



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
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Minutes
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting – Subcommittee Nomination West
December 19, 2023

The West Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (“TNSHOF”) met this day at 10:00 AM CT for a meeting, with a physical location at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 13th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243 and hosted via WebEx with available information to request the ability to call-in. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the TNSHOF website and Facebook page. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM CT by Graeter. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT¹

Harold Byrd
Harold Graeter
Art Sparks
Jack Sammons
Laird Veatch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marianne Dunavant

GUESTS PRESENT

Andi Grindley, Department of Tourist Development, Outreach Projects Coordinator
Alicia Widrig, Department of Tourist Development/Attorney & Secretary to SHOF
Brad Willis, TNSHoF, Executive Director

AGENDA

Welcome, Graeter

Welcome and Call to Order, Hope all had a chance to review the information and will have a great discussion of the candidates.

Housekeeping, Widrig

- Widrig, asked if any guests were on the call that may wish to be recognized. Hearing none, the meeting continued.
- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108(a)(d), the determination of necessity for conducting the TNSHOF West Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee meeting electronically was read into the record and rendered as essential to determine their 2023 Induction selections to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.
- Approved the December 13, 2022 Minutes of the TNSHOF West Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance

¹ All members were present via telephone.

of the meeting. Motion, by Sammons with second by Byrd. No discussion. Roll call vote.

Harold Byrd	Yes
Marianne Dunavant	
Harold Graeter	Yes
Art Sparks	Yes
Jack Sammons	Yes
Laird Veatch	Abstain

Motion carries, Minutes approved.

Public Comment, None.

Review of Nominees, Willis

1. Full List of Nominees, Willis, Will go through the full list of nominees. Requested that the subcommittee refrain from disclosing the nominees in order to make special announcements for those that are selected.
 - Nominees for 2024,
 - Albert Ellison, Jr. (posthumous, basketball)
 - Paul Hogue (basketball)
 - James “Jay Hood, III (baseball)
 - W.S. “Babe” Howard (posthumous, baseball philanthropist)
 - Oscar Palmer Robertson (basketball)
 - Prior Nomination,
 - Charlie Cavagnaro (athletic director)
 - Michael “Memphis” Douglas (basketball)
 - Phillip Clark (baseball)
 - Jeff Moore (football)
 - Steve Moore (posthumous, football)
 - Vince Moore (football)
 - Lawrence “Larry” Liles (racquetball player & coach)
 - Charles Dawson (announcer)
 - Buster Kelso (baseball)
 - Bubba Lockett (basketball)
 - Charles Gilbert “Chick” King (posthumous, football, baseball, basketball, track)
2. Clarification on Nomination Date/Process, Willis, Process will work by narrowing the field to as many as seven (7), with two (2) candidates being preferred nominees and the remaining five (5) being at-large that will require the entire Board to vote on their candidacy.

Those are the Nominees up for consideration for 2023. Open for discussion on any candidates that anyone wishes to speak on or move forward for further consideration.

Discussion of Nominees and Questions

- Board members then went through the current and previous candidates along the biographies provided by Willis. They utilized a process whereby Members would move

certain nominees forward for discussion until prepared to vote and discuss preferred versus at-large nominees.

Voting Process

- Motion, Graeter, nomination of East TN slate, preferred/automatic candidates: 1) W.S. "Babe" Howard and 2) Lawrence "Larry" Liles; as At-large candidates: 1) Phillip Clark with second by Byrd. No further discussion. Moving to a roll call vote:

Harold Byrd	Yes
Marianne Dunavant	
Harold Graeter	Yes
Art Sparks	Yes
Jack Sammons	Yes
Laird Veatch	Yes

Motion carries, Slate approved for full board presentation.

Review date for Full Board Meeting, Willis. The date for the full board meeting is to be determined but likely the first full week of January 2023.

Closing Remarks, Graeter, Thank you everyone for your wiliness to serve and welcome to Laird Veatch. Motion, Graeter, Happy Holidays and call for adjournment second from Sammons. No further discussion, roll call vote:

Harold Byrd	Yes
Marianne Dunavant	
Harold Graeter	Yes
Art Sparks	Yes
Jack Sammons	Yes
Laird Veatch	Yes

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM CT.

Approved:

December 13, 2024

Date



Alicia C. B. Widrig
Attorney for the TNSHOF, acting Secretary
Department of Tourist Development

2024



**West Region New
Nominees**



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Albert Ellison Jr

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SPORT Basketball

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

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Al Ellison

Position: Forward

6-4 (193cm)

School: Western Kentucky (Men)

NCAA All-Region HS Chuck Taylor AA 2x All-OVC

Per Game

Season	School	Conf	Class	G	GS	MP	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF	PTS	SOS
1957-58	Western Kentucky	OVC	SO	25			2.4	5.8	.404	1.7	2.4	.689	6.4					2.8	6.4	-0.86
1958-59	Western Kentucky	OVC	JR	26			5.2	12.0	.429	2.2	2.9	.737	7.3					3.4	12.5	-0.07
1959-60	Western Kentucky	OVC	SR	28			5.8	12.8	.451	2.4	3.5	.684	9.3					3.3	14.0	-0.85
Career	Western Kentucky			79			4.5	10.3	.436	2.1	3.0	.702	7.7					3.2	11.3	-0.60

Player News

Sports Reference Blog – Get site news and learn about new and existing features.

Totals

Season	School	Conf	Class	G	GS	MP	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF	PTS
1957-58	Western Kentucky	OVC	SO	25			59	146	.404	42	61	.689	160					71	160
1958-59	Western Kentucky	OVC	JR	26			134	312	.429	56	76	.737	191					88	324
1959-60	Western Kentucky	OVC	SR	28			163	358	.455	67	98	.684	261					92	393
Career	Western Kentucky			79			356	816	.436	165	235	.702	612					251	877

Advanced

Season	School	Conf	Class	G	GS	MP	TS%	3PA%	FT%	PPred	TRB%	AST%	STL%	BLK%	TOV%	USG%
1957-58	Western Kentucky	OVC	SO	25			.437		.418							
1958-59	Western Kentucky	OVC	JR	26			.465		.244							
1959-60	Western Kentucky	OVC	SR	28			.486		.274							
Career	Western Kentucky			79			.473		.288							

Appearances on Leaderboards, Awards, and Honors

Awards	Points	Points Per Game	Total Rebounds
1958-59 All-OVC - 2nd Team	1958-59 OVC 324 (12th)	1957-58 OVC 6.4 (10th)	1957-58 OVC 160 (12th)
1959-60 All-OVC - 2nd Team	1959-60 OVC 393 (7th)	1958-59 OVC 12.5 (5th)	1958-59 OVC 191 (13th)
1960 NCAA Tournament All-Region		1959-60 OVC 14.0 (10th)	1959-60 OVC 261 (7th)

Total Rebounds Per Game

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 1958-59 OVC 7.3 (7th)
 1959-60 OVC 9.3 (12th)

True Shooting Percentage

1958-59 OVC .405 (6th)
 1959-60 OVC .486 (7th)

Field Goals

1958-59 OVC 134 (11th)
 1959-60 OVC 163 (4th)

Field Goal Attempts

1958-59 OVC 312 (11th)
 1959-60 OVC 358 (7th)

Free Throws

1957-58 OVC 42 (18th)
 1959-60 OVC 67 (17th)

Free Throw Attempts

1957-58 OVC 61 (20th)
 1959-60 OVC 98 (16th)

Games

1957-58 OVC 25 (3rd)
1958-59 OVC 26 (1st)
 1959-60 OVC 28 (1st)

More Ellison Pages

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NCAA Tournament Game Logs

1959-60

All Game Logs

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Teacher/Coach 47 Years (1960 - Present)

- Park City, KY (1960 - 1964)
- Scottsville High School, KY (1964 - 1965)
- South Spencer, IN (1965 - 1968)
- Center Grove, IN (1968 - 1969)
- Lawrence Central (1969 - 1970)
- Perry Co. High School (1970 - 1975)

Other 2007 Inductees

Lynn C. Brown
2007

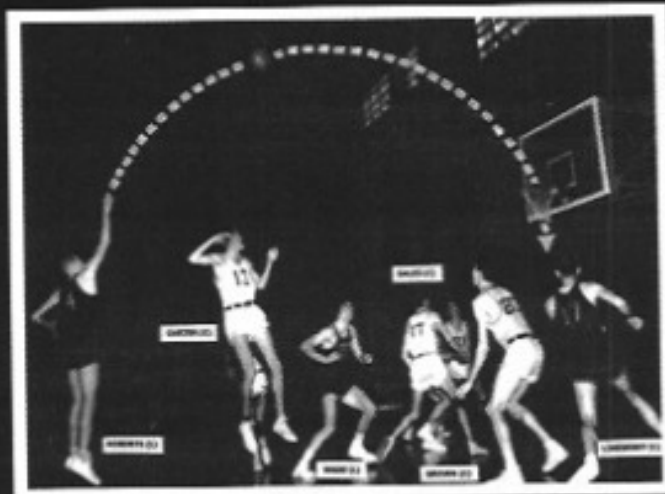
Ed Henley
2007

Wayne Hobbs
2007

Fred Sorrells
2007

BOYS IN BLACK

Basketball's Greatest David and Goliath Story



GENE PEARCE



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SPORT Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT only male 2 time NCAA Basketball
(player, coach, official, administrator) Champion in Hall

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Paul Hogue

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Paul H. "Duke" Hogue (April 28, 1940 – August 17, 2009) was an American basketball player.

Early life [edit]

Hogue grew up on Wilson Avenue in Knoxville, Tennessee, and played basketball at Austin High School, an all-black high school where his father served as principal. He graduated from Austin in 1958.^[1]

College career [edit]

Because Hogue was black, he wasn't recruited by nearby or southern universities. He chose to attend the University of Cincinnati, largely due to the program's prominence and the chance to play with its star, Oscar Robertson.^[2]

A 6'9" center, Hogue made his varsity debut with the Bearcats in 1959–60. As a sophomore, he averaged 12.2 points, shooting .576 from the field, and 11.3 rebounds per game.^[3] Hogue was named All-Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) as the Bearcats won the league title, posted a 28–2 record and, led by Robertson, advanced to the Final Four, where the Bearcats finished in third place.^[3]

As a junior in 1960–61, Hogue led UC in rebounding with 12.5 per game and he also led the team with a .532 field goal percentage while averaging 16.8 points per game.^[3] He again was named All-MVC as the 27–3 Bearcats again captured the league crown. He was named second-team All-American by Converse. The Bearcats advanced to the championship game of the 1961 NCAA tournament, capturing the national title with a 70–65 overtime win over Ohio State.^[3]

Paul Hogue

Personal information

Born April 28, 1940
Knoxville, Tennessee, U.S.

Died August 17, 2009 (aged 69)
Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.

Listed height 6 ft 9 in (2.06 m)

Listed weight 240 lb (109 kg)

Career information

High school Austin (Knoxville, Tennessee)

College Cincinnati (1959–1962)

NBA draft 1962: 1st round, 2nd overall pick
Selected by the New York Knicks

Playing career 1962–1964

Position Center

Number 14

Career history

1962–1963 New York Knicks
1963–1964 Baltimore Bullets
1964 Wilmington Blue Bombers

Career highlights and awards

- 2× NCAA champion (1961, 1962)
- NCAA Final Four MOP (1962)
- Helms College Player of the Year (1962)
- First-team All-American – USBWA (1962)
- Second-team All-American – NABC, NEA (1962)
- Third-team All-American – AP, UPI (1962)
- 2× First-team All-MVC (1961, 1962)

Career NBA statistics

Points 409 (6.3 ppg)

Rebounds 461 (7.1 rpg)

Assists 48 (0.7 apg)

Stats ↗ at **NBA.com**

Stats ↗ at **Basketball-Reference.com**

As a senior in 1961–62, Hogue was the team captain. He was again All-MVC and led the Bearcats in both scoring and rebounding with 16.8 points and 12.4 rebounds per game as the Bearcats again were MVC champions.^[3] He was named first-team All-American by the Basketball Writers and the Helms Foundation, second-team All-American by the NEA and Coaches Association, and third-team All-American by the Associated Press (AP) and United Press International (UPI).^[3] He was named the 1962 Helms Foundation Player of the Year. The Bearcats again advanced to the NCAA championship game, where they again defeated Ohio State, 71–59, to earn their second consecutive national championship.^[3]

In his three-year career at Cincinnati, Hogue scored 1,391 points, which was third at the time behind Robertson and Jack Twyman.^[3]

NBA career [edit]

Hogue was a first round pick (second overall) in the 1962 National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft by the New York Knicks.^{[4][5]} In his rookie season of 1962–63, Hogue played center, appearing an average of 26.8 minutes per game in 50 games with 7.7 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.^[6]

In 1963–64, he played six games for the Knicks before being traded to the Baltimore Bullets,^[7] for whom he played just nine games. Averaging 1.7 points and 2.1 rebounds per game for the season, his second season was his last as a professional.^[8]

Personal life [edit]

After his basketball career ended, Hogue worked for many years for the U.S. Postal Service in Cincinnati, including as the supervisor of the Employee Assistance Program.^[1] He served as a school board member for Princeton City Schools in suburban Cincinnati from 1988 to 2000 and he was a Village of Woodlawn council member from 2006 to 2009.^{[2][11]}

Hogue was married to his wife, Patti, for 43 years and they had three sons and one daughter.^[1] Hogue died at age 69 on August 17, 2009, of heart and kidney failure.^{[9][10][11]} He is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati.^[12]

On September 10, 2011, the City of Knoxville, Tennessee renamed Union Square Park, near Hogue's boyhood home, Paul Hogue Park^[13] in his honor.^[1] The naming ceremony was held prior to the University of Cincinnati's football game against the University of Tennessee. The event was attended by Knoxville Mayor Daniel Brown, Hogue's wife Patti and other family members, and some of Hogue's former UC teammates including Tom Thacker, George Wilson and John Harshaw



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(player, coach, official, administrator)

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BASEBALL TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



SEN DAVID
Senior (P)

DAVID has been a dominant force in the baseball program since his freshman year. He has led the team to a state championship and a national championship. He is a versatile player, capable of playing both infield and outfield. He is a leader on and off the field.

David has been named the Player of the Year for the past three years. He has been a consistent performer, leading the team in many categories. He is a true team player and a great leader.

David's leadership and skill on the field have made him a fan favorite. He is a true ambassador for the sport of baseball.

David's dedication to the sport and his team has earned him this honor. He is a true star of the team.

David's performance this year has set a new standard for the team. He is a true champion.

