To: Whom It May Concern

I have known Al Giordano, Coach G. as he is more commonly known, for thirty-five years. I have been a student in his classroom, a fellow teacher at Caldwell County High School and for the past five years I have served as an assistant coach to him in our high school softball program. I feel uniquely qualified to comment on Coach G. as a teacher and a coach.

As a student in his classroom I found Coach G. to be a teacher first and a coach second. He was concerned about me as a student and an individual even though I was not a football player or an athlete of any kind. I could not say that about many of our coaches while I attended high school. Coach G. made his class informative and interesting.

As a fellow teacher I found Coach G. to be professional and always willing to help a new teacher any way he could. He was willing to give advice when asked, offer assistance in other ways and even counsel with students

For the past five years while serving as assistant softball coach to him, I have found Coach Al Giordano to be a role model for other coaches. His coaching accomplishments are numerous and speak for themselves but it is the many aspects that don't show up in the stats that are so impressive. Coach G. constantly strives to develop the athlete as an individual who will possess characteristics which ensure success after high school. He insists on two qualities from his players, coaches and himself. These two qualities are respect and responsibility. He makes this clear at the beginning of the season and follows up on it throughout the season. If he has a problem with any player or coach, the problem is discussed in private. I have never seen Coach G. reprimand a player or coach in front of others. He also makes it clear that if a player has a problem the player can come to him and it will be discussed in private and it will remain confidential.

A large portion of his philosophy can be summed up in three words. EDUCATION COMES FIRST! He takes much pride in the accomplishments of his players in the classroom. This was evident in the 2001 season. The team 's cumulative GPA was 3.8 with three of the five graduating seniors having a perfect 4.0. He was frequently informing fans, parents and media of this fact.

Perhaps the quality of Coach G that is most impressive is that he cares for each of his players. When he knows of an illness or family problem he will call that player or go by to visit with the family. He makes it a point to keep informed of his players' attendance and performance in school. He will not hesitate to keep a player after practice to inquire about a problem at school.

Coach G. is a credit to our school, our community and his family. He has been an asset for the KHSAA and is most deserving to be included in the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Stanley Jackson

96 All Concerned:

EVERYTHING positive concerning high selbol athletics.

In a time where the news is filled with scardal, cheating, and selfishiness it is comforting to know that my mentor from 1972-1976 is still positively simpacting the lives of our young people in Renceton, tentucky. He has continued to be my mentor today.

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* 1995-96, 96-97 Coach of West Ky. Football All-Stars

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* Head Coach!: Football 14 years

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Softball 10 years

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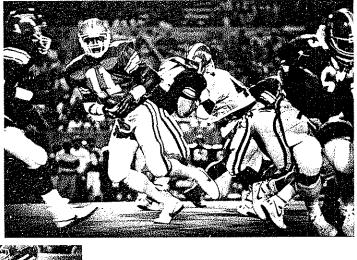
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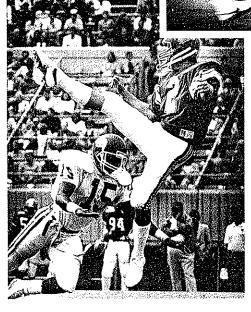
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MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY





7:30 pm Friday, April 24, 1987 Roy Stewart Stadium

RACER FOOTBALL BLUE-GOLD GAME

BLUE TEAM

HONORARY COACHES: Al Giordano

Larry McIntosh

RACER COACHES: Ron Cooper

Glenn Jones **Bob Larson** Bill Weidner Jimmy Wilson

INJURED PLAYERS:

Brian Collins Lance Golden Paul Hickert Steve Hill Kent Lapa Alex Manse Rudy Mayne Rodney Payne Mike Seibert Frank Thigpen

GUEST COACHES

Blue Team



Al Giordano

A 1958 Murray State graduate, Al Giordano played football for the Racers during the 1954-56 seasons. From his position at guard, he earned consecutive Ohio Valley Conference and All-America honors in 1955 and 1956.

After losing his final year of eligibility because of a three-year tour in the professional baseball ranks after high school, Giordano went on to a successful coaching career. In 1958, he began teaching physical education and health while assisting the football program at Caldwell County High School (Princeton, Ky.). In 1972, Giordano received a promotion to head coach, a position he held for 15 years.

Inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1974, Giordano also has coached the men's and women's golf teams at Caldwell for 20 years. His 1977 women's squad went on to win the state championship.

Holder of a master's degree from Murray State, Giordano and his wife, the former Foncience Keene, have three daughters: Joni, 27; Jill, 25; and Jenny, 17.

