

**EARL V. DRISKELL
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It is an honor to nominate Earl Driskell for the Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Earl was inducted into the 1999 class of KHSAA Baseball Hall of Fame. He has been a role model for young people for over thirty years through his performance as teacher, coach and sports official. He has been admired and honored throughout his tenure by students, parents and other professionals. Some of his achievements are included here; it would be impossible to include them all. Earl has been praised for his honesty and integrity in all areas of his personal and professional life; he is the exemplar of a gentleman and a sportsman. Earl turned 67 on January 6, 2002.

Earl has been coaching high school baseball for 35 consecutive years at Iroquois, Ahrens, Male and South Oldham High School. Right now, Earl is in his fifth year as assistant baseball coach at South Oldham High School. Sixteen of those years were at Male High School as head co-coach with 74.9% wins. His teams had Valley Invitational Tournament championships five times, and KY Runner-up once. They were also honored for their sportsmanship by KBUA in 1992 and won or placed in at least four other regional or invitational tournaments. Throughout his coaching years, his teams had 483 wins, with a win % of .617. There were 25 Championships, 16 Runner-ups and one third place. In four East-west All Star games in Jefferson County, his teams won 5 of 8 games with .625 wins.

Earl also has 33 consecutive years as a varsity basketball referee through KHSAA. The Courier-Journal's Sport's Notebook recognized Earl this year, noting that he has been officiating even longer than he has been coaching. Starting in the late 1940's, Earl has begun his seventh decade as a referee and umpire. The Kentuckiana Basketball Officials Association awarded Earl for his Outstanding Achievement to honor his long service in sports officiating, his service and commitment. Earl still officiates softball games and middle school basketball.

Earl was selected to work the boys' state tournament in 1978. He was the athletic director at Ahrens High School for 11 years. He served as director of Metro Parks baseball program for six years. He served as assistant Treasurer of Jefferson County High School Baseball Coaches' Association for two years. He served as chair or co-chair of LIT for five years. He is a life member of KHSAA Coaches Association, having been a member for over 30 years.

Seven of the players whom Earl coached went into professional ball with one of those players advancing to the AAA level of play. Two of his players were KY High School Player of the Year and one player was in two college world series games in Division 1 at Oklahoma State U.

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HONORS

- 2002 Male High School Hall of Fame**
- 2000 Male Traditional High School Honorary Distinguished Alumni**
- 2000 KBOA Outstanding Achievement Award for Officiating**
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