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CHAD HUTCHISON
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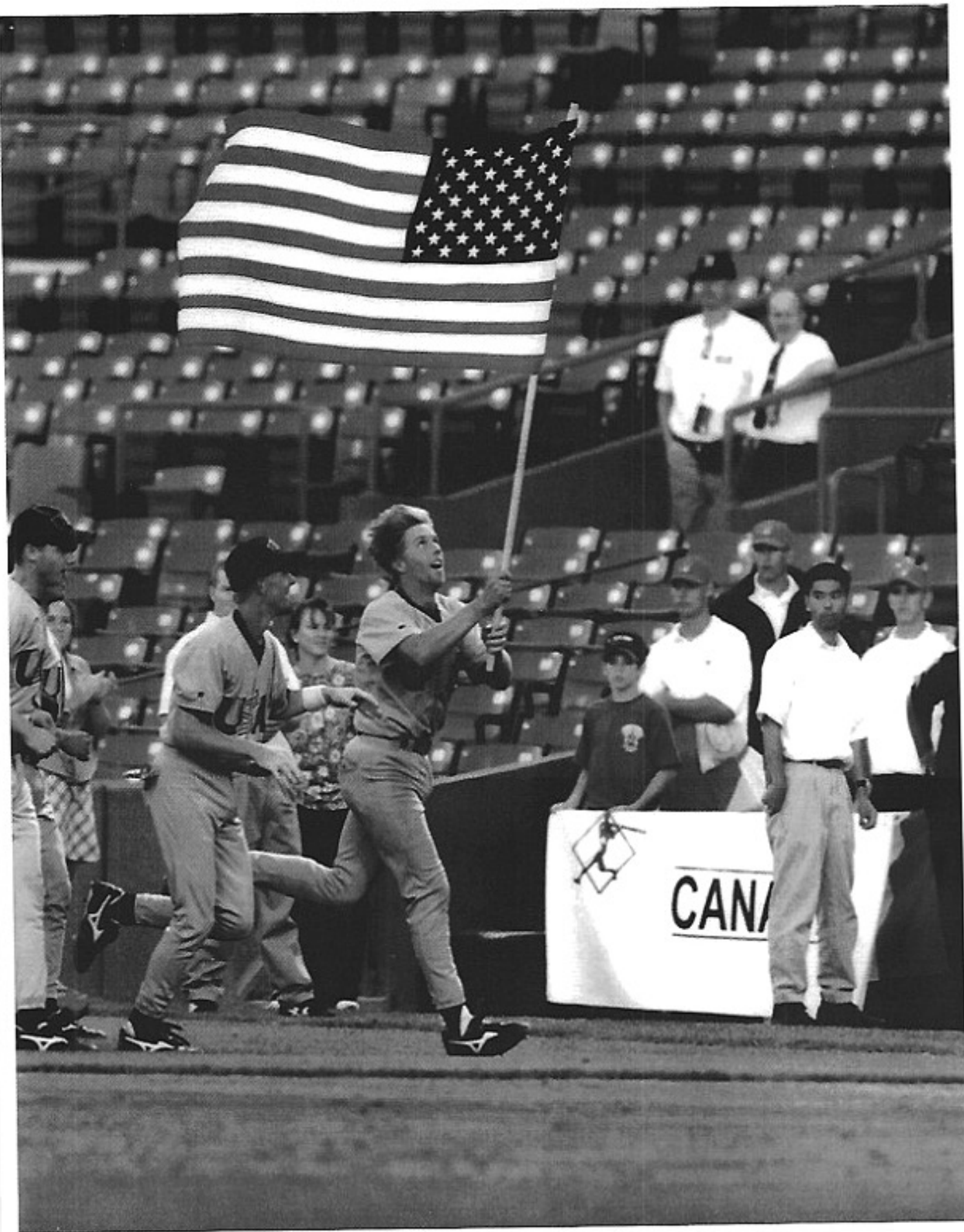


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HOW THE TEAM WAS PICKED

The team was picked based on their performance throughout the season. The coaches looked for players who showed leadership, skill, and a strong commitment to the team. David was the standout performer and was chosen as the Player of the Year.



*Numerous
Comments
on Request PICS*



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- 1998 – Team Captain as 3rd yr starting SS. Drafted in 6th Round by Anaheim Angels.
- 2001 – Starting SS for Texas League Champion Arkansas Travelers. Retired due to wrist injury after couple years of several operations.

References:

- Coach Phil Clark
- Paul Seiler – CEO USA BASEBALL
- Numerous references – Tim Dulin, Coach Kelso, Coach Hopkins, Johnny Beard, Johnny Ray, plus numerous others as needed.
- Major League Scout - Jeff Duncan.

Nominated by: Dad, Jim Hood – 901-461-9711, jhood8@comcast.net. 1705 Cordova Rd, Germantown, Tn. 38138



BASEBALL TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



SEN DAVIS
Mason (Pa.) Prep

HE IS THE BEST BASEBALL THUNDER IN

Makeup: Sen Davis is one of the best players in the country. He is a power hitter who can hit for average and power. He is a great defensive player who can play any position. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

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HOW THE TEAM WAS PICKED

The All-USA High School Baseball Team is picked by a panel of experts who evaluate the top players in the country. The panel consists of coaches, players, and fans. They look at a player's performance on the field, their leadership skills, and their character off the field. The top players are then ranked and the best players are selected for the All-USA team.



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Statistics: Hutchinson led the nation with 2.20 ERA, 100 strikeouts, and 100 wins. He is a great pitcher who can throw any pitch. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

Personal background: Hutchinson is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Personal background: Barrett is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Statistics: Wehrman led the nation with 2.20 ERA, 100 strikeouts, and 100 wins. He is a great pitcher who can throw any pitch. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

Personal background: Wehrman is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Statistics: Facci led the nation with 2.20 ERA, 100 strikeouts, and 100 wins. He is a great pitcher who can throw any pitch. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

Personal background: Facci is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Statistics: Rollison led the nation with 2.20 ERA, 100 strikeouts, and 100 wins. He is a great pitcher who can throw any pitch. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

Personal background: Rollison is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Personal background: Taylor is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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Statistics: Valenti led the nation with 2.20 ERA, 100 strikeouts, and 100 wins. He is a great pitcher who can throw any pitch. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.

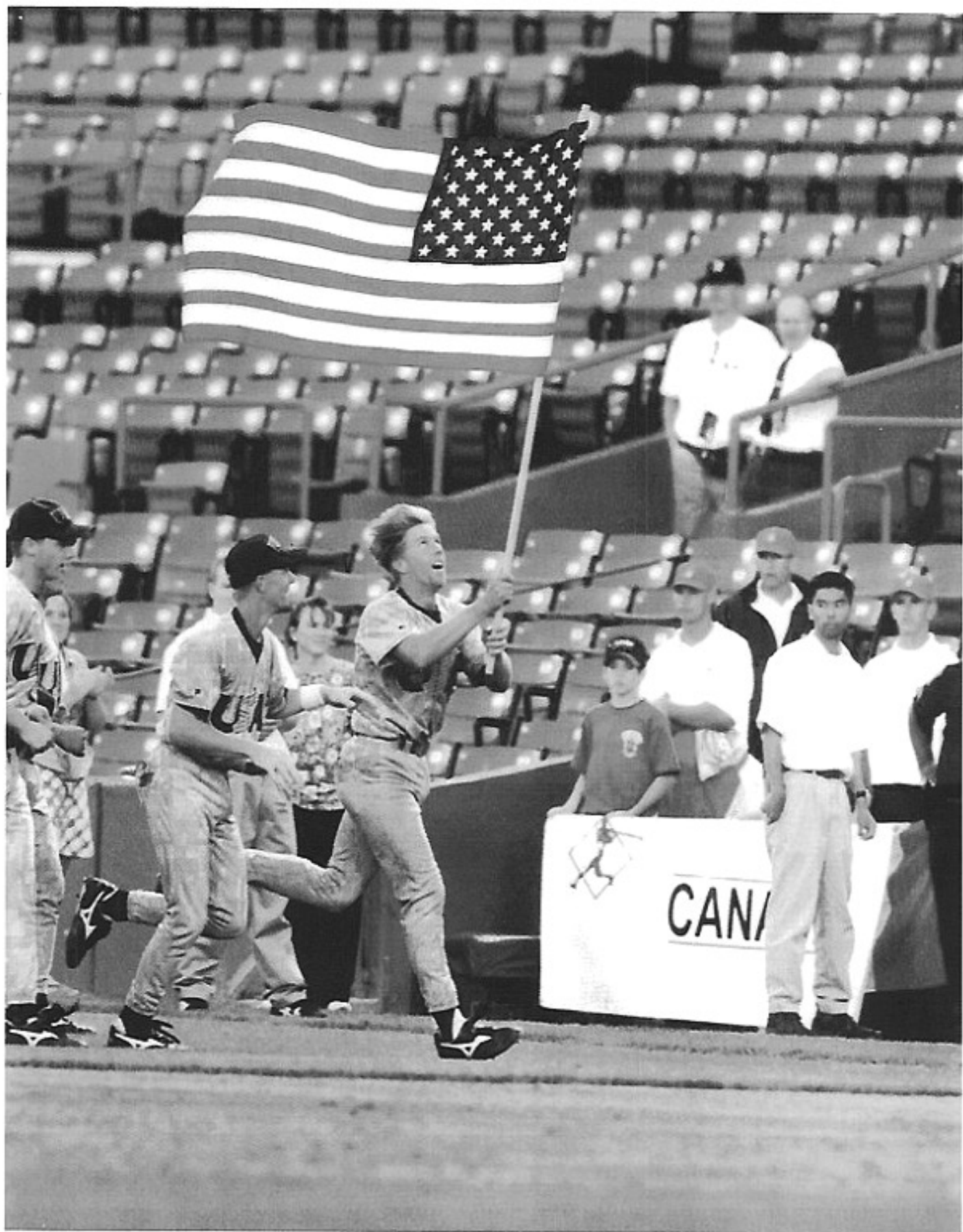
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Personal background: Valenti is a pitcher from Ohio State. He is a great leader who can inspire his teammates. He is a great person who can make his teammates feel like they are part of a team.



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2023
Nomination
Form

President: Paul Holt
Coordinator: Don Williams

NOMINATION INFORMATION

To be selected for the Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, a player must have been an active participant whose playing days have terminated for a minimum of three (3) years effective January 1 of the proposed year. The three-year clause will be waived in the case of lifetime sports such as tennis, golf, slow pitch softball, managers/coaches, game officials and anyone age 50 or above still actively participating in a category sport

No minimum playing time is required. However number of seasons is a factor in evaluation. Certificate amateur participation in the Memphis area shall be used as primary criteria for candidate selection (high school, college participation may be considered). Definite, factual player information must be presented to the Credentials and Selection Committee before a candidate can be officially accepted. Interviews, scrapbooks, newspaper reports and articles are very essential for accreditation.

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Nominations will be valid for consideration for three (3) years from date submitted.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION

PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY YOUR
CANDIDATE IS TO BE CONSIDERED FROM

CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY

- ADULT TEAM MANAGER/COACH
- BASEBALL
- BASKETBALL
- BOXING
- FOOTBALL
- GAME OFFICIAL
- GOLF
- PERSONAL CONTRIBUTOR
- MENS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL
- MENS SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL
- WOMENS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL
- WOMENS SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL
- TEAM SPONSOR
- TENNIS
- YOUTH TEAM MANAGER/COACH
- SPECIFIC SPORT _____

(name of sport _____)

NUMBER OF YEARS THE NOMINEE
HAS PARTICIPATED: 25

NOMINEE: James M Hood III
Name: _____

Address: 4551 Woodland Brook

City: Atlanta State: GA ZIP: 30339 SE

Home Phone: 404 372 6634

Work Phone: Head of the headnote, ce

Email: _____

NOMINATED BY: Jim Hood

Name: _____

Address: 1705 Cordova Rd

City: Cordova Tenn State: TN ZIP: 38138

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: 901 461 9711

Email: J.Hood@Comcast.net

NOMINATION FORM
AND
NOMINEE INFORMATION
MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SEPT 16, 2023

RETURN TO:
AMATEUR SPORTS HALL OF FAME
PO Box 1445
Cordova, TN, 38016

Jim

Nominating information for Jay Hood to Memphis Sports Hall of Fame

- Coached & nominated by Hall of Fame Coach Phil Clark. *Quote from Coach Clark "Jay is a great shortstop, he can win on the mound and can hit. What impresses me most about Jay is the way he handles everything. With all the hype & scouts, he just plays the game. There is a lot of pressure on him, but you wouldn't know it. He's just one of those guys. Jay is going to do everything it takes to be prepared. He has great work habits and he's a wonderful student (3.8) GPA. It's so much fun to have a kid like Jay. I have had some outstanding players, but Jay is the best all-around player I coached." His USA coach, Steve Cohen, "Jay is steady & unflappable! That's the leadership you need in the middle of the infield. He's going to make all the plays. He's confident in himself & the team is confident in him."* Other quotes from other baseball coaches included in nomination pkg herein. Numerous testimonials available upon request.
- Jay started playing competitive baseball at age 9 on the 10 yr old Germantown competitive team, coached by Sonny Jackson. He played for Sonny Jackson for several years. Jay has been blessed with great coaches over the years. He spent several years being trained by Tim Dulin. Tim was a great mentor for Jay for many years. Another fabulous coach was Johnny Beard who recruited Jay to his 14 yr Memphis Tiger Team. The Tigers were one of the best 14 yr old teams in the country and finished as National runner-up. Coach Beard's recommendation enclosed.
- 1993 - Starting SS & only Soph to be selected All State, for District Champions & State Runner-up
- 1994 - *Team Captain* & starting SS for District Champions. 33-6 record.
 - All American, All State & District All tournament team.
 - Memphis Best of Preps Winner-Baseball
 - Selected to play for south team in the Olympic Festival in St Louis
 - USA Baseball Jr National Team, starting SS for silver medal winner @ IBA World Junior Baseball Championship in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada.
- 1995 - *Team Captain* & Starting SS. Against elite competition, batted 3rd with .436 BA with 45 runs, 44 RBI, 13 dbls, 6 HR, 14 stolen bases, Pitcher-undefeated, 5-0, at shortstop made only 4 errors in 101 chances.
 - Led Team to Consensus National Championship with 38-0 record.
 - Consensus first team ALL AMERICAN, all publications.
 - MVP @ Upper Deck Classic after going 7 for 14, (.500), and going the distance against the #1 team at the time, Fountain Valley, CA. Several Teams in the tournament ranked in top 20 nationally, plus numerous All Americans & top draft picks in the tournament.
 - All-Tournament Team @ District & State Championships
 - USA today - USA National High School Team, only 9 players on USA Today team nationwide!

- o Memphis Best of Preps Winner-Baseball
- o Gatorade State Player of Year Winner
- o Participant in invitation only- Goodwill Series - Area Code Games,
- o Participant in the Team One invitation only National Showcase
- o Selected to Top 25 High School players in USA & top 4 infielders.
- o Selected to play in the Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs, Co.
- o *USA Baseball Jr National Team Captain & Most Valuable Defensive Player as SS @ 95 IBA World Junior Championships in Fenway Park, Boston. Gold medal winner.*
- o Drafted in 4th round by Minnesota Twins. Over 25 Division 1 scholarship offers. Signed with Ga Tech. Signed with Ga Tech after long negotiations with the Twins.
- 1996 – Starting SS as Freshman at Ga Tech. Started every game. Made Freshman All American Team & All ACC Team.
 - o Participant in the XXVI Olympic Trails in Tampa. *Had to withdraw as Participant in Olympics due to injury.*
- 1997 – GA TECH. Pre-Season 1st team All American, Team Captain as starting SS.
- 1998 – Team Captain as 3rd yr starting SS. Missed several games due to hamstring injuries. Drafted in 6th Round by Anaheim Angels & signed.
- 2001 – Starting SS for Texas League Champion Arkansas Travelers. Retired due to wrist injury after couple years of several surgeries.
- Jay currently owns an elite baseball facility, **"THE HOOD"**, in Atlanta. www.thehoodatl.com. He is married to Tori Griffec and has a delightful 8yr old daughter named Rosie James. Jay's reputation as an instructor and human being is impeccable. Jay's sister is Stephanie Goettsche, Germantown HS- 92.. who is married to Adam Goettsche & has 2 wonderful daughters, Lilly – 18 and Ashley – 16. They live in Glencoe, Ill.

References:

- Coach Phil Clark – Nomination was emailed to Lynn Alford
- Tiger 14 yr old coach – Johnny Beard – recommendation enclosed.
- Johnny Ray – Director of Baseball – USA Stadium Complex – recommendation enclosed.
- Jeff Duncan – Long time Major League Scout. Played at Skyview & Miami Hurricanes- recommendation enclosed.
- Recommendations from numerous other coaches and baseball executives as needed...
- Paul Seiler – CEO USA BASEBALL.. available upon request.
- Tim Dulin – available upon request. 901-461-1909.
- Hall of Fame Coach Danny Hall – GA TECH - available upon request.

For additional information, please contact Jim Hood – jhood8@comcast.net
901-461-9711

September 5, 2023

Lynn Alford
Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame
PO Box 553
Cordova, TN 38016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Jay Hood". The signature is written in a cursive style, with "Lee" on the top line, "Jay" on the middle line, and "Hood" on the bottom line.

Dear Mr. Alford,

It is a privilege to write this letter to endorse Jay Hood, a 1995 graduate of Germantown High School, for selection into the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame. He is indeed worthy of this recognition.

