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Minutes
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting – Subcommittee Nomination West
December 13, 2024

The West Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (“TNSHOF”) met this day at 3:00 PM 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 3:03 PM CT by Sparks. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

	Name:	Present in-person:	Present via telephone:	Absent:
1.	Harold Byrd		X	
2.	Marianne Dunavant		X	
3.	Harold Graeter		X	
4.	Art Sparks		X	
5.	Jack Sammons		X	
6.	Laird Veatch ¹			X

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, Sparks

Welcome and Call to Order, Meeting called to order.

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 2025 Induction selections to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame for presentation to the full board.

¹ Note: While Veatch resigned his position. Bylaws require members to serve until a replacement is selected. Replacement by the appointing authority has been requested.

- Approved the December 19, 2023 Minutes of the TNSHOF West Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion, by Sammons with second by Sparks. No discussion. Roll call vote.

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

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 2025,
 - Tony Allen, page 3
 - Priscilla Gary, page 11
 - Stephen Gostkowski, page 13
 - Buster Kelso (new nomination), page 26
 - Larry Kenon, page 29
 - Ray King, page 33
 - Keith Lee, page 35
 - Posthumous:
 1. Ronnie Robinson, page 38
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 - Prior Nomination,
 - Phillip Clark, page 55 and 59
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 - Albert Ellison, Jr., page 66
 - Jay Hood, page 72
 - Buster Kelso, page 98
 - Bubba Lucket, page 104
 - Jeff Moore, page 106
 - Steve Moore, page 106
 - Vince Moore, page 106
2. Clarification on Nomination Date/Process, Willis, Process will work by narrowing the field to as many as ten (10), with three (3) candidates being preferred nominees and the remaining seven (7) being at-large that will require the entire Board to vote on their candidacy. Since this is the 60th anniversary class, the class will consist of twenty (20) members.

Those are the Nominees up for consideration for 2025. 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, Sparks, nomination of East TN slate with second from Graeter, no further discussion:
 - Preferred:
 - Priscilla Gary
 - Larry Kenon
 - Ronnie Robinson
 - At-Large:
 - Stephen Gostkowski
 - Tony Allen
 - Phillip Clark
 - Ray King

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

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 will be posted on website and social media channels once selected.

Closing Remarks, 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 4:03 PM CT.

Approved:

Nov. 25, 2025

Date



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

2025



**West Region New
Nominees**

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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Basketball

CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT Player (Memphis Grizzlies)
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Tony Allen (basketball)

Anthony Allen (born January 11, 1982), nicknamed "the Grindfather," is an American former professional basketball player who played for 14 seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA), primarily for the Boston Celtics and Memphis Grizzlies. He is a six-time member on the NBA All-Defensive Team, including three first-team selections. Allen won an NBA championship with the Boston Celtics in 2008. Known for his suffocating on-ball pressure, he is widely regarded as one of the best defenders in NBA history. ^[1]

College career

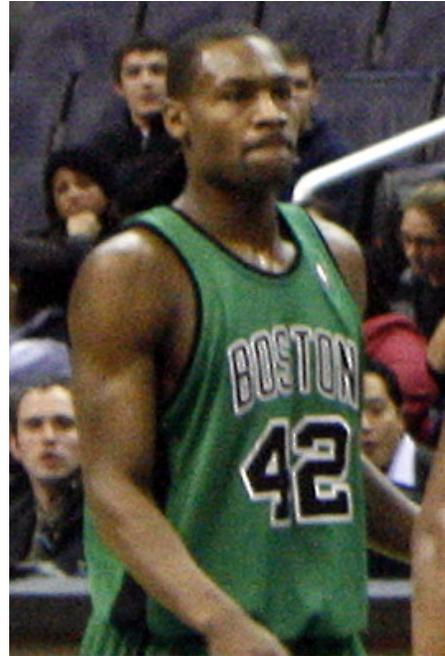
Junior college (2000–2002)

Allen attended Crane High School in Chicago, where he played alongside fellow future NBA player Will Bynum.^[2] As a college freshman in 2000–01, Allen averaged 16.5 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 2.8 steals in 32 games (31 starts) for Butler County Community College. He was subsequently named Second Team All-Jayhawk West Conference and the Jayhawk West Freshman of the Year.^[2]

As a sophomore, Allen averaged 14.5 points and 5.3 rebounds in 38 games for Wabash Valley College. He led Wabash Valley to a 32–6 record and a fourth-place finish at the NJCAA Championships. He was subsequently named Second Team All-Region XXIV.^[2]

Oklahoma State (2002–2004)

Tony Allen



Allen with the Boston Celtics in 2008

Personal information

Born	January 11, 1982 <u>Chicago, Illinois, U.S.</u>
Listed height	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m)
Listed weight	213 lb (97 kg)

Career information

High school	<u>Crane</u> (Chicago, Illinois)
College	<u>Butler County CC</u> (2000–2001) <u>Wabash Valley</u> (2001–2002) <u>Oklahoma State</u> (2002–2004)
NBA draft	2004: 1st round, 25th overall pick Selected by the <u>Boston Celtics</u>
Playing career	2004–2018

For his junior season, Allen transferred to Oklahoma State University, where he averaged 14.4 points and 5.4 rebounds in 32 games (28 starts) in 2002–03. He subsequently earned Big 12 Newcomer of the Year honors.^[2]

As a senior in 2003–04, Allen led Oklahoma State in scoring (16 points) and guided the Cowboys to the 2004 NCAA Final Four; he recorded 13 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 assists in Oklahoma State's Final Four loss to Georgia Tech on April 3, 2004. He was subsequently named Big 12 Player of the Year and earned an Honorable Mention All-America by the Associated Press. By the end of the 2003–04 season, Allen had become the first player in Cowboys history to surpass the 1,000 career point threshold in only two seasons.^[2]

Professional career

Boston Celtics (2004–2010)

Allen was drafted by the Boston Celtics in the first round (25th overall) of the 2004 NBA draft on June 24, 2004, and signed a multi-year contract with the Celtics on July 3, 2004. As a rookie in the 2004–05 season, he averaged 6.4 points, 2.9 rebounds, and 0.99 steals in 16.4 minutes over 77 games (34 starts). He scored 20 points in his first career start on January 22, 2005, against the Atlanta Hawks. He later participated in the Rookie Challenge at the 2005 NBA All-Star Weekend, scoring a team-high 17 points.^[2]

In his first game of his 2006 campaign, Allen recorded 9 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals during a home game loss to the Hawks. On March 20, 2006, Allen recorded a season-high 18 points and 4 steals in a home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. He tied his season-high 18 points on April 9, which came in a loss to the New York Knicks. Eight days later, he broke his season-high as he scored 23 points to go along with 4 rebounds and 3 steals in a home game loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Allen went on to average 7.2 points, 2.2 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.0 steal in 19.2 minutes in 51 games (nine starts) in his sophomore season with the Celtics.^[2]

Position	<u>Shooting guard</u> / <u>small forward</u>
Number	42, 9, 24
Career history	
2004–2010	<u>Boston Celtics</u>
2010–2017	<u>Memphis Grizzlies</u>
2017–2018	<u>New Orleans Pelicans</u>
Career highlights and awards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>NBA champion</u> (2008) ▪ 3× <u>NBA All-Defensive First Team</u> (2012, 2013, 2015) ▪ 3× <u>NBA All-Defensive Second Team</u> (2011, 2016, 2017) ▪ <u>Big 12 Player of the Year</u> (2004) ▪ <u>First-team All-Big 12</u> (2004) ▪ <u>Big 12 tournament MVP</u> (2004) ▪ <u>Big 12 Newcomer of the Year</u> (2003)	
Career NBA statistics	
Points	6,654 (8.1 ppg)
Rebounds	2,884 (3.5 rpg)
Steals	1,158 (1.4 spg)
Stats (https://www.nba.com/player/2754) at NBA.com	
Stats (https://www.basketball-reference.com/player/s/a/allento01.html) at Basketball Reference	

On December 4, 2006, Allen scored a season-high of 20 points during a loss to the Chicago Bulls. Two games later, he posted 18 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals in a loss to the Suns, with 6 of his 7 rebounds being offensive rebounds. On December 15, 2006, against the Denver Nuggets, Allen scored a career-high 30 points to go with 8 rebounds.^[3] On January 7, 2007, Allen recorded 21 points, 9 rebounds, and 7 steals in a road loss to the Orlando Magic. In a contest against the Indiana Pacers on January 10, 2007, Allen suffered a season-ending tear of the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and medial collateral ligament (MCL) of his left knee;^[2] Allen hurt the knee when he landed awkwardly after an uncontested dunk attempt after the whistle in the final minutes of the 97–84 loss.^[4] In his third season, Allen averaged career-highs of 11.5 points, 3.8 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 1.5 steals per game.

Allen recovered in time for the start of the 2007–08 season. In his first game after the injury, Allen scored 4 points and grabbed 5 rebounds during a victory over the visiting Washington Wizards. In his first double-digit scoring output since the injury, Allen recorded 13 points in a win over the New Jersey Nets on November 14. He scored a season-high 20 points in a home game win versus the Memphis Grizzlies. Almost four weeks later, Allen tied his season high during a road victory over the Miami Heat. Allen scored 18 points to go along with 4 rebounds in a February 20 road loss to the Golden State Warriors. At the end of the regular season, he averaged 6.6 points, 2.2 rebounds, and 1.5 assists in 18.3 minutes over 75 games (11 starts). He substantially contributed to the Celtics' successful playoff run that led to an NBA Finals berth, where they claimed the 2008 NBA Championship after defeating the Los Angeles Lakers in six games.^[2]

In July 2008, Allen re-signed with the Celtics after agreeing to a two-year guaranteed deal paying \$2.5 million each year.^{[5][6]} Allen went on to average 7.8 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 1.17 steals in 19.3 minutes in 46 games (two starts) in his fifth season with the Celtics.^[2]

Allen played a pivotal defensive role for the Eastern Conference champion Celtics during the 2009–10 season, averaging 6.1 points, 2.7 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.07 steals in 16.5 minutes in 77 games (eight starts). He recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds on December 27, 2009, against the Los Angeles Clippers. During the 2010 playoffs, Allen played in all 24 games and averaged 5.1 points and 1.04 steals in 16.3 minutes.^[2] The Celtics reached the 2010 NBA Finals, where they were defeated 4–3 by the Lakers.

Memphis Grizzlies (2010–2017)

2010–11 season

On July 13, 2010, Allen signed a three-year contract with the Memphis Grizzlies,^[7] reportedly worth \$9.7 million.^[8] Two weeks after signing with the Grizzlies, Allen revealed he felt 'overshadowed' in Boston by teammates Paul Pierce, Rajon Rondo, and Ray Allen.^[9]

Allen emerged as one of the league's premier perimeter defenders in his first season with Memphis, averaging 1.79 steals and helping the Grizzlies lead the NBA in steals and forced turnovers. Allen was subsequently named to the 2010–11 NBA All-Defensive Second Team, marking his first and the Grizzlies' first selection to an All-Defensive Team and finished fourth in the voting for Defensive Player of the Year.

^[2] He averaged 4.14 steals per 48 minutes, the highest rate by an NBA player since Nate McMillan in 1993–94. Allen averaged 8.9 points, 2.7 rebounds, and 1.4 assists on .510 shooting in 20.8 minutes in 72 games (31 starts). He went on to help the Grizzlies advance to the Western Conference Semifinals for the first time in franchise history.^[2]

2011–12 season

In the lockout-shortened 2011–12 season, Allen averaged 9.8 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 1.4 assists on .469 shooting in 26.3 minutes over 58 games (57 starts). He recorded a franchise record and set a career high when he made 8 steals on April 23, 2012, against the Cleveland Cavaliers. He was subsequently named to the 2011–12 NBA All-Defensive First Team after placing fifth in the NBA in steals per game (career-high 1.79) and third in steals per 48 minutes (3.27). He also finished sixth in voting for the 2011–12 NBA Defensive Player of the Year, the highest for any guard.^[2] In January 2012, he was voted the best perimeter defender in the NBA by the league's general managers.^[10]

2012–13 season

In 2012–13, Allen led all players receiving votes for the NBA All-Defensive teams,^[11] marking his second-straight First Team All-Defense honor and third consecutive NBA All-Defense selection. He finished fifth in balloting for 2012–13 Defensive Player of the Year after averaging a career-high 4.6 rebounds and 1.51 steals in 26.7 minutes in a career-high 79 games (all starts). During the 2013 playoffs, Allen averaged playoff career highs across the board with 10.3 points, 6.1 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 2.0 steals in 28.1 minutes in 15 postseason games, helping Memphis advance to the Western Conference Finals for the first time in franchise history.^[2]

2013–14 season

On July 15, 2013, Allen re-signed with the Grizzlies on a four-year contract worth \$20 million.^{[12][13]} Allen concluded his fourth season in Memphis and 10th in the NBA with averages of 9.0 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 1.64 steals on .494 shooting in 23.2 minutes in 55 games (28 starts). He missed 27 games due to injury, illness, or league suspension.^[2]

The Grizzlies entered the playoffs as the seventh seed and faced the Oklahoma City Thunder. Allen recorded 10 offensive rebounds in Game 4 against the Thunder, becoming the sixth reserve to record 10+ offensive rebounds in a postseason game since the 1986 Playoffs, joining centers John Salley, Roy Tarpley, Jayson Williams, Greg Ostertag, and Jeff Foster. He finished Game 4 with 14 points and 13 rebounds, becoming the second Grizzlies reserve to register a double-double in a playoff game, joining Lorenzen Wright (10 points, 10 rebounds on April 29, 2006).^[2] The Grizzlies were ultimately eliminated by the Thunder in seven games.

