

2014 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame Induction

October 23, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Program of Induction

Greeting Tony McClamrock
Invocation Harry Mills
Introductions – Committee Members & Sponsors Doug Harward
Special Award

Brief History

Posthumous Inductees 2014

2014 Inductees..... Tony McClamrock, Scott Barringer & Harry Mills
Closing Remarks Tony McClamrock



Don't forget to visit:

Concord Museum located at the old courthouse downtown.

Also see ... Historic Cabarrus Association, Inc. — Sports Hall of Fame Exhibition.
Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 4 pm.

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Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 Inductees

2014 INDUCTEES

Robert "Beetle" Auten
Hartsell High School graduate – 1952
Laffette Jordan
Concord High School graduate – 1976

Richard A. Lapish
Concord High School graduate – 1952
Earl B. Lentz, Sr.
Graduated from A. L. Brown – 1952

Bob Mauldin
Concord High School graduate – 1956
Bill Watts
Mt. Pleasant High School graduate – 1949

2014 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

George Blanton
Concord High School graduate – 1962

David Cook
Concord High School graduate – 1947

Edwin "Eddie" Green
Middleweight Champion of the
Carolinas – 1952

2013 INDUCTEES

Crystal Cox-Grump.
Central Cabarrus High School – 2002
Margaret Hagerly
Concord High School – 1940
Natrone Means
Central Cabarrus High School – 1990

Benny Arnold Moose
Mt. Pleasant High School – 1966
Melissa Morrison-Howard
A. L. Brown High School – 1989
Amy Privette-Perko
A. L. Brown High School – 1983

Lance Smith
A. L. Brown High School – 1981
Haskel L. Stanback
A. L. Brown High School – 1970

2013 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES

Ralph Dale Earnhardt
Arden Ray

Barbara Smith Roberson
Concord High School – 1956
Roy Thomas
Concord High School – 1953

Donnie Whittington
Carl A. Widenhouse
Concord High School – 1918

2012 INDUCTEES

Bill Ford
Hartsell High School – 1947
Larry Eugene Honeycutt
Hartsell High School – 1960

Ethan Horton
A. L. Brown High School – 1981
Kellie Rose Kennedy
Concord High School – 1986

Michael Anthony Morton, Jr.
A. L. Brown High School – 1989
E. Z. Smith
Concord High School – 1972

2012 Posthumous Inductees

George "Ick" Alley
Concord High School – 1949
Billy Dale Goodman
Winecoff High School – 1944

Claude "Bear" Little
Winecoff High School – 1942
John McInnis
Concord High School – 1928

Leroy Sercy
A. L. Brown High School – 1956

2011 INDUCTEES

Kenneth E. Basinger
Concord High School – 1957
W. Frank Cannon
Winecoff High School – 1941

Quin Troxler Dionne
Concord High School – 1981
Charles E. Rimer
Concord High School – 1946

Larry "Satch" Sedberry
Concord High School – 1952
Gene K. Verble, Sr.
Hartsell High School - 1946

Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame – 2014 Inductees

Robert "Beetle" Auten

Hartsell High School graduate – 1952

- Played football, basketball and baseball
- Played in Alabama/Florida Farm League Pro-Baseball - 1955-1956 – All-star with the team
- Refereed high school basketball in the 1970's and 1980's. Also booked referees for North and South Piedmont Conferences for local high school football and baseball games
- Refereed ACC games
- Coached several outstanding athletes – David Caldwell and Robin Swaningen
- Retired from Cannon Mills and Wachovia bank
- Married to Johnsie Auten – 2 children, Kim and Bobby
- Coached Concord Post 51 American Legion 15 years
- Lives in Concord



Laffette Jordan

Concord High School graduate – 1976

- Outstanding track and field athlete – 1971 - 1976
- School records – 440 dash, long jump, triple jump
- Member of Key Club Chess Club, basketball team, manager/scorekeeper
- Great student
- First track All-American at Appalachian State University
- In 1980, he qualified for the Olympic trials in the 400 meter (Olympics were boycotted that year)
- Appalachian State Letterman (4 years), Captain (3 years), Most Valuable player (4 years)
- Southern Conference dream team member
- Inducted into Appalachian State University Hall of Fame in 1985
- He is back in Cabarrus County working with our youth