Larry McIntosh

A familiar face for Racer fans, Larry McIntosh is another former Murray State student who has maintained close ties to the university. Currently sports director for NBC affiliate WPSD-TV6 in Paducah, McIntosh has been the host of the Racers' coaches' shows for several years.

A native of Mayfield, Ky., McIntosh studied radio and television journalism at MSU, eventually working at WNBS Radio in Murray. In 1967, he moved into private business, opening a clothing store in Mayfield.

McIntosh joined the WPSD staff in November, 1983, on a part-time basis, quickly securing a full-time slot by the following April. His success has continued. His Friday night show "Sports Beat Six" has won five first-place awards for sportscasting in the tri-state area.

McIntosh is married to a 1966 MSU graduate, the former Mary Ann Cook. The couple has two daughters: Leigh, 15; and Anne, 9.



White Team



Mac Etheridge

A former guard for the Racer football team, Mac Etheridge is a veteran of the 1967 and 1968 football seasons.

A Tupelo, Miss., native, Etheridge played a key role on the offensive line, protecting MSU's all-time passing leader, Larry Tillman. He helped secure the first winning MSU season after the devastating 0-10 1966 year, assisting the Racers to a 7-2-1 record in 1968.

Etheridge, whose brother, Vick, joined him on the field in 1967, has maintained close ties with MSU over the years, supporting MSU as a Super Racer for five years.

Owner of his own business, Etheridge Auto Supply and Service, in Booneville, Miss., Etheridge is married. He and his wife, Molly, have one son, Jere, 12.

Bobby Malone

urrently the Director of School Services in the College of Education at Murray State, Dr. Bobby Malone is a very special Racer supporter.

Of the four guest coaches at tonight's game, Malone is the only one who did not graduate from MSU, but his dedication to the university and the Racers is just as strong.

A Columbus, Miss., native, Malone participated in all high school sports. He attended East Mississippi Junior College for two years, where he played quarterback under legendary coach Bob "Cyclone" Sullivan. He later transferred to Mississippi State University.

In 1963, after graduation, Malone accepted a position at Sprayberry High in Marietta, Ga., teaching social studies and English. During this time, he also coached football, wrestling and baseball.

In 1968, Malone returned to school and received a doctorate in education from Mississippi State. He joined the MSU staff in 1970.

Malone is married to the former Sue Robinson of Livingston County, Ky. The couple has two children: Stephen 20, a graphic arts major at MSU; and



Giordano Coach Of Year in 2A in All-WKC picks

Caldwell County's Al Giordano, who molded one of the area's youngest football teams into one of the most successful this season, has been honored by fellow coaches as the Class 2A "Coach of the Year" in the West Kentucky Conference.

Giordano, who lost his entire 1975 offensive backfield, directed the Tigers to an 8-2 record and a tie for the First District title with Mayfield and Murray.

He joins Marshall Patterson of Ft. Campbell and Wilson

Sears of Bowling Green as the WKC's honored coaches. The selections were announced by Joe Russell, WKC chief.

Marty Jaggers of Trigg County was chosen as the top quarterback among Class 2A schools for the second straight year and Todd Central's Troy' Snardon was named the top fullback again.

David Fischer of Mayfield repeated at one halfback berth and he was joined by Caldwell County's David Barnes and Murray's Lindsey Hudspeth.

Chris Reymann of Mayfield won offensive guard honors for the second year in a row.

Repeaters from last year's Class A team include Clarenc Johnson of Heath at halfbac and Jerry Allen of Russellvil at offensive end.

Lone Oak placed a pair of first-team Class 3A selection from 1975 with Larry Hagood offensive guard and Dal Bearden at running back.

Giordano is All-Time, All-OVC selection

been accorded a major honor-he was named this week to the All-Time, All-Ohio Valley Conference football team.

Giordano, who resides at Holly Lane, was one of eight Murray State gridders to make the elite

Giordano, a member of Murray State's Athletic Hall of Fame, is the school's only two-time All-American gridder.

After graduation from MSU, Giordano served as an assistant Paul Hickert, Terry Love, Gil

Long-time Caldwell County football coach here for 14 years football coach Al Giordano has and then as head coach another 14 before retiring from the position two years ago.

> The All-Time, All-OVC team honors standout conference athletes who participated in football from 1948 to the present.

> The OVC is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a banquet in Nashville Friday, and Murray is one of three charter members still in the league.

> Others from Murray on the honor squad are Bernie Behrendt,

Mains, Eddie McFarland, Harvey Tanner and Larry Tillman.