2014–15 season

In 2014–15, Allen continued to be a defensive stalwart while guarding the opposing team's best offensive talent. He made his third NBA All-Defensive First Team (and fourth career All-Defense accolade) after ranking fourth in the league in steals per game (2.0) while playing 26.2 minutes per game. Allen was the only player in 2014–15 to record at least three games with six or more steals.^[14]

2015–16 season

In May 2016, Allen was named to the NBA All-Defensive Second Team for the 2015–16 season, marking the fifth career All-Defensive selection for Allen in six seasons with the Grizzlies. Allen averaged 8.4 points, 4.6 rebounds, 1.1 assists, and 1.72 steals in 25.3 minutes in 64 games (57 starts) for Memphis in 2015–16. He was tied for the NBA lead with Minnesota's Ricky Rubio in steals per 48 minutes (3.3) among players with a minimum of 1,500 total minutes played. The Grizzlies' defensive rating was 2.2 points better with Allen on the floor (104.1) than with him off the floor (106.3). In addition, Allen led the team with 1.7 steals per game.^[15]

2016–17 season

On June 26, 2017, Allen was named to the NBA All-Defensive Second Team for the 2016–17 season, marking the sixth career All-Defensive selection for Allen, having now been recognized on the NBA All-Defensive Teams six times in his seven seasons with the Grizzlies. Allen appeared in 71 games (66 starts) for Memphis in 2016–17, averaging 9.1 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and a team-leading 1.62 steals in 27 minutes per game. He led the league in steal percentage (3.1), his second time to lead the league in the category (4.1 in 2014–15).^[16]

On October 12, 2017, the Grizzlies announced they will retire Allen's No. 9 jersey when he retires.^[17]

New Orleans Pelicans (2017–2018)

On September 15, 2017, Allen signed with the New Orleans Pelicans.^[18] On November 1, 2017, he had a season-high 10 points in 19 minutes off the bench in a 104–98 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves.^[19] On December 10, 2017 against the Philadelphia 76ers, Allen suffered a fractured left fibula. He was nearing a return in mid-January, but on January 15, he was sidelined for another two to four weeks after suffering a setback during his recovery.^[20]

On February 1, 2018, Allen was traded, along with Ömer Aşık, Jameer Nelson, and a protected first-round pick, to the Chicago Bulls in exchange for Nikola Mirotić and a 2018 second-round pick. In addition, Chicago will have the right to swap its 2021 second-round pick with New Orleans' own 2021 second-round pick.^[21] Allen was waived by the Bulls eight days later before appearing in a game for them.^[22]

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 <u>NBA championship</u>				

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
2004–05	<u>Boston</u>	77	34	16.4	.475	.387	.737	2.9	.8	1.0	.3	6.4
2005–06	<u>Boston</u>	51	9	19.2	.471	.324	.746	2.2	1.3	1.0	.4	7.2
2006–07	<u>Boston</u>	33	18	24.4	.514	.242	.784	3.8	1.7	1.5	.4	11.5
2007–08†	<u>Boston</u>	75	11	18.3	.434	.316	.762	2.2	1.5	.8	.3	6.6
2008–09	<u>Boston</u>	46	2	19.3	.482	.222	.725	2.3	1.4	1.2	.5	7.8
2009–10	<u>Boston</u>	54	8	16.5	.510	.000	.605	2.7	1.3	1.1	.4	6.1
2010–11	<u>Memphis</u>	72	31	20.8	.510	.174	.753	2.7	1.4	1.8	.6	8.9
2011–12	<u>Memphis</u>	58	57	26.3	.469	.308	.800	4.0	1.4	1.8	.6	9.8
2012–13	<u>Memphis</u>	79	79	26.7	.445	.125	.717	4.6	1.2	1.5	.6	8.9
2013–14	<u>Memphis</u>	55	28	23.2	.494	.234	.628	3.8	1.7	1.6	.3	9.0
2014–15	<u>Memphis</u>	63	41	26.2	.495	.345	.627	4.4	1.4	2.0	.5	8.6
2015–16	<u>Memphis</u>	64	57	25.3	.458	.357	.652	4.6	1.1	1.7	.3	8.4
2016–17	<u>Memphis</u>	71	66	27.0	.461	.278	.615	5.5	1.4	1.6	.4	9.1
2017–18	<u>New Orleans</u>	22	0	12.4	.484	.333	.524	2.1	.4	.5	.1	4.7
	Career	820	441	22.0	.475	.282	.709	3.5	1.3	1.4	.4	8.1

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
2005	Boston	7	3	12.9	.444	.000	.429	1.7	.3	.4	.3	2.7
2008†	Boston	15	0	4.3	.563	.000	.400	.2	.2	.1	.0	1.3
2009	Boston	10	0	6.0	.500	.000	1.000	.9	.3	.2	.0	.9
2010	Boston	24	0	16.3	.480	.000	.778	1.7	.7	1.0	.6	5.1
2011	Memphis	13	13	26.9	.426	.143	.659	2.9	1.5	1.9	.4	8.8
2012	Memphis	7	7	24.3	.400	.000	.706	3.1	.7	1.3	1.0	6.9
2013	Memphis	15	15	28.1	.432	.250	.759	6.1	1.8	2.0	.3	10.3
2014	Memphis	7	1	32.9	.486	.000	.762	7.7	1.3	1.7	.1	12.3
2015	Memphis	10	9	27.9	.491	.143	.750	5.2	1.5	2.4	1.1	6.6
2016	Memphis	4	2	23.5	.303	.143	.692	2.8	.8	1.3	.5	7.5
Career		112	50	19.2	.447	.106	.716	3.0	.9	1.2	.4	6.0

Player profile

Standing at 6 feet 4 inches tall (1.93 m) and weighing 213 pounds (97 kg), Allen played both the shooting guard and small forward positions. Allen was known as an elite, all-purpose defender and was often assigned to defend high-scoring swingmen, making it uncomfortable for players to score against him.^[23] Allen was named to the NBA All-Defensive Team six out of seven times from 2011 to 2017.^[24]

On February 26, 2016, in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant presented Allen with an autographed pair of shoes that read, "To Tony, the best defender I ever faced!" Both players were inactive for the game.^[25]

As a Boston Celtic, Allen was donned the nickname "Gucci" by his teammates.^[26] With the Grizzlies, he earned the nickname "Grindfather."^[27]

Personal life

Allen is the son of Ella Allen. He has two sisters, Ebony and Dominique, and a brother, Ryan, who played on the Grizzlies' 2012 Summer League squad following a four-year collegiate career at Wisconsin-Milwaukee.^[2]

In November 2005, Allen was indicted on three counts of aggravated battery following a fight which led to a shooting in August 2005 in Chicago.^[28] He was found not guilty at trial in April 2007.^[29]



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SPORT Basketball and Track

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Hall of Fame Profile

Priscilla Gary Sweeney

**Priscilla Gary-Sweeney – Hamilton H.S., 1979/Shelby State Community College 1981/
Kansas State University, 1983/Depart of the Air Force/1989**

Priscilla Gary-Sweeney ran track for Hamilton High School located in Memphis TN, where she was a three-time all-district and all-regional champion in hurdle and a two-time state champion in hurdles. She graduates from Hamilton H.S in 1979 and receive a full-time scholarship from Southwest Community College where she became the all-time leading scorer for the Lady Saluqis, the first female all-American in any sport, and led the Lady Saluqis to their second TJCAA championship in 1982. She was inducted into the Southwest Community College Hall of Fame in 2002. At the conclude of Priscilla career at Southwest she received a scholarship from Kansas State University located in Manhattan Kansas.

Gary-Sweeney, a two-time letter winner for the Wildcats from 1981-83, became the first K-State women's basketball All-American in program history at the conclusion of the 1982-83 season. She led the program in scoring during her two seasons in Manhattan, Kansas, and tallied 1,169 career points to currently rank 25th on the K-State career scoring list. She holds the K-State career record for scoring average at 18.3 points per game and ranks third in career field goal percentage (.558) and 33rd in career assists with 172. She was a two-time All-Big Eight First-Team selection, while guiding the program to a pair of Big Eight Conference titles and consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, including the program's first trip to the Elite Eight in 1982. In 1998, Gary-Sweeney was the first K-State women's basketball player inducted into the K-State Athletics Hall of Fame and in 2009 her number 10 was retired. The program's hustle award, given each year at the team's postseason banquet, is named in her honor. In 2017, she was inducted into Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. At the conclusion of her collegiate career she enlisted into the Air Force in 1987.

In 2015 Gary-Sweeney retired from the Air Force where she was nominated as the Tactical Airlift Female female athlete of the Year, Air Force Female Athlete of the Year, Department of Defense Female Athlete of the Year and AAU Rookie of the Year in 1989.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Stephen Gastkowski

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SPORT Football

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Stephen Gostkowski

Stephen Carroll Gostkowski (/ɡɒstˈkaʊski/ *gost-KOW-skee*[[]¹[[]^a) is an American former professional football player who was a placekicker in the National Football League (NFL) for 15 seasons. A member of the New England Patriots for most of his career, he is the franchise's all-time leading scorer. Gostkowski played college football for the Memphis Tigers and was selected in the fourth round of the 2006 NFL draft by the Patriots, where he spent his first 14 seasons. In his final season, he played for the Tennessee Titans.

Gostkowski led the league in scoring five times during his career, including four consecutive from 2012 to 2015, and is the first post-merger player to lead the league in scoring for more than two consecutive seasons. Gostkowski also holds the NFL record for consecutive extra points.[[]³ He was named to four Pro Bowls and two first-team All-Pros, and won three Super Bowl titles.

Early life

Gostkowski graduated from Madison Central High School in Madison, Mississippi, in 2002.[[]⁴ While there, he won four varsity letters each in football and soccer, and three in baseball, and was an All-State honoree in all three sports. Gostkowski holds the school record for longest field goal, a 55-yard kick. His teammates at Madison Central included former 49ers executive Parys Haralson and former Seahawks center Chris Spencer. His opponents included former Atlanta Falcons running back Jerious Norwood, who returned one of Gostkowski's kickoffs from two yards deep in the end zone; Gostkowski raced him down at the 25-yard line to prevent a touchdown.

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Gostkowski in 2019

No. 3

Position: Placekicker

Personal information

Born: January 28, 1984
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.

Height: 6 ft 1 in (1.85 m)

Weight: 215 lb (98 kg)

Career information

High school: Madison Central
(Madison, Mississippi)

College: Memphis (2002–2005)

NFL draft: 2006 / round: 4 / pick: 118

Career history

- New England Patriots (2006–2019)
- Tennessee Titans (2020)

Career highlights and awards

- 3× Super Bowl champion (XLIX, LI, LIII)
- 2× First-team All-Pro (2008, 2015)

His most common nickname growing up was "Beaver"; he lost two front teeth playing hockey and had fake teeth that were too large put in as replacements.^[5] While at Memphis, he was dubbed "Gotti" by Tigers head coach Tommy West, because West could not pronounce Gostkowski correctly.^[6]

College career

Gostkowski attended the University of Memphis, where he played for the Memphis Tigers football team and majored in exercise and sports science. Gostkowski received an athletic scholarship to play baseball for Memphis, and was a walk-on for the football team.^[7] He finished his college career with a total of 369 points, a school record, and 13th overall in NCAA Division I-A history, converting 70 of 92 field goals and 159 of 165 extra points (PATs) during his Tiger career.^[8] His 70 field goals and 159 extra points both set school records previously held by Joe Allison (1990–1993). He earned first team All-Conference USA honors in both his junior and senior years and was named Conference USA's Special Teams Player of the Year in 2005.

In 2005, his senior season, Gostkowski handled kickoff duties for Memphis and had 39 touchbacks on 68 kickoffs. Gostkowski did so using a one-inch tee (the height of NFL tees), rather than the two-inch tees allowed by the NCAA at the time. Thus, NFL talent scouts could more accurately project his potential.^[9]

In a 2005 game against Houston, Gostkowski managed the rare feat of recovering his own onside kick.^[10]

College statistics

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Kicking						
						XPM	XPA	XP%	FGM	FGA	FG%	Pts
<u>2002</u>	<u>Memphis</u>	CUSA	FR	K	12	32	37	86.5	9	14	64.3	59
<u>2003</u>	<u>Memphis</u>	CUSA	SO	K	13	44	44	100.0	19	29	65.5	101
<u>2004</u>	<u>Memphis</u>	CUSA	JR	K	12	48	49	98.0	20	24	83.3	108
<u>2005</u>	<u>Memphis</u>	CUSA	SR	K	12	35	35	100.0	22	25	88.0	101
Career (https://www.sports-reference.com/cfb/players/stephen-gostkowski-1.html)	Memphis				49	159	165	96.4	70	92	76.1	369

- Second-team All-Pro (2014)
- 4× Pro Bowl (2008, 2013–2015)
- 5× NFL scoring leader (2008, 2012–2015)
- NFL 2010s All-Decade Team
- PFWA All-Rookie Team (2006)
- New England Patriots All-2010s Team
- 2× First-team All-C-USA (2004, 2005)
- C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year (2005)

NFL records

- Most consecutive extra points made: 523
- Most seasons leading league in points scored: 5 (2008, 2012–2015; tied with Don Hutson and Gino Cappelletti)

Career NFL statistics

Field goals made: 392
Field goals attempted: 454
Field goal %: 86.34
Longest field goal: 62
Points scored: 1,875
Touchbacks: 574
Stats (https://www.pro-football-reference.com/players/G/GostSt20.htm) at Pro Football Reference

Professional career

New England Patriots

2006 season

Gostkowski was selected by the New England Patriots in the fourth round of the 2006 NFL Draft with the 118th overall pick. He was the first of two placekickers to be selected that year.^[11] During the Patriots' 2006 training camp, he competed with veteran kicker Martín Gramática, who the Patriots had signed as a free agent after Adam Vinatieri signed with the Indianapolis Colts. On August 23, 2006, before their third preseason game, the Patriots cut Gramática, and gave the job to rookie Gostkowski.^[12]

During the 2006 preseason, Gostkowski was perfect on field goals and extra points, going 9-for-9 and 11-for-11, respectively, for a total of 38 points. His longest field goal was a 54-yard attempt against the New York Giants in the last preseason game. On November 26, 2006, Gostkowski made the longest regular-season kick of his young career, a 52-yard kick against the Chicago Bears, which is also the longest kick ever made at Gillette Stadium.^[13] Gostkowski finished the 2006 season as the highest-scoring rookie, with 103 points (20 field goals and 43 extra points), edging out the 96 points scored by Jacksonville running back Maurice Jones-Drew.^[14]

While Gostkowski struggled early in his rookie season—he had two consecutive kicks blocked—his kickoffs were noticeably longer than were Vinatieri's in his last season in Foxborough. During the 2006 season, he averaged 65.5 yards per kickoff with a return average of 23 yards, and a total of 12 touchbacks. (By comparison, in 2005, Vinatieri's average kickoff was just 61.6 yards, though playing in a dome in 2006 he averaged 65.8 yards.) Gostkowski also outperformed opposing teams on field goals: Gostkowski made 20 of 26 kicks (76.9%), while opposing kickers made just 22 of 30 (73.3%). Gostkowski's rookie season was statistically about the same as Vinatieri's: Vinatieri converted 27 of 35 kicks (77.3%), but missed three extra points (39/42). In Week 17, he missed an extra point attempt for the first time in his NFL career.^[15]

Gostkowski also had to contend with having three different holders during the season. After his first holder, punter Josh Miller, was placed on injured reserve after Week 11, the Patriots signed Ken Walter, who held for Weeks 12 to 15 until he was placed on injured reserve. Though the Patriots hired Todd Sauerbrun to punt, holding duties were given to the Patriots' backup quarterback Matt Cassel (which led to one regular-season kick that, while good, made two bizarre turns in mid-air).