There are many reasons for him to be considered:

- First and foremost, Jay is a high character person. A leader amongst his peers, he was selected as team captain during both his high school and college career.
- In 1995, the Germantown High School baseball team was crowned as National Champions, amassing a 38-0 season record. Jay, was the most decorated player on this team, being recognized by USA Today Newspaper as a First Team All American.
- Jay is highly considered one of the top high school baseball players to come out of the Memphis area. In a recent interview with legendary baseball coach Phil Clark; Coach Clark stated that Jay was the best baseball player he EVER coached.
- After his stellar career at Germantown, Jay went on to star at National powerhouse Georgia Tech from 1996-98. Here are a few of his collegiate accolades.
 - o 1996 Freshman All American
 - o Baseball America Preseason All-American
 - o Second Team All Atlantic Coast Conference infielder
 - o Participated in USA Baseball Trials
 - o Recognized as the fourth best college draft prospect by Baseball America
 - o Sixth round selection of the Anaheim Angels in 1998 Major League Baseball draft
- Played in the Anaheim Angels organization 1998-2002, making it to the AA level before a wrist injury ended his career.

In closing, I would like for you to consider this question. How many Memphis area baseball players can say they were the best player on a team that went 38-0 and was crowned as National Champions? The answer to this question is one and his name is Jay Hood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Johnny Ray
Director of Baseball
USA Stadium Complex
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Jim Hood

From: Johnny BEARD <beardsn@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Jim Hood
Subject: Jay Hood

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rec Jay Hood". The word "Rec" is written above "Jay Hood".

Lynn,

Jay Hood is one of the more deserving candidates for the Memphis Amateur Hall of Fame. Jay played short stop for me as a 14 year old in the Memphis Tiger Organization. This team was one of the best 14 year old teams in the country that year. Our accomplishments included National runner up partly because of Jay's outstanding plays at short stop, his work ethics and the leadership he brought. Jay made other players better by being around them. He is one of the best high school players to ever come through Memphis to this day. There was never a time Jay let his talents go to his head. He has always been a very humble person.

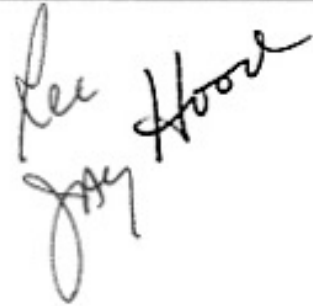
I am recommending Jay to become a member of the Memphis Amateur Hall of Fame. Thank you and please let me know if you need any other information regarding Jay.

*Johnny Beard
901-337-2327*

Sent from my iPad

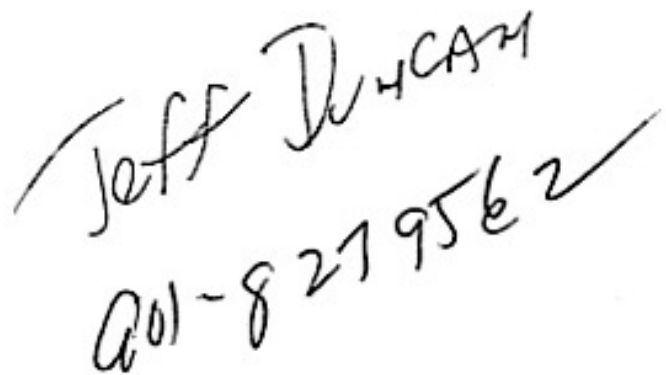
Jim Hood

From: Jim Hood <jhood8@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Jim Hood
Subject: Fwd: Recommendation of Jay Hood.



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From: Jeff Duncan <4jeffduncan@gmail.com>
Date: Aug 28, 2023 12:39 PM
Subject: Recommendation of Jay Hood.
To: jhood8@comcast.net
Cc:

Lynn, I can't think of a more deserving candidate for the Memphis amateur Hall of Fame then Jay Hood. He was a highly decorated high school player and starting SS on the 1995 Germantown national championship team. He also played for team USA and was the starting shortstop . He was a fourth round draft pick of the Minnesota Twins that same year He was one of the best amateur players to ever come through the Memphis area and would have been a solid big leaguer out of Georgia Tech if not for injuries. He has continued to give back to the Baseball community by owning and operating a hitting instruction facility in Atlanta , Georgia. Several of his students have played in the big leagues, minor leagues and in the college ranks. He 100% deserves it. Thank you and please let me know if I can help you with any further information on Jay, Jeff Duncan



Jeff Duncan
401-827-9562

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G'town residents helped lead Tigers

By Ken Wilbanks

The Germantown News

The Memphis Tigers 14-year-old AABC baseball team may not have captured the Sandy Koufax World Series championship held recently in Spring, Texas, but other than that, they had a season the 13-player squad will not soon forget.

Before bowing out of World Series, the Tigers (62-9) knocked off Puerto Rico, 7-2; Michigan, 6-0; Colorado, 9-0; and Cincinnati, 7-2. Only losses to Cincinnati, 11-7, in the second game of the series and Paducah, Kentucky, 12-9, in 11 innings in the championship game, kept the Tigers from capturing the title.

The Tigers competed in the Amateur Athletic Baseball Congress this season, which has over 1,400 teams in the 14-year-old division split into eight regions across the United States. The AABC is the oldest and largest amateur youth baseball organization in the U.S.

Prior to the World Series, the Tigers won the district, state and Southeast Regional tournaments to earn the trip to Spring, Texas, and a shot at a World Series title.

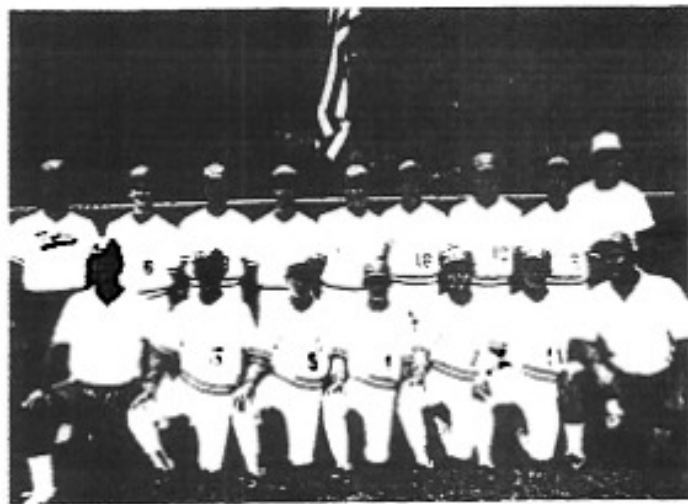
Although a little disappointed with not winning the World Series, Tigers head coach Johnny Beard said he has no complaints about the season his team experienced over the summer.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more out of this group

of kids," he said. "They played hard all season long and I'm just glad for them that we got to the series and did as well as we did."

Of the 13 players comprising the Tigers' squad, seven hail from the city of Germantown: Pitcher/outfielder Craig Williams, a sophomore at Germantown High School; second baseman Chris Lotterhos, a freshman at GHS; catcher Chris Winsett, a freshman at GHS; shortstop/pitcher Jay Hood, a freshman at GHS; pitcher/outfielder Matt Hale, an eighth grader at Germantown Middle School; pitcher/outfielder Steve Luke, an eighth grader at GMS; and third baseman Ryan Lynch, an eighth grader at Houston Middle School.

Being named to World Series All-Tournament team for the Tigers were Hood, who had a .500 batting average (five RBI, seven singles, two doubles) for the series including a dramatic sixth inning home run to tie the championship game at 8-8; Hale, who tossed a complete game no-hitter in the Tigers' 6-0 win over Michigan to finish the season with a 9-0 mark; Luke, who pitched 16 2/3 innings in the World Series with a 1.68 ERA (two victories, one no-decision, 20 strikeouts and six walks) and led the team with a 17-2 record for the season; and Woodale's Brian Register, the Tigers' lead-off hitter who had a .542 on-base percentage and a .476 batting average in the Series.



Members of the Memphis Tigers 14-year-old baseball team which recently finished second at the Sandy Koufax World Series in Spring, Texas, are (front row, from left) Coach Chuck Rutledge, Craig Williams, Tim White, Chris Lotterhos, Jason Woods, Greg Massey, Coach Vic Pressgrove. (back row, from left) Manager Johnny Beard, Chris Winsett, Jay Hood, Matt Hale, Ryan Lynch, Brian Register, Jeff Scott, Steve Luke and Coach Paul Stewart. Not pictured is Kevin Donovan.

Johnny Beard

Tigers

than seeing the thousands upon thousands of baseball fields across this country. Everything from beautiful Dodger Stadium to Irvine's neat Windrow Community Athletic Park to the old but picture perfect Tate High School field to a leaning backstop on a farm field. Each has their own charm and exciting games.

Chances are we saw some future major leaguers displaying their talents. As exciting as that is, the real pleasure was watching kids give it their

Tournament's 44

Global audience

The Upper Deck Classic, Down the West Coast and the Midwest, has a variety of high school baseball and softball teams from all over the United States and Canada.

Through the West Coast, Down the West Coast, the Midwest, the South, and the Northeast, the Upper Deck Classic has a variety of high school baseball and softball teams from all over the United States and Canada.



HAPPY PAIR—Germantown (TN) shortstop Jay Hood is congratulated by his father, Jim, after being named MVP in the Upper Deck Classic. See page 10.



Upper Deck Classic's All-tournament team

Germantown (TN) nabs Upper Deck Classic title

The Germantown (TN) fans had their problems dealing with the California traffic, but the Red Devils handled it without too much difficulty.

The Red Devils broke through a four-team California roadblock to win the 1995 Upper Deck Classic and extend their undefeated streak to 19.

Germantown, displaying excellent pitching and defense with timely hitting, out-slugged co-host and perennial power El Dorado 8-6; edged defending Classic champion Rancho Bernardo 4-3; overpowered nationally ranked Fountain Valley 10-6; and held-off Mater Dei 6-4.

"We had to win every game with the tying or winning run on base," said Germantown Coach Phil Clark, "and that's hard to do against quality teams. I'm awful proud of them. This is icing for a great

week in California."

Jay Hood put on a spectacular show as the Germantown shortstop turned in one dazzling play after another. He batted .500 (7 for 14) with four RBI and he went the distance for his fifth win without a loss in the victory over Fountain Valley.

Hood was named the Most Valuable Player for his all-around outstanding play.

The Most Outstanding Pitcher honors went to Horizon (AZ) ace Ryan Mills, who recorded 16 strikeouts in eight innings. Mater Dei's Mike Hessman was selected as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player after his eight for 14 hitting, which included three home runs.

Fountain Valley (14-2) rebounded to take third place with a 9-3 win over Edison (NJ) as Jon Fujii homered and

Greg Hanoian went 3 for 3.

El Dorado took the consolation crown with a 15-3 trouncing of Bellarmine Prep (15-6). Sophomore OF Brandon Downing had a triple and two singles for the Golden Hawks.

Upper Deck Classic All-Tournament Team

Jared Larsen, Taylorville (UT)
 Jason Felix, Canyon del Oro (AZ)
 Juan Aukerman, R. Bernardo (CA)
 Jaime Jones, Rancho Bernardo (CA)
 Al Thielmann, Vista (CA)
 Anthony Napolitano, Edison (NJ)
 Seth Shibley, Sapulpa (OK)
 Chris Beck, El Dorado (CA)
 Trent Curvas, El Dorado (CA)
 Tommy Nicholson, Esperanza (CA)
 Phillip Clarke, Hanahan (SC)
 Dan Keller, Fountain Valley (CA)
 Greg Hanoian, Fountain Valley (CA)
 Jim Alderete, Bellarmine Prep (CA)
 Mike Kolback, Mater Dei (CA)
 Josh Townsend, Mater Dei (CA)
 Jeff Klein, Germantown (TN)
 Matt Hale, Germantown (TN)
MVP—Jeff Hood, Germantown (TN)
Outstanding Pitcher—Ryan Mills, Horizon (AZ)
Outstanding Offensive Player—Mike Hessman, Mater Dei (CA)

"It was the last Upper Deck Classic, but not the last Classic," said Tournament Director Irm Novick.

Novick is confident the tournament will find a major sponsor. Louisville Slugger, which provided important in-stadium assistance along with Mizuno and other companies, reportedly is considering title sponsorship.

"It probably will be better than it's been before," said an optimistic Novick.

First Round

Fountain Valley (CA) 13, Hanahan (SC) 0
 Horizon (AZ) 4, Vista (CA) 3
 Germantown (TN) 8, El Dorado (CA) 6
 R. Bernardo (CA) 34, Monarock (NY) 0
 Edison (NJ) 9, Bellarmine Prep (NY) 3
 Esperanza (CA) 16, Fountain Prep (NY) 3
 Mater Dei (CA) 14, Taylorville (UT) 8
 Sapulpa (OK) 5, Canyon del Oro (AZ) 4

Second Round

Germantown 4, Rancho Bernardo 3
 Fountain Valley 8, Horizon 0
 Mater Dei 12, Sapulpa 0
 Vista 7, Hanahan 0
 Bellarmine Prep 19, Fountain Prep 2
 Taylorville 5, Canyon del Oro 4
 El Dorado 9, Monarock 0
 Edison 9, Esperanza 5

Third Round

Mater Dei 14, Edison 2
 Germantown 10, Fountain Valley 6
 El Dorado 4, Vista 2
 Bellarmine Prep 14, Taylorville 0
 Sapulpa 3, Esperanza 2
 Hanahan 8, Monarock 2
 Rancho Bernardo 5, Horizon 3
 Canyon del Oro 5, Fountain Prep 0

Fourth Round

Championship: Germantown 6, Mater Dei 4
 Third Place: Fountain Valley 9, Edison 3
 Consolation Final: El Dorado 15, Bellarmine Prep 3
 Fifth Place: Rancho Bernardo 12, Sapulpa 5
 Seventh Place: Esperanza 5, Horizon 2
 Canyon del Oro 13, Hanahan 1
 Fountain Prep 9, Monarock 5
 Taylorville 8, Vista 7

Upstart Captures Upper Deck

Germanatowa (Tenn.) coach Phil Clark wasn't sure whether his team won the Upper Deck Classic in California or simply was the last one standing when it ended.

H I G H S C H O O L N O T E B O O K
E i t h e r way, folks wanting to view the 1995 champion will have to go to the Memphis suburb to see it.

"We didn't have any easy games," said Clark, whose team got the last out in three games with the tying run on base. "Every game we played went to the very last pitch. I'm not sure we'd win the thing again if we had to play this week, but then again, we don't have to."

Germanatowa beat four highly-touted Southern California squads—including preseason No. 1 Fountain Valley—en route to the title. In fact, Germanatowa handed each of those teams its only loss of the tournament.

"I expected them to be in the top eight, but I didn't expect a team from Tennessee to play that kind of ball," tournament director Tom Norwick said after Germanatowa knocked off El Dorado 8-5, Rancho Bernardo 4-3, Fountain Valley 10-6 and Mater Dei 6-4 in the championship.

Mater Dei second baseman Mike Hessman (.571-3-11) was named outstanding offensive player. Horizon (Scottsdale, Ariz.) left-hander Ryan Mills, who struck out 17 against Vista (Calif.), was the outstanding pitcher.

Clark had a hunch his team would play well. Germanatowa entered the tournament 15-0, unranked and eager to prove to California what Tennessee teams already knew.

"We can play a little bit," Clark said. "We saw some great, great players. We were a scrappy little group who did the little things. That's all I

told the boys. Keep it simple. And we had a rock at shortstop. We knew if we could get some balls hit at our shortstop, that would get him going and he would get us going."