Giordano originally planned to pursue a baseball career. He signed a professional baseball contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950 for a \$1,000 bonus. He played one year of pro ball, was drafted into the Army, and then was assigned by the Dodger organization to its Union City (Tenn.) club.

While at Union City, he learned that at Murray he could play any sport other than that in which he was considered a professional.

So he enrolled at Murray, and from the second game his freshman year (against Louisville) he was a mainstay in the Racer line.

He won a scholarship, and against arch-rival Western Kentucky that year he had a superb game--recording over 20 contacts. That set into motion the accolades that would follow.

He was named All-OVC as a freshman, then became the school's first sophomore to make All-American.

He repeated as All-American as a junior, but his collegiate career was halted his senior year because of an NCAA ruling that prohibited any professional in any sport from playing collegiate athletics.

Upon graduation he took a coaching job here.

He was assistant coach on the 1963 state football championshp club, and he coached Caldwell's girls' team to a state golf championship.

He coached baseball here for nine years and has coached golf for 21 years.

During his competitive career, he has played against some of the biggest names in sports.

In high school he played football against legendary running back Jimmy Brown, in college he played against Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas, and in the service he played football and basketball against Meadowlark Lemon, of Harlem Globetrotter fame.

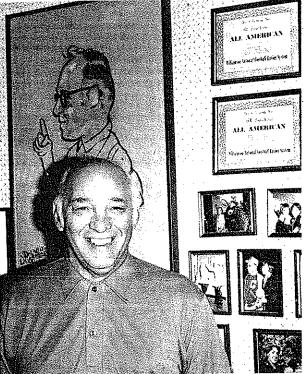
Several years ago his high school, Farmingdale (Long Island, N.Y.) honored him as the outstanding athlete in a 25-year time period.

In high school he played football, basketball and baseball. His senior year he wrestled and was runner-up in the 165 pound class in the Long Island Championship.

Giordano was named to the Murray Hall of Fame in 1974.

He was honored by being voted to "Who's Who in Physical Education" his senior year at Murray.

He and his wife, Fonciene, have three children: Joni, who is pursuing a master's degree at Georgetown; Jill, a local attorney, and Jenny, who will be a freshman this fall at Murray State.



Al Giordano stands by the certificates naming him a football All-American while playing at Murray. Giordano, who coached football here for 28 years, is Murray's only two-time All-American and one of eight players from the school on the All-Time, All Ohio Valley Conference football team.



Al Giordano during his collegiate football days.

Former athletes honored in 'Hall'

By MATT SANDERS Assistant Sports Editor

When you walk through the Waterfield Student Union Bldg., you can see many pictures of athletes from past eras. These Murray "Hall of Fame" players weren't just other guys on the team, they were the best. Men like Harlan Brodie, Gilbert Mains, Al Giordano and Rick Fisher were the reasons their football teams enjoyed much success and are among those honored in the hall.

To get into the "Hall of Fame", an athlete must be out of school for two years. His athletic ability at Murray and after graduation is considered and two athletes will be inducted each year.

Harlan Brodie played from 1927-1930. He has been described as a fast deceptive runner and a prolific scorer. Brodie teamed up with Walter "Bull" Wells to be one of the best running backfields in Racer football history.

In 1928, Brodie set a school record by scoring 115 points while leading Murray to an undefeated season. At the end of his career, he totaled 241 points.

Brodie, who lives Batesville, Ark., will be in Murray this weekend for the dedication of the Carlisle Cutchin Complex, named after his former coach.

Gilbert Mains played from 1948-1951. He helped Murray to the OVC championships in 1948, 1950, and 1951. The 1948 team went to the Tangerine Bowl where they tied Sul Ross College 21-21. Mains was an All-Conference tackle in 1950 and 1951.

Mains joined the Detroit Lions in 1953, after he was discharged from the service. Unfortunately, he was injured on the opening kickoff of the first game and he was lost for the season.

However, Mains came fighting back the next season and earned a starting position after three games. He continued to play until 1961 when a serious knee injury forced him into retirement.

The 1957 Detroit team won the world championship.

Mains is now president of the Gil Mains Truck City Corporation in Detroit.

Al Giordano played guard from 1954-1956, He was twice chosen All-Conference and All-American, However, he was declared ineligible to play his senior year since he played professional baseball for three . seasons after graduating from aigh scool.

Giordano graduated from Murray in 1958 and became a five varsity letters in baseball, and caught 30 passes for teacher and an assistant foot four in football, three in yards. An injury slowed down his sophomore year and one in Caldwell County High School. wrestling.