2006 postseason

In the Wild Card Round of the 2006 postseason against the New York Jets, Gostkowski was perfect on all his kick attempts, converting three field goal attempts (from 20, 40, and 28 yards) and four extra points. He also had one kickoff go through the back of the end zone (over 80 yards) for a touchback.^[16]

In the AFC Divisional Playoffs against the San Diego Chargers, Gostkowski made three of three field goals, including a 50-yard kick that was the longest successful kick in Patriots postseason history. He also made a 34-yarder in the third quarter and a 31-yard kick with 1:10 left in the fourth that made him only the third NFL rookie to attempt a game-winning playoff kick in the fourth quarter or overtime. (One of the others was

Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding, who missed his attempt in the 2004 playoffs; in this game, Kaeding missed a potential game-tying 54-yarder in the closing seconds.) Gostkowski also converted his only extra point attempt of the game following a Jabar Gaffney touchdown in the second quarter.^[17]

In the AFC Championship, Gostkowski again converted all of his kicks (two field goals and four extra points), and recorded two touchbacks on kickoffs against the Indianapolis Colts.^[18]

Expectations from the Vinatieri years

As an untested rookie, Gostkowski faced special scrutiny in the playoffs, given the playoff heroics of Vinatieri.^[19] Gostkowski performed admirably, making all eight of his field goal kicks; he also recorded three touchbacks, including two in the Patriots' January 21, 2007, loss to the Colts at the RCA Dome.

2007 season

Although Gostkowski ranked 30th in field goal attempts through the first 12 weeks of the NFL season (16 attempts, 14 converted), he managed to equal his entire 2006 scoring output in those 12 weeks, thanks to an NFL-leading 61 extra point attempts, all of which he converted. In Week 15, against the New York Jets, Gostkowski broke former Miami Dolphins kicker Uwe von Schamann's record for most extra points converted in a season, with his 67th successful attempt. In Week 16, against the Miami Dolphins, Gostkowski broke von Schamann's record of 70 extra point attempts. Gostkowski finished the season a perfect 74-for-74 on extra points, eclipsing Jeff Wilkins' 1999 record of 64-for-64 with the St. Louis Rams.^[20] (These PAT records were surpassed by Denver Broncos kicker Matt Prater in 2013.)^[21] Gostkowski also went 21 for 24 on field goals to finish with 137 points on the season, the third-highest total of any player that year (rookie Green Bay kicker Mason Crosby had 141, and Patriots receiver Randy Moss had 138).^[22]

Gostkowski also had the distinction, in the Week 13 game against the Baltimore Ravens, of kicking off from the Ravens' 35-yard line as the result of two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on Ravens linebacker Bart Scott and an offside call on the Ravens defense on his PAT attempt. Gostkowski recorded a touchback on the kickoff, but there was confusion after the game as to whether or not the Patriots could have improved their field position by kicking the ball out-of-bounds instead.^[23]

2007 postseason

Gostkowski had two field goal attempts in the postseason, both in the Divisional Round against the Jacksonville Jaguars; Gostkowski converted one, but missed the other, his only failed postseason conversion. He was 9-for-9 on his extra point attempts.^[24] In the AFC Championship victory over the San Diego Chargers, he converted all three extra point attempts.^[25] In Super Bowl XLII against the New York Giants, he converted both extra point attempts in the 17–14 loss.^[26]

2008 season

Gostkowski was a key contributor in the Patriots' 19–10 win over the New York Jets in Week 2, the game that marked Matt Cassel's debut as a starter after a season-ending injury to Tom Brady. Gostkowski converted four field goals from 21, 37, 28, and 27 yards, and recorded touchbacks on the first five of his six kickoffs (the last kick was returned to the 20 before a Raymond Ventrone tackle).^[27]

In October, Gostkowski, after going 9-for-10 on field goals and 11-for-11 on extra points for a team-high 38 points, was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for the first time in his career.^[28]

In Week 16, Gostkowski had the highest-scoring game of his NFL career, converting four field goal attempts and five extra point attempts against the Arizona Cardinals.^[29] The 17-point performance gave him a total of 34 field goals on the season, breaking Tony Franklin's 1986 franchise record of 32, and 141 points scored, tying Vinatieri's post-merger franchise record, with one game still to play. (Former wide receiver/kicker Gino Cappelletti scored 155 points for the Patriots in 1964, and 147 points in 1961, but those include 44 and 56 points on receptions.) Gostkowski finished the season with a league-leading 148 points, the 13th-highest single-season total in NFL history; his 36 field goals converted is the sixth-best total, and the most since Neil Rackers made 40 in 2005.^[30]

In December 2008, Gostkowski was selected for his first Pro Bowl appearance as the AFC kicker; his selection was the result of the players' and coaches' votes, as he did not finish in the top five in fan voting.^[31] The Associated Press also voted him to the All-Pro First Team for the first time; he received 28 of the 50 votes for kicker.^[32]

2009 season



Gostkowski in the 2009 preseason

In the Patriots' last-minute 25–24 victory over the Buffalo Bills, Gostkowski recorded his first fumble recovery. When Leodis McKelvin fumbled the ball on a kickoff return, with the Patriots trailing 24–19, Gostkowski recovered the ball at the Bills' 31-yard line. Tom Brady, describing the play in his postgame press conference, used yet another nickname for Gostkowski: "Meat,"^[33] a reference to Bull Durham, coined by former Patriots punter Josh Miller during Gostkowski's rookie season.^[34]



Gostkowski kicks off in October 2009.

Gostkowski won his first AFC Special Teams Player of the Week award in the Patriots' Week 9 game against the Miami Dolphins, in which he recorded four field goals and two touchbacks, including one on a re-kick from the Patriots' 25-yard line following an offside penalty.^[35]

Gostkowski finished the season going 26-for-31 on field goals (83.9%). He was a perfect 47-for-47 on extra points and had a then-career-high 67.8 yard average on kickoffs.^[36]

2010 season

Gostkowski's contract expired after the 2009 season, which normally would have made him an unrestricted free agent. As a result of the expiring NFL-NFLPA collective bargaining agreement, however, Gostkowski became a restricted free agent; the Patriots offered him \$1,759,000 for the 2010 season. Gostkowski signed

the tender on April 17.^[37] On August 26, 2010, the Patriots signed Gostkowski to a four-year extension, which added four years to his one-year tender contract; the extension gave him \$14 million from 2011 to 2014, with \$5 million guaranteed.^[38]

Gostkowski began the 2010 season missing three of his first four field goal attempts over two games. However, in Week 4, against the Miami Dolphins, Gostkowski recorded five touchbacks in a single game; two weeks later, Gostkowski kicked his first overtime game-winning field goal in the Patriots' 23–20 victory over the Baltimore Ravens.^[39]

In Week 9, Gostkowski was unable to finish the Patriots' game against the Cleveland Browns after sustaining a thigh injury; he was replaced by wide receiver Wes Welker. Three days later, on November 10, the Patriots placed Gostkowski on injured reserve with a torn quadriceps muscle, ending his season. The Patriots signed veteran kicker Shayne Graham to replace him.

Gostkowski finished the injury-shortened season 10-for-13 on field goals (76.9%, tying his career low from 2006), while setting a career-high with an average kickoff distance of 67.9 yards. He was 26-for-26 on his extra point attempts.^[40]

2011 season

As Gostkowski recovered from his quadriceps injury, for the first time since his rookie season, he was not the only kicker in training camp; the Patriots brought in former University of Massachusetts kicker Chris Koeplin to help manage Gostkowski's workload; they released Koeplin before the start of the season.^[41]

In Week 16, after scoring a field goal against the Miami Dolphins to make the score 17–3 in favor of Miami, Gostkowski made a tackle of Clyde Gates on the subsequent kickoff that was credited as "pivotal" in the Patriots' comeback victory.^[42] Instead of allowing a touchdown, Gostkowski tackled Gates at the Miami 38. Miami lost the ball on the ensuing possession, and the Patriots went on to score a touchdown of their own, closing the deficit to 17–10 en route to a 27–24 win.^[43]

Gostkowski finished the season with 143 points, five short of his career high in 2007; he made 28 of 33 field goals and all 59 of his extra-point attempts. Gostkowski was one of two kickers to score five or more points in every game in 2011 (the other was David Akers), and the third player in NFL history to manage the feat (Gary Anderson also did it in 1998).^[44]

At the end of the 2011 season, Gostkowski and the Patriots appeared in Super Bowl XLVI. He converted two extra points and a field goal, but the Patriots lost 21–17 to the New York Giants.^[45]

2012 season

In the 2012 season, Gostkowski converted all 66 extra point attempts and 29-of-35 field goal attempts.^[46] In Week 11, in the 59–24 victory over the Indianapolis Colts, he tied his career high, with eight extra points converted to go along with a 31-yard field goal.^[47] With 153 total points scored, he won the scoring title for the 2012 season.^[48]

2013 season

In the season opener against the Buffalo Bills, Gostkowski was a perfect 3–3, including the 35-yard game winning attempt.^[49] In week 12 against Peyton Manning and the high-scoring Denver Broncos, Gostkowski made both his field goal attempts, including the game winning 31-yard field goal with 1:56 remaining in overtime.^[50] Gostkowski set a franchise record for the New England Patriots for most field goals in a season with 38 field goals made out of 41 attempts.^[51] During the AFC Divisional Round against the Indianapolis Colts on January 11, 2014, Gostkowski took over the role of punter for the Patriots after regular punter Ryan Allen was injured during the second quarter, averaging 41.8 yards per punt.^[52] On January 20, 2014, he was named to his second Pro Bowl, replacing Denver Broncos kicker Matt Prater, who was playing in Super Bowl XLVIII.^[53]



Gostkowski during the 2013 season

2014 season

Gostkowski scored three field goals against the Oakland Raiders in a 16–9 Week 3 victory; coincidentally, all the points in that game were scored by players whose names ended in "-kowski": all of Oakland's points were scored by Sebastian Janikowski, while the only touchdown in the game was scored by Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski.^[54] In the Patriots' Week 15 41–13 rout of the Miami Dolphins, Gostkowski broke the Patriots' career scoring mark set by Vinatieri in 2005, doing so in just his 134th game as a Patriot.^[55]

Gostkowski finished the season with an NFL-leading 35 field goals out of 37 attempts (94.6%, a career-high).^[56] He was honored with his third Pro Bowl selection and was selected as a Second-Team All-Pro (behind Vinatieri). Gostkowski won his first Super Bowl ring when the Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 28–24. He did not kick any field goals but made four extra points.^[57]

2015 season

In a Week 3 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, Gostkowski recorded his 423rd consecutive extra point, breaking Matt Stover's record of 422. For the first three weeks, he converted all 14 extra point attempts and all seven field goal attempts, and was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for the third time in his career. During the Patriots' Week 5 game at AT&T Stadium versus the Dallas Cowboys, Gostkowski tied Vinatieri's franchise record kicking a 57-yard field goal to end the first half.^[58] Through the first five games of the season, Gostkowski was 12-for-12 on field goals and 21-for-21 on extra points.^[59] He added three more field goals on three tries in a 30–23 win over the New York Jets in Week 7 to start his season 15-for-15.^[60] Against the Miami Dolphins in a 36–7 win on October 29, he was four-for-four on extra points and two-for-two on field goals, including a 52-yarder.^[61] Against the New York Giants on November 15, with only one second remaining, he kicked the game-winning 54-yard field goal to get the 27–26 win, with the Patriots staying undefeated at 9–0 on the season. Additionally, he surpassed Adam Vinatieri on the Patriots' all-time leader in field goals.^[62] With the performance against the Giants, Gostkowski improved to 21-of-21 field goals made and 34-of-34 extra points made for the season.^[59] In week 11, in a 20–13 win over the Buffalo Bills, Gostkowski missed a 54-yard field goal attempt; it was his first miss since November 30, 2014, and his first miss at home since Week 2 of the 2013 season.^[63] He finished the season with 151 points, marking the fourth consecutive season he exceeded 150 points; no other player in NFL history has scored 150 points more than once.^[64]

Gostkowski was named one of two starting kickers for the 2015 Pro Bowl (along with Dallas Cowboys kicker Dan Bailey); it was Gostkowski's third consecutive nomination, and fourth overall.^[65] Gostkowski was also named the kicker on the 2015 AP All-Pro first team, receiving 47 of 50 votes; Bailey received the other three votes.

2015 postseason

In the AFC Championship Game against the Denver Broncos, Gostkowski missed his first extra point since 2006 and only the second of his career, ending a streak of 523 consecutive successful attempts. After the Patriots were defeated 20–18 following a failed two-point conversion near the end of the game, Gostkowski blamed himself for the loss.^[66] However, Gostkowski, who also scored two field goals during the game, was defended by Patriots coach Bill Belichick and teammates Julian Edelman, Logan Ryan, Tom Brady, Rob Gronkowski, Danny Amendola, and Malcolm Butler.^{[67][68]} It was also his first miss in 56 attempts since the NFL moved the spot for extra points from the 2-yard line back to the 15-yard line.

