

## **1989 Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Lyman Ginger** - This distinguished public servant played his high school football for Henderson Barrett, and later served Kentucky's students as a coach, principal, referee, member of the KHSAA Board of Control, President of the KHSAA from 1947 to 1953 and one term as Superintendent of Public Instruction...He started his coaching career at Bath County High School before moving to Winchester High where he was a successful coach in football, basketball and track, and then continuing that career as a basketball coach at University High in Lexington...He was a member of the Board of Control when the KHSAA elected its first Commissioner (Ted Sanford)...He also made outstanding contribution in the improvement of football officiating as he spearheaded efforts to recode the rules, develop better sportsmanship guidelines, and insure consistent interpretation throughout the Commonwealth.

**Stella Spicer Gilb** - This delightful lady skipped piano lessons in Junior high school so that she could practice basketball with the Transylvania College girls' team...That extra practice helped her make the squad at Lexington High as a sophomore, and she was eventually named captain as a senior...Though basketball was the only recognized girls' sport at that time, Gilb was a stellar performer in tennis and golf as well...She made her most lasting contribution in 1954 when she led in the founding of the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (K.A.P.O.S.), which has led to the growth and development of cheerleading across the Commonwealth.

**Thomas P. "Tommy" Bell** - The only sports official ever to officiate in the NCAA Basketball Final Four and the NFL's Super Bowl, Tommy got his start in Kentucky as a high school football and basketball official...He officiated in several state basketball tournaments, and was usually involved as an official in all of the "big" high school football games...The ever smiling Bell was a standout athlete at Lexington Henry Clay, playing tailback for John Heber's football team, guard on the basketball squad, and running track for the Blue Devils...He was named All-State, East-West All-Star, and All-Central Kentucky Conference for his performance at tailback and kicker for the Blue Devil football squad.

**Westley Unsel** - One of the most dominating players in Kentucky high school basketball history, Unsel honed his skills at Seneca High School, skills that would eventually lead to a Most Valuable Player Award in the National Basketball Association and a spot in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame...He was perhaps the state's best-ever rebounder and defensive center and led Seneca to consecutive state championships in 1963 and 1964...Unsel garnered a total of 88 rebounds in the 1964 tournament, and 72 rebounds in the 1963 tourney, ranking as the two top tournament marks in that category.

**Bill D. Harrell** - Coach Harrell holds a unique distinction among high school coaches, as he is the only man to coach State Tournament championship teams in Kentucky and Indiana...He guided Shelby County to the Kentucky title in 1966, and has coached his Muncie Central, Indiana High School team to three state titles, winning in 1978, 1979 and 1988...Harrell was a three-sport star at Belfry High School from 1943 to 1947, playing basketball, football and baseball...He also coached at Berea High, winning a Louisville Invitational title during his tenure...His innovative thinking such as color combination defenses and multiple offenses have been keys to his coaching success.

**Leonard "Lenny" Lyles** - This outstanding National Football League player got his start at Louisville Central High School, which he attended from 1950 to 1954 where he played football and ran track...He was the Most Valuable Player on the football squad, and served as a Yellowjackets' co-captain...During his days at Central, he was Kentucky's fastest sprinter in track...His motto was simple, "With the right mental attitude and a mind over matter approach, one can accomplish any goal set out, in football, or in life".

**Joe Billy Mansfield** - The second Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Mansfield served from 1972 until illness forced him to retire in 1976...He began his career with the Association as an Assistant Commissioner, a position he held from 1949 until 1972...An outstanding

basketball player from Horse Cave High School, he led Horse Cave to the finals of the 1933 State Tournament where the Hart County team lost to Ashland, 33-25...For his efforts in that tournament, Mansfield was named All-State Tournament...He began his coaching career at Horse Cave in 1937, and was also known as an outstanding official...In 1944, he was appointed Superintendent of the Cave City Schools, while continuing to serve as coach.

**Lawrence L. McGinnis** - Coach "Mac" coached three different schools to State Tournament berths...His 1936 Hartford team reached the State Tournament, as did his Daviess County teams in 1942 and 1943...It was his success at Owensboro High School for which McGinnis is most remembered as he coached the Red Devils to 247 victories against 142 losses and seven State Tournament berths including six consecutive trips from 1946 through 1951...In 1949, his Cliff Hagan-led Owensboro team captured the state championship...After his retirement from coaching in 1957, he served Owensboro High as Athletic Director until 1975, and was particularly proud when one of his former players, Bobby Watson, who succeeded him as coach and captured two State Tournament championships.

