

1993 Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Stan Arnzen - Known as the "finest player to wear the Red and Black" of Newport High School, Arnzen excelled in baseball and basketball...He would later return to his alma mater for a highly successful tenure as basketball coach...His teams never had a losing record in 21 years, winning 452 games while losing only 158...Twelve of his basketball squads had 20 or more wins...Coach Arnzen took five teams to the Sweet Sixteen®, with his 1954 team advancing to the title game before losing to Inez...Perhaps the greatest tribute to this man's teaching was the fact that at one time, six of his former players held head coaching positions in the northern Kentucky area.

Jimmy Bazzell - An outstanding high school basketball player at Central High School in Clinton, he carried over his dedication and hard work as a player to his coaching career...His teams were noted for being well prepared and fundamentally sound...Coach Bazzell had a career record of 417 wins and 89 losses, and his teams made six Sweet Sixteen® basketball tournament appearances...He was a long-time active member of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and served as a coach of many high school all-star teams, and later served Allen County as a distinguished high school administrator.

Billy Bird - Billy Bird was a four-sport star, and a winner of 12 varsity letters at Corbin High School...He was named to All-State teams in basketball and track...He was twice All-State in football, and was a high school All-American during his senior year...He once scored 10 touchdowns and six extra points for 66 points in a football game against Williamsburg, at the time the sixth highest mark in prep history...He scored a total of 336 points during his high school football career.

Calvin Bird - This outstanding athlete earned 10 varsity letters at Corbin High School...He was named to the All-tournament team in every tournament in which he played...An outstanding sprinter in track, he won the 100 and 200-yard dash during his junior and senior year in high school...In football, he was known as the "magnificent running machine"...He led his team to a mythical state championship in 1955, and followed in 1956 by setting a then-state record of 264 points for the season...He was an All-State and high school All-American selection in football in both 1955 and 1956.

Jerry Bird - This Corbin High School standout was an outstanding football player, but excelled in basketball...He led the Redhounds to 90 wins and 15 losses, and three consecutive Sweet Sixteen® appearances...In 1952, Jerry was selected to the All-tournament team in the State Tournament...He also was selected as the Most Valuable Player in five all-star games...He was selected to many high school All-America teams during his prep career.

Rodger Bird - The youngest of the Corbin standouts from the Bird family, Rodger was a varsity letter winner during all four years at Corbin in football, basketball and track...He was a regional track winner during each of those four years, and was an All-District performer on the basketball court...It was in football where he excelled, leading his teams to 35 wins and 7 losses during his career...He scored 212 points during the 1960 football campaign, was an All-State selection in 1960-61, and an All-American in 1961.

Pearl Combs - This "Mountain Legend" began his coaching career at Vicco...It was later at Hindman where he left his mark on the high school basketball world, despite the small size of the school...His well-drilled teams earned berths in six Sweet Sixteen® basketball tournaments, made the championship game in 1939 before losing to Brooksville, and took home the big trophy in 1943 by defeating St. Xavier...Coach Combs had a remarkable career coaching record of 761 wins and 320 losses.

Don Gullett - Don Gullett was a dominating athlete at McKell High School...He was an honorable mention All-State basketball performer as a senior...This All-State football player had a remarkable senior year in 1968 as he led the state in scoring with 240 points, rushed for 2,112 yards, averaged 40 yards in punting, and kicked 24 extra points...Don set the state single-game scoring record for football, scoring 72 points against Wurtland with 11 touchdowns and six extra points...In baseball, where he would later

become a professional all-star, he had a 92 record as a pitcher for his senior season, striking out 120 batters in 52 innings.

Joe Harper - An outstanding London High basketball player known as "Jumping Joe Harper", he earned three baseball and four basketball letters, and was named all-district, all-region, and second team All-State as a senior...He would make his mark as an outstanding coach, and in post-season play, had no peer...He took Monticello teams to the Sweet Sixteen® six times, advancing to the quarterfinals twice, the semi-finals twice, and losing the championship game to Flaget in 1960...He served as assistant coach for the East-West all-stars, and served twice as an assistant for the Kentucky All-Stars and once as the head coach in the annual series against their Indiana counterparts...Joe's coaching career spanned 32 years during which time his teams won 517 games, and lost 367.

