

## **1995 Dawahares-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame Inductees**

**George Conley** - This former Ashland Tomcat is one of the few distinguished Kentuckians to both coach and officiate in the Boys' State Tournament...He coached both boys' basketball and baseball, but it was on the hardwood where he found his success...As one of the winningest coaches in Ashland basketball history, he won 114 games while losing only 39 in a career that spanned just five seasons, from 1949-54...His 1953 squad won the 16th Region and appeared in the Sweet 16® State Tournament...His '54 team finished 28-6 and defeated Adair County 72-66 to finish third in the state tournament...After retiring as a coach, he became one of the top officials in the state...He worked numerous state tournaments, and for his officiating expertise, was inducted into the Sweet 16® Hall of Fame.

**Woodrow "Woody" Crum** - This successful coach was a multi-sport star who lettered in basketball, football, baseball and track at Jenkins...As an All-State basketball selection in 1947, he quickly turned his superb roundball talents into a successful 31-year coaching career, winning 527 games...He coached at Mayslick, Maysville, Bowling Green, and Daviess County, Harrison County and Pendleton County, guiding Maysville to three Sweet 16® appearances and Harrison County to one. He also coached at Lawrence Central for six years, making one trip to the Indiana state tournament. As a baseball coach, he won 250 games in 10 years, leading Maysville to the 1958 state title.

**Paul Dotson** - As a player and coach, this individual devoted his entire career to Belfry...As an all-state football selection in 1963, he represented the Pirates as an East/West All-Star..Later, he coached football, baseball and track, but it was in girls' basketball where he found his fame. He won 276 games while losing just 68 and guided his 1984 squad to a state runner-up finish...His teams were 60th District champs nine-consecutive years...As a basketball official, he worked the Boys' Sweet Sixteen, and as the Belfry athletic director, was the founder of a group that raised \$500,000 to build Belfry's modern athletic complex.

**Tom Ellis** - The man they called "Big Daddy", "Mr. Bulldog" and "Coach", was one of the last in Kentucky to coach football, baseball and basketball at the same time. As a player, he lettered for four years in basketball and baseball at Calhoun, leading his roundball team to the state tournament in 1925...Recruited by Ed Diddle to play football at Western, he played in the first football game he ever saw...As a coach, he recorded a 608-184 mark in basketball and a 203-98-6 record in football, serving as the headman at both Bardstown and Covington Holmes...His 1941 Bardstown team was unscored upon and his Tigers posted five undefeated seasons...At Holmes, his '46 pigskin team was awarded the state mythical state title and later, he took two Bulldog basketball teams to the Sweet 16®.

**Allen Feldhaus** - A 1958 graduate of Boone County, this individual lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track...After lettering for three years in basketball and baseball at Kentucky, he played three years of professional baseball...He began his coaching career at Russell County, where he coached boys' basketball for 10 years...At Mason County, he put the Royals on the map, winning nine district titles and four regional championships...His 1981 team was a runner-up in the Sweet Sixteen® and the following year, his squad was undefeated during the regular season...He had nine consecutive, 20-win seasons, three seasons of 30 or more victories and he coached four teams to the state tournament...He retired with 512 wins, 210 losses.

**Denzil Halbert** - "Hoss", as he is known, served as the head basketball, baseball, track and golf coach at Martin in Floyd County for 25 years, from 1947-72...In basketball, he recorded a 528-331 coaching record with his crowning moment occurring in 1965 when he won the regional championship and took his team to the Sweet 16®. That squad also won an unprecedented six tournaments that season...Even more remarkable, his teams won 20 or more games in 20 seasons...In baseball, he won over 250 games and two district titles...He later served as athletic director for 13 years at Allen Central and the Floyd County school system before retiring in 1985 with 38 years of total service.

**Ted Hornback** - This basketball star started for Sonora outside...He and his teammates were forced to play nearly all their home games on outdoor courts until he and others were able to build a gymnasium for the school thanks to scrap lumber from old barracks at Ft. Knox...After playing for Ed Diddle at Western from 1925-29, he began his coaching career at Corinth where, in just his first season, he led his team to a state championship, defeating Kavanaugh 22-20 in the final at Alumni Gym in Lexington. He later returned to Western as an assistant coach in basketball and the head coach of the men's tennis teams.

**Brenda Hughes** - She officiated her first basketball game in ballet shoes, but later became a pioneer for both African-Americans and women in basketball officiating...After "making do" with the shoes, she was the first female and the first African-American to represent the Bluegrass Basketball Association in the 10th and 11th Regions...Her professional achievements as an official, both on and off the court, provided her with the credentials to officiate numerous postseason games including a remarkable five Girls' Sweet Sixteen® State Tournaments in her outstanding career.

**Charles "Junie" Jones, Jr.** - Known as Junie to everyone, he earned 10 letters at DuPont Manual in football, basketball, track and baseball...As an all-stater in football, he led his team to an undefeated season and a state title in 1936, scoring two touchdowns in a 27-0 win over Male on Thanksgiving Day...After earning All-SEC honors in 1942 at Kentucky, he began a coaching career that took him to stops at Pikeville, St. Xavier, Manual, Atherton and Ft. Knox...His most outstanding achievement came when he led the Ft. Knox girls' basketball team to an undefeated regular season and a berth in the 1977 Sweet Sixteen®...Very active in athletics throughout his community, he also officiated high school basketball for several years.

