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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2002 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON - Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up the 15th class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class was announced at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing held today at Connemara Golf Course in Nicholasville.

The class of 2002 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for March 12, 2002 in Lexington. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 274.

The 2002 class is as follows:

BILLY RAY CASSADY – Led Inez to the 1954 State Basketball Championship, scoring 94 points in four games...Finished with 2,293 career points.

JERRY EAVES – An All-America basketball player at Ballard High School in Louisville...Helped the Bruins to back-to-back Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament appearances in 1976 and 1977, including a State Championship in 1977.

JOE FORD – A multi-sport athlete from Mayfield...Earned 12 varsity letters in football, baseball and basketball...Was an All-State performer in basketball and named to numerous All-America teams in football.

JACK GIVENS – A three-time All-State boys' basketball star and All-America performer at Bryan Station High School in Lexington...Helped the Defenders to a State Tournament appearance in 1972...Later helped the University of Kentucky to a NCAA title in 1978.

RAY PIGMAN – Was an outstanding football and basketball star from Whitesburg.

LEA WISE-PREWITT – An All-America girls' basketball star for Lafayette High School in Lexington. Helped the Lady Generals to two Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament appearances, including the state title in 1979...Continues to be involved with girls' basketball, working on the Kentucky Utilities/KHSAA Statewide Basketball Radio Network.

DON RICHARDSON – Longtime baseball and basketball coach from Madison Central...Coached the Indians to over 950 wins on the baseball diamond and 350 wins on the basketball hardwood...His 1982 baseball squad finished a perfect 40-0 en route to capturing the State Championship...Coached the boys' basketball squad to a State Tournament appearance in 1987.

DON RINGSTAFF – Basketball all-star from Livingston Central...Shares the State Tournament record of 20 free throws made in a game...Later coached his alma mater to over 300 wins in basketball.

BEVERLY ROBY – Successful girls' basketball coach at Marion County...Finished with a 392-144 career coaching record, guiding four teams to State Basketball Tournament appearances.

WES STRADER – Veteran radio announcer from Bowling Green...Announced games of the Boys' State Basketball tournament for over 37 years before joining the Kentucky Utilities/KHSAA Statewide Basketball Radio Network team in 2001.

NEWTON THOMAS – Legendary coach from Horse Cave...His teams captured two State Negro League titles and one National runner-up finish.

JACK WISE – An All-State basketball player from Stamping Ground...Also an outstanding high school basketball and football official that later served as a regional basketball supervisor of officials for the KHSAA.

Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor was accepted.

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