

For Immediate Release: June 12, 1995

1996 Dawahares-KHSAA Class of Inductees Announced

LEXINGTON, KY. -- Seventeen former high school coaches, athletes and officials will be inducted as the ninth class into the Dawahares-KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class, announced today, will be inducted March 12, 1996, during ceremonies scheduled for the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort in Lexington.

The following is the Class of '96:

Ken Barrett -- This former all-state football player is still a very successful coach at Russellville...In 36 years, he has recorded 209 career victories and won state titles in 1980, 1983 and 1990...His Panthers were also state runners-up in 1987.

Julius Berry -- This former Lexington Dunbar basketball All-American scored over 3,000 points in his career...He was an all-state selection two consecutive years and was the star of stars in the 1959 Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game.

Joe O. Brown -- Was an All-South football player for Danville in 1934...He later coached at powerhouse Owensboro from 1950-55 before serving as superintendent in Owensboro from 1955-80.

Jackie Cooper -- The former tennis great won state singles titles in 1960 and '61 for St. Xavier...In doubles he won titles for three consecutive years, from 1959-61...He also won the U.S. Interscholastic singles championship in 1962 as well as the doubles championship in 1961-62.

Jack Goodman -- He earned a career record of 208-65 while coaching at Glendale and East Hardin...He made Sweet 16® appearances with his 1956 Glendale team and his 1964 East Hardin team...He later served as athletic director at Meade County for 28 years and officiated in numerous sports during that time.

Mae Caudill-Hibbard -- Played her first game of basketball on a dirt court in 1923 for Manchester...She led Manchester to two Sweet Sixteen® Tournaments and was named all-state in 1924 and 1926.

Ralph Horning -- Coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Sturgis in Union County...His best team was the 1952 squad that finished 10-1...Credited with establishing youth football below grade nine at Sturgis.

Bobby McGuire -- This multi-sport star at Hazard earned all-state mention in football...He was a success in track and field and in baseball, where, as a pitcher, he never lost a game for the Bulldogs...He also led Hazard to the 1947 Sweet Sixteen®, earning all-tournament team honors.

Jackie Bearden-Mistler -- This prolific basketball scorer at Dixie Heights scored 3,018 points in her career...She earned all-state honors in 1980 and made the Sweet 16® all-tournament team. This Kentucky-Indiana All-Star was also an outstanding volleyball and softball player.

Al Prewitt -- This former Henry Clay graduate earned nine letters in football, basketball and track...He was an all-state selection in football and basketball and led the Blue Devils to the finals of the Sweet 16® in 1952...He later returned to his alma mater where he coached basketball, earning a career record of 654-237...His teams made eight Sweet 16® appearances, losing to Male in the 1975 finals before winning the state title in 1983 over Carlisle County.

Russell "Buddy" Roberts -- Was an outstanding football and basketball player for Coach Blanton Collier at Paris...He later coached Powell County in basketball, track and cross-country...With the roundball, he compiled a mark of 234-94.

Jack Story -- Coached the legendary Cuba Cubs squad of 1951-52 that adopted and perfected the style of the Harlem Globetrotters in winning the Sweet 16® championship...Made a total of five trips to the Sweet 16®, including three trips as coach of Mayfield...Had a career record of 478-172.

WC "Bedie" Thomason -- Coached at Georgetown where he compiled a 78-15 mark in football and his 1924 team won the mythical state title...In girls' basketball, he recorded a 164-29 record and took four teams to the state tournament, appearing in the finals three times and winning the championship in 1925...In boys' basketball he recorded a 140-67 mark and in baseball, he won the state in 1924 and '25.

Dallas Thornton -- The multi-sport star at Male was outstanding in football, basketball and track and field. In basketball, however, he earned All-America honors in 1964 and All-State honors in 1963 and '64...He later played for the Harlem Globetrotters for 18 seasons.

Elizabeth Trabandt -- A leader in girls' athletics, her basketball teams won 154 while losing only 77...She took two teams to the Sweet Sixteen® with a semifinal finish in 1976...She was the first female elected to the KHSAA Board of Control.

William Utley -- This career basketball official worked in excess of 2,000 games...He worked four state tournaments and served as a high school football official for a number of years...He is also instrumental in the development of officials' associations in western Kentucky.

Wendell Wallen -- The highly successful basketball coach at Johnson Central and Meade Memorial had a career mark of 385-178...He guided three teams to the Sweet 16®...He also coached baseball and cross-country.