**Geneva "Red" Lemons Coblens** - A woman before her time, "Red" was a member of the Georgetown High Buffalettes, one of the first powerhouse girls' basketball teams in the state...In 1926, she led her squad to a 43-win season, including a 23-16 victory over the Cleveland Favorite Knits - the national champions - before a crowd of 4,300 fans at UK's new Alumni Gym...That year, Georgetown finished as state runner-up and the following year, she earned All-Kentucky honors and once again led her team to the State Tournament...To cap her legendary career, she was selected All-Southern Running Guard in 1928.

**Harold Mischel** - Known as "A.D." to all, he had a 46-year career in athletics, serving as basketball coach of St. Joseph (1940-48), St. Frances (1948-51) and Owensboro Catholic (1951-60) where he recorded a career mark of 338 wins and 152 losses...In 1960, he became Catholic's athletic director, a position he held for 26 years...He also worked as a KHSAA assigning secretary in basketball, assigning games in the third region from 1972-86...As a very involved member of his community, he served as city commissioner of Owensboro.

**Roscoe Shackelford** - This former Hazard Bulldog led his basketball team to the state tournament his senior year of 1953...For his four-year high school career, he averaged 17.3 points per game...As a multi-sport star, he earned 14 varsity letters at Hazard, participating in football, basketball, baseball and track, earning All-State honors in football and basketball...After a successful college career in both basketball and baseball at Louisville, he began his roundball coaching career at Dilce Combs before taking over his alma mater in 1962-63...In his 11 years at Hazard, he guided the 'Dogs to four trips to the state tournament, where his teams advanced to the semifinals in 1964 and 1965...At Hazard, he recorded a 324-66 record...He served as Hazard's athletic director from 1964-82 and later spent five years as superintendent of Hazard City Schools.

**Tom Thacker** - This Covington Grant basketball star began his successful career earning all-tournament recognition as a freshman at the Kentucky High School Athletic League's state tournament...The next three years, he earned the same honor at the KHSAA's Sweet 16®. He earned All-State mention in both his junior and senior seasons, averaging 31.7 and 33.8 points per game, respectively...Many rated him

the best sophomore in the state of Kentucky, and by his senior year, he was a finalist for Mr. Basketball honors...He is still very active with youngsters, conducting summer and midnight basketball leagues and other youth sports programs in the Greater Cincinnati area.

**Harry Todd** - He still ranks third all-time in the state of Kentucky in scoring, with 3,567 points...His legendary career at Earlington culminated in a senior season of 1958 where he averaged 32 points and 20 rebounds per game and earned co-Mr. Basketball honors...The 6-8, 220-pounder scored a career high 64 points that season against Crittenden County...He led Earlington to a state tournament in 1956, where he earned all-tournament honors...He was an All-State performer for three years and a high school All-American in 1957 and 1958...As a five-year member of the varsity team, he averaged 23.8 points per game for his career...Following an outstanding college career at Western Kentucky, he became a multi-decorated combat veteran in the U.S. Army. Among his many medals, he earned a Purple Heart and a Legion of Merit honor, the nation's fourth highest award, before retiring from a distinguished military career in 1990.

**Ben Topmiller** - The youngest coach to ever lead a team to the Sweet 16®, he was 19 when he led Hughes-Kirkpatrick to the 1948 tournament...A graduate of Hughes-Kirk, he inherited a squad which had finished 5-18 during the 1945-46 season, but quickly turned the Tigers' program around, appearing the Sweet 16® in 1948, 1949 and 1951...Following his coaching days, he served as a high school official before becoming superintendent of Muhlenberg County Schools, a position he would hold for 22 years before his retirement in 1991.

**Roy Walton** - This legendary football coach graduated from Lafayette in 1950 and began his coaching career in basketball at Breckinridge Junior High while still attending Morehead State...But football is where he found his fame, becoming one of the winningest coaches in Kentucky. He recorded a 219-115-3 record coaching at Lafayette (1958-62) and Tates Creek (1967-91) while winning 12 district crowns...In 1960, his Lafayette team finished 10-1, runners-up in Class AA. His 1972 Tates Creek squad finished 13-0 and Class 2A state champs as he earned Coach of the Year honors...His '78 team finished 8-7 and Class 4A At-Large state champs. He also coached three Tates Creek doubles' teams to state titles in tennis...As coach of the girls' basketball team at Tates Creek, Walton led his Lady 'Dores to the semifinals of the 1975 state tournament, the first year for sanctioned girls' basketball in the modern era.

**Clarence Wilson** - This original member of the Harlem Globetrotters learned to play basketball on an outdoor court near his four-room schoolhouse in Horse Cave...In 1943, he led his team to the Kentucky High School Athletic League state tournament, finishing third...It was only a prelude of things to come as he guided Horse Cave to state titles in 1944 and 1945...During that period, his team won 65 consecutive games before losing in the national tournament...He earned All-State and All-Tournament honors all three years of high school...He was a player, coach and captain of the Globetrotters for 15 years until 1964, then spent 27 years with the Cabinet for Human Resources in Kentucky working with troubled youth.

**Billy V. Wise** - From Stamping Ground High School to the commissioner's post at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, he achieved success as an athlete, official and administrator...As a player, he lettered four years in basketball...After an outstanding basketball career at both Campbellsville and Transylvania, he began officiating football, basketball and baseball in Kentucky and worked five consecutive baseball finals...In 1969, he became an assistant commissioner of the KHSAA, where, among many of his duties, he conducted football and basketball clinics statewide for 22 years...He served on numerous sports committees for both the KHSAA and the National Federation...As a culmination of his efforts, he was named the KHSAA's fourth full-time commissioner in 1991...His tenure will long be remembered for his efforts in reestablishing the KHSAA's finances upon his retirement in 1994.