That shortstop, Jay Hood—ranked among the nation's No. 25 prospects for the June draft by Baseball America—didn't disappoint. The tournament MVP went 7-for-14 with four RBIs and pitched a complete-game victory against Fountain Valley.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Hearts of major league scouts might have skipped a beat when Tony Price (Escondido, Calif.) right-hander Chad Hutchinson, the nation's top high school prospect, removed himself from a game after throwing one inning against Granite Hills of San Diego. He left the mound in a pinch, smacking his right arm after working the first two batters, hitting the fourth and allowing three runs. Tony Price coach Craig Scaggins was unimpressed with pitcher and second baseman Phil Nixon's arm was OK. "The rumor was he was getting an operation," Scaggins said. "He flew. He was pitched, but he knew the only way he could shake people was to go and throw." Hutchinson struck out 12 in a low-key complete-game effort in his next start. ... Jerry Hill of WT, White (Dallas) finished four home runs and collected 10 RBIs in just two innings against Fullerton (Texas). The game was called with WT, White leading 3-0. ... Steve de Bate (Miami) left-hander Caleb Martinez, Baseball America's No. 21 rated prospect, hasn't pitched since bruising his shoulder in a minor accident. After a practice, he fipped the ball he was driving. He's expected to return for the state playoffs. ... Phil (D) prospect Phil Lowery of Casa Grande (Phoenix, Calif.) made Fullerton's lineup start on 13 and walked one. ... Engaged (Texas) ace right-hander Andy Young (Baylor) 3 prospect and Jeff Arellano (Pa. St.) combined on a double, Walkman 3-1 victory over Eisenhower (Aldine, Texas). ... New Hope (Wilkeson, N.C.) first baseman Sherron Goffinger attacked his state-record consecutive-game hitting streak in 47-year shy of the national record and grand for second place. After being walked twice in the 47th game, Goffinger smacked an obviously outside pitch to right field in his last at-bat to extend the streak.

—CHRIS WRIGHT



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP 25

Baseball America's top 25 high school teams, selected in conjunction with the National High School Baseball Coaches Association. Records through games of April 23, with previous ranking:

Rank	Team	City	W-L
1	New Hope	NC	36-0
2	Escondido	Calif.	27-1
3	Adrian	Calif.	14-1
4	Central	Calif.	22-1
5	Granite Hills	Calif.	22-0
6	San Diego	Calif.	22-0
7	Fountain Valley	Calif.	16-2
8	Englewood	Calif.	20-2
9	Green Valley	Calif.	21-2
10	Mission Bay	Calif.	14-1
11	Milliken	Calif.	13-2
12	Essex	Calif.	20-4
13	St. Xavier	Calif.	15-1
14	Peel	Calif.	21-1
15	Cathedral	Calif.	12-0

16	Horace	Calif.	20-2
17	Mount Carmel	Calif.	17-3
18	Bishop Amat	Calif.	18-2
19	Clare	Calif.	9-1
20	Turkey Hills	Calif.	22-2
21	St. Mary	Calif.	10-2
22	St. Thomas Aquinas	Calif.	20-2
23	San Dimas	Calif.	20-4
24	Carroll	Calif.	13-1
25	Pathway West	Calif.	13-0

Others receiving votes: ARKANSAS—Bryant HS, COLLEADO—Arvids View HS, FLORIDA—Juniata HS, KENTUCKY—Pleasure Ridge Park HS, LOUISIANA—Belle HS, NEW YORK—George Washington HS.

Selection committee led by: Greenway HS, Missouri; Bob Brown, South San Francisco HS; George Brunfield, Wayne (N.Y.) HS; Tony Corra, Woodport (N.Y.) HS; Mike Mahan, Fairport Harbor (Ohio) HS; Fred O'Brien, Lake (Texas) HS; George Pelt, Cardinal Gibbons HS, Fort Lauderdale; Bill Seaman, Chocoma (Pa.) HS.

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JAIME JONES

OF, RANCHO BERNARDO HS, San Diego



Jones, considered the best position-player high school prospect available in the upcoming draft, put on another show at the Upper Deck Classic. He hit .657-3-8, stole four bases and scored 10 runs. Jones was named the event's outstanding offensive player last season.

PLAYER	SCHOOL	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Chatter Alex, c.	Palm Beach (Fla.) Lakes HS	.452	72	22	33	17	0	3	24	0
Michael Bascell, ss.	Pace Academy, Atlanta	.581	72	44	49	8	6	7	37	21
Ben Davis, c.	Melvin (Pa.) Prep	.538	32	15	21	3	4	5	19	0
Chad Hermanson, ss.	Green Valley HS, Henderson, Nev.	.410	74	44	30	10	4	8	30	12
Jay Hood, ss.	Germanatowa (Tenn.) HS	.475	59	25	28	8	0	3	24	8
Jaime Jones, of.	Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego	.657	48	31	24	4	1	6	20	20
Nate Johnson, 1b.	Petaluma (Calif.) HS	.557	61	34	34	10	0	8	46	11

PITCHER	SCHOOL	W	L	ERA	G	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
Jeff Austin, rhp.	Kingwood (Texas) HS	7	1	0.99	9	1	57	17	29	102
Chad Hutchinson, rhp.	Escondido HS, Escondido, Calif.	6	0	1.47	7	0	20	27	18	64
Phil Lowery, rhp.	Casa Grande HS, Phoenix, Calif.	6	0	0.49	8	0	42	11	8	80
Mike Mahan, rhp.	Fairport Harbor (Ohio) HS	2	0	0.50	2	0	18	11	4	31
Kerry Wood, rhp.	Granite Hills (Texas) HS	6	0	0.72	8	0	48	14	18	84
Andy Young, rhp.	Kingwood (Texas) HS	7	0	0.62	7	0	44	20	11	71

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'Germantown (TN) Express' jolts Southern California baseball

GERMANTOWN, TN--Southern California is used to having its daily shakes, but its high school baseball wasn't ready for the jolts it received in April.

They called it the "Germantown (TN) Express". It went through Southern Cal's best and left 'em in a state of shock.

Even Germantown Coach Phil Clark had difficulty fully accepting what his team had pulled off in winning the 1995 Upper Deck Classic.

"It's hard to imagine what this team has done," a tearful Clark said after the Red Devils had defeated Mater Dei in the championship finals. "I am so very, very proud of them."

What the Red Devils had done was whip El Dorado, Rancho Bernardo, Fountain Valley and Mater Dei, four proud programs who will figure prominently in their respective post-season playoffs this year. Germantown handed each of them their only loss in the Classic, as they finished 3-1 and the Red Devils were 4-0.

The Tennesseans aren't new to winning. Under Clark's direction, the Red Devils have two seconds, a third and a fourth place finish in the state



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championships over the past eight years.

"The state championship is the ultimate goal," Clark says, echoing the feelings of his team. "In Tennessee, you must win three single eliminations to get to the Final Four and in single elimination anything can happen."

It happened for the Red Devils last year when they were upset in the regionals, ending a 33-6 season and the hopes for the elusive crown.

Clark has great respect for the brand of baseball played throughout the country, but he doesn't believe Tennessee has to take a back seat to any.

While his team proved him right about Tennessee's strength at the Upper Deck

Classic, it also showed he was wrong about pitching depth.

"We (Tennessee) don't have the pitching depth of others--like California, Texas and Florida," Clark had said. "We don't have the weather and look at how many kids and schools they have out there (California)."

In the six years of the Classic, no team ever showed the pitching depth of the "Germantown Express". Four Germantown pitchers--Tom Hilderbrand, Matt Hale, Jay Hood and Jonathan Winterrowd--mowed down the opposition.

Hilderbrand, Hale and Hood went the distance in their games, while Winterrowd, a converted catcher, pitched into the seventh before

Hilderbrand came on to save the win in the finals. It was a stunning display of pitching depth.

Germantown has become a well-known name in prep baseball because of the heroics of Hood. He won all-state honors as a sophomore and last year Hood gained national attention with impressive performances in the Olympic Festival, Area Code Games, World Championships as a member of the USA Junior Team and the Goodwill Series.

Clark says he's never seen anyone like Hood.

"He's a great shortstop, he can win on the mound and he can hit," says Clark.

"What impresses me the most about Jay is the way he handles everything. With all of the hype and the scouts, he just plays the game. There is a lot of pressure on him, but you wouldn't know it.

"He's just one of the guys. Jay is going to do everything it takes to be prepared. He has great work habits and he's a wonderful student (3.8 GPA).

"It's so much fun to have a kid like that. I have had some outstanding players, but Jay is the best all-around player."

Clark praises Hood and the many seniors on the team for their leadership and invaluable contributions. Yet, beware of next year's team as Hall and Hilderbrand are juniors and Winterrowd is a sophomore. The aftershocks already are being felt by the opposition, particularly in California where they're still in a daze from the '95 "Germantown Express".

Coaching staffs Set for Festival

TRENTON, NJ--The coaching staffs for the 1995 Olympic Festival teams have been named by USA Baseball.

The following coaches will coach the 64 players in the July 22-26 competition at the US Air Force Academy:

North Team--Tom O'Connell, Pulaski HS (WI); Tim Saunders, Dublin Coffman HS (OH);

South Team--Harvey Cochran, North Cobb HS (GA); Mike O'Reilly, Sylvania Southview HS (OH);

East Team--Bill Olson, Northwest HS (NE); Sam Tola, Notre Dame HS (NJ);

West Team--Phil Clark, Germantown HS (TN); Don Freeman, Prairie HS (WA).

New Hanover holds No. 1

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Top 25 national rankings.

New Hanover improved its record to 20-0. Germantown extended its undefeated season to 30-0 and moved from No. 5 to challenge the Wildcats for the top position.

Elkins (TX), Antioch (CA) and Grand Prairie (TX) each slipped one notch to Nos. 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Elkins is 24-2, Antioch 18-1 and Grand Prairie 25-2.

Sarasota (FL), No. 6, Kingwood (TX) No. 7, Mission Bay (CA) No. 8, Green Valley (NV) No. 9 and Millikan (CA) completed the first 10.

Joliet Catholic (IL) led four new teams into the Top 25 as it claimed the No. 13 spot, with Bullard (CA) No. 18,

Key West (FL) No. 21 and Tolna-Warwick (ND) tied for No. 25, the other newcomers.

Each district's top rated team is included in the Top 25 and each state's No. 1 team is listed in the rankings.

Others mentioned: Alabama-Duplex; Arizona-Harlan; Missouri-Peate; Arkansas-Van Buren; Colorado-Aranda West; Cherry Creek; Connecticut-New Dawn; DC-St. John's; Delaware-Woodbridge; Florida-St. Thomas Aquinas; Texas-Hewitt-Carlisle; Idaho-Nampa; Illinois-Morris; Indiana-Eichens; Tipton; Kansas-Shoreline Heights; Kentucky-Pearson Ridge Park; Louisiana-Burke; Maine-Bugser; Massachusetts-Lowell; Michigan-Divine Child; Minnesota-Cretin-Delmas; Ohio; Missouri-Cape Central; Parkway West; Nebraska-Pepitone-LaVette; Wisconsin; New Hampshire-Canaan; New Jersey-Texas River South; New Mexico-Carlsbad; Fortington; New York-Corning East; Georgia-Washington; North Carolina; Ohio-Glen Oak; Westerville North; Oregon-Mazzoni; Pennsylvania-Berwyn; Rhode Island-Bishop Hendricken; South Carolina-West Florence; Texas-Brewster Westbrook; Illinois; Decaturville; Pennsylvania-DuBois; Utah-Pleasant Grove; Vermont-St. Johnsbury; Virginia-Green Run; Washington-Lake Stevens; West Virginia-South Charleston; Wisconsin-Appleton West.



Jay Hood and coach Phil Clark meet before Gold Medal game at U.S. Olympic Festival.

Hood, Clark meet at U.S. Festival

By WALLY WELLMAN
The Germantown News

Over the years that Jay Hood played baseball for Germantown High School coach Phil Clark, the hard-hitting shortstop came through in the clutch many times to get his coach out of jams.

Hood got Clark out of another tight spot recently, but the catch is that the two were playing on different teams in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hood was the starting shortstop for the South team and Clark, who piloted Germantown to a 38-0, national championship season this year, was coaching the West contingent.

Clark explained how Hood's hot bat saved him once again:

"The guys on my team (the West squad) heard that the Red Devils had shaved my head after we won (state and national titles) and they wanted to know could they do it if we won the Gold Medal," said Clark, whose scalp is beginning to make a comeback after the Germantown boys relieved him of his hair.

"I told them, if we shut out the South team (held them scoreless) and won the Gold Medal, they could shave it," Clark said.

Hood got Clark's noggin off the hook early in the West-South game when he doubled to drive in a run in the first inning.

"I said thatta boy, Jay! Thatta boy!," said the coach. "I felt better already."

Coach Clark said winning the Gold at the Olympic Festival put the cap on a dream year for him.

"I don't know that I want the year 1995 to end," he said. "It's been kind of Clark's year and it's a memory I'll never forget."

said the caliber of play was "great" and that he could go on and on about the accomplishments of the players.

Opposing Hood was something that he obviously, and understandably, did not enjoy.

"It wasn't much fun," said Clark, who has been to the baseball wars and back with Hood, who has signed to play with Georgia Tech, but still may be signed as a draft choice of the Minnesota Twins.

Clark described Hood's play in the tournament as "outstanding."

"He batted .386 with five doubles, several RBIs, and was one of the leaders in stolen bases," said the coach. "And he was by far the best shortstop in the tournament."

The entire experience was wonderful for Clark. He made some lifelong friends, including coaches, players and others. But the most outstanding thing he may have come away with was the sense of thanks he felt for being able to have been a part of the games and what the game of baseball has done for him and his family overall.

"We had an Olympic commissioner who talked about coming from Italy as a 10-year-old boy and how much the game of baseball had done for him," said Clark.

"I looked at my wife, Donna, after we left and were riding up Pike's Peak, and I thought about how much the game of baseball has done for me and my family," said Clark.

"I thought, maybe I can put something back into it some day to be worthy of what it's given me. Just a little bit anyway."

But that may be a moot point. There are a lot of people in Germantown, Memphis, Shelby County,

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THE TOP 25 HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITS

Many of the nation's top high school seniors took advantage of college baseball's early signing period. Here are the nation's most heavily recruited players (listed in alphabetical order) and the college to which they committed:

Player, Pos., School	College
Charles Alley, c, Palm Beach Lakes HS, Palm Beach, Fla.	Florida
Jeff Austin, rhp, Kingwood (Texas) HS	Stanford
Michael Barrett, ss, Pace Academy, Alpharetta, Ga.	Clemson
Ben Davis, c, Malvern Prep, Malvern, Pa.	Miami
Louis Fisher, rhp, Fremont HS, Oakland	Uncommitted
Roy Halladay, rhp, West HS, Arvada, Colo.	Arizona
Chad Hermansen, ss, Green Valley HS, Henderson, Nev.	Miami
Josh Holliday, c, Stillwater (Okla.) HS	Uncommitted
Jay Hood, ss, Germantown (Tenn.) HS	Georgia Tech
Chad Hutchinson, rhp, Torrey Pines HS, Encinitas, Calif.	Uncommitted
Jaime Jones, of, Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego	Uncommitted
Ryan Jaroczyk, ss, Orange Glen HS, Escondido, Calif.	Stanford
Phil Lowery, lhp, Casa Grande HS, Petaluma, Calif.	Arizona State
Jeff Manser, rhp-of, Hillsborough HS, Tampa	Miami
Mike Marriott, rhp, Spring (Texas) HS	Texas A&M
Onan Masaoka, lhp, Waiakea HS, Hilo, Hawaii	Miami
Ryan Mills, lhp, Horizon HS, Scottsdale, Ariz.	Arizona State
Ben Petrick, c, Glencoe HS, Hillsboro, Ore.	Arizona State
Nate Rolison, 1b, Petal (Miss.) HS	Miami
David Ross, c, Florida HS, Tallahassee, Fla.	Auburn
Greg Schaub, rhp, Solanco HS, Oxford, Pa.	Miami
Mike Spinelli, lhp, Revere (Mass.) HS	Miami
Eric Valent, of, Canyon HS, Anaheim Hills, Calif.	UCLA
Jay Yennaco, rhp, Pinkerton Academy, Windham, N.H.	Miami
Andy Yount, rhp, Kingwood (Texas) HS	Texas A&M

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4. Jay Hood ... Germantown, TN (Germantown)

A highly coveted shortstop, Hood signed with Georgia Tech, where he should step in right away at shortstop. Hood is a solid all-around player with an above average arm and hands, good speed and a tremendous hitter. He had a busy summer playing in all the major events - the Team One National Showcase, the Olympic Festival, the Area Code Games and on the USA Junior National Team. Has a good chance to be drafted in the top two or three rounds.



