, which goes to the top blocker in the South as voted by the coaches. In 1957, he was awarded the trophy again, becoming the third UT player to win it twice. The 1957 UT team beat Texas A&M in the Gator Bowl, 3-0. After college, Adkins served in the military for a few years before returning to Union City to raise his family. He is a member of UT Athletics Board and still attends UT football games.

Phillip Clark
Baseball Coach
Nominated in 2019 by Josh Stewart

Phillip Clark has been a staple in Tennessee sports since 1975 when he began his collegiate baseball career at Jackson State Community College (SCC), where in his sophomore season was named to the JUCO All-State Team. In 1977, he made the decision to return to his hometown of Memphis and continue his collegiate career at Memphis State University, where again he received All Conference accolades in what was then known as the Metro Conference. In his two season at Memphis State he was the starting catcher on what is arguably the best and most successful season in school history, after losing a series to Florida State in the Super Regionals.

In 1980, he began his Head Coaching career at the young age of 24 at Skyview Academy in Memphis, TN. In his second year as a Head Coach he won his first TSSAA State Championship, and there would be more to follow. While at Skyview Academy, from 1980 to 1987, he returned to the State Tournament three more times and accumulated two State-Runner-Ups in 1983 and 1984, and his 2 State Championship in 1986. In his seven years at Skyview, he accumulated an astonishing 156 wins with only 75 losses and accumulated 2 personal State Coach of the Year awards in 1981 and 1986 as well.

In 1988, he left Skyview and became the Head Coach at Germantown High School, where his, already, successful career soared to even greater heights, as he made Germantown Baseball a nationally known powerhouse, and began building what most Coaches would consider to be a "Dynasty." In his 15 seasons at Germantown he won 456 games, took his overall win record from 156 wins to an astonishing 612 wins, while only losing 103 games, and helping over 60 kids sign scholarships to continue their academic and baseball careers, during the course of his tenure there. His teams at Germantown accumulated:

11 Region Championships

10 State Final-Four appearances • 3 State Runner-ups (1992, 1993, 1998)

2 State Championships (1995, 2001) • and a 1995 National Championship which was voted on unanimously in all 3 High School Polls while his team finished 38-0.

The coaching honors he received, while he was at Germantown, are just as astonishing as the success that his teams had on the field, Awards and Honors included:

2 more State Coach of the Year Awards in 1995 and 2001

1995 USA Today Coach of the Year Award 1995 National High School Baseball Coaches' Association Coach of the Year Award

1995 USA Baseball Amateur Coach of the Year Award

a Head Coaching position of the U.S Olympic West Team that finished as eventual Gold Medal Winners in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Denver, Colorado 1996 U.S. Olympic Committee National Coach of the Year Award

1997 Bronze Medalist as an Assistant Coach of the USA Baseball Junior National

Team- The team included four 1st Round and three 2nd Round Draft Picks 1999 Gold Medalist as the Head Coach of the USA Baseball Junior National Team

World Championships in Taiwan

In 2003, Coach Clark left Germantown and took over the Head Coaching position at Bartlett High School in Bartlett, TN, another suburb of Memphis. His success as a Coach would once again follow him and new era, with the same winning result, at yet another school would begin. In 10 years at Bartlett High School Coach Clark's teams amassed 321 more wins with just 117 losses. His teams once again excelled, winning:

5 Region Championships

1 State Semifinal in 2010

2 State Runner-ups in 2006 & 2008

1 State Championship in 2007

In Coach Clarks' 33 years as a Head Baseball Coach in the state of Tennessee his 933-295 coaching record and his 753 winning percentage speaks for itself. Along with his gaudy numbers and many accomplishments, Coach Clark has influenced the lives of not only many players that have been fortunate enough to have played under him, but also the countless number of Coaches that have had the pleasure to be a part of his staff. His influence on the game of baseball in the state of Tennessee and the Memphis area alone is still prevalent to this day. He played a major role in the beginning of the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association (TBCA), which has blossomed into one of the best high school baseball associations in the country, and in the Memphis area alone current head and assistant coaches at schools such as: Bartlett, Arlington, Houston, and Collierville to name a few, have either played for and, or coached under Coach Clark themselves. His teachings, work ethic, and influence of both baseball on the field and building character off the field, will continue to impact young men in the great state of Tennessee for many years to come. If there were ever a man worthy of being inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, Coach Phillip Clark would be the one.

Artis Hicks
Football
Nominated in 2020 By Kyle Spurgeon

Artis Hicks is a native of Jackson, TN where he still makes his home with wife, Jaivonna, and their four daughters. Artis is a 1997 graduate of Jackson Central Merry High School.

After high school, Hicks continued his football career at the University of Memphis, where he started every game for four years as an offensive lineman. Hicks signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in April 2002 as an undrafted free agent. He made the active roster for the entire 2002 season. In 2003, Hicks got his first start against the New York Giants.