Jack Hicks - This gentleman coach is a testimony that "courage, perseverance and dedication" can lead to success...In 22 years of coaching baseball, his teams won 20 district championships...They made 15 trips to the State Tournament, playing in eight title games and winning four state championships...He had a coaching record of 606 wins with 196 losses...Forty-two of his players earned college scholarships with 11 going on to play professional baseball...Jack has been a manager of several KHSAA tournaments in the Owensboro area, always willing to give of his time and efforts.

Joe Jagers - This highly successful football coach has developed winning programs at different schools, beginning with Old Kentucky Home...His Trigg County teams won back-to-back Class A titles in 1971 and '72...At Fort Knox, his teams won Class AA championships in 1983, '88, and '90, and were runners-up in 1984...His teams were regional champions 12 times...Joe Kelly was an excellent athlete in high school, lettering in football, baseball, basketball, track and golf...At the time of his induction, he is still active, coaching at North Hardin.

Jerry Kimmel - Selected exclusively for his contribution to sports officiating, Jerry Kimmel served as a basketball and baseball official from 1956 through 1972...In 16 seasons he officiated three state baseball tournaments, 15 district, 14 regional and six state basketball tournaments, including four consecutive state basketball tournaments from 1965 through 1968...He was Third Region representative from 1962 through 1972, and Basketball Assigning Secretary from 1972 through 1989 when he accepted the position of Sectional Director with the KHSAA. He served as a Baseball Assigning Secretary for 14 years...An innovator in training and development, Kimmel was the first supervisor to use video tape for evaluating and training, and has several of his recommended concepts currently in use in the National Federation Officials Manual...A 25-year veteran of college basketball officiating, Kimmel currently serves as the Supervisor of Officials for Men and Women in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (NCAA II), a position he has held since 1985.

Ron King - This Louisville Central Yellow Jacket may be the finest of all of the outstanding basketball players his school produced...This high school All-American led his 1969 team to the state title, scoring 44 points in the championship game...At the time, this was a championship game record...He was selected All-State, and Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1969.

Charley Lampley - This native of Possum Trot started his playing career on a dirt court...He was an outstanding basketball player at Sharpe...He began his coaching career as a high school senior, coaching a one-room grade school to the county championship...Lampley had a career coaching record of 436 wins and 218 losses, and guided North Marshall to the State Tournament on two occasions...The 1959 team won it all, defeating Manual in the title game...After 21 years of coaching, he became an outstanding school administrator.

Julius "Jay" Lasslo - Known as "The Voice of the Mountains," Lasslo has been involved in broadcasting high school athletics for five decades...He has covered the sports of football, baseball, and boys' and girls' basketball at the high school level...If it was State Tournament time, Jay would "bring it to the mountains"...The 1993 tournament will mark his 30th straight year of broadcasting the Sweet Sixteen®...Lasslo is also very involved in a great many other civic activities in the Hazard area.

Charles Livisay - He was an outstanding tennis player, and an All-State basketball player at Lexington Dunbar...He began his own coaching career at Mayfield Dunbar, but was most successful at Lexington Douglass, where his teams totaled 255 wins and 64 losses...Douglass advanced to the Negro State Tournament four times, with the 1954 team capturing the title...The 1956 team was not only the state runner-up, but was runner-up in the National Negro championship...He was also a very involved civic leader.

John McGill - A very gifted writer who contributed to the growth of fan interest in high school sports...He covered high school competitions from 1930 to 1992...As a writer, he covered 26 state basketball tournaments...He was also the originator of the State Tournament Records Book and eventually donated his research to the Association...He originated the Ashland Invitational Tournament and served as Commissioner of the Eastern Kentucky Conference for 18 years...He was sports editor of The Ashland Daily Independent and of the Lexington Herald.

