

1988 Dawahares/KHSAA High School Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Ralph Beard - First four sport letterman in Male High School history (football, basketball, baseball and track)...Two-time All-State and star of Male's 1945 state basketball champions...Also starred on Male's 1943 state baseball champions and was the state champion in the 880 yard run on Male's 1945 state championship track team..."I always tried to be the best'.

Ralph Carlisle - Led Kavanaugh to two straight state tournament appearances in basketball...As Lafayette's coach for 16 years, he guided the Generals to three state championships, in 1950, 1953, and 1957, as well as the runner-up slot in 1949...He was All-State pre-tourney in 1932 and All-State Tournament in 1933...At Lafayette he was a two-time Coach-of-the-Year and was Coach-of-the-Decade for 1950-1959 by his peers.

L.J. "Butch" Charmoli - He coached football and track at duPont Manual High School, winning state track championships in 1960 and 1962...He served three Commissioners as manager of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, was instrumental in forming the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and was the first games manager for the East-West football and basketball All-Star games.

Blanton L. Collier - Played football and basketball for Paris High School and later coached those sports plus baseball and track at Paris from 1928-1943...He was perhaps Kentucky's pre-eminent dual coach of football and basketball, but in later years was not for his innovative thinking and scholarly approach to football...His basketball teams won four regional championships.

Morton Combs - A winner as a player and a coach...He made the winning basket for Hazard against Male High in the 1932 state championship game...He also played football and baseball for Hazard...As a coach, his Carr Creek team won the 1956 state basketball championship...He coached the Kentucky All-Stars against Indiana in 1964...Served the K.H.S.A.A. for eight years as a Board of Control member, and served as President for the 1967-68 school year...His philosophy, "No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined".

Ralph Dorsey - High school athletics was a major and vital part of his life...He was an all-state tournament basketball player at Horse Cave, where his 1933 and 1934 teams were unbeaten during the regular season...His '33 team lost in the finals to Ashland...As a coach, he led Caverna to a third place state tournament finish in 1953...His 1962 Caverna baseball team won the state championship...An eight-year Board of Control member, he was President in 1968-69 of both the Board of Control and the Kentucky High School Coaches Association.

Geri Grigsby - When girls' basketball was resumed in 1975, she was largely responsible for gaining statewide recognition for participants in the sport...Named first team All State at McDowell in 1975, 1976 and 1977, she was named captain of the 1977 All State team...Her 4,385 points for three years is the highest mark on record for boys or girls...She once scored 81 points in a single game...Kentucky's Miss Basketball in 1977, and the state's Sportswoman of the Year in 1978, she averaged 49.8 points per game in 1977.

Cliff Hagan - One of Kentucky's all-time great basketball players, Hagan led Owensboro to the 1949 state basketball championship...The Red Devils defeated Lafayette 65-47 in the final with Hagan breaking the single game scoring record by pouring in 41 points...His play in that game is still regarded by many as the finest all around performance in the history of the tournament...He broke all scoring records at Owensboro, averaging 27.5 points his last semester...Hagan was a three time first-team all state performer.

Clem Smith Haskins - Starred in basketball for Campbellsville Durham High School and Taylor County High...The quick, high-jumping sharp-shooter was named All-State and All-American and was named to represent Kentucky against the Indiana All-Stars...He also played in the East-West All Star game. Motto:

"To achieve is to believe. Faith, confidence, and desire will allow you to achieve great things if you continue to believe in yourself".

Bearnard L. "Peck" Hickman - An all-state tournament basketball player for Central City High School...As a coach at Valley High in Jefferson County, his Vikings dominated the region and his work at Valley catapulted him to a successful collegiate coaching career...Hickman also coached at Hodgenville High School...As a student at Central City, he also played football, baseball, ran track...He turned down a professional baseball contract at the end of his senior year..."My greatest joy and satisfaction in coaching was to see these young men go out into the mainstream of life and be a success".

Stephanie Hightower-Leftwich - This world-class track star performed her feats for Stuart High School in Jefferson County...Twelve years after she graduated, she still holds three State Track Meet records, with her 10.8 time in the 100-yard dash, her 8.0 time in the 60-yard hurdles, and her 14.3 time in the 110-yard hurdles...She won both hurdles events for three consecutive years at the State Track Meet...She has continued to be successful on the track as an amateur competitor representing the United States in both the Olympic and Pan American games.

Paul Hornung - Truly a star in high school, Hornung was all state in football and basketball before pursuing his collegiate career at Notre Dame...Paul is generally regarded as one of, if not the, finest football players Kentucky has ever produced. He excelled as a runner, passer, punter and kicker for Coach Paulie Miller's Flaget Braves as well as a standout career as a forward on the Braves basketball team.

Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones - An All-State performer in football, baseball, and basketball, he also was a stellar performer in track and field...He led Coach Joe Gilly's Harlan Green Dragons to the 1944 State Basketball championship, and is generally known as one of the Commonwealth's all time great all-around athletes...He was also one of a select number of players who have been named first-team All-State in basketball on three occasions.

William Lee Kean - As a high school player, he excelled in basketball, football, tennis and track...At Louisville Central High School he coached football for 33 years, winning 225 games, losing but 45, and tying 12. During his 35-year tenure as head basketball coach, his Yellow Jackets won 856 games and lost only 83 while winning five state basketball championships in the Kentucky High School League, and four National Championships in the National Negro High School Tournament...He was a pioneer in the desegregation of athletics in Kentucky.

