



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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2011 DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED

A 13-member class will be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame in 2011, the KHSAA Board of Control has announced. Among the inductees are J.R. VanHoose, a boys' basketball legend from Paintsville and four-time state tennis individual state champion Tim Cooper.

Members of the 2011 induction class are:

Leonard Carpenter – One of the most prolific scorers in Kentucky basketball history, Carpenter scored 3,003 career points at Salyersville High School. At the time of his graduation, Carpenter was the first player in state history to achieve the mark.

Kristie Combs – An outstanding basketball player for M.C. Napier High School, Combs set several state records during her career. Combs finished her career with 2,792 points and 586 assists. She led the Lady Navajos to the 1994 state championship, winning the tournament most valuable player award in the process.

Gladys Coomes Thompson – A member of the 1927 girls state basketball champion West Louisville squad, the Daviess County native never lost her love for basketball. Her pioneering spirit made female athletics in Kentucky the experience it is for generations of student-athletes.

Tim Cooper – Cooper finished his high school career at St. Xavier in 1970 with a 123-0 record and four consecutive individual state tennis championships. He was also an all-district, all-region and all-state performer in basketball.

Mike Deaton – An all-state athlete in two sports as well as a state champion hurdler, Deaton was awarded 18 letters at Green County High School for football, baseball and track. He was also named a scholastic All-American in football.

Earl V. Driskell Jr. – Driskell has enjoyed more than seven decades in athletics as a coach and official. In addition to coaching for 35 years at four different schools, Driskell continues in his seventh decade as an official in a career that began in the late 1940s and includes numerous awards.

Beth Wilkerson Hammond – A gifted basketball player, Wilkerson excelled for Paris High School, leading the school to a state runner-up finish in 1977. Her individual accomplishments include a 20-point and 11-rebound per game average, 1,600 career points, Parade First-Team All-American, 1979 Miss Basketball and a distinguished collegiate career at Old Dominion.

Gary Kidwell – A longtime supporter of high school athletics in northeastern Kentucky, Kidwell served as basketball coach at Lewis County High School for 20 years, baseball coach for 12 and football coach for 10, as well as athletic director for nearly two decades. Kidwell also is a longtime baseball and softball umpire and served on the KHSAA Board of Control, in addition to Commissioner of the Eastern Kentucky Conference since 2001. Kidwell has served as sports editor of the Lewis County Herald since 1975 and continues to host a weekly sports show on WKKS radio in Vanceburg after 35 years.

Richard "Dick" Morse – His outstanding four-sport officiating career began in 1960 with baseball and basketball and continued to football, where Morse called 30 playoff games. In 1995, Morse was named the Kentucky Official of the Year and in 2002 was awarded Supervisor of the Year.

Felton Spencer – A standout at Eastern High School in the mid-1980s, Spencer helped the Eagles to a pair of 7th Region championships and a spot on the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Team in 1986. He followed with a standout career at the University of Louisville, followed by a lengthy NBA career.



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Joey Stockton – A nine-time state track champion and Kentucky Mr. Football finalist, Stockton excelled at North Hardin High School. He was named Mr. Track in back-to-back years as well as Kentucky Male Athlete of the Year his senior year in 1993-1994.

J.R. VanHoose – A schoolboy legend at Paintsville High School, VanHoose led the Tigers to the 1996 state championship and a runner-up finish in 1998. VanHoose finished his career with 3,095 points and 2,069 rebounds, one of only a handful of players to accomplish the feat. Among the individual honors bestowed upon VanHoose are Parade All-American, USA and Gatorade Player of the Year and 1998 Kentucky Mr. Basketball. VanHoose also enjoyed a standout career at Marshall University.

Larry Vaught – The sports editor of the Danville Advocate-Messenger for more than three decades, Vaught has spent his entire career promoting and recognizing high school student-athletes that would have otherwise gone unnoticed.

The group will be introduced at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Outing at the Marriott Griffin Gate on June 29. The induction ceremony for the group is scheduled for April 16, 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

May 27-29	State Tennis Tournament – Boone Tennis Center and Sayre Athletic Complex, Lexington
June 3 & 5	State Track and Field Meet – Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 11-12	State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 14-19	Forcht Bank/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament at Applebee’s Park, Lexington
June 29	Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Outing at the Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington
June 25-July 9	Dead Period

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