Hood has that familiar look

By Todd Archer
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Boston Globe - 8/15

FALMOUTH - He is 6 feet tall, the same as Nomar Garciaparra. He is roughly the same weight as Garciaparra. He plays shortstop, as does Garciaparra. Most likely, he will be attending Georgia Tech, the same school as, you guessed it, Garciaparra.

Jay Hood has heard the comparisons to the Red Sox wunderkind shortstop prospect at Double A Trenton, N.J., for a while now, and all he can do is shrug.

"Yeah, a lot of scouts and coaches have compared us," Hood said. "I saw him play on TV, but I've never met him or anything. They say that our footwork is the same and we hit the same: line drives to all fields. You can't worry about comparisons like that. You just have to go out and play the way you can."

Hood is on Cape Cod this week, trying to help Team USA win its first World Junior Baseball Championship gold medal since 1989. Team USA opened with the Netherlands last night at Guv Fuller Field in Falmouth.

A year ago, Hood and his teammates thought they had wrapped up the title after leading South Korea, 10-5, through six innings. But it all fell apart and the US had to settle for the silver.

"We've talked about it," said Hood, one of three returnees from last year. "We've had a couple of exhibitions this year where we've gotten up early and not scored after that. The same thing against South Korea. That shouldn't happen. Every game we play this year will be a nine-inning game."

That's one reason Team USA coach Steve Cohen has the 18-year-old Hood, as well as Eric Valent and David Ross, back.

"He's steady and unflappable," said Cohen. "That's

the leadership you need in the middle of your infield. He's going to make all the routine plays. He's confident in himself, and the team is confident in him."

The Minnesota Twins liked what they saw, too, selecting Hood in the fourth round of the amateur draft after he led his Germantown, Tenn., high school team to a 33-0 record. Germantown won the USA Today national championship, and Hood was a first-team All-American. While he has committed to Georgia Tech, there's still a chance he'll sign with the Twins.

"I'm not one of those guys that can put a turban on and say, 'Four years from now, he's going to make it,'" Cohen said. "I don't know the mystique of projectability. I can just see the performance in front of me, and he has the skills and the God-given ability to play. I wouldn't be surprised if Jay makes [the majors]."

An added incentive for the eight teams in the round-robin tournament is a potential trip to Fenway Park, site of the medal round.

"That's a big boost," Hood said. "Not so much that it's Fenway Park, but the fact that we're home. Hopefully, a lot of people will come out and root for us."

After finishing a disappointing fifth a year ago, Cuba came out with a 6-1 victory over Australia, 6-1, at Red Wilson Field in Yarmouth. Catcher Osvaldo Arias went 3 for 4 with a home run, one RBI and two runs scored ... South Korea, the defending champion, served notice that it intends to repeat by routing Italy, 13-3. Sun-Woo Kim allowed one hit in five innings. Won-Suk Jung had a three-run triple and scored two runs ... At Hyannis' McKeon Field, Chinese Taipei defeated Canada, 10-4, behind a three-homer attack. Meng Hsein-Cheng pitched eight innings, striking out 10 and allowing four runs on seven hits. Peng Cheng-Min, Chen Chin-Feng and Cheng Chao-Yueh had the Taipei homers.



Red Devils' Hood strives for big

Expectations big for senior

By Tony Cooke
The Commercial Appeal

With two men on base, Germantown's Jay Hood came up to bat.

"I definitely don't need any introduction to this guy," Briarcrest coach Mark Carson muttered in the dugout.

After Hood's standout junior season, opposing pitchers and coaches — along with major league scouts — need no introduction to Hood. A few pitches after Carson's remark, Hood introduced his bat to the baseball, then stood and watched as the ball sailed over the leftfield fence.

Hood was on his way to a four RHR night Friday in a 10-0 victory over Briarcrest, and the only time he was limited to fewer than two bases was when he was issued an intentional walk.

"I enjoy watching him hit," said Carson. "I just don't like to see him do it against us."

For his part, Hood enjoys hitting, and he doesn't much care who he does it against.

"Someday I'd like to play in the major leagues... and maybe become a great shortstop in the major leagues," he said. "I've always set my goals high."

Red Devil coach Phil Clark calls Hood "the best all-around player who's been here in my eight years." But Clark sets a more modest, more immediate goal than pro stardom for his standout shortstop.

"To improve on what he did last year is going to be awfully hard," said Clark. "He did everything that could be possibly asked last year — offensively and defensively, particularly."

"To me, if he could have the same year, it would be a great accomplishment because he's got all the pressure on him this year with 10 pro scouts here behind the dugout, timing his every move."

Hood batted .486 with eight home runs and 49 RBI last season. As a pitcher, he posted a 6-0 mark with a 1.24 earned run average.

But like his coach, Hood sees his challenge this season as maintaining his focus in the face of numerous distractions.

In what round will he be drafted, and by whom? Hood says he doesn't plan on worrying about it. How will the baseball strike affect June's major league draft? Hood says he has more prementing things to think about.

Hood eliminated one potential source of distraction in November, when he signed with Georgia Tech.

"The pressure of college, thank goodness, is over," said Clark.

Georgia Tech baseball coach Danny Hall said Hood was their top choice at shortstop.

"We wanted him from the first time I laid eyes on him," said Hall. "He's a great shortstop — and certainly one of the top shortstops in the country." Hall admits Hood's wide

range, his sure hands, and his strong arm.

"I think — No. 1 — he can play shortstop. And I just don't think there are many players — whether high school, college or pro — who can play that position," said Hall.

But Hood has another essential quality for a Georgia Tech signee.

"We have got to recruit a good student," said Hall, "and he is an excellent student."

Hood is consistently on the honor roll, making A's and B's — and he's taking the kind of tough classes, including calculus, that will prepare him for the engineering degree he may seek.

If he goes to college. With all the attention from scouts, there is always the possibility that the pros will make him an offer he can't refuse.

"He's a well-polished player," said Jack Powell, a scout for the Atlanta Braves based in Sweetwater, Tenn. "He's worked very hard. He's been dedicated

to improving every year. He's stayed focused... He's done all the things that good ballplayers do to get in this position and get the attention he's getting."

As for Hood's spot in the draft, Powell said it's too soon to say.

"He's going to go pretty good, in the draft," said Powell. "How high he's going to go, I can't tell you."

Hood said he won't allow himself to be distracted by draft talk. When the time comes, he said, he will discuss his decision with his parents and his coach.

"I think he'll probably look at where he was drafted... in proportion to what he has on the table from Georgia Tech," said Powell. "Obviously, that's one of the premier baseball programs in the nation."

And a top college as well. Hall makes the case that a Georgia Tech graduate comes away with more — in the form of increased salary and job security — than any but the most promising prospects can hope for.

But even Hall admits, "A lot de-

pends on where he's drafted and how much money they offer him."

While others speculate about his future, Hood is content to focus on his work on the field and at the plate.

"I've thought about (the draft) a little, but not much," he said. "The draft is in June and if I think about it a lot during the season, it will probably bother me more."

Clark said Hood's focus will not only help Hood, but the Red Devil baseball team as well.

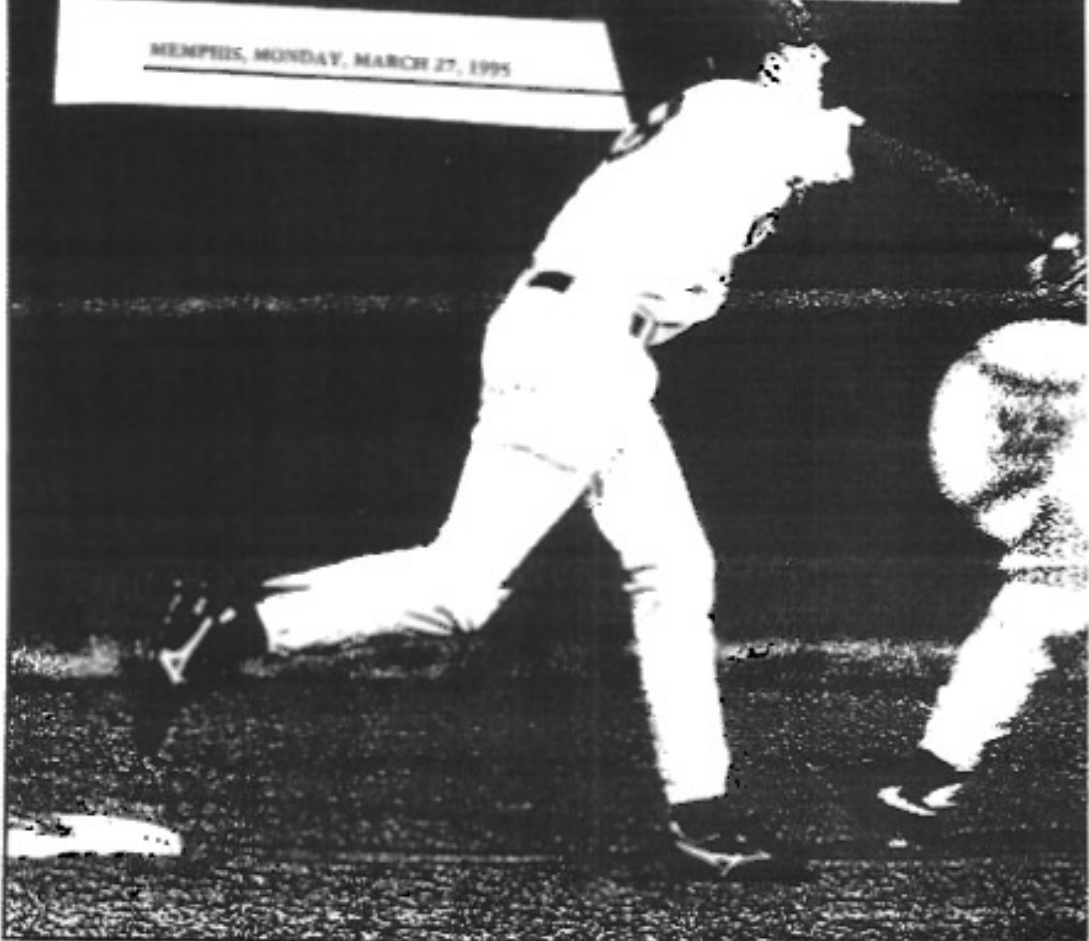
"We're excited to be able to have a player like him, but the biggest thing I'll say about him is that I don't think he puts himself above anybody else on the team, with all the press and recognition and success that he's had."

Powell sees the same thing. "He's just an outstanding young man both on and off the field," said Powell. "Getting to see Jay mature as a young man and as a ballplayer, it's been a pleasure for me."

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Germantown's Jay Hood riles the ball to first base against Briarcrest. Hood's offense is solid, too. He batted .486 last se-



Shortstop Jay Hood at Germantown. □



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Members of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame:

I would like to nominate my dad, W. S. "Babe" Howard, to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

He served as President of Millington Telephone Company for over 50 years, founded International Goat Days (a family festival), and had a home-style restaurant in Millington, Tennessee. He served as a Millington Alderman for about 19 years and on the Shelby County School Board for 17 years. He was the First president of the Millington Chamber of Commerce and was twice honored as the Chamber's Man of the Year. He served as Chairman of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and is credited with "saving" a portion of Wolf River known as "Ghost River". There are many other credentials that I could name that have nothing to do with sports.

Like his father before him, he sponsored youth sports of all types for many years. At some point, he realized that young men from North Shelby County and South Tipton County were not getting the attention necessary to obtain college baseball scholarships, so he formed an American Legion team to remedy the problem. From that team, many players went on to receive scholarships and college degrees. Some were drafted to play professional ball. A few more became coaches at varying levels.

He became frustrated with the facilities that his team practiced in and played on, so he built Millington Legion Field. In 1989, Millington hosted the American Legion World Series. Eventually, he had a falling out with the American Legion, so he cut ties with them completely. His timing couldn't have been better.

Team USA happened to be searching for a training site and selected Millington as its home. It became one of the select few locations in the country allowed to display the Olympic Rings. During this time, players like Jim Abbott, Robin Ventura, and Andy Benes played in the small Tennessee town. Locals embraced the players, and Tennesseans got to witness international baseball played on their turf. USA Stadium hosted teams like Japan, Nicaragua, and even Cuba, which has been the most successful national team at the Olympics. Team USA trained and played in Millington for 10 seasons. The stadium also hosted the Service Academy Tournament, the AAU national championship, and the NJCAA World Series, among other events. The stadium benefitted the athletes, as well as local families and businesses, and brought national recognition to the small town of Millington, Tennessee.

His support extended beyond baseball and beyond USA Stadium in Millington. In 2000, he received the Ralph Hatley Silver M Award from the University of Memphis for his support of athletics at the University. For many years, he contributed to various sports, but it is a lesser-known fact that Millington Telephone Company built and maintained the electronic foul boards that were used at the Mid-South Coliseum during Tigers basketball games during the 1980's.

I'm sure more could be said to justify the nomination, but I will let Ron Polk, commonly referred to as the "Godfather of SEC Baseball" sum it up with the message he inscribed on a USA jersey: "To Babe, the best friend of U. S. Olympic baseball".

Sincerely,

Laura (Howard) Rosas



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Oscar Robertson



Oscar Palmer Robertson (born November 24, 1938), nicknamed "**the Big O**", is an American former professional basketball player who played for the Cincinnati Royals and Milwaukee Bucks in the National Basketball Association (NBA).^[1] Robertson played point guard and was a 12-time All-Star, 11-time member of the All-NBA Team, and one-time winner of the MVP award in 14 seasons. In 1962, he became the first player in NBA history to average a triple-double for a season (the only player in history besides Russell Westbrook).^[2] In the 1970–71 NBA season, he was a key player on the team that brought the Bucks their first NBA title. His playing career, especially during high school and college, was plagued by racism.^[2]

Robertson is a two-time Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, having been inducted in 1980 for his individual career, and in 2010 as a member of the 1960 United States men's Olympic basketball team and president of the National Basketball Players Association. Also in 1980, Robertson was named to the NBA 35th Anniversary Team.^[3] He was again voted as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History in 1996.^[4] The United States Basketball Writers Association renamed their College Player of the Year Award the Oscar Robertson Trophy in his honor in 1998, and he was one of five people chosen to represent the inaugural National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame class in 2006.^[5] He was ranked as the 36th best American athlete of the 20th century by ESPN.^{[6][7]} In October 2021, Robertson was honored as one of the league's greatest players of all-time by being named to the NBA 75th Anniversary Team.^[8]

Robertson was also an integral part of *Robertson v. National Basketball Ass'n of 1970*.^[9] The landmark NBA antitrust suit, which was filed when Robertson was the president of the NBA Players' Association, led to an extensive reform of the league's strict free agency and draft rules and, subsequently, to higher salaries for all players.^[2] He was inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame in 2009.

Early life

Oscar Robertson



Robertson with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1971

Personal information

Born November 24, 1938
Charlotte, Tennessee, U.S.