Roy L. Kidd - This outstanding football coach played in three consecutive state basketball tournaments for Corbin High...He also played football and baseball and was first team All-State in football...He was Kentucky's Coach of the Year in 1961 when his Richmond Madison High teams were ranked No.1 in the state all season...His Madison teams were 54-10-1, had a 27-game winning streak and shut out 14 consecutive opponents.

Frank "Dr. Lit" Litkenhous - This gentlest of men has been cussed and discussed more than perhaps any other human in Kentucky because of his ratings of high school football and basketball teams...A pioneer in the mathematical rating systems, for 40 years, Litkenhous' work has appeared each Tuesday in the Courier-Journal...In 1948 he was vilified and cursed as he ranked little Brewers High Number 1 in the state...That same little Brewers team went undefeated and captured the state championship...The people he didn't convince with his Brewers rating were swayed when he correctly picked tiny Cuba to win the title in 1952.

Garnis Martin - Kentucky's winningest high school football coach, Garnis Martin has coached teams that have won 269 games, lost 105, and tied 7...He captained both the football and basketball teams at Wheelwright High School and was named the school's outstanding athlete in 1940...His first year at Wayland produced only a 1-7 record before taking his job at Bardstown 36 years ago...At Bardstown, he has coached two Class A and one Class AA state football championship teams, two Class A state

championship track teams, and coached two different editions of the basketball team to the state tournament.

Mary T. Meagher -Swimming for Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, "Madam Butterfly" showed early signs of her future world class and Olympic swimming greatness as she led the Valkyries to state swimming championships in each of her years at the school. Her 51.772 mark in the 1981 100-yard butterfly still stands as a state record.

Letcher Norton - He played basketball for Clark County High School in 1930-31 and followed this with a 14-year tenure as basketball coach at the Winchester school...He also coached at Trapp High School in Clark County and at Charleston, Indiana...His overall record was 603 and 140...He coached the Clark County Cardinals to the state championship in 1951 following a runner-up finish in the state tournament in 1950...He was a three time Kentucky basketball coach of the year, and his teams once won 39 - consecutive games between 1950-51 and 1951-52. His motto: "To have a winning tradition, I firmly believe in discipline, pride and a love for the sport".

Joe W. Ohr - He played basketball and baseball in the days when coaches sometimes played or in one case where the barber closed his shop and joined in the game...Ohr coached basketball, football, baseball and golf at Irvine High with his basketball teams recording 401 wins against 265 losses...He took his 1948 basketball team as well as his 1948 baseball team to the state high school tournaments...He served for 27 years as secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association a position that "gave me the opportunity to meet and work with the finest people in the world."

Homer Rice - Football was his coaching game, but he was an outstanding baseball and basketball player in addition to being a sprint champion in track in field and an All-State quarterback at Highlands High School in Fort Thomas...He first gained acclaim as a coach for Highlands, where he had seven undefeated seasons and finished with an 11-year record of 101 wins, 9 losses, and 7 ties at the school, including victories in his last 50 games.

S.T. Roach - For Bate High in Danville, Roach was an all conference performer in football, and All-State forward-guard in basketball, and a successful distance runner in track...As head basketball coach at Bate, he compiled a record of 98-24 before beginning a highly successful career at Lexington Dunbar where his teams won 512 while losing only 143 from 1943 to 1965...His Dunbar teams captured six regional championship trophies during his final eight years at the school...He won two state Kentucky High School Athletic League titles at Dunbar, and his Dunbar teams finished second in the KHSAA Sweet 16 State Tournament on two occasions.

Ted Sanford – A name synonymous with high school athletics in Kentucky for many years, Ted was the first Commissioner of the KHSAA...After serving the Association as its Secretary-Treasurer from 1937-1947, he was hired as the Commissioner and served in that post until his retirement in 1972. He coached four sports at Fulton and Murray High Schools before becoming an administrator. He played baseball for Fulton High School.

J.W. "Spider" Thurman – One of Kentucky's truly great all-around athletes, Thurman was an all-state tailback for Benham High in Harlan County...He is also commonly credited with starting the basketball tradition at Clay County High School, a tradition that reached its zenith when one of his players, Bobby Keith, coached the Tigers to the 1987 State Basketball Championship...Thurman played for the undefeated (25-0) Benham High team in 1935-36, but the county was under quarantine for meningitis and Benham was not allowed to play in the tournament...Corbin High, which had been defeated by Benham earlier in the year by nine points at Corbin, captured the state title that season.

John Bill Trivette - Trivette played basketball and baseball for Pikeville College Academy from 1932-1935 and gained recognition for his outstanding work as basketball coach at Pikeville High for 16 years...One of the innovators in the game, Trivette is commonly referred to as an inventor of the full court zone press...Trivette had said repeatedly that his success is coaching "can be directly attributed to the quality of the young people that I had the opportunity to coach"...His Pikeville teams won 427 games and

lost 126 between 1944 and 1960...He was Kentucky's coach of the year in 1957 when his team had a record of 32-4 and finished third in the State Tournament.

Russell Williamson - This soft-spoken man coached basketball at fabled Inez High School from 1929-1948...During this time, Inez won the regional title eight times, including a string of seven titles in eight years, and won the state title in 1941...In 1940, Inez placed four of his players on the All- State Tournament team...He served the K.H.S.A.A. as president from 1955-1960 and was on the Board of Control for eight years...He said that "dedication, discipline and teamwork have enabled small schools from small towns in Kentucky to achieve great success".