Since *The NFL Record & Fact Book* does not count statistics from playoff games when calculating regular-season streaks, Gostkowski ended the regular season with his extra point streak active at 463.^[69]

2016 season

During the 2016 offseason, the NFL changed the rule on kickoffs so that touchbacks would grant the offense an extra five yards, with possessions starting at the 25-yard line rather than the 20-yard line. The Patriots took advantage of Gostkowski's ability to deliver "mortar kicks" that have a long hang time but land inside the field of play, which then forces the opposing team to attempt to return the kick. In the Patriots' Week 1 upset of the Arizona Cardinals, the Patriots used such a kick to force the Cardinals to start their final drive, which ended in a missed field goal, at their own eight-yard line.^[70] While against the Houston Texans in Week 3, the Patriots forced two fumbles on such kickoffs.^[71] He earned Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 13 for making all four field goal attempts including three over 45 yards and converted two extra points.^[72]

Gostkowski missed an extra point in Week 6 against the Cincinnati Bengals to end his record regular-season streak at 479.^[73] He finished the season tied for eighth in scoring with 127 points (27 of 32 field goals and 46 of 49 extra points); making the 2016 season the first time since 2011 that Gostkowski did not lead the NFL in scoring.^[74]

Gostkowski appeared in a Pepsi commercial during the 2017 playoffs, joining the ranks of wide receivers Odell Beckham Jr. and Antonio Brown.^[75]

Gostkowski became the first placekicker in Super Bowl history to start at placekicker for the winning team without kicking an extra point. In Super Bowl LI, Gostkowski missed the extra point on the Patriots' first touchdown, the Patriots successfully attempted two-point conversions on their second and third touchdowns, and the Patriots' final, game-winning touchdown came in overtime, so no extra point was needed.^[76] In the 34–28 overtime victory over the Atlanta Falcons, Gostkowski hit on a 41-yard attempt in the second quarter and a 33-yard attempt in the fourth quarter.^[77]

2017 season

In Week 4 during a 33–30 loss against the Carolina Panthers, Gostkowski set a new franchise record by making a 58-yard field goal, beating the 57-yard record he shared with Adam Vinatieri.^[78] He broke that record in the Patriots' Week 11 game against the Oakland Raiders at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City, kicking a 62-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.^[79] That kick was tied for the sixth-longest field goal in NFL history. In that game, Gostkowski booted four field goals, earning him AFC Special Teams Player of the Week.^[80]

In the 2017 regular season, Gostkowski was 45-of-47 on extra point attempts and 37-of-40 on field goal attempts.^[81] His 156 points was the second highest total of any player in the NFL, behind only the Los Angeles Rams' Greg Zuerlein.^[82] It was the fifth time Gostkowski had eclipsed the 150-point mark in his career.

Gostkowski played in Super Bowl LII tying the record with former Patriot Adam Vinatieri to appear in five Super Bowls as a kicker. The Patriots failed to repeat as Super Bowl Champions after losing 41–33 to the Philadelphia Eagles. In the Super Bowl, Gostkowski made 2 field goals and 3 extra points but also missed a field goal and an extra point in the second quarter.^[83]

2018 season

Gostkowski finished sixth in the league among kickers with 130 points scored.^[84] He set a record for most Super Bowl appearances by a kicker, at six, breaking his tie with former Patriot Adam Vinatieri.^[85]

In Super Bowl LIII against the Los Angeles Rams, Gostkowski missed a field goal and made two during the Patriots win over the Rams. He kicked a 41-yard field goal with under two minutes left in the game to give the Patriots a 13–3 lead, essentially sealing the Super Bowl win for the Patriots.^{[86][87]}

2019 season: Final year in New England

On April 9, 2019, Gostkowski re-signed with the Patriots on a two-year, \$8.5 million deal.^[88]

On October 2, 2019, as a result of a left hip injury he sustained, Gostkowski was placed on injured reserve for the second time in his 14-year career.^[89] Mike Nugent was signed as his replacement, but eventually released. Nick Folk was brought in to assume the kicking duties, but was then also released and replaced by Kai Forbath. Folk eventually ended up being re-signed by the Patriots as their main kicker.^[90]

On March 23, 2020, Gostkowski was released by the Patriots after 14 seasons with the team.^[91]

Tennessee Titans

On September 3, 2020, the Tennessee Titans signed Gostkowski on a one-year deal. Gostkowski was a teammate of Titans head coach Mike Vrabel from 2006 to 2008, when Vrabel played linebacker for the Patriots.^[92] In the season opener against the Denver Broncos, Gostkowski struggled, missing three field goals and an extra point. However, with 17 seconds left in the game, Gostkowski kicked a game-winning field goal, putting the Titans up 16–14.^[93] In Week 2 versus the Jacksonville Jaguars, Gostkowski made three of four extra point attempts and two field goal attempts, including a 49-yard game-winner late in the fourth quarter.^[94] Gostkowski was crucial to the Titans' Week 3 win versus the Minnesota Vikings, making all six of his field

goals, including another game-winner late in the fourth quarter, this time from 55 yards out.^[95] He was named the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in Week 3.^[96] On October 1, 2020, Gostkowski was named the AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for his performance in September.^[97] After not attempting a field goal in week five of the regular season, Gostkowski made only one of five attempted field goals in Weeks 6–8, notably missing a 45-yard game-tying field goal with 19 seconds left in the 4th quarter in a 24–27 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 7. Had Gostkowski made the kick, the game would have likely been sent into overtime.^{[98][99]} Gostkowski would however, only miss one of his nine attempted field goals in Weeks 9–16. He did not play in the Week 17 game against the Houston Texans due to being placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list and was replaced by rookie Sam Sloman.^[100] The Titans won the AFC South with an 11–5 record, with Gostkowski finishing the season making 18 out of 26 field goals and making 44 out of 46 extra points, with the only missed extra points being from the first two games of the season. Gostkowski was later removed from the reserve/COVID-19 list and cleared to return for the Titans in the playoffs,^[101] making his two attempted field goals and one extra point as the Titans lost 20–13 to the Baltimore Ravens the Wild Card Round.^[102]

Gostkowski was not re-signed by the Titans following the 2020 season, making him a free agent going into the 2021 season.^[103]

He retired during the 2022 season after fifteen seasons and a persistent knee injury.^[104]

NFL career statistics

Legend	
	Won the <u>Super Bowl</u>
	Led the league
Bold	Career high

Regular season statistics

Year	Team	GP	Field Goals									Extra Points			Total Points
			FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+	Lng	XPM	XPA	XP%	
2006	NE	16	20	26	76.9	0–0	10–11	7–10	2–4	1–1	52	43	44	97.7	103
2007	NE	16	21	24	87.5	0–0	10–10	8–9	3–5	0–0	45	74	74	100.0	137
2008	NE	16	36	40	90.0	0–0	10–12	16–16	9–11	1–1	50	40	40	100.0	148
2009	NE	16	26	31	83.9	0–0	7–7	12–13	5–8	2–3	53	47	47	100.0	125
2010	NE	8	10	13	76.9	0–0	2–2	6–7	2–3	0–1	43	26	26	100.0	56
2011	NE	16	28	33	84.8	1–1	12–13	5–6	9–11	1–2	50	59	59	100.0	143
2012	NE	16	29	35	82.9	0–0	8–8	10–12	9–13	2–2	53	66	66	100.0	153
2013	NE	16	38	41	92.7	1–1	8–8	13–13	11–13	5–6	54	44	44	100.0	158
2014	NE	16	35	37	94.6	1–1	11–11	10–11	12–13	1–1	53	51	51	100.0	156
2015	NE	16	33	36	91.7	0–0	6–6	11–11	12–14	4–5	57	52	52	100.0	151
2016	NE	16	27	32	84.4	0–0	9–9	7–9	9–10	2–4	53	46	49	93.9	127
2017	NE	16	37	40	92.5	0–0	16–16	9–9	8–11	4–4	62	45	47	95.7	156
2018	NE	16	27	32	84.4	0–0	11–11	10–10	4–6	2–5	52	49	50	98.0	130
2019	NE	4	7	8	87.5	0–0	3–3	3–3	1–2	0–0	41	11	15	73.3	32
2020	TEN	15	18	26	69.2	0–0	2–3	4–5	5–10	7–8	55	46	48	95.8	100
Total (https://www.pro-football-reference.com/players/G/GostSt20.htm)		219	392	454	86.3	3–3	124–129	132–145	101–134	32–43	62	699	712	98.2	1,875

Postseason statistics

Year	Team	GP	Field Goals									Extra Points			Total Points
			FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+	Lng	XPM	XPA	XP%	
2006	NE	3	8	8	100.0	0–0	3–3	2–2	2–2	1–1	50	9	9	100.0	33
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2011	NE	3	5	5	100.0	0–0	4–4	1–1	0–0	0–0	35	10	10	100.0	25
2012	NE	2	4	4	100.0	0–0	1–1	3–3	0–0	0–0	38	6	6	100.0	18
2013	NE	2	1	1	100.0	0–0	0–0	0–0	1–1	0–0	47	6	6	100.0	9
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2015	NE	2	4	4	100.0	0–0	0–0	2–2	2–2	0–0	46	3	4	75.0	15
2016	NE	3	7	7	100.0	1–1	1–1	2–2	3–3	0–0	47	7	9	77.8	28
2017	NE	3	3	5	60.0	0–0	1–2	1–1	1–1	0–1	45	11	12	91.7	20
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Personal life

Gostkowski and his wife Hallie met when they were both attending the University of Memphis; they married in 2008. Hallie works as a nurse at a Boston hospital and the couple lives in Wrentham, Massachusetts, with two sons as well as a daughter, who was born in 2016.^[105]

Notes

- Previous versions of Patriots' media guides gave the pronunciation as /ɡʌstˈɑːski/ *gust-OW-skee*, with the first k silent.^[2]

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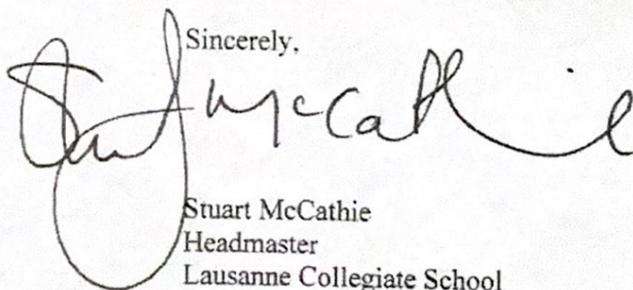
Buster just completed his 50th year of education and coaching. He has coached many sports over the years, but 43 years of coaching baseball has been his largest success. A synopsis of this is listed below:

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Larry Kenon

Muhsin Kenon (born Larry Joe Kenon, December 13, 1952), is an American former professional basketball player, known in his playing career as Larry Kenon.

A 6'9" forward who had a productive career in both the American Basketball Association (ABA) and the National Basketball Association (NBA), Kenon played for the New York Nets, San Antonio Spurs, Chicago Bulls, Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers. His nicknames were "KAT," "Mr. K" (to go with Nets teammate "Dr. J.", Julius Erving),^[1] and "Special K."

College

Kenon transferred from Amarillo College to play basketball at Memphis State University. In his junior year, 1972–73, he averaged 20.1 points and 16.7 rebounds per game and led the Tigers to the NCAA championship game, where they were defeated by the Bill Walton-led UCLA Bruins. After that season, one in which he was named Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year, Kenon left Memphis State and turned pro.

ABA career

In 1973, the Detroit Pistons selected Kenon in the third round (15th pick overall) of the NBA draft. He was also drafted by the Memphis Tams of the ABA, but the New York Nets secured his draft rights. During his 1973–74 rookie season, Kenon averaged 15.9 points and 11.5 rebounds per game on the Julius Erving-led Nets team that won the 1974 ABA Championship.

After averaging 18.7 points during the 1974–75 season, Kenon was traded to San Antonio for Swen Nater. Once again he averaged 18.7 points, along with 11.1 rebounds per game in the Spurs' final season in the ABA before they joined the NBA with the Nets, Denver Nuggets and Indiana Pacers.

Kenon made the All-Star Team in each of his three ABA seasons, and competed in the first-ever Slam Dunk Contest during the 1976 ABA All-Star Game. In 249 ABA games, Kenon had scored 4,419 points and grabbed 2,759 rebounds for an average of 17.7 and 11.1 per game, respectively.

NBA career

Kenon enjoyed the best years of his career in San Antonio playing alongside George Gervin. In each of the four seasons they were teammates after the ABA–NBA merger, both averaged at least 20 points per game. In those four NBA seasons, Kenon averaged 21.9 (1976–77), 20.6 (1977–78), 22.1 (1978–79) and 20.1 (1979–80) points per game. He also made the NBA All-Star team in 1978 and 1979. He also averaged at least 10.7 rebounds per game in each of those four seasons, his high being 12.0 in 1976–77.

Larry Kenon

Personal information

Born	December 13, 1952 <div>Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.</div>
Listed height	6 ft 9 in (2.06 m)
Listed weight	205 lb (93 kg)

Career information

High school	Ullman (Birmingham, Alabama)
College	<u>Amarillo College</u> (1970–1972) <u>Memphis</u> (1972–1973)
NBA draft	1973: 3rd round, 50th overall pick Selected by the <u>Detroit Pistons</u>
Playing career	1973–1983
Position	<u>Power forward</u>
Number	35, 9

Career history

1973–1975	<u>New York Nets</u>
1975–1980	<u>San Antonio Spurs</u>
1980–1982	<u>Chicago Bulls</u>
1982–1983	<u>Golden State Warriors</u>
1983	<u>Cleveland Cavaliers</u>
1984–1985	<u>Wyoming Wildcatters</u>

Career highlights and awards

- ABA champion (1974)
- 3× ABA All-Star (1974–1976)
- 2× NBA All-Star (1978, 1979)
- ABA All-Rookie First Team (1974)
- MVC Player of the Year (1973)
- No. 35 retired by Memphis Tigers

Career ABA and NBA statistics

Points 12,954 (17.2 ppg)

Rebounds 6,701 (8.9 rpg)

Assists 1,672 (2.2 apg)

Stats (<https://www.nba.com/player/77246>) at **NBA.com**

Stats (<https://www.basketball-reference.com/player/s/k/kenonla01.html>) at **Basketball Reference**

After the 1979–80 season Kenon signed with the Chicago Bulls. While his minutes per game went down in Chicago (28.1 during the 1980–81 season; he had never averaged fewer than 34.6 previously), he averaged 14.1 points per game; however, this would be his last effective season.

In his seven NBA seasons, Kenon played 503 games and scored 8535 points for a 17.0 average. His NBA and ABA totals were 12,954 points for a 17.2 average.