**Donna L. J. Murphy** - This Newport High School star helped give girls' basketball its rightful place alongside the boys' competition as her fluid moves, leaping ability, and patented left hand jump shot led her teammates to many victories...In 1975, she dazzled the crowds at the Girls' State Tournament with her two-game totals of 67 points and 50 rebounds, a performance that resulted in her selection as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament...She was the first recipient of the Joe Billy Mansfield Award for athletic and academic achievement, and was the first winner of Kentucky's "Miss Basketball" Award...Her senior year, she averaged 35 points and 20 rebounds in basketball, and was the state high jump champion in track in 1974.

**Mark McCoy Tarry** - When little Brewers High School began practice in 1947, 35 of the 70 boys enrolled in the school reported to Coach Tarry...The team had lost only two games while winning 34 during the previous season and had finished as runner-up to Maysville in the State Tournament...During the 1947-48 season, the colorful and dynamic Tarry led the Redmen to a 36-0 record, including a championship game revenge victory, 55-48 over Maysville...That team finished the year as the Number 1-ranked team in America...No team since Brewers has finished as an undefeated state champion...Tarry's ten-year record at Brewers was 247-47, a winning percentage of 83.7.

**Bev Ramser Schechter** - She was the only tennis player to capture four state singles championships, performing the feat while playing for Presentation Academy from 1975 through 1978...She was a four-time district champion, three-time regional champion, and was The Courier-Journal/Louisville Times Junior Female Tennis Player of the Year in 1975 and 1976...She was voted Sportswoman-of-the-Year in 1978 by the Courier-Journal.

**Edgar Allen Diddle** - Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer "Uncle Ed" Diddle was born at Gradyville in Adair County on March 12, 1895...His introduction to athletics came at Columbia, and he later starred in both football and basketball at Centre College...He began his coaching career at Monticello High School in 1920 before moving to Greenville in 1921...The following season he left to join the staff at Western Kentucky State Teachers College, now Western Kentucky University, as a coach in all sports..."Mr. Diddle," as his players always called him, made a tremendous contribution to high school sports as evidenced by the fact that more than 100 of his former pupils later became high school coaches...Coach Diddle died on January 2, 1970.

**Paulie Miller** - Miller is the only coach to produce a football All-American and Heisman Trophy winner (Paul Hornung), a major league baseball All-Star (Gus Bell) and a basketball All-American (Jerry Harper)...His football coaching career at Flaget High School produced five football All-Americans, resulted in his selection as "Coach-of-the-Year" on three occasions, and saw his teams capture state football championships in 1949, 1952, 1958 and 1961...His football schedule often included the toughest out-of-state competition, and even college-level prep teams...A three-sport standout for St. Xavier High School, Miller excelled in football, basketball and baseball, was named All-State in basketball, and played

on St. Xavier's 1938 national Catholic championship team...The reason for his success is simple, "I just had a burning desire to win".

**Preston "Ty" Holland** - This man served the youth of the Murray community for 43 years...He began his coaching career at Murray High School in 1930 and was coach of the football, basketball, baseball and track teams...When he retired from coaching 43 years later, he was the Commonwealth's winningest football coach after having won 249 games, against 159 losses and 28 ties...His teams captured 11 West Kentucky titles, seven district championships, 2 regional championships, 1 state runner-up trophy, and in 1961, captured the state championship...He was named Kentucky Coach of the Year, and coached the West All-Star Team, was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National High School Coaches Association in 1967...He served eight years on the KHSAA Board of Control and was the organization's President in 1968-69...A three-sport star at Murray, he also coached one year at Almo High School.

**Earle D. Jones** - This master coach is the winningest coach in the history of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, his Kavanaugh and Maysville teams winning 19 games while losing 10...His 24 years at Maysville saw an overall record of 470 wins against 186 losses, 19 district championships, State Tournament runner-up finishes in 1938 and 1948, and a State Tournament championship in 1947...His three years at Kavanaugh produced 71 wins against only 11 losses...Jones later served Maysville as a principal and superintendent.

**D. Harry Jones** - This man starred in three sports at duPont Manual High School in Louisville from 1946 through 1948...An outstanding running back for the football team, he led his 1948 squad to an unbeaten 11-0 record and the state championship...He was a successful sprinter for the Crimson track team, and a fine performer as an infielder for the baseball squad that placed second in the State Tournament...He and his twin brother Larry began what was to be a lifelong relationship with college football's winningest Division IA Head Coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant, playing for the coaching legend at Kentucky and staying involved in the business sector following graduation.

