



Clark baseball coach Larry Allison, above, and daughter Whitney Allison were recently inducted in the girls' 10th Region Hall of Fame.

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Class of '08

Larry,
Whitney
Allison
join Hall
of Fame

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Sally Allison can't remember a day her husband hasn't been a coach.

"It seems like we've been in it (coaching) since we met," she said.

Larry Allison, currently head baseball coach and assistant boys' basketball coach at George Rogers Clark High School, is a member of the boys' 10th Region Hall of Fame, but joined the girls' cast recently and became the first coach to be inducted in both coaching fraternities.

"It's special to be honored in both," Larry Allison said.

In addition, Whitney Allison, who played basketball and softball under her father's guidance at Harrison County from 1992-96, was inducted on the same day her father received the same honor.

"I was thrilled to death," Sally Allison said. "I was so pleased to see both of them go (into the Hall of Fame) on the same day."

Larry Allison applauded his daughter's induction.

"That was the big deal," he said.

Sally Allison said Larry has never put a premium on his own coaching accomplishments, and was glad he received recognition for the second time in his coaching career.

"He has never wanted to be



Larry Allison has coached basketball, baseball and softball at Clark, Harrison County, Deming and MMI during his coaching career.

recognized for his records," she said. "He has always felt like those records have belonged to the team. We raised three children and he wasn't home very much. That's why it's nice to see him recognized. He has coached just about everything."

Whitney Allison was equally pleased her father was recognized for a second time.

"It's one thing to have that honor (being inducted) as a player, but with dad (being honored) it just makes it more special," she said.

Whitney Allison said playing for her dad was an honor, but added there wasn't any

added pressure involved off the field.

"During practice from 3:30 until 5 p.m., he was most definitely coach Allison," she said. "When we got home, he was my dad again. I didn't have to relive any mistakes at the house. He was my dad at home and coach at school."

During his career, Allison has coached at Millersburg Military Institute, Deming High School, Harrison County and Clark. He has spent the past 11 years as head baseball coach at Clark and was girls' basketball coach from 1997-01.

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SPORTS

Cards edge Breds in Regional finals

By Lee Kendall, Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end.

The Harrison County Thorobreds had made it to the 10th Region championship game 14 times. Each of those times the Breds came away with a victory and a slot in the sectional tournament.

Last Wednesday, Harrison County was going for its 15th regional title in as many trips, but saw that streak come to an end as Clark County upended Harrison County 3-2 in nine innings.

"It's disappointing that we didn't win," said Harrison County head coach Mac Whitaker. "We just made some mistakes at the wrong time and we didn't hit. But, all in all, we had a good season. The kids played hard and gave their best effort."

In a low-scoring contest, Harrison County frittered away good scoring opportunities against Clark County starter Josh Barnes in the first two innings, then couldn't mount much offense against reliever Chris Greer, until the dramatic seventh inning.

In the first two innings, Barnes had trouble throwing strikes, but the Breds ran themselves out of one scoring opportunity and Greer came on to snuff out a rally in the second inning.

Barnes walked two of the first three batters he faced in the opening frame, but an ill-advised steal attempt helped get him off the hook. After Josh O'Brien led off with a walk and was forced at second on a ground-out by Nathan Ritchie, Clark County catcher Brett McAlpin nailed

Ritchie attempting to steal. Adam Haney then walked with two outs and was stranded when Josh Renaker struck out.

In the second inning, after three more walks by Barnes, Greer came on with one out and the bases loaded and prompted two ground-outs, ending the threat.

"In a game like this, you have to take advantage of scoring opportunities like that, especially when you struggle with hitting like we do," said a frustrated Whitaker.

Harrison County starting pitcher Clay Muntz mowed down the first six Cardinals he faced, but was touched up for one run in the top of the third as the lower part of the Clark County batting order came through.

Designated hitter Ernie Evans led-off with a single and Casey Harp followed with a single of his own. Bryan Bradshaw then bunted and was safe at first as Muntz's throw pulled Renaker off the bag at first.

With the bases loaded, Marc Midden flied out to short center with the runners holding. Van Crawford followed with a fly ball to left center that was deep enough to score Evans and give the Cards a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the sixth inning, Clark County made the score 2-0 when McAlpin led-off with a home run over the fence in left center field.

After Barrett Bridgewater singled and Todd Sharrock walked, Matt Clifford relieved Muntz and kept the Cardinals from adding to their lead.



Josh Renaker scores a run against Clark County. (Photo by Barry Thornton)

Harrison County cut the lead in half in the bottom of the sixth. Renaker sliced a one-out liner down the right

field line that got him out. With a sacrifice bunt, Greer retired the first two batters he faced. Down to

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The George Rogers Clark High School baseball team celebrated after winning the school's first 10th Region baseball championship in four years earlier this week. Clark will take on Dunbar in the semi-state 6 at Bates Creek beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The winner of the best-of-three series advances to the state tournament. At left, team members pose for a picture after beating Harrison County in the region final. Team members are: Front row from left: Tim Duvall, Cody Christopher, Steven Moore, John Turner, Brandon Mitchell, Jeremy Greene, Josh Wood and Lance Rose. Back row from left: Tyler Duncan, Evan Bennett, Anthony Withrow, Patrick Bailey, Jim Mabe, Jarran Thomas, Weston Turner, Adam Peters, Logan McQuerry, Justin Perry, Robert Bell and Jordan Barker. At right, Greene, John Turner, Bennett and Rose were named to the all-tournament team.