Hardin McLane - Although he coached basketball at a small school, his Elizabethtown Catholic teams took on the best during his 10-year coaching career...He had an outstanding winning percentage of 80%, with 264 wins and 66 losses...His teams made four appearances in the Sweet Sixteen®...His clubs were noted for regularly defeating the state's top-ranked teams...He continued to contribute to the State Tournament by serving as a television color analyst for nine tournaments after his retirement from coaching.

Rhonda McManus - Rhonda is one of Kentucky's most outstanding athletes...At the time of her induction, she continues to hold or share three state track meet records...The All-American from Louisville Central set marks in the 1100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and the 440-yard dash...After her senior season, Rhonda captured the National AAU championship in the 200 meter dash, setting a national record in the event.

Rice Mountjoy - A true gentleman and unique individual, he was a high school track champion as a student-athlete...He served Frankfort, Kavanaugh, Danville, Paducah Tilghman, Dixie Heights, and Boone County high schools, serving as a head coach in many sports...As a basketball coach, nine of the 20 teams he coached played in the State Tournament...In his 30 years of coaching football, his teams won 80% of their games...At each stop, he would always return to his first love, starting a track program...He was one of the founding members of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and has a football stadium and a football field named in his honor in two communities.

Bobby Rascoe - This versatile athlete lettered 11 times in basketball, baseball, track and football at Daviess County High School...It was as a prolific scorer in basketball that he made his mark, leading his teams to two Sweet Sixteen® appearances. His 1958 Daviess County squad lost to St. Xavier in the finals...This future professional performer's scoring feats still rank in the top 15 of all time in many categories...He was a two-time All-State selection, as well as being a high school All-American.

William Reed - The "Chief" garnered 10 varsity letters as a high school performer...He was an All-State basketball selection as a senior, and carried his versatility over to his coaching...At Paris Western, he was a successful coach in football, basketball, and track...His 1953 basketball team captured the National Negro championship...Also that year, he was named the Courier-Journal Coach-of-the-Year in football...He was recognized by the City of Paris for his outstanding service to education and his civic involvements.

Charles Ruter - This gentleman's goal was to be of service to the youngsters of the Commonwealth...He accomplished this and much more, with nearly 50 years of service to Kentucky's schools and kids...He began managing and directing high school tournaments in 1948...Perhaps known best for his service to the KHSAA as an official scorer at the Sweet Sixteen® since 1964, he has also been very active on the national and international scene in track and field...He has served the KHSAA as a track official and consultant since 1955.

Guy Strong - He was an exceptional high school athlete at Irvine High School, an All-State selection in basketball...He led his school to its only appearance in the Sweet Sixteen® in 1948...In that season, he also led his baseball team to the State Tournament, and once pitched and won both games of a doubleheader during the regional tournament...He coached basketball at Madison, Male and George Rogers Clark, with his teams compiling 245 wins against 124 losses...His Clark County teams made three Sweet Sixteen® appearances, with the 1990 squad advancing to the semi-finals...He is recognized as a distinguished educator and administrator...Strong played on a national championship team at the University of Kentucky and coached a national championship team at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Fleming Thornton - He would serve his school as athletic director for 20 years...He also coached wrestling for five years...But it would be in football where he would have his success...His Hopkinsville Tigers were synonymous with winning football...He has a career record of 203 wins and 94 losses, with 10 ties, and captured state championships in 1965 and 1966. His 1965 Tigers were 14-0, and outscored opponents 417-46...The 1966 team was 13-0, and outscored opponents 427- 88, holding seven foes scoreless.

Nan Ward - This woman helped pave the way for girls' athletics both as a coach and as an official...She held "sports weekends" for girls prior to KHSAA sanctioning girls' sports and served as a coach in track, swimming and golf at several schools, with a majority of her service at University Breckinridge and Salt Lick High Schools...She also served as an official in track and volleyball, and was one of the first women to be certified to officiate in basketball and worked in two girls' State Tournaments...For 35 years, she served both boys and girls of the state, but was certainly instrumental in promoting the desire for girls to have equal opportunities for participation.