



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2008 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

LEXINGTON - Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials, administrators and/or contributors make up the 22nd class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class will first be recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2009 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 367.

The 2009 class is as follows:

Pat Doyle – Doyle was a two-time All-District and All-Region player at North Marshall. He helped the Jets to the 1959 Boys' State Basketball title while earning MVP honors. In addition, Mr. Doyle was named Mr. Basketball that same year.

Nate Dusing – Dusing was a multiple state champion swimmer at Covington Catholic. His junior year he captured two championships and was a member of the 400 Free Relay championship team. His senior year, Dusing captured two more titles while setting two state records, including the National Record of 47.10 in the 100 butterfly – a record that still remains today.

Betty Dwyer – Dwyer was involved in many facets of high school athletics in the Jefferson County area as a player, coach, official and athletic director. She coached at both Angela Merici and Holy Cross High Schools where her volleyball teams advanced to the State Tournament twice and her track teams advanced to the State Meet numerous times.

Robin Harmon Newsome – Harmon was a standout basketball player for Sheldon Clark. She helped the Cardinals to the State Tournament four consecutive years and was the leading scorer in Kentucky her senior year averaging 32 points-per-game. During her career, she helped the Cards compile a 96-8 record.

Mark Higgs – Higgs was a standout athlete for Owensboro. On the gridiron, he remains the all-time leading rusher with 6,721 yards which also ranks among the top 10 among state records. He helped the Red Devils to an appearance in the Class 4A Championship game in 1983. He went on to play in the National Football League eight seasons.

Joe Kroh – Kroh has had outstanding success guiding the St. Xavier tennis program. While at the helm of the program, the Tigers have amassed over a .900 dual match winning percentage. His teams have won 17 State Championships including three individual singles and 11 individual doubles state crowns. As an athlete, Kroh lettered in Cross Country and Track & Field at St. Xavier and was a member of the 1959 and 1960 State Cross Country Championship team. He was also the individual Cross Country State Champion in 1959. Kroh also served as the KHSAA State Tennis Championships manager for over 20 years.

Frank LeMaster – LeMaster lettered in football, baseball and basketball for Bryan Station High School in Lexington. He was named All-City and All-State in football and went on to enjoy a career in the National Football League playing for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1974-83.



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Marty O'Toole – O'Toole began his career as a state champion swimmer for St. Xavier High School in Louisville. He was an individual state champion that helped the Tigers to four consecutive team titles from 1954-1957 and was the first swimmer in KHSAA history to win the same event (100-yard breastroke) four consecutive years. O'Toole's accomplishments as a coach are astonishing, having coached St. Xavier to a championship every year while at the helm of the program from 1989 to 2008.

John Pelphrey – Pelphrey was a three-time All-State basketball player for the Paintsville Tigers. He finished his career with 2,477 points and 1,318 rebounds. He helped the Tigers to three State Tournament appearances and was selected to the State Tournament All-Tournament team all three years. He was a Parade All-American and Kentucky Mr. Basketball recipient in 1987. Pelphrey is currently the head men's basketball coach of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

Jeff Perkins – Perkins is the highest scoring player in the history of the Somerset Briarjumper football program. He was an All-State, All-Central Kentucky Conference and Prep All-American honoree and a member of the 1968 East-West All-Stars. Perkins is currently the principal at his alma mater.

Ken Shields – Shields played basketball and baseball at Covington Catholic. He went on to become Northern Kentucky's all-time leader in boys' basketball coaching wins after compiling a 460-257 record in 10 seasons at St. Thomas and 13 seasons at Highlands High School. His teams compiled 15 20-win seasons and his Highlands' teams captured five Ninth Region titles during his tenure. Shields went on to coach the men's basketball program at Northern Kentucky University.

Bob Tripure – Tripure is the only coach in history to win a State Basketball Championship at two different schools and a State Baseball Championship. He coached the Henry Clay Blue Devils to a baseball championship in 1973 and a girls' basketball championship in 1983. While at Henry Clay, Tripure's girls' basketball teams also garnered seven regional titles and a runner-up finish in 1975. The Blue Devils baseball team also won four regional titles under his guidance. Tripure then went on and coached Lexington Catholic to a girls' basketball championship in 1999.

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 is accepted.

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