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Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Foundation
Newsletter — Summer 2007

Hall prepares 14th induction class

Twenty-two athletes, coaches, contributors and officials to enter Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame during 14th annual induction ceremony Sept. 23 in Lincoln. This year's inductees include:

Athletes

BOBBY BASS, Omaha Benson (1975): The first three-time All-Nebraskan in football, he scored 22 touchdowns as a junior. He also lettered in basketball, baseball and track, playing on the state championship baseball team of 1974.

2007 Induction Ceremony Sept. 23, Lied Center, Lincoln

For tickets, contact the Nebraska Sports Council, P.O. Box 29366, Lincoln, NE., 68529. (402) 471-2544 or info@nebraskasportscouncil.com.

RANDY BROOKS, Omaha Creighton Prep (1977): Won five gold medals at the state track meet in 1976 and 1977. He set the state record in the 120-yard high hurdles (13.7 seconds), posted the all-time fastest time in the 180-yard low hurdles and was a second-team all-state in football. Brooks was a four-

year track letterman and national qualifier at Nebraska.

ELMER DOHRMANN, Seward (1933): Began his high school career at Staplehurst, then transferred to Seward for his final two years. He was a starting end on Seward's 1931 football team (9-0) that outscored its

opponents 320-2. At NU, he competed in football, basketball, track and baseball, earning 11 letters, the most ever by a Husker.

JEFF EVANS, Fremont (1973): Won all but two races during his high school swimming career, setting state records at all four state meets. He was the first Nebraskan to break four minutes in the 400 freestyle.

STAN PARKER, Bellevue East (1982): A three-sport athlete with the Chieftains, he was a three-year football letterman at Nebraska. At

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Committee seeks memorabilia for display

Now that the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame will soon have a home, the Memorabilia Committee, chaired by Hall of Fame Board of Director Jerry Stine, is putting out a call for help.

We are looking for memorabilia and artifacts that we can display in the Hall.

Some items already committed to us are two old scoreboards, one from Mason City and one from Clay Center, a plaque from Wahoo that commemorates its boys' basketball 114-game winning streak, and a football helmet from the early 1920's.

Our legal team is drafting documents that will allow individuals, groups, schools, etc., either to donate items or to loan them to the Hall of Fame for a designated period of time.

You may contact Jerry Stine at 1-308-991-2983 or write to him at 1004 Lake Vista Drive, Papillion, NE 68046, if you have items of interest for us or if you have questions.

At the present time Randy Cordes of York, Bob Jensen of Central City, Dan Moore of Ansley and Del Schoenfish of Cambridge have agreed to serve on this committee, any of whom you may contact.



Memorabilia Committee member Dan Moore of Ansley displays the scoreboard from the Mason City High School that has been acquired by the Hall of Fame. The scoreboard includes metal number cards and a divided box where a light was inserted to indicate the minutes remaining.

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From the Executive Director

It is hard to believe that another year has slipped by. This will be the 14th induction class to be presented Sept. 23 at the Lied Center in Lincoln on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. I hope that you will be able to attend and recognize another outstanding class.

During this past year, there have been many positive things that happened between the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, the Nebraska School Activities Association, the Nebraska Coaches Association and the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. The Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame would not be in existence without the high school sports programs that we have in the state of Nebraska. We are fortunate to have an excellent Board of Control and an outstanding staff led by Executive Director Dr. Jim Tenopir, who invited the Hall of Fame to be a tenant of their new building near Haymarket ball park, for which we are grateful.

The state is blessed with a strong coaches association under the leadership of an outstanding Executive Director in Steve Johnson and his staff, and the NSIAAA and executive director Mike Purdy, which continues to grow in the area of in-service programs and certification of its members as well as promoting high school sports, still the best game in town. I mention the above because, in my estimation, there has been a tremendous amount of cooperation among all of the entities to help further the reality of the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame Foundation to be on its way to accomplishing a long-time goal of building a facility to house and feature the accomplishments of its inductees and schools.

All of us who are involved in high school sports have a tremendous challenge to preserve the integrity of the game, sportsmanship, playing the game for the right reasons, and to respect all sports and their seasons. Until next time, be a good sport.



Dick Beechner

Class

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Bellevue East, he was an undefeated wrestling champion in 1982 and won the Class A discus in 1981. He excelled at football where he lettered for three years at Nebraska.

DOUG PHELPS, Hastings (1975): The first Nebraskan to clear 7 feet in the high jump. He won three gold medals at the state meet. He was a three-year, three-sport letterman, competing in football, basketball and track.