In 1972, he was appointed head football coach. Rick Fisher played from 1969-1972. He could do a little

school's most outstanding good blocker. athlete in the last 25 years.



measures up to modern day standards as he strikes a pose for the Racers of vester year.

In 1965, his high school, Far- bit of everything on the field. mingdale, N.Y., High School, He had excellent speed, ran He gained 1,078 yards setti named Giordano as the with power and was a very

During high school, he earned Fisher rushed for 850 yards 2,292 yards on the ground

down his sophomore year a only gained 343 yards.

He bounced back his iu year as he was named OVC's "Player of the Ye Murray school record. He set a game record of 214 ya During his freshman year, rushing and a career mar.

Six Tigers Earn All-Conference Honors-

Giordano WKC "Coach of the Year"

Caldwell County High School football coach Al Giordano was voted "Coach of the Year" by his fellow grid mentors Sunday at the annual Western Kentucky Conference meeting.

Six other Tiger players were named to the All-WKC offensive and defensive squads by voting of the coaches.

Named to the offensive team were David Barnes at halfoack: Mike Hammond at tackle and Carrell Boyd as place picker. Both Barnes and Boyd are juniors.

On the defensive squad were tackle J. R. Martin, guard Randy Williamson, and haliback Ronnie Hunter.

Three other Tigers received votes but were beaten out by some good (ootball players. Gary Dooley missed 1 slot at defensive end, Mark Blackburn missed a chance at inebacker, and Dwayne Trafford was over-looked as a ounter.

"We were fortunate to have 31x football players on the All-Conference squads." Coach

Giordano commented. "There were certainly several good football players who did not make either team."

Commenting on his selection as Class AA Coach of the Year, Giordano commented, "That's a tribute to my coaching staff. They deserve some credit too and it wouldn't be possible for me or the other players to get these honors without the help of the assistant coaches."

Caldwell County finished with an 8-2 record and a three-way tie for the district championship with Murray High and Mayfield. Mayfield won the right to advance to the playoffs on the tie-breaker system.

Giordano, who was named head coach at CCHS in 1972, finished his fifth season with the most successful Tiger football team since 1969. The Tigers won their final six games and were ranked as high as third in the Class AA Litkenhous system this season.

Barnes rushed for 1,128 yards in only nine games this

season, carrying the football 161 times. He averaged seven yards per rush and scored 104 points on 17 touchdowns and one two point conversion.

He set school records for most yardage in a single season and most rushing yards in one game (280 vs. Crittenden

Hammond was one of the best blockers in the conference at six feet, 185 pounds. He also led the team in unassisted tackles for losses on defense this season as a sen-

Boyd, a junior, played his first varsity football season but showed signs of a veteran. He developed into one of the WKC's top quarterbacks and is among the best place-kickers around. He kicked 27 extra points in 31 attempts for a .870 percentage and had four others blocked.

Williamson was among the best offensive and defensive guards in this end of the state as a junior. The 5-10, 180 pounder led the Tigers with

109 tackles, including 30 unassisted stops. He also had 13 tackles for m ious yardage and intercepted two passes.

Hunter, a speedy ju for hair back and split end, made the team on both abilities. He intercepted three passes and also returned one punt for a touchdown. Hunter had 48 tackles for the season 13 unassisted.

J. R. Martin was another top performer in the line, making 45 tackles with 10 unassisted and six for minus yardage. He is a six foot, 185 pound senior and a tackle. He intercepted one pass during the season and recovered one fumble.

Trafford averaged 35.9 yards per punt on 22 boots this year along with 63 tackles, 17 solo stops. He is a

Blackburn averaged 8.3 tackles per game as a junior with 16 for minus yardage. He also was a key blocker and ball-carrier in the Tigers explosive offense.

1976 All-WKC Class "AA" **OFFENSE**

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Center .. Kent Major, Trigg County. Halfback - David Barnes, Caldwell County; David Fischer

Mayfield; L. ndsey Hudspeth, Murray. Fullback .. Troy Snardon, Todd Central. Quarterb ick -- Marty Jaggers, Trigg County.

Kicker .. Carrell Boyd, Caldwell County. Punter - Joey Shelton, Mayfield.

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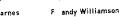














· Al Giordano

David Barnes

Coach G selected for prep softball Hall of Fame

Lady Tiger softball coach Al Giordano has been selected for induction into the Kentucky Prep Softball Hall of Fame.

In seven seasons as Caldwell head coach, Giordano has an overall record of 167-52.