Other accomplishments

- In a December 26, 1976 game against the Kansas City Kings at Kemper Arena, which San Antonio won 110–105, Kenon set an NBA record for steals in a game with eleven. (The New Jersey Nets' Kendall Gill tied the record in an April 3, 1999 game against the Miami Heat.) He also recorded 29 points and 15 rebounds for a rare points-rebounds-steals triple-double.
- The University of Memphis has retired Kenon's number 35. He arguably had the most successful pro career of any Memphis basketball player, with his primary competitors for that honor being Derrick Rose and Anfernee Hardaway.

Personal life

Kenon converted to the Muslim faith after retiring from basketball; he now goes by the name of Muhsin Kenon.^[2]

ABA and 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

† Denotes seasons in which Kenon's team won an ABA championship

Bold Denotes career highs

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
1973–74†	<u>New York (ABA)</u>	84	–	34.6	.462	.000	.703	11.5	1.3	0.9	0.2	15.9
1974–75	<u>New York (ABA)</u>	84	–	37.7	.509	.500	.770	10.7	1.5	1.3	0.4	18.7
1975–76	<u>San Antonio (ABA)</u>	81	–	36.0	.481	.000	.781	11.1	1.9	1.1	0.5	18.7
1976–77	<u>San Antonio</u>	78	–	37.6	.492	–	.823	11.3	2.9	2.1	0.8	21.9
1977–78	<u>San Antonio</u>	81	–	35.4	.489	–	.854	9.5	3.3	1.4	0.3	20.6
1978–79	<u>San Antonio</u>	81	–	36.4	.504	–	.845	9.8	4.1	1.9	0.2	22.1
1979–80	<u>San Antonio</u>	78	–	35.9	.485	.111	.783	9.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	20.1
1980–81	<u>Chicago</u>	77	–	28.1	.480	–	.735	5.2	1.6	1.0	0.2	14.1
1981–82	<u>Chicago</u>	60	30	17.3	.466	–	.568	3.0	1.1	0.5	0.1	7.2
1982–83	<u>Chicago</u>	5	0	5.0	.333	–	.800	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.8
1982–83	<u>Golden State</u>	11	0	11.0	.436	–	.636	2.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	3.7
1982–83	<u>Cleveland</u>	32	7	19.5	.472	.000	.761	3.7	1.1	0.7	0.3	7.3
	Career	752	37	32.6	.487	.143	.784	8.9	2.2	1.3	0.3	17.2

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
1974†	New York (ABA)	14	–	33.6	.495	–	.613	11.6	1.8	1.1	0.1	15.8
1975	New York (ABA)	5	–	39.8	.534	–	.765	12.8	1.0	2.0	0.0	21.4
1976	San Antonio (ABA)	7	–	39.6	.466	.333	.900	11.4	2.3	0.7	0.6	21.4
1977	San Antonio	2	–	39.5	.485	–	1.000	7.5	3.0	2.5	0.5	17.0
1978	San Antonio	6	–	33.3	.447	–	.737	9.2	3.7	0.8	0.3	17.7
1979	San Antonio	14	–	39.8	.438	–	.736	11.4	3.0	1.4	0.1	21.1
1980	San Antonio	3	–	27.0	.294	–	.545	4.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	8.7
1981	Chicago	6	–	19.0	.391	.000	.500	4.5	1.3	0.7	0.2	6.7
	Career	57	–	34.7	.459	.250	.725	10.1	2.2	1.1	0.2	17.2

See also

- List of National Basketball Association players with most steals in a game

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Ray King had a remarkable ten-year career as a relief pitcher in Major League Baseball (MLB), establishing himself as a reliable and resilient presence on the mound. Born and raised in Ripley, TN, he grew up playing baseball from a young age, showing early promise as a pitcher. His love for the game carried him through high school and eventually to college, where his strong arm and composure under pressure caught the attention of MLB scouts.

Drafted in the 1995 MLB draft by the Cincinnati Reds, Ray King worked his way through the minor leagues, refining his fastball and developing a devastating slider that would become his signature pitch. He made his MLB debut in 1999 as a rookie reliever. Through the transition to the big leagues, his calm demeanor and willingness to adapt allowed him to quickly earn the trust of his coaches and teammates. Over the next decade, he became known for his ability to handle high-pressure situations, often called upon in late innings to protect leads or stop opposing teams' momentum.

Throughout his career, Ray King played for multiple teams, including stints with the St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Brewers, and The Washington Nationals. He built a reputation as a versatile and dependable bullpen arm, often leading his team in holds and saves. His consistency and durability were remarkable, especially in a position that demands both mental and physical resilience.

Off the field, Ray King is admired for his work ethic and leadership. He often mentors younger pitchers, sharing the lessons he has learned over his long career. After retiring from MLB, Ray King remained involved in the sport, becoming a pitching coach and continuing to contribute to the game that had defined his life.

Ray King's career as a relief pitcher is a testament to perseverance, dedication, and a passion for the craft of pitching.



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Keith Lee (basketball)

Keith DeWayne Lee (born December 28, 1962) is an American former professional basketball player who was selected by the Chicago Bulls in the first round (11th pick overall) of the 1985 NBA draft later to be traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers. A 6 ft 10 in (2.08 m) forward–center from Memphis State University, Lee played in three NBA seasons for the Cleveland Cavaliers and New Jersey Nets.

High school and college

Lee played high school basketball at West Memphis High School in West Memphis, Arkansas. The 1979–80 team is considered by many to be the top high school basketball team in Arkansas history, going undefeated for a 30–0 record.^[1] After losing future NBA player Michael Cage to graduation, the 1980–81 team went undefeated as well and set the longest winning streak for high school basketball in the state at 60 consecutive wins.^[2]

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

Keith Lee

Personal information

Born	December 28, 1962 <div>West Memphis, Arkansas, U.S.</div>
Listed height	6 ft 10 in (2.08 m)
Listed weight	215 lb (98 kg)

Career information

High school	<u>West Memphis</u> (West Memphis, Arkansas)
College	<u>Memphis</u> (1981–1985)
NBA draft	1985: 1st round, 11th overall pick Selected by the <u>Chicago Bulls</u>
Playing career	1985–1995
Position	<u>Power forward</u> / <u>center</u>
Number	24

Career history

1985–1987	<u>Cleveland Cavaliers</u>
1988–1989	<u>New Jersey Nets</u>
1991	<u>Suncoast Sunblasters</u>
1991–1992	<u>Rapid City Thrillers</u>
1992–1993	<u>Independiente de Neuquén</u>
1994	<u>Memphis Fire</u>
1995	<u>Jackson Jackals</u>

Career highlights and awards

- 2× Consensus first-team All-American (1983, 1985)

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

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

Lee has the high honor of being the first-ever four-time All American.^[3]

Lee was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in the 1985 NBA draft.

In 1985, Keith Lee helped lead the Memphis State Tigers to the 1985 Final Four and was also a first team All-American. He was the first Tiger to earn AP All-America honors four times (first team as a senior). Lee helped the Tigers compile a 104–24 record with four NCAA appearances from 1982 to 1985. His 2,408 career points are a Tiger record, and his number was retired in 1985.

Professional

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

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

See also

- List of NCAA Division I men's basketball players with 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds

References

- Consensus second-team All-American (1984)
- 2× Metro Conference Player of the Year (1982, 1985)
- 4× First-team All-Metro Conference (1982–1985)
- No. 24 retired by Memphis Tigers

Career statistics

Points 1,114 (6.1 ppg)

Rebounds 861 (4.7 rpg)

Blocks 110 (0.6 bpg)

Stats (<https://www.nba.com/player/77361>) at **NBA.com**

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Ronnie Robinson (basketball)

Ronnie Robinson (March 9, 1951 – May 8, 2004)^{[1][2][3]} was an American basketball player.

Robinson played high school basketball at Memphis Melrose High School, where one of his teammates was his future college and professional teammate, Larry Finch.^[4]

Robinson played college basketball in his hometown at Memphis State University.^{[5][6]} Robinson, Finch and Larry Kenon led Memphis State to the 1973 Final Four; the Tigers lost to the undefeated, Bill Walton-led UCLA Bruins in the Finals.^[7] Affectionately nicknamed "The Big Cat" for his leaping ability, Robinson is one of eight University of Memphis Tigers basketball players to have his jersey number retired by the school.^[8]

A 6'8", 225 pound forward, Robinson finished his college career prior to the ABA-NBA merger and thus was selected in the fourth round of the 1973 NBA draft by the Phoenix Suns and in the first round of the 1973 ABA Draft by the Utah Stars.^{[9][10]} Robinson opted for the American Basketball Association and began the 1973–74 season with the Stars. In January, the Memphis Tams traded Johnny Neumann to Utah for Robinson, Glen Combs, Mike Jackson and cash.^[11] With the Stars and Tams throughout the 1973–74 season, Robinson appeared in 62 games, averaging 6.4 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.^{[12][13]}

Ronnie Robinson

Personal information

Born

March 9, 1951

Memphis, Tennessee

Died

March 8, 2004 (aged 52)

Memphis, Tennessee

Nationality

American

Listed height

6 ft 8 in (2.03 m)

Listed weight

200 lb (91 kg)

Career information

High school

Memrose (Memphis, Tennessee)

College

Memphis (1970–1973)

NBA draft

1973: 4th round, 60th overall pick

Selected by the Phoenix Suns

Position

Power forward

Number

33, 35, 31

Career history

1973–1974

Utah Stars

1974–1975

Memphis Tams / Sounds

Career highlights and awards

- 3x First-team All-MVC (1971–1973)
- No. 33 retired by Memphis Tigers

Stats (<https://www.basketball-reference.com/player/s/r/robinro01.html>) at **Basketball Reference**

Robinson spent the 1974–75 season with the Memphis Sounds.^[14] With the Sounds, Robinson appeared in only 10 games, averaging 4.0 points and 2.7 rebounds per game.^[15]

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Bingo Smith

Robert "Bingo" Smith (February 26, 1946 – October 26, 2023) was an American professional basketball player. He played for the San Diego Rockets, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the San Diego Clippers.

College career

Smith played for the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. It was there where he got his nickname of Bingo when Len Morton, the announcer, would yell "Bingo" each time he scored.

Playing career

With the sixth pick in the first round of the 1969 NBA draft, the San Diego Rockets selected Smith. A year later, he was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 1970 Expansion Draft. In his first game with the team, he scored 21 points. He helped contribute to the Cavaliers winning the NBA Central Division title in 1976, and was part of the Miracle at Richfield, winning Game 2 of the Semifinals vs the Washington Bullets.^[1]

In 11 seasons, Smith played in 865 games and logged 22,407 minutes. Smith was especially noted for his ability to hit jump shots from long range. His outside jump shots often were taken from today's 3 point range. For his career, he recorded a .449 field goal percentage (4,776 FGs made out of 10,642 attempts). Smith also had a .798 free throw rate (1,307-of-1,637) and also accounted for 3,630 total

Bingo Smith



Smith in 1969

Personal information

Born	February 26, 1946 <div>Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.</div>
Died	October 26, 2023 (aged 77) <div>Akron, Ohio, U.S.</div>
Listed height	6 ft 5 in (1.96 m)
Listed weight	195 lb (88 kg)

Career information

High school	<u>Melrose</u> (Memphis, Tennessee)
College	<u>Tulsa</u> (1966–1969)
NBA draft	1969: 1st round, 6th overall pick Selected by the <u>San Diego Rockets</u>
Playing career	1969–1980
Position	<u>Small forward</u> , <u>shooting guard</u>
Number	32, 7

Career history

<u>1969–1970</u>	<u>San Diego Rockets</u>
<u>1970–1979</u>	<u>Cleveland Cavaliers</u>

rebounds, 1,734 assists and 10,882 points. Smith was known for his rainbow jumper, now utilized by other forwards such as Dirk Nowitzki.

His best season was in 1974, when he scored 15.9 points per game and had a .483 field goal percentage.

Smith played the full 82 games in four of his seasons, but he also led the league in turnover percentage in his final three seasons. He scored his 10,000th point in the middle of the 1979 season.

On October 27, 1979, he was traded for a 3rd round draft pick (used to pick Stuart House) to the San Diego Clippers. Oddly enough, the Cavaliers retired his number over a month later, while he was still playing with the Clippers. Fittingly, he ended his career in the same place it had started. After one season (the first year that the three point line was instituted), he was drafted by the Dallas Mavericks in 1980 Expansion Draft, but he never played for them, retiring at the age of 34.

Smith was inducted into the University of Tulsa Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984. His number 7 has been retired by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Smith is third all time in games played with the Cavaliers, fifth in minutes played, sixth in points, third in field goals and field goal attempts, and third in turnover percentage.

