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1997 DAWAHARES-KHSAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON, KY. -- Seventeen former high school coaches, athletes and officials make up the 10th class to be inducted into the Dawahares-KHSAA Hall of Fame. The 1997 class will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for March 11, 1997, at Marriott-Griffin Gate Resort.

The 1997 class of inductees is as follows:

RAY BAER - A multi-sport star at Louisville Manual in the early 1920s...Later coached a national football championship team.

ROBERT "JAKE" BELL - A former multi-sport star at Sturgis...Coached Henry Clay to the state football title in 1981 and the at-large title in 1979.

DONALD BUTLER - An active contributor to the KHSAA for over 40 years...Serves as the state baseball tournament manager.

VIRGINIA COMBS - A pioneer in girls' basketball in the 1920s in Whitesburg.

JIMMY DAN CONNER - A high school All-American basketball player...Led Anderson County to the Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament in 1971.

HOLBERT HODGES - A basketball coaching legend at Lily, Hazel Green and London...Coached teams to three Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament appearances.

LILY MASON - A stellar trackster at Olmstead...This All-American basketball player was Miss Basketball in 1981.

MIKE MINIX - A high school All-American football player from Paintsville...Earned 20 varsity letters during his prep career.

JACK MORRIS - A successful football coach at Mayfield High School for 24 years...Coached four state championship teams and five runner-up teams.

PHIL "DUKE" OWEN - An outstanding high school athlete from Lebanon...Coached Woodford County (1978) and Elizabethtown (1981) to the football state championship game.

LINVILLE PUCKETT - A Clark County basketball player who participated in four Sweet 16® Tournaments...Remains ranked in the top five in many State Tournament records.

JOHN RENDEK - A successful basketball coach at Crofton, Christian County, Owensboro Catholic and Louisville Male...Coached Christian County and Male to appearances in the Sweet 16.

DWIGHT AND GREG SMITH - A pair of All-American basketball players...Enjoyed outstanding careers at Princeton Dotson and Caldwell County.

BOB WHITE - A veteran award-winning journalist for the Courier-Journal...Has covered and supported high school athletics for over 30 years.

JEAN WRIGHT - A successful track, cross country and tennis coach at Franklin County...Continues to serve as a track official.