During that time, Caldwell has appeared in the regional championship game four times, winning the title twice. In 1998, the Lady Tigers were state runners-up.

"No coach is ever honored unless he's had great players, and I've had some of the best," said Giordano.

"This honor really says a lot about those kids."

Giordano will officially be inducted as part of the 2001 Hall of Fame class at a banquet on June 16.

Life is a journey

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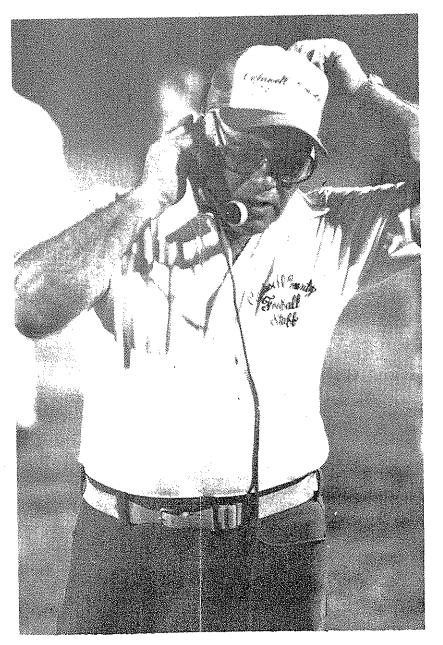
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Caldwell County Leads Voting With Eight Pl

26 players who were named to the

Here is a capsulized summary of the KENTUCKY NEW ERA All-Star football team.



CALDWELL COUNTY COACH Al squad finished in third place in

Michael Brown - Caldwell County's quarterback set all kinds of scoring records this year, especially for quarterbacks. Brown ran the veer offense almost to perfection.

Darrell Stewart - Fullbacks topped our backfield list this year, and one of the best was Fort Campbell's Stewart, a runner who could rely on both speed and power.

Bobby Joe Thacker - In his first year as a fullback, Thacker proved his worth quickly to Caldwell County fans. Small for his size, Thacker still was quick enough to run around his obstacles.

Willie Monroe - How about a big. bruising fullback with plenty of power and size? If that's your football delight, then Monroe of Christian County is your type of fullback.

Victor Leavell - When Todd County went on offense, most of the Rebel opponents knew the ball would be delivered to wide receiver Victor Leavell. Despite the knowledge. Leavell still came up with crucial passes.

Reggie Wilson - Christian County's future. Wilson could either catch the ball, run with it or, on a couple of occasions, throw the pass with brilliant accuracy.

Jason Dyer - Center Jason Dyer of Caldwell County led the voting for offensive lineman. Coach Al Giordano always could count on a good, steady ballgame from Dyer.

Brian Cundiff - A top center last year, but this season Cundiff was moved to an offensive guard spot. Fort Campbell's Cundiff is one of the most intelligent ballplayers in the area.

Glenn Griggs - When Hopkinsville lost the services of Griggs halfway through the season, it hurt the Tigers considerably. Head coach Dan Sundberg refers to Griggs as Mr. Aggression. The name fits.

Mark Ford - Here's another of Fort Campbell's extremely quick and mobile linemen who has enabled the

Homer Stevens - Because of his talented play and ability to make the key blocks. Stevens was the heart of the Trigg County offensive line this season.

Tim Stevens - Here's another football Stevens from Trigg County. He also plays on the line, but our panel of experts tapped this Stevens because of his defensive line expertise. Stevens got the most points of our defensive linemen.

Carleton Maxie - Every coach likes a team man, and Christian County's Maxie didn't make any objections when the Colonel mentors switched him from a running back to a lineman. Maxie's speed made him one of the best in the area.

Kurt Jones - Fort Campbell's coaches knew when they totaled up the defensive stats that Jones would be one of the top tacklers, almost every game.

Bob Swinney - This is the NEW ERA's first football player to make the All-Star squad from two different schools. This season Swinney made it as a linebacker on the Colonels' squad, while last year Swinney was a member

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Jason Dyer	OL	6-0	19
Tandy Rudd	DL	5-9	215
Edmund Smith	LB	5-9	160
Paul Copeland	SE	5-8	150
Walter Haberlock	ĸ	6-0	185
David Button	R	6-0	185

For	rt Campbell		
Darrell Stewart	RB	5-11	185
Brian Cundiff	OU	6-1	175
Mark Ford	OL	6-3	20
Kurt Jones	DL	6-0	17
Ed Barton	LB	6-0	16
Rorie Norvell	DE	6-3	160