Listed height 6 ft 5 in (1.96 m)

Listed weight 205 lb (93 kg)

Career information

High school Crispus Attucks (Indianapolis, Indiana)

College Cincinnati (1957–1960)

NBA draft 1960: territorial pick

Selected by the Cincinnati Royals

Playing career 1960–1974

Robertson was born into poverty in Charlotte, Tennessee. When he was approximately 18 months old, his parents moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he grew up in a segregated housing project. He preferred to play basketball over baseball, which was more popular in the neighborhood because it was "a poor kids' game". He learned how to shoot by using tennis balls and rags wrapped with rubber bands and tossing them into a peach basket in the back of his family's home.^[2]

High school career

Robertson attended Crispus Attucks High School, an all-black high school, where he was coached by Ray Crowe, whose emphasis on a fundamentally sound game had a positive effect on his style of play. As a sophomore in 1954, he starred on an Attucks team that lost in the semi-state finals (state quarterfinals) to eventual state champions Milan, a story that would later be the basis of the 1986 movie *Hoosiers*. When Robertson was a junior, Crispus Attucks dominated its opposition, going 31–1, and winning the 1955 state championship, the first for any all-black school in the nation. It was also the first state championship won by an Indianapolis team in the Hoosier tournament. In 1956, the team finished with a 31–0 record and won a second straight IHSAA Men's Basketball Championship, becoming the first team in Indiana to secure a perfect season and compiling a state-record 45 straight victories. After their championship game wins, the team was paraded through town in a regular tradition, but they were then taken to a park outside downtown to continue their celebration, unlike other teams. Robertson stated: "[Officials] thought the blacks were going to tear the town up, and they thought the whites wouldn't like it."^[10]

In his senior season, Robertson scored 24.0 points per game and was named Indiana Mr. Basketball in 1956.^[2] After his graduation that year, Robertson enrolled at the University of Cincinnati.^[4]

College career

Robertson continued to excel while playing for the Cincinnati Bearcats, recording a scoring average of 33.8 points per game, the third-highest in college history. In each of his three years, he won the national scoring title, was named an All-American, and was chosen College Player of the Year, while setting 14 NCAA and 19 school records.^[4]

Position	Point guard
Number	14, 1

Career history

1960–1970	Cincinnati Royals
1970–1974	Milwaukee Bucks

Career highlights and awards

- NBA champion (1971)
- NBA Most Valuable Player (1964)
- 12× NBA All-Star (1961–1972)
- 3× NBA All-Star Game MVP (1961, 1964, 1969)
- 9× All-NBA First Team (1961–1969)
- 2× All-NBA Second Team (1970, 1971)
- NBA Rookie of the Year (1961)
- 6× NBA assists leader (1961, 1962, 1964–1966, 1969)
- NBA Lifetime Achievement Award (2018)
- NBA anniversary team (35th, 50th, 75th)
- No. 14 retired by Sacramento Kings
- No. 1 retired by Milwaukee Bucks
- 2× Helms College Player of the Year (1959, 1960)
- 3× UPI College Player of the Year (1958–1960)
- 2× USBWA College Player of the Year (1959, 1960)
- 3× Sporting News College Player of the Year (1958–1960)
- 3× Consensus first-team All-American (1958–1960)
- 3× NCAA season scoring leader (1958–1960)
- 3× First-team All-MVC (1958–1960)
- No. 12 retired by Cincinnati Bearcats
- Mr. Basketball USA (1956)



Robertson as a senior at Cincinnati

Robertson's stellar play led the Bearcats to a 79–9 overall record during his three varsity seasons, including two Final Four appearances; however, a championship eluded Robertson, something that would become a repeated occurrence until late in his professional career. When Robertson left college, he was the all-time leading NCAA scorer until fellow Hall-of-Fame player Pete Maravich topped him in 1970.^[2] Robertson took Cincinnati to national prominence during his time there, but the university's

greatest success in basketball took place immediately after his departure, when the team won national titles in 1961 and 1962, missing a third consecutive title in 1963 by just two points. He continues to stand atop the Bearcats' record book and the many records he still holds include points in one game at 62 (one of his six games of 50 points or more), career triple-doubles at 10, career rebounds per game at 15.2, and career points at 2,973.^[11]

Robertson had many outstanding individual game performances, including 10 triple-doubles. His personal best may have been his line of 45 points, 23 rebounds, and 10 assists against Indiana State in 1959. Despite his success on the court, Robertson's college career was soured by racism. In those days, Southern university programs such as Kentucky, Duke, and North Carolina did not recruit black athletes, and road trips to segregated cities were especially difficult, with Robertson often sleeping in college dorms instead of hotels. Years later, he told *The Indianapolis Star*: "I'll never forgive them."^[2] Decades after his college days, Robertson's stellar NCAA career was rewarded by the United States Basketball Writers Association when they renamed the trophy awarded to the NCAA Division I Player of the Year the Oscar Robertson Trophy in 1998. This honor brought the award full circle for Robertson, as he had won the first two awards ever presented.^[12]

1960 Olympics

After college, Robertson and Jerry West co-captained the 1960 U.S. basketball team at the 1960 Summer Olympics. The team, described as the greatest assemblage of basketball talent ever at that point, steamrolled the competition to win the gold medal. Robertson was a starting forward along with Purdue's Terry Dischinger, but played point guard as well. He was the leading scorer of the

Career NBA statistics

Points 26,710 (25.7 ppg)

Rebounds 7,804 (7.5 rpg)

Assists 9,887 (9.5 apg)

Stats (<https://www.nba.com/player/600015>) at **NBA.com**

Stats (<https://www.basketball-reference.com/players/r/roberos01.html>) at **Basketball-Reference.com**

Basketball Hall of Fame as player (<http://www.hoophall.com/hall-of-famers/oscar-robertson>)

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College Basketball Hall of Fame
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Men's basketball

Representing the United States

Olympic Games

G 1960 Rome National Team

Pan American Games

G 1959 Chicago National Team

team,^[13] as the U.S. team won its nine games by a margin of 42.4 points. Ten of the twelve college players on the American squad later played in the NBA, including Robertson as well as future Basketball Hall-of-Famers West, Jerry Lucas, and Walt Bellamy.^[14]

Professional career

Cincinnati Royals

Prior to the 1960–61 NBA season, Robertson made himself eligible for the 1960 NBA draft. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals as a territorial pick. The Royals gave Robertson a \$33,000 signing bonus.^[2] In his NBA debut, Robertson recorded 21 points, 12 rebounds, and 10 assists in a 140–123 win over the visiting Lakers.^[15] On November 15, 1960, Robertson recorded a then-career-high of 44 points to go along with 15 rebounds and 11 assists in a 124–115 win over the Philadelphia Warriors.^[16] In his rookie season, Robertson averaged 30.5 points, 10.1 rebounds, and 9.7 assists (leading the league), almost averaging a triple-double for the entire season. He was named NBA Rookie of the Year, was elected into the All-NBA First Team—which would happen in each of Robertson's first nine seasons—and made the first of 12 consecutive All-Star Game appearances.^[1] In addition, he was named the 1961 NBA All-Star Game MVP following his 23-point, 14-assist, 9-rebound performance in a West victory; however, the Royals finished with a 33–46 record and stayed in the cellar of the Western Division. On February 10, 1962, Robertson recorded 32 points, 21 rebounds, and 16 assists in a 134–118 win over the Hawks.^[17]



Robertson during his days with the Cincinnati Royals

In the 1961–62 season, Robertson became the first player in NBA history to average a triple-double for an entire season, with 30.8 points, 12.5 rebounds and 11.4 assists.^[1] Robertson also set a then-NBA record for the most triple-doubles during the regular season with 41 triple-doubles; the record would stand for over half a century until 2016–17, when Russell Westbrook recorded 42 and joined Robertson as the only other player to average a triple-double for an entire season. He broke the assists record by Bob Cousy, who had recorded 715 assists two seasons earlier, by logging 899, and joined Johnny Green and Elgin Baylor as the only players in NBA history with the height of 6'5 or smaller to have grabbed 900+ rebounds in a season.^[18] The Royals earned a berth to the 1962 NBA playoffs; however, they were eliminated in the first round by the Detroit Pistons.^[19] In the 1962–63 season, Robertson further established himself as one of the greatest players of his generation, averaging 28.3 points, 10.4 rebounds and 9.5 assists, narrowly missing out on another triple-double season.^[1] The Royals advanced to the Eastern Division Finals, but succumbed in a seven-game series against a Boston Celtics team led by Bill Russell.^[20]

In the 1963–64 season, the Royals achieved a 55–25 record,^[21] which put them second place in the Eastern Division. Under new coach Jack McMahon, Robertson flourished. Robertson led the NBA in free-throw percentage, scored a career-high 31.4 points per game, and averaged 9.9 rebounds and 11.0 assists per game.^[1] The averages for his first five NBA seasons are a triple-double: 30.3 points, 10.4 rebounds and 10.6 assists per game. He won the NBA MVP award and became the only player other than Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain to win it from 1960 to 1968.^[2] Robertson also won his second



Robertson in 1966

All-Star Game MVP award that year after scoring 26 points, grabbing 14 rebounds, and dishing off 8 assists in an East victory. In the 1964 NBA playoffs, the Royals defeated the Philadelphia 76ers, but then were dominated by the Celtics 4 games to 1.^[2]

Robertson averaged a triple-double over his first five seasons in the NBA with the Royals, recording averages of 30.3 points, 10.4 rebounds, and 10.6 assists per game in 451 contest. On December 18, 1964, Robertson recorded a career-high 56 points on 17-for-33 shooting from the field, to go along with 9 rebounds and 12 assists in a 111–107 win over the Los Angeles Lakers.^[22] From the 1964–65 season on, things began to turn sour for the franchise. Despite Robertson recording averages of at least 24.7 points, 6.0 rebounds and 8.1 assists in the six following seasons,⁽¹⁾ the Royals were eliminated in the first round from 1965 to 1967, then missed the playoffs from 1968 to 1970. In the 1969–70 season, the sixth disappointing season in a row, fan support was waning. To help attract the public, 41-year-old head coach Bob Cousy made a short comeback as a player. For seven games, the former Celtics point guard partnered with Robertson in the Royals' backcourt, but they missed the playoffs.^[2]

Milwaukee Bucks

Prior to the 1970–71 season, the Royals stunned the basketball world by trading Robertson to the Bucks for Flynn Robinson and Charlie Paulk.^[23] No reasons were officially given, but many pundits suspected head coach Bob Cousy was jealous of all the attention Robertson was getting.^[2] Robertson himself said: "I think he was wrong and I will never forget it."^[2]

The relationship between Oscar and the Royals had soured to the point that Cincinnati had also approached the Lakers and Knicks about deals involving their star player; the Knicks players who were discussed in those scenarios are unknown, but Los Angeles stated publicly that the Royals asked about Jerry West and Wilt Chamberlain, with the Lakers saying they would not consider trading either star. The trade proved highly beneficial for Robertson. After being stuck with an under-performing team the last six years, he now was paired with the young Lew Alcindor, who would years later become the all-time NBA scoring leader as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. With Alcindor in the low post and Robertson running the backcourt, the Bucks charged to a league-best 66–16 record, including a then-record 20-game win streak, a dominating 12–2 record in the 1971 NBA playoffs, and crowned their season with the NBA title by sweeping the Baltimore Bullets 4–0 in the 1971 NBA Finals. In his first NBA finals game, Robertson recorded 22 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists for the Bucks.^[24] For the first time in his career, Robertson had won an NBA championship.^[2]



Robertson as a member of the Milwaukee Bucks

From a historical perspective, Robertson's most important contribution was made not on a basketball court but in a court of law. It was the year of the landmark *Robertson v. National Basketball Ass'n*, an antitrust suit filed by the NBA's Players Association against the league. As Robertson was the

president of the Players Association, the case bore his name. In this suit, the proposed merger between the NBA and American Basketball Association was delayed until 1976, and the college draft, as well as the free agency clauses, were reformed.^[2] Robertson himself stated that the main reason was that clubs basically owned their players: players were forbidden to talk to other clubs once their contract was up, because free agency did not exist until 1988.^[25] Six years after the suit was filed, the NBA finally reached a settlement, the ABA–NBA merger took place, and the Oscar Robertson suit encouraged signing of more free agents and eventually led to higher salaries for all players.^[2]

On the hardwood, the veteran Robertson still proved he was a valuable player. Paired with Abdul-Jabbar, two more division titles with the Bucks followed in the 1971–72 and 1972–73 season. In Robertson's last season, he helped lead Milwaukee to a league-best 59–23 record and helped them to reach the 1974 NBA Finals. There, Robertson had the chance to end his stellar career with a second ring. The Bucks were matched up against a Boston Celtics team powered by an inspired Dave Cowens, and the Bucks lost in seven games.^[2] As a testament to Robertson's importance to the Bucks, in the season following his retirement the Bucks fell to last place in their division with a 38–44 record in spite of the continued presence of Abdul-Jabbar.^[26]

In 1995, Robertson was elected to the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.

Post-NBA career



Robertson in 2010

After he retired as an active player, Robertson stayed involved in efforts to improve living conditions in his native Indianapolis, especially concerning fellow African-Americans.^[2] In addition, he worked as a color commentator with Brent Musburger on games televised by CBS during the 1974–75 NBA season.^[27] His trademark expressions were, "Oh, my!" and "Oh, Brent, did you see that!" in reaction to flashy or spectacular situations such as fast breaks, slam dunks, player collisions, etc. He also returned to the booth for the 1988–89 season calling games on TBS with Hot Rod Hundley.^[28]

After his retirement, the Kansas City Kings (the Royals moved there while Robertson was with the Bucks) retired his No. 14; the retirement continues to be honored by the Kings in their current home of Sacramento. The Bucks also retired the No. 1 he wore in Milwaukee. In 1994, a nine-foot bronze statue of Robertson was erected outside the Fifth Third Arena at Shoemaker Center, the current home of Cincinnati Bearcats basketball.^[4] Robertson attends many of the games there, viewing the Bearcats from a chair at courtside. In 2006, the statue was relocated to the

entrance of the Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center at the University of Cincinnati.^[29]

Starting in 2000, Robertson served as a director for Countrywide Financial Corporation, until the company's sale to Bank of America in 2008.^[30] In July 2004, Robertson was named interim head coach of the Cincinnati Bearcats men's basketball team for approximately a month while head coach Bob Huggins served a suspension stemming from a drunk-driving conviction.^[31]

After many years out of the spotlight, Robertson was recognized on November 17, 2006, for his impact on college basketball when he was chosen to be a member of the founding class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. He was one of five people, along with John Wooden, Bill Russell, Dean Smith, and James Naismith, selected to represent the inaugural class.^[5] In January 2011, Robertson joined a class action lawsuit against the NCAA, *O'Bannon v. NCAA*, challenging the organization's use of the images of its former student athletes.^[32]

In 2015, Robertson was among a group of investors that placed a marijuana legalization initiative on the Ohio ballot.^[33] The initiative sought exclusive grow rights for the group members while prohibiting all other cultivation except small amounts for personal use.^[34] Robertson appeared in a television advertisement advocating for passage of the initiative,^[35] but it was ultimately defeated.^[36]

Legacy

Robertson is regarded as one of the greatest players in NBA history, a triple threat who could score inside, outside and also was a stellar playmaker. His rookie scoring average of 30.5 points per game is the third-highest of any rookie in NBA history, and Robertson averaged more than 30 points per game in six of his first seven seasons.^[1] Only three other players in the NBA have had more 30+-point-per-game seasons in their career. Robertson was the first player to average more than 10 assists per game, doing so at a time when the criteria for assists were more stringent than today.^[2] Robertson is also the first guard in NBA history to ever average more than 10 rebounds per game, doing so three times. It was a feat that would not be repeated until Russell Westbrook managed to achieve it during the 2016–17 season. In addition to his 1964 regular-season MVP award, Robertson won three All-Star Game MVPs in his career (in 1961, 1964, and 1969). He ended his career with 26,710 points (25.7 per game, ninth-highest all time), 9,887 assists (9.5 per game), and 7,804 rebounds (7.5 per game).^[1] He led the league in assists six times; at the time of his retirement, he was the NBA's all-time leader in career assists and free throws made, and was the second all-time leading scorer behind Wilt Chamberlain.^[2]

Robertson also set yardsticks in versatility. If his first five NBA seasons are strung together, Robertson averaged a triple-double over those, averaging 30.3 points, 10.4 rebounds, and 10.6 assists.^[37] For his career, Robertson had 181 triple-doubles, a record that had never been approached for decades until by Westbrook in the 2020–21 season.^[38] These numbers are even more astonishing if it is taken into account that the three-point shot, which benefits sharpshooting backcourt players, did not exist when he played. In the 1967–68 season, Robertson became the first of only two players in NBA history to lead the league in both scoring average and assists per game in the same season (also achieved by Nate Archibald). The official scoring and assist titles went to other players that season because the NBA based the titles on point and assist totals (not averages) prior to the 1969–70 season. During his career, Robertson won a total of six NBA assist titles, and was the first to reach the 7,000, 8,000, and 9,000 career assist milestones. For his career, Robertson shot a high .485 field goal average and led the league in free-throw percentage twice—in the 1963–64 and 1967–68 seasons.^[1]

