

1990 Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Roy Bowling - Girls' basketball was resumed at the high school level in 1974-75 and it didn't take long for coach Bowling and his Laurel County teams to become synonymous with success in Kentucky...Butler and Sacred Heart won the first two championships, but Laurel County started a three-year domination with a victory in the 1977 tournament, followed by championships in 1978 and 1979...Coach Bowling made Laurel County a regional contender each year and the Lady Cardinals won the state championship again in 1987...His 15 Laurel County teams won 403 games while losing only 61, and captured 12 district, 8 regional, and 4 state titles.

John Burr - Coach Burr was a consistent winner as basketball coach at Adair County and always a regional threat...He was respected as a gentleman on the bench, and certainly for his coaching ability....His Indians finished fourth in the 1954 State Tournament and came back even stronger the next year, battling to the championship game before falling to a Johnny Cox-led Hazard team 74-66...Ralph Shearer and Terry Randall were the stars of his strongest teams...His 26 Adair County teams won 568 while losing just 232 and captured 3 regional tournaments.

Warren Harding Cooper - Cooper is unique in Kentucky basketball history...He played on a state championship team as he was the star of Brooksville's 1939 team, coached a team in the State Tournament with Dilce Combs High School 1954, and officiated in four State Tournaments during his 36 years as a referee...He has never lost his love for the game as he attends both boys' and girls' tournaments each year...As a player, the "Blond Bomber" earned All-Tournament honors in 1939 and 1940.

Johnny Cox - One of the all-time greats in Kentucky basketball history, he led coach Goebel Ritter's Hazard Bulldogs to the 1955 state championship, scoring 32 points in the final game, a 74-66 victory over Adair County...Earlier, he scored 37 points against Newport Public and finished with 127 points in that tournament, which puts him fifth on the all-time list for one tournament...His exploits earned him All-Tournament honors...Cox was later to star as a member of Adolph Rupp's Fiddlin' Five national championship team at the University of Kentucky.

Nick Denes - The late Nick Denes coached state champions in three sports...His Corbin Redhounds won the basketball championship in 1936, beating Nebo 24-18 in the final game...Corbin had three All-Tournament players, Marion Cluggish, Stan Cluggish and William Asher...Moving to Louisville, Denes coached Male High to several state track championships and also won state football championships in the days before the Association adopted a playoff system...As a football player, he was an All-State guard for Garrett (Ind.) High School.

Sharon Garland - This Laurel County star owns a record that probably will never be broken as she was the high scorer in the championship game for three consecutive state champions...As a sophomore in 1977, she scored 15 points to lead coach Roy Bowling's Lady Cardinals to a 48-46 victory over Paris...The next year she scored 21 as Laurel beat Breathitt County 63-48...She capped her senior year with 15 points as Laurel defeated Lafayette 43-36. Sharon was a three-year All-Stater.

James Lee Green - Though being both a football and track standout for Eminence, it is for his track exploits that this world-class athlete will be remembered...Running in the 1967 State Track Meet, he set records that will stand forever in both the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash as Kentucky has since switched to meters for track marks...Two others managed to tie his 100-yard record of 9.6 seconds, but no one surpassed his 21.2 time in the 220...Jim once ran a wind-aided 9.1.

Darrell Griffith - A legend in Kentucky basketball history for his shooting and jumping skills, he helped Male High School reach three consecutive state championship games and scored 12 points as coach Wade Houston's Bulldogs beat Lexington Henry Clay 74-59 in the 1975 championship game...Griffith and his standout teammate, Bobby Turner, both made All-Tournament their junior and senior years...Griffith is

one of several Kentucky high school stars to go on to help their college teams win a NCAA championship, as he was the star of Louisville's 1980 champions.

Jane W. Meyer - She was one of the founders and contributors to the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (K.A.P.O.S.), which was formed to upgrade standards and safety for Kentucky's high school cheerleaders...Her work with cheerleaders was virtually unending, first at Shelbyville High School and later at Shelby County High School...Over the years she spent her own money to buy rain gear and other items for her cheerleaders...She personally purchased the room's carpet, mirrors and tumbling mats for the cheerleaders...An all-purpose room in the Shelby County field house is named the Jane Meyer Room.

John Oldham - A basketball star for coach Charles Combs' Hartford High teams, he led Hartford to the 1942 State Tournament...In his team's opening round game, the Hartford quintet defeated Walton 47-42 before losing to Hazel Green 39-33 in the quarterfinals...Oldham's performance earned him All-Tournament honors...Oldham played in the National Basketball Association and was later an outstanding coach for Western Kentucky University's College High in Bowling Green before moving to the collegiate ranks.

Norman L. Passmore - Perhaps best known in state athletic circles for his assistance in helping fellow Hall of Famer S. T. Roach turn out powerful basketball teams at Lexington Dunbar, he also was an outstanding head football coach of the Bearcats...In addition to his success as a coach, Passmore served the KHSAA as a Board member for four years and was vice president of the Association in 1977-78...He is an ordained minister...He was an all-sports star at T.R. Roosevelt High in East Chicago, Ind.

Gene Rhodes - One of the all-time truly great all around athletes in Kentucky history, he was greatly responsible for Louisville Male High's dominance in basketball, baseball and football in the mid-1940s...He played on a state championship team in basketball in 1945, and was honored on the 1945 All-Tournament team along with teammates Ed Mudd and Ralph Beard...Rhodes is one of a select few who played on a state basketball champion and then coached a champion as he coached St. Xavier to the title in 1958.

Mike Silliman - One of the finest big men in the history of Kentucky high school basketball, he led coach Joe Reibel's St. Xavier Tigers to the 1962 championship...Silliman scored 23 points in the team's championship contest, a 62-58 victory over Ashland...He and teammate Billy Cassady were All-Tournament...He was captain of his state championship team and also of the 1968 U.S. Gold Medal Olympic team...He was Mr. Basketball.

Jack Thompson, Sr. - He was an outstanding athlete for Elkton High in Todd County...Over 70 years he has made countless contributions to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and to Kentucky's high school athletes...He officiated in six State Basketball Tournaments and State Track Meets, and managed State Swim Meets, as well as officiating nearly every sport in which an official was needed...Jack has also contributed to athletes on the high school level as a long time State Director for various programs in A.A.U. athletics...He coached at Harlan, Maysville and Danville.

Fairce O. Woods - This man was an amazing basketball player for Garrett High in Floyd County, a high scorer despite his 5-4 height...However, it was as basketball coach at Breathitt County that Woods gained state-wide recognition as one of Kentucky's finest coaches...In 14 years at Breathitt County, Woods coached six regional champions, five consecutively from 1958-62...His '61, '62 and '67 teams reached the semifinals...His 14 Breathitt teams won 389 games while losing only 81...While principal at Fleming County, Woods twice was elected to the Board of Control and served as both vice president and president of the KHSAA.