

## **1992 Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame Inductees**

**John "Sonny" Allen** - Sonny Allen was "Mr. Everything" in high school basketball in 1946 as he led coach Bob Laughlin's Breckinridge Training School to the state championship...Breckinridge Training to this day is considered one of the finest teams in Kentucky history; two other Eagles, Frank Fraley and Don Battson, joined Allen on the All-State Tournament team...Allen captained the All-State team in 1946, leading all vote getters...In its march to the title, Breckinridge Training beat Williamsburg 53-43, Owensboro 52-42, Valley 48-28 and Dawson Springs 68-36...Allen was named "Star of Stars" in the 1946 Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game...He also was Most Valuable Player in the 1946 16th Regional Tournament...Allen also was an outstanding coach at Breckinridge, leading his 1963 team to the State Tournament...His basketball record was 175-100 and his baseball record was 225-25...He was director of athletics at Breckinridge from 1953 to 1963.

**Henry B. Bell** - "Red" Bell is one of the finest high school basketball players in Lexington history...He starred for Douglass High from 1955-58...In 1955, as a sophomore, he led Douglass to the runner-up position in the Negro High School State Tournament and the team went on to win runner-up honors in the national tournament...He averaged 30 points per game in 1957 and in 1958 set a Lexington record for most points scored in a single game (54), a record that remained until the 1989-90 season...Bell started officiating in 1974 and developed into one of Kentucky's finest referees...One of the most respected men in officiating, he has been chosen to work seven State Basketball Tournaments.

**Bowman "Bo" Davenport** - Immensely popular Bo Davenport qualified for the Hall of Fame two ways, as an All-State player who led his Bowling Green team to the 1943 State Tournament and as a coach who led Edmonson County to the state championship in 1976...Edmonson County beat Betsy Layne 77-72, Harrison County 61-57, Shelby County 53-52 and Christian County 74-52 in the final...Edmonson broke a seven-year reign by larger schools...He taught and coached 32 years, winning 526 and losing 432...All of those years were with small schools, Clarkson, Grayson County and Edmonson County...He also officiated basketball for 20 years...In addition to being a basketball star at Bowling Green High, he also played football and baseball, winning nine letters in all...He was All-District and All-Regional three years and made third team All-State the year before he collected first-team honors.

**Jeff Fitch** - Jeff Fitch did it all as Kentucky's pre-eminent wrestler during his career at Woodford County from 1968-74...As a 12-year-old sixth grader in 1968, he was the youngest varsity wrestler in the nation and also the youngest to wrestle in the State Tournament...When he was graduated, he held the record for most high school victories, 167...He was state champion three years and was voted Most Valuable two times...Fitch was champion of the Central Kentucky Conference four years and conference MVP three times...He was named an All-American by Scholastic Wrestling News...His seven-year record was 167-10-1 and he won 101 consecutive matches.

**Elmer T. Gilb** - "Baldy" Gilb was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Newport High, graduating in 1925...He was All-Regional in football and played in the 1925 Sweet Sixteen® where Newport lost to eventual state champion Manual in the semifinals...In 16 years as head basketball coach at Henry Clay in the highly competitive Lexington area, he directed his teams to a 282-96 record...His Blue Devils reached the State Tournament in 1952 and 1962...His '62 team won the Ashland Invitational and was the only team to defeat state champion St. Xavier...He also was Kentucky's Coach-of-the-Year that season...He also was awarded the A.B. Chandler Award for contributions to the youngsters of Fayette County...At the time of his retirement, the Henry Clay Student Center was named in his honor and is known as the Elmer T. Gilb Student Center...One of the things he is most proud of is being named "The Outstanding Teacher of Fayette County" in 1962...Gilb joins his wife Stella in the Hall of Fame.

**Joe G. Gilly** - Joe Gilly learned shortly before his death on June 6, 1991, of his selection to the Hall of Fame...He was elated, showing everyone who visited him in the hospital the letter informing him of his selection...This is what I have lived for," he told friends...Added Gilly: "Harlan, Ky., and its people have been the allegiance of my life...My hope is that the lives I influenced on the athletic field will continue to

challenge those who follow them...My thanks is to God who gave me the love for young athletes and the capacity to inspire them"...The highlight of his distinguished coaching career at Harlan High came in 1944 when his Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones team won the state basketball championship, defeating Dayton 40-28 in the final...He was a star in three sports at Harlan High, and coached those three sports...His teams were 320-151 in basketball, 109-42 in football and 204-64 in baseball.