In April 2004, Hicks signed a multi-year contract extension with the Eagles. He started at left guard for the 2004 season, including Super Bowl XXXIX in 2005 against the New England Patriots

Hicks NFL career included time with the Minnesota Vikings, Washington Redskins, Cleveland Browns and Miami Dolphins. Due to a neck injury, he was placed on injured reserve in September 2012 by the Dolphins and later retired after a nine-year NFL career.

Recently Hicks has spent time working with middle school and high school players in West Tennessee developing skills and talent through his Will Breakers camp. Artis has worked extensively with UT All-American Offensive Lineman Trey Smith, also from Jackson.

Jeff Moore

Football/College and NFL
Nominated in 2020 by Bruce Thompson
Bio Attached

Steve Moore

Football/College and NFL
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Bio Attached

Vince Moore

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The Moore Brothers collectively are an amazing Tennessee sports success story. Jeff, Steve and Vince Moore grew up in a middle class home in Memphis. They were all star football players in high school, each winning numerous awards. Each had multiple options on where to play in college. However, all three chose to stay in Tennessee—Jeff and Vince at UT Knoxville and Steve at Tennessee State. Steve was all city and all conference at Fairley High School, while starting for three years at both offensive tackle and defensive tackle. Jeff was all city and all conference in football, while also starring in basketball and track. Vince started 4 years at quarterback for Hillcrest High School, was all state as well as all city and all conference, was the state championship game MVP, and was a McDonalds All-American.

In college, Steve was All SWAC and a black college All-American. Jeff was a two year starter at wide receiver. Vince started his senior year after playing behind Alvin Harper and Carl Pickens, then was selected to play in the Senior Bowl where he started at WR, KR and PR.

All three were drafted into the NFL- Jeff by the Rams, Steve and Vince by the Patriots. Jeff went on to play with the NFC Champion Rams in the 1980 Super Bowl. Steve played 5 seasons and started for the AFC Champion Patriots against 'da Bears' in the 1986 Super Bowl.

I am attaching a more complete list of their sports honors and achievements. I'm also attaching an article covering when the NFL honored Steve and his high school several years ago. I believe that it is

worth noting that both Jeff and Vince earned Bachelor degrees in business from UT while playing, and Steve was working to complete his when he was tragically shot and killed during an attempted robbery.

Moore Brothers Hall of Fame Facts

Vincent Moore

Hillcrest High School

High School 4 year starter at Quarterback

3 year Letterman in track & Field

All District 16 AAA (2)

All City (2)

All State (1)

Selected to TN All Star Team

1985 State Championship Game MVP

1000 yd Rushing 1000 yds Passing

McDonalds All American

Vanguard High School Player of the year

Lions Player of the Year

University of Tennessee

1 yr starter at Wide receiver

2 yr letterman indoor track

Career Highlights:

Winning Touchdown vs Ole Miss 1989 on a 3 yard reverse

1990 Sugar Bowl

8 catches 104 yards

Selected to Play in

1991 Senior Bowl Started at WR KR & PR

Selected to 1991 NFL Combine

Drafted by the New England Patriots 1991 NFL Draft

Jeff Moore

High School

3 yr Starter at QB at Fairley High School

Awards

Vanguard Player of the Year

Quareterback Club Player of the Year

All District(3) years

All MIAA

All City

Football Basketball & Track

University of Tennessee

Starter at WR 2 years

3rd Round Draft Pick 179 NFL Draft 58th Overall Pick by the Los Angeles Rams

1979 NFC Champion

1980 Superbowl Runner UP

Steve Moore

3yr starter Offensive Tackle/ Defensive Tackle at Fairley High school

All District

All City

All MIAA

Tennessee State University:

Black College All American

Vanguard Club Player of the year.

All Swac

3rd Round Draft Pick 1983 Draft by the New England Patriots
80th Overall Pick

Played in 52 Games

Started 31

3 year starter Right Offensive Tackle

1985 AFC Champions

1985 Superbowl Runner up

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Fairley High, former player to be honored by NFL for Super Bowl



By Jacob Gallant | January 27, 2016 at 9:56 PM CST - Updated July 11 at 9:15 AM

MEMPHIS, TN (WMC) - A Memphian and his former school will be honored by the NFL in a special program.

The NFL is looking to honor high schools that have produced a Super Bowl player in previous games, and Fairley High School's own Steve Moore will be honored.

Moore will be honored, along with Fairley High, as a special program in the Fairley High Auditorium on Friday, January 29 at 10:20 a.m.

Moore was an offensive tackle for Fairley High and attended Tennessee State. He played five seasons for the New England Patriots from 1983-1987, starting Super Bowl XX after the 1985 season.

<http://www.wmcactionnews4.com/story/27074753/fairley-high-former-player-to-be-honored-by-nfl-for-super-bowl>



Moore was killed in 1989 after a robbery in Memphis.

Two of Moore's brothers, Jeff and Vincent, were star wide receivers at the University of Tennessee. Jeff played for the Los Angeles Rams and Vincent played for the New England Patriots.

This is another piece of the Mid-South connection to Super Bowl 50, which already will include a plethora of former players from the Mid-South as well as a Memphian musical guest at halftime.

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