Standing 6 ft 5 in (1.96 m), Robertson is recognized by the NBA as the first legitimate "big guard", paving the way for other oversized backcourt players like Los Angeles Lakers legend Magic Johnson.^[2] Furthermore, he is also credited with having invented the head fake and the fadeaway jump shot, a shot which Michael Jordan later became famous for.^[39] For the Cincinnati Royals, now relocated and named the Sacramento Kings, he scored 22,009 points and 7,731 assists, and is the all-time leader in both statistics for the combined Royals/Kings teams.^[2]

Robertson was enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on April 28, 1980. On October 30, 1980, Robertson was named to the NBA 35th Anniversary Team.^[3] In 1996, Robertson was honored as one of the league's greatest players of all-time by being named to the NBA 50th Anniversary Team.^[40] He received the "Player of the Century" award by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in 2000 and was ranked third on *SLAM*'s "Top 75 NBA Players" in 2003, behind fellow NBA legends Jordan and Chamberlain. Furthermore, in 2006, ESPN named Robertson the second greatest point guard of all time, praising him as the best post-up guard of all time and placing him only behind Johnson.^[37] In 2022, to commemorate the NBA's 75th Anniversary *The Athletic* ranked their top 75 players of all time, and named Robertson as the 12th greatest player in NBA history. He was the second highest ranked point guard on the list again behind only Johnson.^[41] In 2017, it was announced that a life-sized bronze sculpture of Robertson would be featured alongside other Indiana sports stars at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis' Old National Bank Sports Legends Avenue of Champions, located in the museum's sports park opening in 2018.^[42] In October 2021, Robertson was honored as one of the league's greatest players of all time by being named to the NBA 75th Anniversary Team.^[8]



Robertson at the ceremony announcing inclusion in the Old National Bank Sports Legends Avenue of Champions at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

In 1959, the Player of the Year Award was established to recognize the best college basketball player of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association. Five nominees are presented and the individual with the most votes receives the award during the NCAA Final Four. In 1998, it was renamed the Oscar Robertson Trophy in his honor, as the player that won the first two awards, because of his outstanding career and his continuing efforts to promote the game of basketball. In 2004, an 18" bronze statue of Robertson was sculpted by world-renowned sculptor Harry Weber.^[12] In 2022, the NBA renamed its Western Conference championship trophy after Robertson.^[43]

NBA career statistics

Legend

GP	Games played	GS	Games started	MPG	Minutes per game
FG%	Field goal percentage	3P%	3-point field goal percentage	FT%	Free throw percentage
RPG	Rebounds per game	APG	Assists per game	SPG	Steals per game
BPG	Blocks per game	PPG	Points per game	Bold	Career high

† Won an NBA championship * Led the league

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	MPG	FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	PPG
1960–61	<u>Cincinnati</u>	71	42.7	.473	.822	10.1	9.7*	30.5
1961–62	<u>Cincinnati</u>	79	44.3	.478	.803	12.5	11.4*	30.8
1962–63	<u>Cincinnati</u>	80*	44.0	.518	.810	10.4	9.5	28.3
1963–64	<u>Cincinnati</u>	79	45.1	.483	.853*	9.9	11.0*	31.4
1964–65	<u>Cincinnati</u>	75	45.6*	.480	.839	9.0	11.5*	30.4
1965–66	<u>Cincinnati</u>	76	46.0	.475	.842	7.7	11.1*	31.3
1966–67	<u>Cincinnati</u>	79	43.9	.493	.873	6.2	10.7	30.5
1967–68	<u>Cincinnati</u>	65	42.5	.500	.873*	6.0	9.7*	29.2*
1968–69	<u>Cincinnati</u>	79	43.8	.486	.838	6.4	9.8*	24.7
1969–70	<u>Cincinnati</u>	69	41.5	.511	.809	6.1	8.1	25.3
1970–71†	<u>Milwaukee</u>	81	39.4	.496	.850	5.7	8.2	19.4
1971–72	<u>Milwaukee</u>	64	37.3	.472	.836	5.0	7.7	17.4
1972–73	<u>Milwaukee</u>	73	37.5	.454	.847	4.9	7.5	15.5
1973–74	<u>Milwaukee</u>	70	35.4	.438	.835	4.0	6.4	12.7
Career		1,040	42.2	.485	.838	7.5	9.5	25.7

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	MPG	FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	PPG
1962	<u>Cincinnati</u>	4	46.3	.519	.795	11.0	11.0	28.8
1963	<u>Cincinnati</u>	12	47.5	.470	.864	13.0	9.0	31.8
1964	<u>Cincinnati</u>	10	47.1	.455	.858	8.9	8.4	29.3
1965	<u>Cincinnati</u>	4	48.8	.427	.923	4.8	12.0	28.0
1966	<u>Cincinnati</u>	5	44.8	.408	.897	7.6	7.8	31.8
1967	<u>Cincinnati</u>	4	45.8	.516	.892	4.0	11.3	24.8
1971†	<u>Milwaukee</u>	14	37.1	.486	.754	5.0	8.9	18.3
1972	<u>Milwaukee</u>	11	34.5	.407	.833	5.8	7.5	13.1
1973	<u>Milwaukee</u>	6	42.7	.500	.912	4.7	7.5	21.2

Year	Team	GP	MPG	FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	PPG
1974	Milwaukee	16	43.1	.450	.846	3.4	9.3	14.0
Career		86	42.7	.460	.855	6.7	8.9	22.2

Personal life

Robertson is the son of Mazell and Bailey Robertson. He has two brothers, Bailey Jr. and Henry. He remembers a tough childhood, plagued by poverty and racism.^[44] When a biography was going to be written about him in the 1990s, Robertson joked that his life had been "dull" and that he had been "married to the same woman for a long time".^[39] In 1997, Robertson donated one of his kidneys to his daughter Tia, who suffered lupus-related kidney failure.^[39] He has been an honorary spokesman for the National Kidney Foundation ever since. In 2003, he published his own autobiography, *The Big O: My Life, My Times, My Game*. Robertson also owns the chemical company Orchem, based in Cincinnati, Ohio.^[45]

Regarding basketball, Robertson has stated that legendary Harlem Globetrotters players Marques Haynes and "clown prince" Goose Tatum were his idols.^[25] In his eighties, he still follows basketball on TV and attends most home games for the University of Cincinnati, his alma mater. He lists woodworking as his prime hobby.^[25] Robertson adds that he still could average a triple-double season in today's basketball and that he is highly skeptical that anyone else could do it; it was later done by Russell Westbrook, whose first of four seasons doing so was the 2016–17 season. On June 9, 2007, Oscar received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Cincinnati for both his philanthropic and entrepreneurial efforts.^[46] He is also a member of the Beta Eta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

In August 2018, Robertson auctioned off his 1971 championship ring, Hall of Fame ring, and one of his Milwaukee Bucks game jerseys. Each item sold between \$50,000 and \$91,000.^[47] On July 20, 2021, on the eve of the Bucks winning their second championship and first since his tenure, Robertson wrote a piece in *The Players' Tribune* voicing his support for Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks.^[48]

See also

- List of National Basketball Association career scoring leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career assists leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career free throw scoring leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career minutes played leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career triple-double leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career playoff assists leaders
- List of National Basketball Association career playoff triple-double leaders
- List of National Basketball Association annual minutes leaders
- List of National Basketball Association franchise career scoring leaders
- List of National Basketball Association longest winning streaks
- List of National Basketball Association players with most assists in a game
- List of National Basketball Association top rookie scoring averages
- List of NCAA Division I men's basketball career free throw scoring leaders

2024



**West Region Previous
Nominees**

2023
West Region Nominees

Charlie Cavagnaro
Athletic Director

Nominated 2016 by Mary Jackson AND in 2020 by Don Coffey
FINAL YEAR OF CONSIDERATION

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.

Michael "Memphis" Douglas
Basketball

Nominated 2017 and 2023 by Michael Douglas

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Phillip Clark
Baseball Coach

Nominated in 2019 by Josh Stewart and 2023 by Tully Noe

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 exceled, 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.

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

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

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

Larry Liles
Racquetball Player and Coach
Nominated in 2022 By Dick Cockrell
Bio Attached

Charles Dawson
Basketball, Football, Baseball, Softball Announcer
Nominated in 2022 By Kim Worley
Bio Attached

Buster Kelso
Baseball Coach
Nominated in 2023 by Bubba Lockett
Bio Attached

Bubba Lockett
Basketball Coach
Nominated in 2023 By W.R. Kelso Jr
Bio Attached

Charles Gilbert "Chick" King (POSTHUMOUS)
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track Player and Coach
Nominated in 2023 by James A. King
Bio Attached



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT

(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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Board of Directors,

I was a member of the University of Memphis (Memphis State) football team while Charles was a reporter with the Commercial Appeal. Not only was he an excellent writer, but more importantly he was fair and positive when covering "The Tigers." I think his experience as a sports writer helped him to become an excellent Athletic Director.


Don Coffey

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

For Charles Cavagnaro, the athletic director's job at The University of Memphis is a natural extension of his life's work. The 53-year-old Memphian became The University of Memphis' director of athletics on November 1, 1982.

A life-long Memphian, Cavagnaro finds working with people and a chance to demonstrate his administrative skills as two of the most rewarding aspects of his job. He has accomplished many things both nationally and locally in his tenure at Memphis.

Held in high regard among college athletic directors, Cavagnaro is the first UM representative ever on the NCAA Council, a 44-member policy making board. He is the chairman of the NCAA Nominating Committee, the NCAA Communications Committee, the NCAA Post Season Football Committee and a member of the NCAA Competitive Safeguard Committee, which is responsible for the NCAA Drug Testing policies. In addition, he was selected to a special NCAA Committee to Review NCAA Enforcement and Infraction process in 1992. Cavagnaro is also a member of the CFA (College Football Association) Athlete Review Committee.

Since his arrival at The University of Memphis, the athletic department has purchased and installed a computer system which put the Tigers at the fore front of automation of college athletics. Cavagnaro initiated The U of M Drug Awareness Program, one of the first programs of its kind in the country. He set up a fifth year scholarship program for non-revenue sports and worked for the creation of the Athletic Academic Center which has raised graduation rates for Tiger athletes.

More recently, the Athletic Department has negotiated radio and television contracts for The U of M that rank among the top in the nation. The two-time chairman of the Metro Athletic Directors was the first to sign home-and-home football contracts with Arkansas, Florida, Miami and Missouri and a basketball contract that insured a home-and-home series with Arkansas and Tennessee.

Since Cavagnaro's arrival at The University of Memphis, Tiger Club giving has increased from approximately \$250,000



Charles Cavagnaro
(Memphis, 1966)

per year in 1982 to a current level of \$3.1 million for 1992-93. For the last four years, The U of M was able to pay all athletic scholarships from Tiger Club donations for the first time in the school's history. Over \$600,000 was placed into endowment for men's spring sports and women's athletics. Additionally, the athletic department has shown a profit in each of the last five of the last six years that Cavagnaro has served as athletic director, placing The University of Memphis among just 35 percent of the schools in the nation that turn a profit each year.

After coming aboard as athletic director and realigning his staff, Cavagnaro spearheaded a season football ticket drive in 1985 which broke all previous marks at Memphis. More than 24,500 season tickets were sold for The U of M's 1985 season. He also oversaw programs aimed at increasing attendance at The U of M's six games. They were successful to say the least. Memphis was second in the nation in attendance increase with an average of 36,700.

He helped city and county officials lobby for state funds for the building of The Pyramid, which serves as the home of Tiger basketball. Many observers felt that Cavagnaro's influence and ideas were the catalyst for this project.

The University of Memphis received accolades for its excellent job of hosting the Great Midwest Conference basketball tournament in 1993, the Metro basketball

tournaments in 1984 and 1988 and the first-and-second round NCAA Midwest Regional basketball tournament in 1984. Cavagnaro was the ramrod in gaining these tournaments for Memphis and The U of M as well as the 1993 Great Midwest Conference Spring Sports Tournaments, which again were deemed a huge success. Memphis has also been awarded a 1995 and 1997 NCAA Regional. Cavagnaro is still at work assembling The U of M applications to host other NCAA tournament events.

Cavagnaro came to The University of Memphis from a position as assistant managing editor of The Commercial Appeal, Scripps-Howard's flagship newspaper and one of the largest and most respected papers in the South. Prior to that, he was night metropolitan editor, executive sports editor and also held other posts.

Cavagnaro left the newspaper in 1970 to serve as general manager of the Memphis Pros, a charter member of the now defunct American Basketball Association.

Earlier, Cavagnaro had served on the sports desk of The Commercial Appeal where he covered Tiger football and basketball among other things. He also served on the Look Magazine All-American Selection Committee and was a member of the American Legion World Series baseball operation.

His wife, Pat, is a highly-successful real estate agent in Memphis and is a past member of the Million Dollar Sales Club. They have three children: Mrs. David (Tammy) Rogers, a magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi State University, Scarlett, a cum laude graduate of The University of Memphis and also the U of M master teachers program and Chip, a 23-year-old law school student in the C.C. Humphreys Law School at The University of Memphis, who graduated cum laude from Memphis State (now The University of Memphis).



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SPORT Baseball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player, Coach, Athletic Director
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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10-30-2022

Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
501 Broadway
Nashville, TN 37203
Attn: Bend Willis

Re: Phil Clark nomination for the TN Hall of Fame

I've known Phil for 60+ years. Anyone that knew Phil as a young man knew that baseball was going to play a major roll in his life. Little League, High School, JUCo and a driving force in The University of Memphis most successful season to date (40-9 record and NCAA South Regional Championship game), Phil LOVES the game!!

After graduating from UofM, Phil became head baseball coach at Skyview Academy at the age of 24. He became head coach at Germantown High School in 1988. In 1995, his Germantown team amassed a 38-0 record and won the KHS National High School Baseball Championship. Also, in 1995, he coached the USA 18-under team to a Gold Medal by defeating Chinese Taipei before over 20,000 people in Taiwan.

He was also named the KHS Coach of the Year by USA Today.

In 2003, he became Head Coach at Brattlett High School and won 321 games in 10 years.

In 2013, he became the first Athletic Director of the Brattlett School System. Since becoming A.D., he has been a driving force in increasing school enrollment and facilities improvements, including a new football field and gymnasium and vast improvements to their existing baseball facilities.

Phil has won 973 CAREER GAMES AS A COACH and 5 High School State Baseball Championships.

Phil was inducted into the University of Memphis M Club Hall of Fame in 2001.

In 2022, Phil received The Commercial Appeal Lifetime Achievement Award.

Phil's wife Donna deserves some recognition also. She has been with him since high school and has been by his side during his career.

Phil's influence on other administrators, coaches and players is unmatched. His players from years ago stay in touch with him and he is an active part in their lives. He coached a lot of player's that had successful college and pro careers.

It is time Coach Clark receives the recognition he deserves!!

Thank you!

Tully NOE

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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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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



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Basketball

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

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

NAME Michael Memphis Douglas

ADDRESS _____

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

PHONE _____ **ALTERNATE PHONE** _____

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Harlem Legends Basketball Entertainers

Michael Douglas

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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. In 1991, Michael founded the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation (MDYF) in order to help individuals and communities realize their optimal potential. The mission of the youth foundation is to provide activities that are fun, educational and provide a model of healthy living.

The MDYF strive to help communities provide positive and educational activities for youth.

The Harlem Legends were founded and are led by Michael Douglas and are a part of the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation. The MDYF utilizes the Harlem Legends to carry out the mission and activities of the youth foundation. The Harlem Legends are a group of professional athletes, former players of the Harlem Globetrotters, NBA, NFL, past USA Olympians and other professionals.

The foundation provides various activities to schools, youth organizations, non – profits and the total community, which can be utilized as fund raisers.

Michael currently participates in a variety of community activities with various organizations across the country. He has served as a motivational speaker for the Atlanta Committee for the 1996 Olympic Youth Speakers Bureau. In addition Michael has made appearances through the Scottish Rite Children Medical Center, American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, and Mother against Violence, St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Help Rebuild LA Program, Atlanta Hawks, USA Military Bases, numerous schools and more. He has also authored a children’s book **Lil Mike’s Magic Ball**.