**K. Adele Gleaves Haswell** - Kentucky's only world-class gymnast, Adele Gleaves dominated while at Seneca High School in Jefferson County...To show how complete was her dominance, in the 1970 state meet she won all seven events!...At 14 in 1969, she was the Kentucky state all-around champion, and won the same title in a meet at Sarasota, Fla...She won the national title in vaulting at the Senior Nationals in 1970...And that same year was a member of the USA National team for all international events. In the 1971 Pan American Games at Cali, Columbia, Adele won a gold and bronze medal and in 1972 missed qualifying for the Olympics by six-tenths of a point...She was married to James J. Haswell and they had a daughter, Hayley. Adele died at 35 on March 21 1989...Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Gleaves.

**James Jeter** - James Jeter scored track victories one after another for North Hardin High School...He won the state championship in the mile four times and won the 880-800 three times...He still holds records in both the 800 and 1600...Jeter also was a standout basketball player for North Hardin, making All-State and earning a basketball scholarship to the University of Louisville...He helped North Hardin win a regional championship and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen® in 1981.

**John Simms "Shipwreck" Kelly** - "Shipwreck" Kelly won national renown for his flamboyant stunts (such as sitting on a flagpole) while playing football at the University of Kentucky and in the National Football League...But he was a solid, dependable running back with breakaway speed while playing for Springfield High...He also was a team owner in the NFL...He led the 1927 Springfield Panthers to a perfect 7-0 record...The Panthers allowed just two touchdowns to be scored against them during the entire season...Shipwreck scored 132 of his team's 223 points...He had a sensational first game at UK...On his first carry, he broke away for 40 yards...His next carry netted 16 yards...The next time he carried the ball for a spectacular 71-yard touchdown against Maryville.

**Terry Lee Mills** - Terry Mills proved his basketball prowess for Knox Central in the toughest of competition, the Sweet Sixteen® his junior and senior years...He scored 43 points and had 24 rebounds in two State Tournament games his junior year, and scored 32 points against state champion Shelby County his senior year...He was selected for the East-West and Kentucky-Indiana all-star games...He was All-State and All-State Tournament his senior year...He was All-District, All-Regional and All-Conference three years...He finished as Knox Central's all-time leading scorer with 1, 632 points...At the University of Kentucky, he was on three Southeastern Conference championships and an Associated Press national championship team under Adolph Rupp.

**Lee Thomas Mills** - Tom Mills was born in Pineville, Kentucky where he received his first experience with athletics while playing for Pineville High School under the direction of Coach Lloyd E. Patterson...Following 4 years in the U.S. Navy, he graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Physical Education and an M.A. and Rank I in School Administration...He served Kentucky schools as a teacher, coach, high school principal and superintendent for 14 years...After being a member of the High School Athletic Association Board of Control and Assistant Commissioner, he was appointed the Association's third Commissioner in 1975...He remained in that position until his retirement in 1991...Under his supervision, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association revived girls' basketball, employed the first woman assistant commissioner and initiated catastrophic insurance coverage for all high school athletes, cheerleaders and band members...Target, a drug awareness program, was established in grades 5-12...In 1988, Mills' dream became a reality when the Dawahares-KHSAA Hall of Fame and Museum was founded...Due to his low-key personality, he was never one to seek the limelight...Yet his leadership served as a beacon to those coaches and administrators who directed students participating in interscholastic sports...Tom's sense of fair play, and his conscientious

interpretation of the rules combined with his administrative ability and vision for the future, left a positive mark on every playing field and court throughout the Commonwealth.

**Bob Miller** - Bob Miller was a four-sport star at Bellevue High School (football, basketball, track and swimming)...He captained both the football and basketball teams...He was an outstanding quarterback, tailback and passer for the legendary coach Homer Jackson, being selected all-conference... He won the same honor in basketball...He was a pole vaulter in track and a diver for Bud Cavana's swim teams...He returned to Bellevue to start his coaching career in football, but it was at Newport where he gained statewide recognition for his coaching talent...His Wildcats won a conference title and played for two mythical state championships...After coaching in college, he returned to Campbell County High where his record was 85-67-7, giving him a lifetime record of 120-89-11...As an athletic administrator, he continues to serve the boys and girls of Kentucky on a statewide basis.