Smith was a member of the 2016 class (<http://ohiobasketballhalloffame.com/hall-of-fame/inductees/2016/bingo-smith.html>) of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame (<http://ohiobasketballhalloffame.com>). In 2020, Tulsa retired Smith's number 32.^[2] He died on October 26, 2023.^[3]

Personal life and death

On April 1, 2009, Smith suffered a stroke. He was divorced, had five children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.^[4]

Smith died on October 26, 2023, at the age of 77.^[5]

1979–1980

San Diego Clippers

Career highlights and awards

- No. 7 retired by Cleveland Cavaliers
- Third-team All-American – AP (1969)
- MVC Player of the Year (1969)
- First-team All-MVC (1969)
- No. 32 retired by Tulsa Golden Hurricane

Career NBA statistics

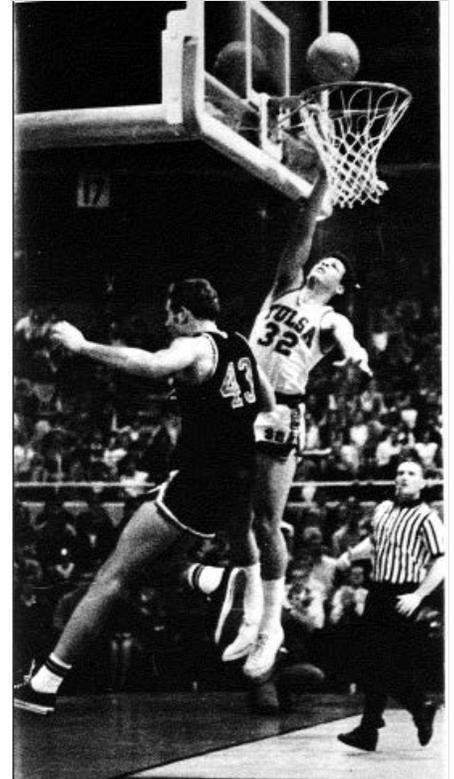
Points 10,882 (12.6 ppg)

Rebounds 3,630 (4.2 rpg)

Assists 1,734 (2.0 apg)

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Stats (<https://www.basketball-reference.com/player/s/s/smithbi02.html>) at **Basketball Reference**



Smith in 1969

NBA career statistics



Smith's Jersey Hanging
At Rocket Mortgage
Field House

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

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
<u>1969–70</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	75	—	16.0	.427	—	.688	4.4	1.0			7.3
<u>1970–71</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	77	—	30.3	.448	—	.761	5.6	3.4			15.2
<u>1971–72</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	82	—	33.3	.443	—	.795	6.1	3.0			15.0
<u>1972–73</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	73	—	14.6	.444	—	.790	2.7	1.5			8.2
<u>1973–74</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	82	—	31.9	.443	—	.822	5.3	2.4	1.1	.4	14.8
<u>1974–75</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	82	—	32.1	.483	—	.825	5.0	2.8	1.0	.3	15.9
<u>1975–76</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	81	—	28.9	.442	—	.816	4.2	1.9	.7	.4	13.6
<u>1976–77</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	81	—	26.4	.446	—	.818	3.9	1.9	.8	.4	14.5
<u>1977–78</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	82	—	19.3	.439	—	.800	2.5	1.1	.5	.3	10.3
<u>1978–79</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	72	—	22.9	.460	—	.783	2.9	1.7	.6	.1	11.2
<u>1979–80</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	8	—	16.9	.458	.200	.875	1.8	.9	.4	.3	9.3
	<u>San Diego</u>	70	—	28.4	.430	.289	.869	3.5	1.3	.8	.2	11.7
Career ^[6]		865	—	25.9	.449	.284	.798	4.2	2.0	.8	.3	12.6

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
<u>1976</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	13	—	29.2	.433	—	.880	3.3	2.3	.8	.2	12.6
<u>1977</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	3	—	19.0	.231	—	1.000	2.7	1.3	1.0	.3	7.0
<u>1978</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	2	—	17.0	.615	—	—	1.5	.5	.5	.0	8.0
Career		18	—	26.1	.407	—	.893	3.0	1.9	.8	.2	11.2

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Van Snider 1937-2022

Charles Van Snider (Van) was born March 15, 1937, in Knoxville, TN. He attended East High School and went on to play basketball at the University of Tennessee in the mid-1950s. After graduating from UT, he began medical school at the University of Arkansas. While there, he became involved with coaching youth basketball at his church.

After earning his doctorate and serving in the military, Dr. Snider and his wife (Vicki) settled in Memphis in the mid-1960s. He started the Memphis Children's Clinic, which still operates to this day. While working full time as a Pediatrician, Dr. Snider (as all his players called him) quickly got back into coaching youth basketball. In the early 1970s, he started Memphis' first AAU/Jr. Olympic team, a 13-under team known as the Bellevue War Eagles. They competed in city, state, and national tournaments. Right out of the gate, they started dominating the mid-south and beyond! They won city, state, and national championships, and even World Cup championships in Europe. **see accompanying list of championships*

Dr. Snider's approach to coaching was different than most. He had a quiet demeanor and never raised his voice to players or referees. When he spoke, however, he commanded attention. He ran the team with utter professionalism and exposed his players to numerous travel opportunities. His players never paid for uniforms, shoes, hotels, buses, planes, and even food while on the road. Travel took them to Gatlinburg, TN annually (always a favorite) but also to national and international destinations for championship tournaments - Las Vegas, San Antonio, and Stockholm, Sweden just to name a few.

More than teaching and growing basketball skills, Dr. Snider's most important charge was to point people to Christ. Through devotionals and coaching, he showed authentic Christianity and expressed God's love for all. He had an immensely positive impact on young men, challenging them to live with integrity, honor, and kindness.

Although Dr. Snider retired from coaching 20 years ago, the War Eagles still exist today. He was privileged to have coached some of the best basketball players in Tennessee. An impressive list of War Eagle alumni continues to grow today! **see accompanying list (partial)*

Thank you for your consideration,



John F Snider

Championships: (there are more in later years, but I don't have the full list compiled)

TN State Champions: 1975 - 1982, 1984, 1988, 1990...beyond

Southeastern Champions: 1975 - 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990...and beyond

AAU/Jr. Olympic National Champions: 1975, 1992

AAU/Jr. Olympic National Runner-Up (Silver): 1979, 1993, 1998, 1999

National Top 10: 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984-1990

World Cup Champions: 1983, 1985 (15-u), 1995

Jr. Pro National Champions: 1985, 1990

Jr. Pro National Runner-Up: 1986 - 1988

Some Notable Players:

Todd Day (University of Arkansas, Milwaukee Bucks)

Drew Maddux (Vanderbilt University)

Sam Howard (Vanderbilt University)

Robert O'Kelley (Wake Forest University)

Tony Harris (University of Tennessee)

Ron Mercer (University of Kentucky, Boston Celtics)

Barrett Jones (University of Alabama, Football)

Jarnell Stokes (University of Tennessee)

Tyler Harris (University of Memphis)

John Wilfong (Memphis State University)

Kennedy Chandler (University of Tennessee)

Jayson Tatum (Duke University, Boston Celtics)

See more comprehensive list at: <https://fhgametime.com/war-eagles-alumni>

AAU coach a shaper of stars

By Gary Parrish

parrish@gomemphis.com

He coached Todd Day before you knew who Todd Day was. And he coached Ron Mercer before you knew who Ron Mercer was.

He's won two national titles and finished in the top 10 15 of the past 25 years. And only twice in that span has he ever not made the national tournament.

So if you're trying to decide who the most successful coach in Memphis basketball is these days, maybe you shouldn't go with John Calipari so fast. Nope, maybe you should consider Dr. Van Snider — the longtime coach of the best 13-and-under AAU team this city has to offer each and every summer.

He's the guy who coaches the superstars before they realize they're superstars.

"It's really a lot of fun to watch these kids advance as both players and young men," said Snider, whose Fellowship of Christian Athletes War Eagles will take on the Cincinnati Gateway Wildcats tonight at Wooddale High in the opening game of the 2001 13-and-under AAU National

AAU NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

■ **What:** Tournaments featuring the nation's best seventh grade (age 13 and under) and third grade (9 and under) boys basketball teams.

■ **When:** Today through next Sunday.

■ **Where:** 13-U — Wooddale High, Bishop Byrne High, Briarcrest, Catholic High, Ridgeway High, Melrose High and Nike facility, 5151 East Shelby Dr. 9-U — Sheffield High, Wooddale Middle and Ridgeway Baptist.

■ **Opening ceremonies:** 7:30 p.m. at Wooddale High, followed by 13-under game matching Memphis Bellevue FCA War Eagles vs. Cincinnati Gateway Wildcats.

■ **Championship games:** 13-U — at Wooddale High. 9-U — at Sheffield High.

■ **Defending champs:** 13-U — Potomac Valley Blue Devils. 9-U — Team Maryland.

Championship Tournament.

"We've had a lot of kids go on to play college and pro ball," Snider said, "and most all of them have done well."

Snider's squad will open the 13-and-under tournament tonight immediately following the opening ceremonies at Wooddale — the opening cer-

emonies that begin at 7:30 and will feature speeches from both the University of Memphis's Calipari and Grizzlies' coach Sidney Lowe.

Come Monday morning, the rest of the 13-and-under teams will begin play at several sites around town. And the 9-and-under AAU National Championship Tournament — which is also being held in Memphis — gets underway Monday morning, as well.

Snider's last national title came in 1992 when a back-court tandem of Tony Harris and Robert O'Kelley led the War Eagles to the championship. But he's been close several times since — the most recent being two summers ago when his team blew a 16-point lead in the championship game and wasted a 30-point effort from a little point guard named Andre Allen.

"That was bad coaching," Snider said with a tone of frustration still there. "You don't blow 16-point leads."

So tonight, the War Eagles will begin chasing another national title with players like Snowden's Tony Whitehead, Bolivar's Willie Kemp, Houston's Cole Bodkin and Tread-

well's Piere Niles, all of whom are rising eighth-graders.

Snider admits this team does not possess the height he would like to have heading into the national tournament. But, he said, it does have quickness and heart — which are two things Snider's seen go a long way before.

"(Tonight) is going to be a big night for us," Snider said. "To be able to play in the game following the opening ceremonies and be a part of that spectacle is big."

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: 1976 - 1985* - 1990*

NATIONAL SILVER MEDALISTS: 1979 - 1986* - 1987* - 1988*

NATIONAL TOP TEN: 1976 - 1978 - 1979 - 1981 - 1982 - 1984 - 1985 - 1986 - 1987 - 1988 - 1989 - 1990

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Todd Day (1982)*
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Patrick Martin (1985)*
Dale Shows (1985)*
Kevin Chumney (1986)*
Billy Horner (1986)*
Brian Tillman (1986)*
Sylvester Ford (1987)*
Erik Hess (1987)*
Kevin Starks (1987)*
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Dudley Strawn (1988)*
Lee Roberts (1988)
Sylvester Ford (1988)
Shannon Eaker (1988)
Taurus Wilson (1989)
Drew Maddux (1989)
Felix Jones (1990)* - MVP
Lee Jordan (1990)*
Terence Patterson (1990)* - MVP
Robert Tolbert (1990)

ALL-WORLD CUP

Chris Donnelly (1983)
Andy Parlee (1983)
Paul Provins (1983)
Steven McBride (1983) - MVP
Mark Hardy (1985)
Paul Provins (1985) - MVP

CAPTAINS

Marcus Laughlin (1975)
Jim Donnell (1976)
Scott Patterson (1976)
Van Bowden (1977)
Steve Fuson (1978)
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Keith Kessinger (1980)
David Midlick (1981)
Wade Harrison (1982)
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Michael Duncan (1983)
Bill Dowdle (1984 - 85 - 86)
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Mickey Callaway (1988)
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Jeremy Scruggs (1990)

*Junior Pro

SITE: Roanoke, Virginia

DATES: Sunday (July 14th) through Sunday (July 21st)

FORMAT: Pool play through Wednesday (July 17th), then Championship round for top two teams in each pool.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Roanoke Civic Center, Sunday, July 14th, 7:00 PM
Opening game to follow Ceremonies

SCHEDULE: As of this printing, schedules for our team have not been received. First round game most likely Monday, July 15th.

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TRANSPORTATION: The team will leave from CBHS parking area (Walnut Grove @ I-240) at 9:45 AM on Friday, July 12th. We will return to the same location after our final game in the tournament. Our latest time to return would be Monday evening (July 22nd) if we were to advance to the final day of play.

GAME: We will play the Mid-Tenn Travelers 14-U basketball team while on our trip to Roanoke. This game will be played at Centerville High School at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 12th.

EXPENSES: Transportation, lodging and food will be paid by the team for each player. The only extra expenses will be for souvenirs, items bought at gamesites or other areas we might visit during the trip. Expenses for any attractions or other extra events that all the players attend will be paid by the team.

BANK: So that players need not carry large amounts of money, we will have a deposit envelop that each player may put most of his cash on the first day. Each day thereafter the BANK will open and each player will have the opportunity to withdraw as much of his money as needed.

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Coach's Corner

Van Snider, M.D.

A Quiet Little Dynasty Out East

by David Tankersley

Inside a medical office for children in Germantown, Dr. Van Snider asks me to wait just a bit while he takes care of one last young patient. I'm at his office at noon on Saturday. I'm accustomed to waiting for doctors, but not to talk about championship basketball teams. And, this time, my wait isn't too long, and the chat is well worth any amount of time reading *Working Woman* in the Well Baby Room.

Van Snider is somewhat of a legend as a coach. That's pretty amazing, considering his age. I'm sure that he would scoff at the word "legend." But, before I had the opportunity to meet him, several sports tipsters had commented: "Man, do you know Van Snider? His Bellevue teams are always something."

So, we talk. Van Snider grew up in East Tennessee, went to school at East High School there and went to the University of Tennessee. He was on the basketball team, but is quick to point out that this was not in the

heyday of SEC basketball (excluding Kentucky), and he did not see much playing time. Okay, but he *was* on the team. After graduating from Medical School in Arkansas and moving to Memphis for residency and internship, Van Snider soon found himself at the helm of somewhat of a dynasty.

The Memphis Bellevue War Eagles is an AAU/Jr. Olympic tournament team of 12/13 year olds. Through the years, the team roster has included some of the biggest names in local basketball: Todd Day, Sylvester Ford, Chris Donnelly, John Wilfong, Ben Spiva, Dale Shows, and some names now active on the high school scene: Felix Jones, Martiness Henderson, Michael Wilcheck, Sammy Stover (Briarcrest); Travis Chapman (CBHS) and Jeremy Scruggs (CBHS football); Tony Harris (East); Zack Moore (Houston), Terrence Patterson (Germantown) and so many more. I had to ask, "Where was Anfernee Hardaway? Did he play for you guys?" Dr. Snider is quick to



Van Snider (left) oversees practice of the Bellevue War Eagles

remind me of my sports knowledge faux pas. "Well, you know Hardaway didn't play organized basketball until he was fourteen." Snider's team is comprised of 12/13 year olds.

"The Memphis Bellevue War Eagles is a competitive team. You know there are two kinds of team for that age of youngster, the recreational and competitive. Our team is for those youngsters who are focusing on basketball. We try to teach fundamental skills in a competitive framework." Youngsters are given very "objective" tests to determine whether they make the squad, including passing, ball handling, agility, shooting, and speed. Twelve skills are tested, with the top ten scores being averaged. But, Snider is quick to point out, "We miss some good kids."

From the aforementioned roster of former and current prep and college stars, it's apparent that fine tuning fundamentals is a strong point of Snider's coaching staff. There are three other coaches for the War Eagles: Frank Harris; Eric Harris and Kenneth Mealer.

On the competitive side of things, the youngsters playing for Snider's teams fall into a legacy of talent. And, they do win. Just a quick look at the list of accomplishments of the Bellevue War Eagles through the years: National Top Ten: 1976, '78, '79, '81, '82, '84 - '93; National Silver Medalists: 1979, '86, '87, '88, '93; National Champions 1976, '85, '90, 91, '92, '94; World Cup Champions 1983;

'85, '92. Many of these years, his teams took both the Junior Olympic and Junior Pro Championships. And, this list does not include the countless number of times his teams have taken the Tennessee State Championship and the Southeastern Championship. The War Eagles have never lost a game in international competition.