Contact us to schedule this Legend.
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SPORT BASEBALL - COACH
CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT COACH
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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To the Committee:

I have worked with Buster Kelso since 1985 and have known him longer than that. I have seen him coach basketball against me, lead a team as a coach in cross country, coach football and coach what he is known for- baseball. He has also been a role model for hundreds in the classroom as a teacher of multiple business classes, most notable accounting. He has done all at the highest level of professionalism.

His records speak for themselves. Please look at the list below and see if you do not agree:

- 1) His over-all record in baseball is 1127-364.
- 2) He has the most wins of any high school baseball coach in the state of Tennessee.
- 3) He has coached 10 state champions in baseball.
- 4) He has been state runners-up another 4 times in his career.
- 5) Coach of the year awards are too many to recount.
- 6) He is the 9th of all time in wins in the nation for baseball per NHFS record book.

This should be enough for you guys to consider in your selection process. Feel free to call at any time for any other needed info. Thanks.

Bubba Lockett



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Charles Gilbert "Chick" King

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PHONE NA ALTERNATE PHONE NA

SPORT Football, baseball, basketball, track

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

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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CHARLES "CHICK" KING

Chick King provided West Tennessee sports fans more thrills than any athlete in this century. He grew up in Paris in a family of gifted athletes. With the exception of one year spent in Florida where he set a high school track record for the 100 yard dash, he lived most of his life in Paris. In 1950 he graduated from E. W. Grove High School where he led the 1949 Grove Blue Devils to an undefeated season and a win against Memphis Central in the Exchange Bowl. A 44 yard run by Chick, with 17 seconds left to play gave the Blue Devils a 21-20 victory. In a classic game against a Jackson team that had not been defeated, Chick dashed 94 yards on the first play and started a rout that ended 33-6. The Grove team was ranked #1 in the state in some polls.

Chick was selected to the Tennessee All-State football team and named the "outstanding player in Tennessee." The headlines in *The Paris Post-Intelligencer* read; "KING PICKED BEST PLAYER IN TENNESSEE!" He received several other honors by being selected to the All-Southern team, The National High School All-American team (2nd team), and played in the East--West All-Star Game where he returned the opening kickoff of the 2nd half 91 yards for a touchdown.

His 3 year record was impressive he scored 75 touchdowns (24 by passing), 11 extra points by rushing, 15 extra points by passing. He gained a total of 4,105 yards on 394 carries and gained 1,097 yards by passing, passing 215 times and completing 110, and punted 43 times for 1,646 yards.

Chick was equally outstanding in other sports, he was an exceptional basketball, baseball and track star each year in high school. He received several scholarship offers and signed with Georgia and Coach Wally Butts, but eventually played at Memphis State under Coach Ralph Hatley, as a freshman he played on the special teams for Memphis State.

After one year of college football he signed a bonus baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers and played in the major and minor leagues for 11 years. He played for the Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals, and Omaha, Nebraska teams, also.

Following his major league baseball career, he returned to Paris and coached American League baseball teams in Paris and Jackson, Tennessee. He also coached in young basketball leagues. He had a tremendous influence in the lives of countless young athletes during this period.

Chick was an initial inductee in the Paris-Henry County Sports Hall of Fame when it was established in 1994.



"Chick" King





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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT RACQUETBALL
CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT PLAYER AND COACH
(player, coach, official, administrator)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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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 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

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ADULT TEAM MANAGER/COACH

Al Brown	Frank A. Gregg	Larry Liles	James K. Pope
Stennis R. Cain	Mack Hamblen	Gene Lusty	Sylvester Shaw
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George P. Everett Sr.	Elly Gene Herman	Raz Lee McElhoney	Milo Solomonte Sr.
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F.C. "Fat" Farmer	Mike Jennings	Maurice "Mo" Owen	Billy "BIP" Thomas
Ralph Galt	Steve Knott	Paul Russel "Pop" Parks	Howard S. White
Alan Goodwin	Mickey Lambert	Jerry Peoples	Carl Wyatt

BASKETBALL

Al Benson Bailey	Stanley Dilard	Betty Diepholz Lowless	Lois Burgess Shower
Launcey Barbour	Joe Dondoville	Pep Marquette	Betty Rogers Smith
Jane Barnett	Lynn Dowdy	James C. MacDonald	Katy Smith
Mary Tully Beck	Mary Margaret Fogarty	Alex McCollum	Leslie Steele
Dorothy "Dottie" Bizzel	Kathryn French	Lloyd C. McDougal Jr.	Glen W. Stewart
Norris C. Blackburn	Leo Frisvold	Brenda Hughes Moxlers	Louise Lee Strammann
Bobby J. Bridges	Larry Garber	Alice Strammann Meyers	Majone Strammann
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Elizabeth Jacobs Collier	Joe Strammann Hiltbrich	Charles E. Powell	Alfred Roy Williams
Joyce Mize Conlee	Mary Lou Johns	Alta Prescott Jr.	Lloyd Williams
Cecil Corbill	Lowry Kirk	Mary Strammann Robinson	Helen Zollinger
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Larry Liles

Has Been Awarded the Honor of 2000 Interscholastic Coach of the Year
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2000 E-Force World Interscholastic Championships
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Jim Hagar
U.S. Racquetball Association
Associate Executive Director

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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 traged-

ies, 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.

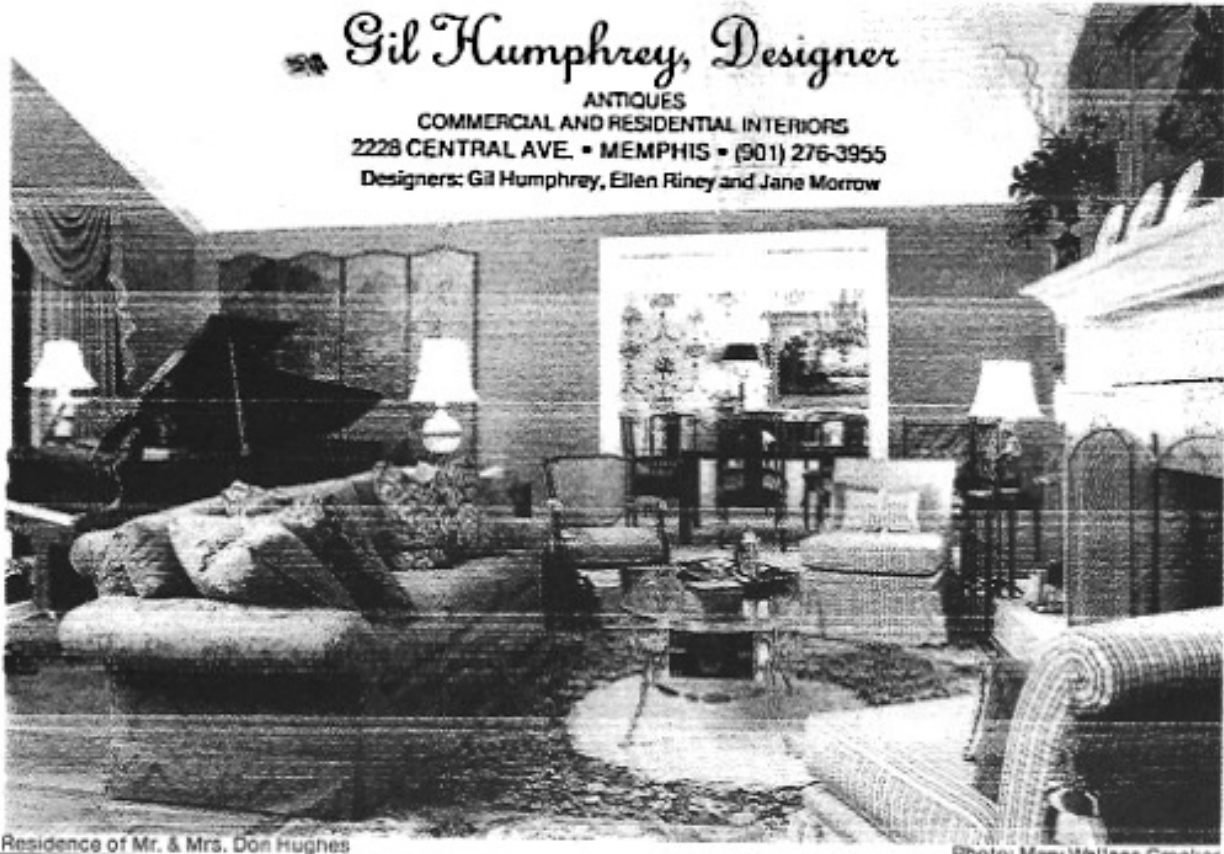
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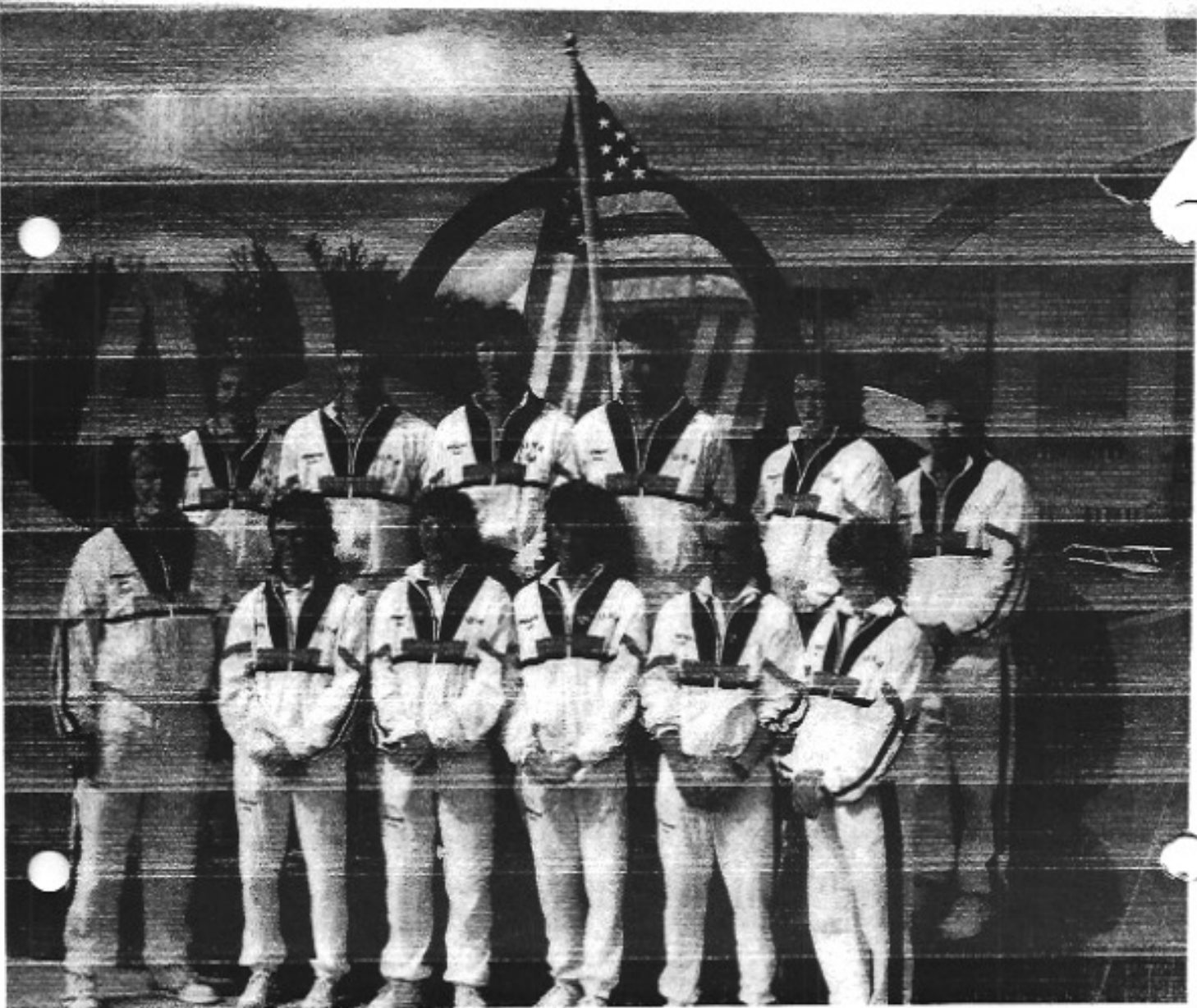


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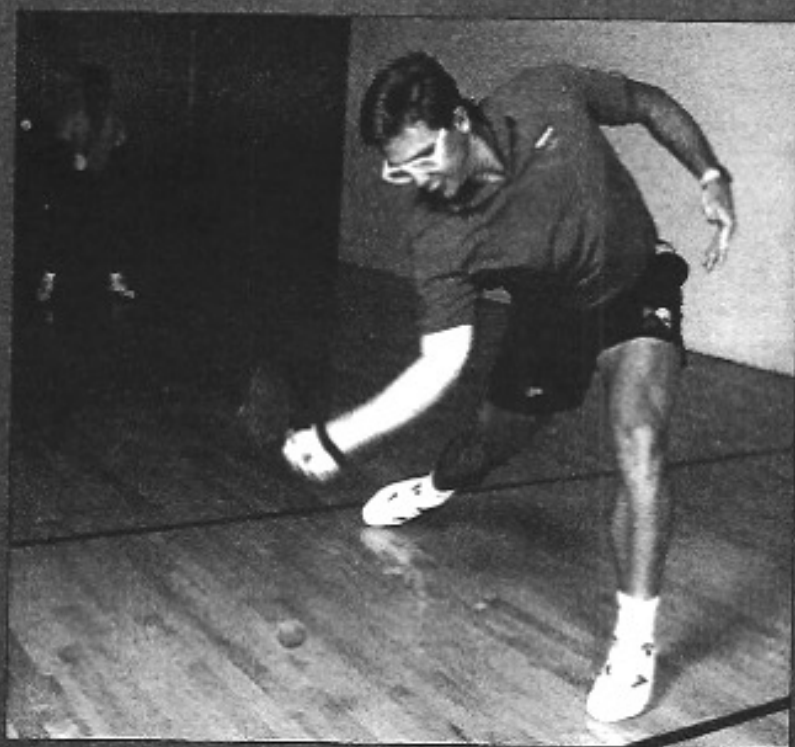
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1988 AARA Tournament Program

United States National Team



Winning Racquetball



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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT

(player, coach, official, administrator)

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7/1/22

To the Tennessee Sports Hall of fame Committee,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Bubba Luckett since 1979. I coached against him in high school, watched him play at Memphis State and worked side by side with him since 1985. We are both in the business department at CBHS. He sets an example for all of his student's, but his best attributes are what he does on the basketball court. He has guided many athletes as an assistant coach and as a head coach for the last 31 years. Please consider what his achievements to date are:

- 1) He has 651 career wins to date. That ranks him #1 of current coaches in Shelby County and 4th of all time.
- 2) He has won the State Championship one time (2022). He had a perfect undefeated season.
- 3) He was also an assistant to the 1987 state champion basketball team.
- 4) He has been state runners-up 4 times as a head coach.
- 5) He has won 9 regional championships.
- 6) He has made 10 state tournament appearances as a head coach, one as an assistant.
- 7) He has 8 final four appearances as a head coach.
- 8) His teams have won 20+ games 19 times as a head coach.
- 9) Well over 50 players have gone on to play college ball.

Bubba was instrumental in helping lead the drive to the new fieldhouse completed in 2022. It is the crown jewel of a basketball facility in the state. He is still coaching and will add to his already well documented statistics. He would be a welcome addition to your already distinguished Hall of fame members. Thanks.

Buster Kelso

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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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SPORT Football

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

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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 on One Kick, 1989 on a 2 yard reverse

1990 Sugar Bowl

3 catches 128 yards

Selected to Play in

1991 Senior Bowl Started at WR with 6 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

Quarterback 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 State

3rd Round Draft Pick 1982 Draft by the New England Patriots
10th Overall Pick

Played in 52 Games

Started 21

3 year starter at QB at Fairley High School

1980 AFC Champion

1980 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.



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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