**Ed Miracle** - Ed Miracle has had a life-long love of Kentucky high school sports...He started as a football player at Middlesboro and for 36 years has been athletic director, official and coach...While best known for his extraordinary success at Lynch where his football teams, the Golden Bulldogs, won their Class A district 13 years, were state finalists eight times and won the championship four times, he has coached all sports...His basketball teams won over 300 games and seven district championships...His Lynch and Madison Central football teams won over 200 games...He coached the East All-Stars in 1961 and 1972, and was Class A Coach of the Year in 1970...His Class A state championships were won at Lynch in 1959, '60, '63 and '68.

**B. Joan Mitchell** - Joan Mitchell has been a leader in girls' sports statewide all of her adult life...She coached basketball, volleyball and softball...She helped initiate girls' sports in Northern Kentucky and was instrumental in founding the Northern Kentucky High School Girls' Coaches Association...She helped to get girls' sports accepted into the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference...She helped to push for non-principals to be members of the Board of Control and backed the movement that brought women members to the Board...She has officiated and directed various state events and serves as executive secretary for the K.G.S.A...She was instrumental in getting volleyball and softball accepted as sanctioned sports by the KHSAA.

**Patrick M. Payne** - Coaching in the pioneer days of basketball in Kentucky, Payne was a master...He is the only coach to win state basketball championships in both boys' and girls' tournaments...His 1932 Hazard boys' team won the title by defeating Male in the final, 15-13, when Morton Combs scored the winning goal...Combs coached the 1956 state championship Carr Creek team and won Hall of Fame honors himself. Payne's 1930 Hazard girls also won the state championship...He also was an outstanding football coach at Hazard. He later coached basketball at Manual.

**Jim Pickens** - Jim Pickens probably will be remembered most as a master coach, but he is perhaps the finest all-around athlete in the history of old Butler High in Princeton...He captained football and basketball in his junior and senior years...He was a successful football and baseball coach at Elizabethtown, Danville and Bowling Green..."It was my mission and desire to take each of my players to another level, a level where hard work, perseverance, discipline and the will to win and succeed will enhance their athletic achievements of that day and give them a stronger foundation to meet the challenges, frustrations and problems of tomorrow"...His best-known player was Bowling Green High fullback-linebacker Dale Lindsey, who went on to greatness in the NFL.

**James H. Phillips** - "As a teacher, coach and principal for 41 years in Kentucky, I tried to be firm but fair in my relationships and hope that I was important in the lives of my students," said Phillips...His players and colleagues will vouch for his success...He played for a Tolu team that reached the state finals in 1931, losing to Manual 34-23...The year before Tolu was beaten by state champion Corinth 26-25 in the semifinals...As a coach, he took his Clinton Central to the 1941 State Tournament. His Central teams went to the region nine times between 1945 and 1956.

**George Sauer** - George Sauer was a great football player at Male High, co-captaining the 1949 team, and was an outstanding coach at Shawnee High from 1960-65 before becoming an administrator...His 1965 Shawnee team has the best record in the school's history...He served on the Board of Control and was president of the KHSAA in 1976-77...He served as principal of Shawnee and Manual high schools, and as a regional superintendent of Jefferson County public schools...He ended his career as commissioner of activities and athletics for Jefferson County.

**Phil Simms** - "Whitey" Simms played football and baseball for Southern High School in the Okolona community in Jefferson County...He was a good athlete but an injury during his senior year scared away a lot of recruiters...And they didn't pay much attention even when he led coach Henderson Wilson's Trojans to the final of the Class AAAA state championship game...The big quarterback, however, proved his greatness on the collegiate level at Morehead State University and as a Super Bowl-winning quarterback with the New York Giants.

**Oran C. Teater** - Oran Teater participated in football, track and basketball for Paintsville High in the late 1930s...After World War II, he returned to his alma mater and coached all sports...As an administrator, he reorganized the Big Sandy Conference to include all sports and was active in organizing girls' sports...He served two terms on the KHSAA Board of Control and served one term as president of the Association...He retired in 1978 as superintendent of Paintsville schools.

**Paul M. Young** - As a student at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, Young played football, basketball and track...After playing football at UK under Paul "Bear" Bryant, Young returned to St. Xavier where he started a distinguished coaching and administrative career...From 1961 to 1988, he served St. Xavier as director of athletics and won many state and national awards during that time...He started soccer at St. Xavier, making the Louisville school the state's first to play the sport...He helped the KHSAA conduct state championships in several sports.