For a lot of kids, The Bellevue War Eagles experience has taken them across the world to such places as Stockholm, Sweden to experience international travel that they might never have experienced had it not been for basketball. One of the highlights of Snider's career was his teams' World Championship win over the China Team. "You know, it was kind of like the U. S. baseball teams playing the perennial National China team."

He's been coaching this team for some fifteen years now, and he laughs about feeling old. "I'm now beginning to take care (in his medical practice) of some of the children of my former players."

Old? No, not yet. But he takes a certain wisdom to the game that many elder statesman of the game may not yet have discovered. And what kind of philosophy does he bring to the game? That answer is simple. His coaching youngsters boils down to one very neat observation: "You know, a kid doesn't care how much you know, but he knows how much you care." His youngsters know that Van Snider cares.

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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 excelled, winning:

5 Region Championships

1 State Semifinal in 2010

2 State Runner-ups in 2006 & 2008

1 State Championship in 2007

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

Jeff Moore

FINAL YEAR OF CONSIDERATION

Football/College and NFL

Nominated in 2020 by Bruce Thompson

Bio Attached

Steve Moore

FINAL YEAR OF CONSIDERATION

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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

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Basketball Coach

Nominated in 2023 By W.R. Kelso Jr

Bio Attached

Albert Ellison Jr

Basketball

Nominated in 2024

Jay Hood

Baseball

Nominated in 2024 by Jim Hood

Posthumous Nominees

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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SPORT Baseball

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

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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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!

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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
Phone (731) 286-3600 • Fax (731) 286-2754

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kim Worley, Director of Schools
Dyersburg City Schools



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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SPORT Basketball

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

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

NAME Michael Memphis Douglas

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

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Harlem Legends Basketball Entertainers

Michael Douglas

“Luck only happens when preparation and opportunity meet”. Michael shares this message with youth because it also guides his life. Growing up in Memphis, TN, Michael Douglas had a love for the game of basketball. His dedication and determination led him to be an outstanding basketball player at all levels.

Michael was an outstanding athlete at Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis and became a leading athlete at Dyersburg State College in Tennessee. The opportunity presented itself in 1986 for Michael to try out for the world famous Harlem Globetrotters along with 1500 other outstanding athletes. Michael was the top pick for the Harlem Globetrotters and toured with the team from 1986 -1993.

Michael has traveled to over 100 countries entertaining crowds as the 7th Showman in the history of the Harlem Globetrotters – sharing a positive attitude and embracing diversity. 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 Basketball

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

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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			7.4	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%	3PAr	FTr	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)
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1960 NCAA Tournament All-Region		1959-60 OVC 14.0 (10th)	1959-60 OVC 261 (7th)

Total Rebounds Per Game

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Free Throws

1957-58 OVC 42 (18th)

1959-60 OVC 67 (17th)

True Shooting Percentage

1958-59 OVC .405 (6th)

1959-60 OVC .486 (7th)

Free Throw Attempts

1957-58 OVC 61 (20th)

1959-60 OVC 98 (16th)

Field Goals

1958-59 OVC 134 (11th)

1959-60 OVC 163 (4th)

Games

1957-58 OVC 25 (3rd)

1958-59 OVC 26 (1st)

1959-60 OVC 28 (1st)

Field Goal Attempts

1958-59 OVC 312 (11th)

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1959-60

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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

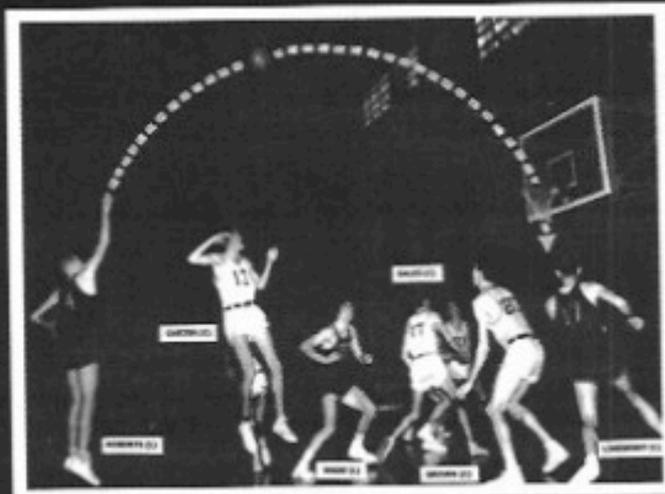
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Fred Sorrells
2007

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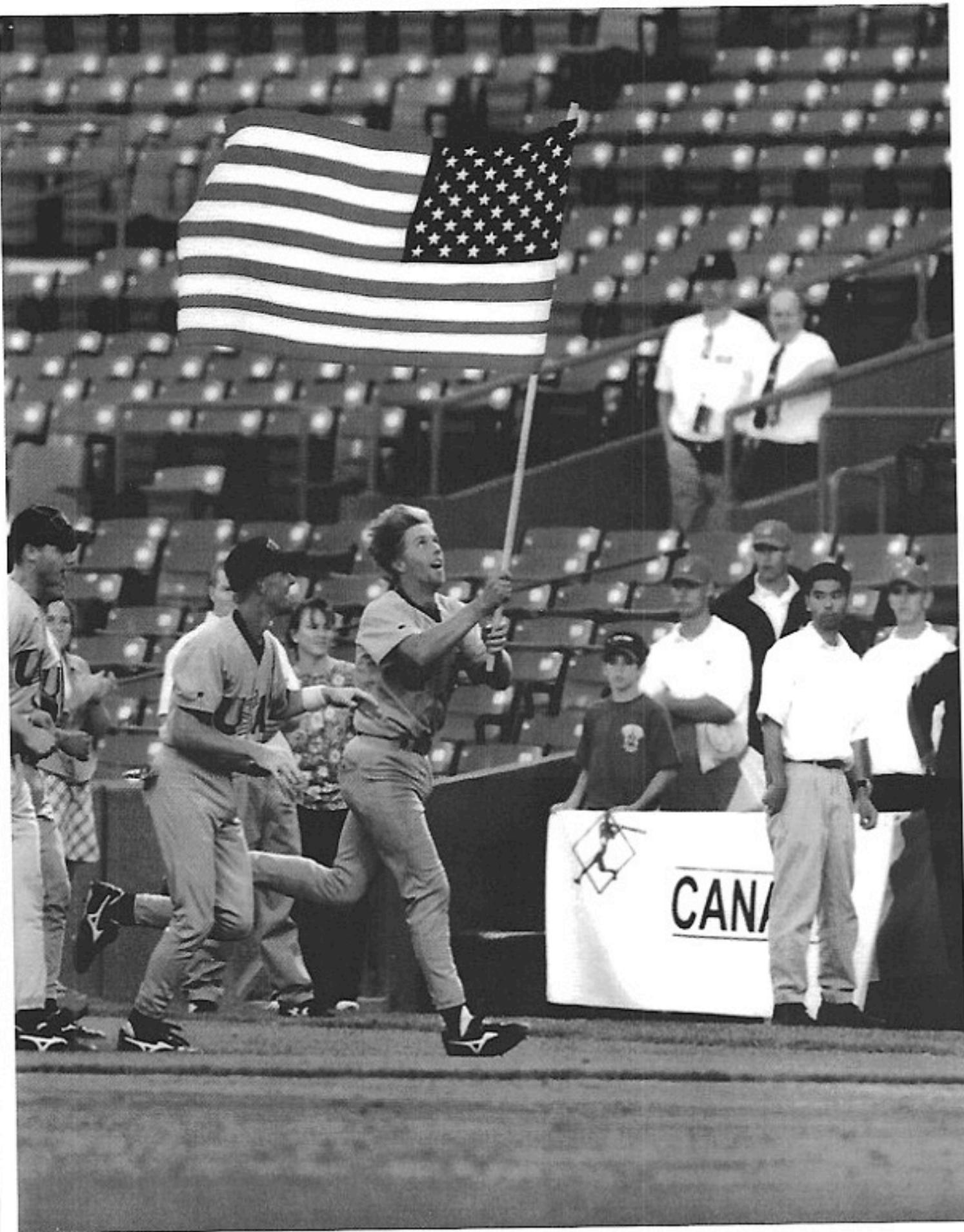
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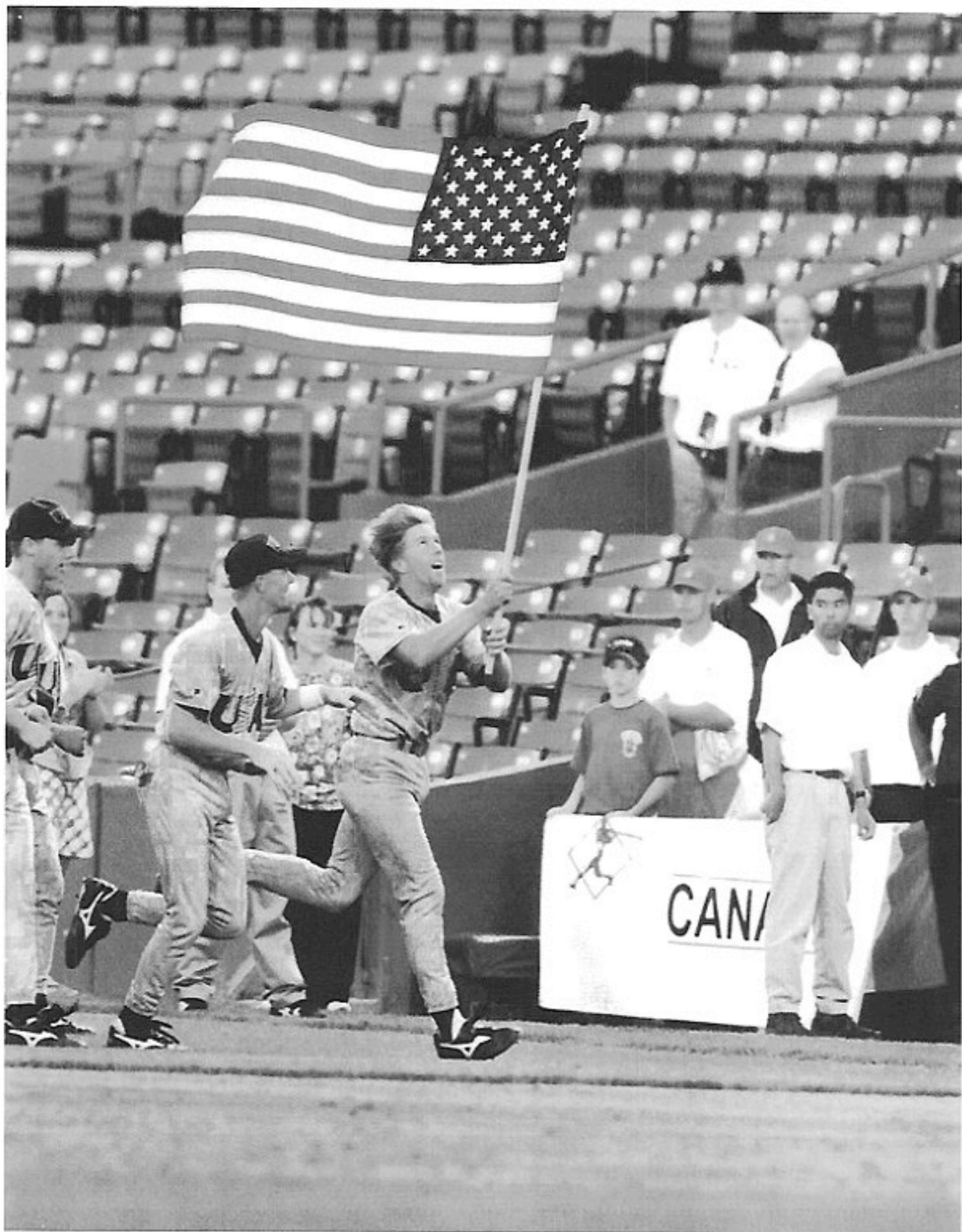
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No minimum playing time is required. However number of seasons is a factor in evaluation. Certificate amateur participation in the Memphis area shall be used as primary criteria for candidate selection (high school, college participation may be considered). 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

NOMINATED BY: Jim Hood

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City: Cordova Tenn

State: TN Zip: 38138

Home Phone: _____

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Email: J.Hood@Comcast.net

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PO Box 1445
Cordova, TN, 38016

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AND
NOMINEE INFORMATION
MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SEPT 16, 2023

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.

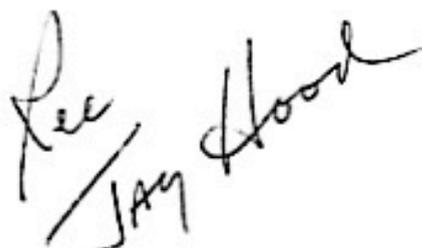
References:

- 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.

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901-461-9711

September 5, 2023

Lynn Alford
Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame
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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.

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Jim Hood

From: Johnny BEARD <beards1n@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.

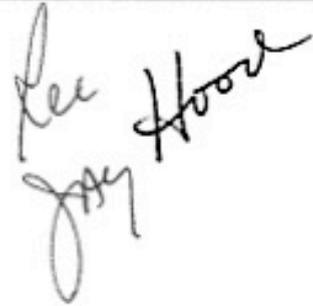
I am recommending Jay to become a member of the Memphis Amateur Hall of Fame. Thank you and please let me know if you need any other information regarding Jay.

*Johnny Beard
901-337-2327*

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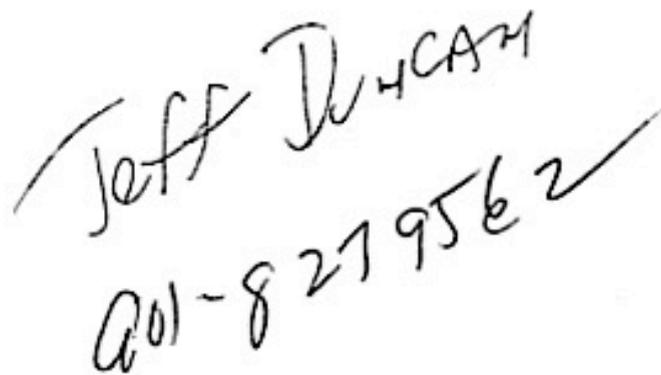
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From: Jim Hood <jhood8@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Jim Hood
Subject: Fwd: Recommendation of Jay Hood.