**Frank Ramsey, Jr.** - One of the fiercest competitors ever to wear a basketball uniform in Kentucky, Ramsey played for Madisonville High School, leading the Maroons to consecutive State Tournament berths in 1948 and 1949...An All-State basketball performer for two seasons, Ramsey was also an All-State baseball selection in 1949, and a four-year member of the Maroon football squad...After his 1948 Madisonville basketball team was eliminated by an Owensboro team lead by Cliff Hagan and Bobby Watson, the three standouts would be reunited as members of the University of Kentucky basketball team which captured a national championship...Ramsey was later Inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**R. Larry Jones** - He and his brother Harry were twin terrors for duPont Manual High School in the late 1940's...Larry was a standout performer in baseball, football and track...He played on the unbeaten and state champion 1948 Manual football squad, and was the shortstop on the baseball team, leading the team in hitting with a .366 batting average...When the Jones brothers played for coach "Bear" Bryant at Kentucky, he gained national fame for the pair by assigning them the numbers 1A, and 1B...His relationship with coach Bryant would continue throughout his life through involvement in the business world.

**Jerry Claiborne** - This former standout football player turned coach was a versatile all around athlete during his high school days at Hopkinsville High School...He played on an unbeaten 1943 Hopkinsville High School football team, and for his last two seasons his Tiger teammates lost only a total of three games...He was an All-State selection in football as well as being a standout in basketball, tennis and track...He reached the semifinals of the 1945 State Tennis Tournament..."I am proud to be a Kentuckian," Claiborne said recently as he continues to serve the state as head coach of the University of Kentucky football team.

**Clemette Hawkins** - This much-honored athlete started on the varsity basketball team at Warren Central High School for five seasons, leading the team to the State Tournament championship in 1983. She holds eight individual records at Warren Central for a career which included 2,856 points, 1,731 rebounds, 533 steals and 857 assists...She capped her high school career by being named Kentucky's "Miss Basketball" in 1983, and was also named to the Kodak All-America squad, and was Kentucky's Athlete-of-the-Year. She joins her father Clem, who was a charter member, in the Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

**Delmas Gish** - Truly an all-around athlete, Gish starred in three sports at Central City High School...Gish later coached basketball at McHenry High School, capturing 100 wins against only 24 losses in four seasons...He then moved back to his old school, becoming the head coach at Central City in 1942, a position he held for sixteen seasons...During his tenure, he coached the Golden Tide to 402 wins against 120 losses, a total of 11 District Tournament championships, and six berths in the State Tournament, including a runner-up finish in the 1943 State Tournament...He coached six All-State players and one All-American.

**Kenny Kuhn** - Kuhn would probably garner a great many votes if a poll were taken for Kentucky's outstanding all-around athlete...He was the second basketball player in the state to be named to The Courier-Journal All-State team for three seasons, and the Male High School performer was also an All-State selection as a football quarterback...He led Male to the Sweet Sixteen® tournament in 1954, and was named Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" in 1955...His talent in baseball would eventually decide the battle for his services as he turned down a great many scholarship offers in basketball and football to sign a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians.

**Gay Brewer** - This golfer, still active on the Senior PGA circuit, dominated high school golf in Kentucky as no other player has been able to do...Playing for Lexington Lafayette, he won the state Individual championship in 1949, 1950 and 1951...Brewer also led the Generals to the team championship in 1949 and 1950...As a high school student, he made his mark by winning many other state and Invitational titles as preparation for what has been a very successful career on the professional golf tour.

**Butch Beard** - A magnificent competitor who gave in his words, "100 percent at all times, and that is what is important"...Beard led Breckinridge County to the 1964 State Basketball Tournament, and a berth in the championship game only to lose to Wes Unseld's Seneca squad...Beard and his teammates made a return trip to the tournament in 1965, capturing the championship after defeating Covington Holy Cross 95-73 in the finals in a contest in which Beard scored 30 points...He was All-State and All-State Tournament as a junior and a senior, and won the prestigious "Mr. Basketball" award in 1965.

**Howard Crittenden** - One of the finest dribblers and ball handlers in the history of Kentucky high school basketball, Crittenden was a crowd-pleasing sensation during both the 1951 and 1952 State Tournaments...In the 1951 championship contest, Crittenden scored 20 points as his Cuba High School Cubs lost to Clark County...His team returned in 1952 to capture the title as he and teammate Charles "Doodles" Floyd led Coach Jack Story's club to four wins including a 58-52 win over duPont Manual in the finals...Crittenden was named All-State Tournament and All-State during both seasons...Though he would later have a successful career at Murray State, and continues to rank as that school's all-time leading scorer, he claims his biggest athletic thrill "was winning the Sweet Sixteen® as a member of the Cuba Cubs".