VIRGINIA (STAHR) GEE, Centennial (1985): The Big Eight female athlete of the year in 1989, she earned 12 letters at Centennial. The Broncos were 24-0 as the Class C-1 state champions her senior volleyball season. She was all-state in basketball her junior and senior years and qualified for the state track meet in 12 events. At Nebraska, she played on four Big Eight Conference champion volleyball teams, earning All-American honors in 1988 and 1989.

ERICK STRICKLAND, Bellevue West (1992): Played basketball at Nebraska and had a long NBA career. At Bellevue West, he was a two-time all-state wide receiver, three-time all-state basketball player and all-state in baseball as a senior. He was a four-year letterman in basketball at Nebraska, starting for three years.

CLARENCE SWANSON, Wakefield (1917): His 17 career touchdown receptions at Nebraska were the Huskers' record until Johnny Rodgers came along. At Wakefield, he played football,

Other awards to be presented at the Hall of Fame ceremony

— Ron Gustafson Inspiration Award: Drew Pope, Chadron.

— Fischer Family Award: Henry and Ethel Rother Family of Wolbach.

— Silver Anniversary Team: Wilber Clatonia girls basketball.

— Silver Anniversary Team: Wheeler Central

girls track and field.

— Silver Anniversary Team: Columbus boys tennis.

— Golden Anniversary Team: Lexington football.

— Golden Anniversary Team: Clatonia boys basketball.

basketball and baseball. The university's Clarence E. Swanson Memorial Award "for outstanding contributions to UNL and the Husker athletic department" bears his name.

HOWARD "DUTCH" WELCH, Berwyn and Gothenburg (1924): Won the mile at the 1924 national high school meet in Chicago. He attended Berwyn through his junior year, winning the mile and taking second in the 880 at state. Won both distances his senior year at Gothenburg, where he also played football and basketball. His only loss in the mile was at the Drake Relays.

ALLISON WESTON, Papillion-LaVista (1992): The captain of the 2000 U.S. Olympic volleyball team, she was all-state in volleyball and basketball her junior and senior seasons. She also qualified for the state track meet and was an all-state soccer player.

ANDRE WOOLRIDGE, Omaha Benson (1992): Scored a championship-game record 50 points to lead the Bunnies to the state title his senior year. He was All-Metro for three years and all-state twice, finishing with a Class A-record 1,911 points. He was a four-year starter at Iowa, leading the Big 10 in scoring

and assists his senior year. He played professionally in France, Italy, Turkey and Greece.

Coaches:

PAUL BRUNGARDT, Humphrey St. Francis: Had a career record in boys basketball of 473-159 in 29 seasons, winning Class D-1 state championships in 1990, '92 and '94.

LINDA CARLSON, North Platte: Started the Bulldogs' volleyball and track programs, guiding them to the inaugural Class A state track championship in 1971. In volleyball, she had a 476-252 record from 1970 to 2003 and her 1979 and 1980 teams were state champions.

RON COLEMAN, McCook: His golf teams won seven Class B state championships and two runner-up trophies from 1990 to 2004.

DON KELLEY, Lincoln Pius X: Coached boys basketball from 1968 to 1980, winning Class B in 1974. In 1985, he became the girls coach, leading the Thunderbolts to five state tournaments and winning Class B titles in 1991 and 1992. His combined boys and girls coaching record was 371-188.

JIM PUETZ, Columbus Scotus: In 34 football seasons,

the final 31 at Scotus, Puetz compiled a 236-96-6 record. His teams won state championships in 1984 and 1993. A track coach from 1968 to 1993, he led his teams to two state championships and two runners-up.

Contributors:

MARK AHMANN, Wayne: Was the primary face and voice of Nebraska high school sports while hosting KOLN/KGIN's Friday Night Sports Roundup from 1972-80.

DEWAINE GAHAN, Oakland: The co-owner of the Oakland Independent and Lyons Mirror-Sun has been a long-time supporter of high school athletics through newspaper coverage and a pioneer in staging all-star events for graduating seniors.

RONALD PARK, Millard North: The school's first athletic director (14 years), he worked in the Millard schools for 32 years.

Officials:

DENNIS LOGAN/DAN NEWMYER, North Platte: Officiated partners in football and basketball for 40 years. They officiated at the state basketball tournament from 1964 to 1968 and worked the 1984 Shrine Bowl football game.

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- Athletes for outstanding high school careers.
- Administrators, coaches, officials and community members who have made significant contributions to high school athletics.
- Athletes who have had a significant impact on their chosen field or in our society following completion of their high school careers.

Our Goals:

1. Establish a Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame facility that will preserve the rich heritage of Nebraska high school athletics and serve as a repository for all memorabilia acquired.
2. Develop and implement programs and services consistent with the intent and purpose of the Hall of Fame.

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