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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
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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.

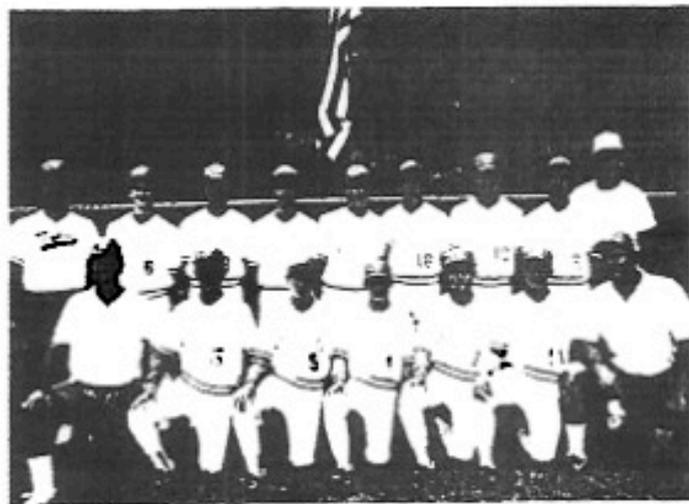
Although a little disappointed with not winning the World Series, Tigers head coach Johnny Beard said he has no complaints about the season his team experienced over the summer.

"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 new 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 4th

Global audience

The Upper Deck Classic, Down West's most prominent baseball tournament, has recently been added to the list of events that will be broadcast on the All-Star Network.

Through the World Wide Web, the tournament's coverage is available 24 hours a day. The tournament's website is located at www.upperdeck.com. For more information on the tournament, visit the website.



HAPPY PAIR—Germantown (TN) shortstop Jay Hood is congratulated by Irm Novick, 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.

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- 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)
 - Scott 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) 24, Monaroneck (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, Monaroneck 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, Monaroneck 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, Monaroneck 5
- Taylorville 4, Vista 0

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.

High School Notebook
E i k 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 be doing this 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 Ian Norrick 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 Hestman (.571-3-11) was named outstanding offensive player. Harrison (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 Fries (Escondido, Calif.) right-hander Chad Hutchinson, the nation's top high school prospect, re-asserted himself from a game after throwing one inning against Granite Hills of San Diego. He left the mound in the sixth inning, smacking his right arm after working the first three batters, hitting the fourth and allowing three runs. Tony Fries' coach Craig Scoggins was unimpressed with the mound and second baseman Phil Lawson's arm was OK. "The rumor was he was getting an operation," Scoggins said. "He's fine. He was hurt, 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 Jay Hill of WT, White (Dallas) finished four home runs and collected 10 RBIs in just two innings against Palestine (Texas). The game was called with WT, White leading 31-0. ... Alan 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 (Pinaluna, Calif.) made Palestine's history book as he walked one. ... Engaged (Texas) ace right-hander Andy Young (Baylor) hit 3 prospects and Jeff Acosta (Pa. St.) combined on a double, Walkout 3-1 victory over Eisenhower (Aldine, Texas). ... New Hampshire (Wilington, N.C.) first baseman Shermun 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 Hanover HS	Wilmington, N.C.	36-0
2	El Paso HS	Fort Worth, Texas	27-1
3	Andover HS	Andover, Mass.	24-1
4	Central Florida HS	Orlando, Fla.	22-1
5	Germanatowa HS	Germanatowa, Tenn.	22-0
6	Essex HS	Essex, N.J.	22-0
7	Fountain Valley HS	Fountain Valley, Calif.	20-2
8	Englewood HS	Englewood, Colo.	20-2
9	Green Valley HS	Henderson, Nev.	21-2
10	Mission Bay HS	San Diego	14-1
11	Milligan HS	Long Beach	13-2
12	Essex HS	Essex, N.J.	20-4
13	St. Xavier HS	Cincinnati	15-1
14	Petaluma HS	Petaluma, Calif.	21-1
15	Cathedral HS	Cathedral, Calif.	12-0

Rank	Team	City	W-L
16	Thomas (Cuba) HS	Thomas, Ga.	20-2
17	Mount Carmel HS	San Diego	17-2
18	Bishop Amat HS	La Puente, Calif.	18-2
19	Clare Hill HS	Midvale, Va.	9-1
20	Trenton HS	Swanton, N.Y.	22-2
21	St. Mary HS	Fort Ord, Wash.	10-2
22	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	Fort Lauderdale	20-2
23	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	Fort Lauderdale	20-4
24	Carroll HS	Carroll, Mo.	13-1
25	Pathway West HS	St. Louis	13-0

Others receiving votes: ARKANSAS—Bryant HS, COLO-RADO—Arvada West HS, FLORIDA—Jesuit HS, Tampa; KENTUCKY—Pleasure Ridge Park HS, LOUISIANA—Bella 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, Waterford (N.Y.) HS; Mike Maloney, Forest Park (Ga.) HS; Fred Oliver, Lake (Texas) HS; George Pelt, Central Gibson HS; Fort Lauderdale, Bill Johnson, Chocoma (Mo.) 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 Barrett, ss.	Pace Academy, Atlanta	.501	72	44	49	8	6	7	37	21
Ben Davis, c.	Melvin (Pa.) Prep	.538	32	15	21	2	4	5	19	0
Chad Hermanson, ss.	Green Valley HS, Henderson, Nev.	.410	74	44	30	10	4	6	30	12
Jay Hood, ss.	Germanatowa (Tenn.) HS	.473	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.	Tony Fries HS, Escondido, Calif.	6	0	1.47	7	0	20	27	16	64
Phil Lowery, rhp.	Casa Grande HS, Pinaluna, Calif.	6	0	0.49	6	0	42	11	8	80
Mike Scoville, rhp.	Frederic (Mass.) HS	2	0	0.50	2	0	18	11	4	31
Kerry Wood, rhp.	Grand Prairie (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.

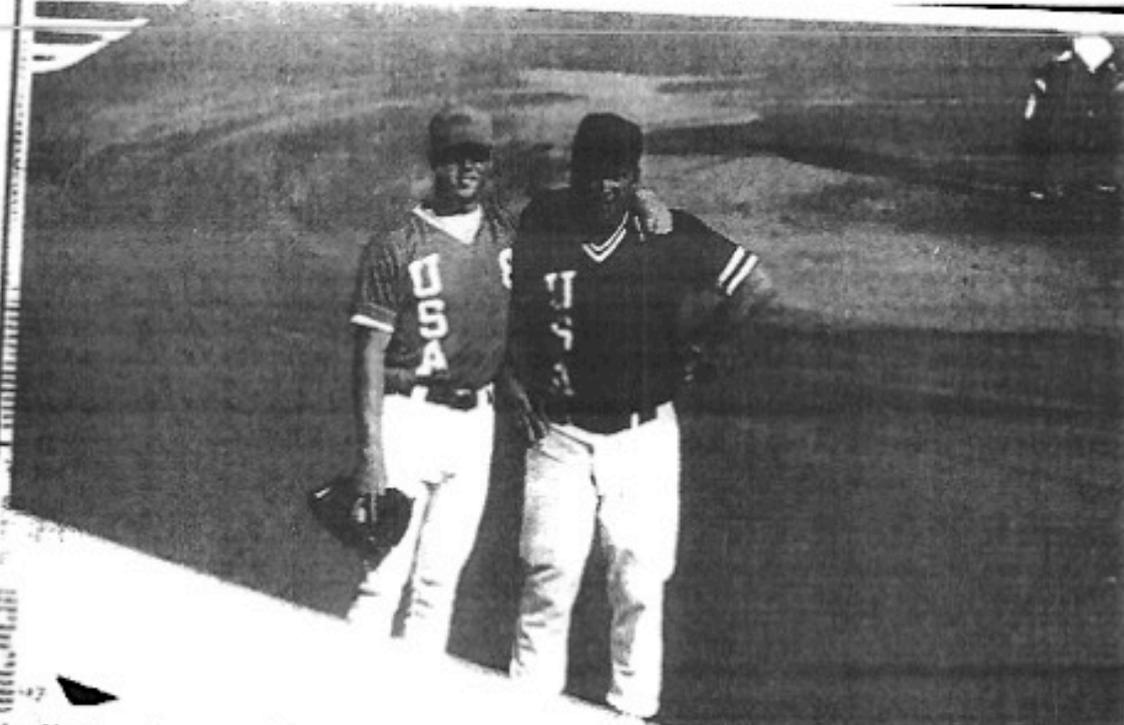
Sarasota (FL), No. 6, Kingwood (TX) No. 7, Mission Bay (CA) No. 8, Green Valley (NV) No. 9 and Millikan (CA) completed the first 10.

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-Harize; Missouri-Peale; Arkansas-Van Buren; Colorado-Arroyo West; Cherry Creek; Connecticut-New Dawn; DC-St. John's; Delaware-Woodbridge; Florida-St. Thomas Aquinas; Texas-Hewitt-Carlisle; Idaho-Nampa; Illinois-Morris; Indiana-Eckman; Tipton; Kansas-Shoreline Heights; Kentucky-Pearson Ridge Park; Louisiana-Berth; Maine-Bugay; Massachusetts-Lowell; Michigan-Divine Child; Minnesota-Cretin-Derham; Ohio; Missouri-Cape Central; Parkway West; Nebraska-Pepitone-LaVette; Wisconsin; New Hampshire-Canaan; New Jersey-Texas River South; New Mexico-Carlsbad; Farmington; New York-Caring East; George Washington; North Carolina; Ohio-Glen Oak; Westerville North; Oregon-Mazama; Pennsylvania-Berwyn; Rhode Island-Bishop Hendricken; South Carolina-West Florence; Texas-Brewster Westbrook; Bellini; Delaware-Delaware; Pennsylvania-Duquesne; 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 Jaronczyk, 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 - 8/95

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 RHI 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 pressing 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.

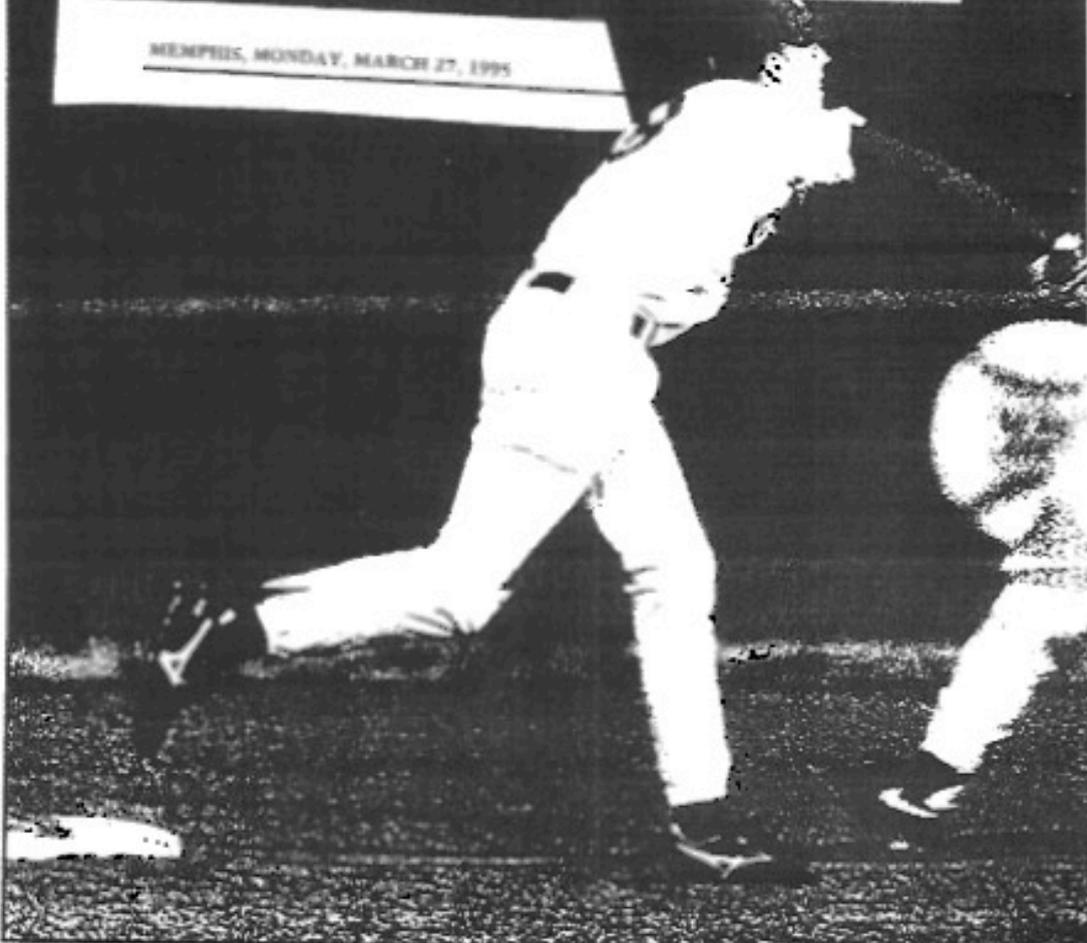
"We wanted him from the first time I laid eyes on him," said Hall. "He's a great shortstop — and certainly one of the top shortstops in the country."

Hall admits Hood's wide

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

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 pro 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."



Shortstop Jay Hood at Germantown.



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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 NFHS 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



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

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

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

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

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

**Moore Brothers
Hall of Fame Facts**

Vincent Moore

Hillcrest High School

High School 4 year starter at Quarterback
3 year Letterman in track & Field

All District 16 AAA (2)

All City (2)

All State (1)

Selected to TN All Star Team

1985 State Championship Game MVP

1000 yd Rushing 1000 yds Passing

McDonalds All American

Vanguard High School Player of the year
Lions Player of the Year

University of Tennessee

1 yr starter at Wide receiver

2 yr letterman indoor track

Career Highlights

Winning Touchdown vs Ole Miss, 1989 on a 2 yard reverse

1990 Sugar Bowl

3 catches 128 yards

Selected to Play in

1991 Sugar Bowl Started at WR for 6 PR

Selected to 1991 NFL Draft

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 31

3 year starting center for the Rams

1982 AFC Champion

1983 Superbowl Runner UP

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



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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 1985-1987, 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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