Richard A. Lapish

Concord High School graduate – 1952

- Played baseball – 2 years – Concord High School
- Played baseball at Appalachian – Pitcher, Short Stop
- Degree in education from Appalachian, Masters degree from UNC-Charlotte
- He was a teacher, coach and principal for 35 years
- Served 27 years in the military – Army - active and reserves
- Governor Jim Martin appointed him to an advisory commission for military affairs
- He was selected to the non-commissioned officers Hall of Fame of the 1st Battalion, 485th regiment, 108th division
- Jaycee of the year award and President of the Kiwanis Club
- Has been a great Cabarrus County citizen and outstanding community leader



Earl B. Lentz, Sr.

Graduated from A. L. Brown in 1952 – first graduating class at A. L. Brown

- Played basketball and baseball 1950 – 1952 at A. L. Brown – conference champions in basketball in 1952
- Played American Legion baseball in 1951 and 1952. Basketball scholarship to Catawba College
- Played baseball and basketball while at Catawba – his name is in the record books in both sports while at Catawba. Graduated 5th in his class at Catawba in 1956
- Coached in all 4 North Carolina divisions – 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A.
- Coached mainly at Bethel and A. L. Brown where his teams won baseball and basketball conference championships
- From 1963 to 1992, he coached at A. L. Brown high school. Coached the East-West basketball all-star game
- Coached and taught in the Cabarrus County School system for 37 years
- Was married to Betty Ruth (deceased), has 2 sons, 1 a financial advisor, 1 a teacher



Bob Mauldin

Graduated from Concord High School – 1956 – lettered in basketball and football

- Graduated from Appalachian in 1961 where he lettered in soccer and as manager in football and wrestling
- Lifelong teacher, administrator, coach, official, editor and publisher, supporter, mentor and friend to those he touches
- In 1961 began his career in teaching and coaching at Cannon Junior High and A. L. Brown in Kannapolis. Coaching included track, football and wrestling (which became his passion)
- Became involved in wrestling officiating in 1974 and continues to this day as Regional Supervisor for the Central Region of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association
- Began publishing Mat News in 1968, now in its 45th year. Key wrestling publication for coaches throughout North Carolina and shared with editors across the United States
- Elected to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004 for his contributions to the sport of amateur wrestling
- In 2014 received North Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, from Governor Pat McCrory
- His goal is simple and always has been ... to help young people become good citizens
- Earned his masters degree in 1970 at the University of Tennessee in Educational Administration



Bill Watts

Mount Pleasant High School graduate – 1949

- Played baseball 4 years, football 2 years, American Legion in Kannapolis 1949
- Graduated from Lenoir Rhyne University – Captain as a Senior in 1953
- Coached 46 years in Cabarrus County
- Impressive man who commanded respect from his players and the student body
- He believed games were won at practice
- He was a tough, strict type of man
- He helped players any way he could – college, summer jobs, etc.



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Posthumous Inductees

George Blanton

Concord High School graduate – 1962

- One of the best lineman who ever played at CHS
- All-conference, all-state in football
- Played in all star games such as the Shrine Bowl and East West
- Played football at Lenoir Rhyne University
- A statement made by a college teammate:

“At LRU, George earned many accolades for his prowess on the football field. The toughness he exhibited on the field of play will long be remembered. He was a great teammate and loved the game.”



David Cook

Concord High School graduate – 1947

- Football – 3 years, All Cabarrus County, Captain - 1947
- Worked for city recreation year-round
- Boys Club Camp Director
- Football scholarship – 3 years – Lees McRae College
- Military – 1951
- Outstanding model for local youth
- Coached and taught in America and Germany (Department of Defense Overseas Dependents Education System)
- 1947 – Selected to attend the National Red Cross Aquatics School – training gave him the unique skills to teach lifetime water skills and first aid to Cabarrus County youth and adults



- Coached football, soccer, biking, swimming and outdoor/environmental education
- Coached in Berlin, Germany High School – championship in 6-man and 11-man football – 1958-1959
- Recipient of two Berlin Command Achievement awards
- Taught at Appalachian State University 1976-1977
- A great citizen and sports enthusiast – worked with and for Bear Little, John McInnis, Ralph Glenn and Jack Sparks in different capacities

Edwin “Eddie” Green

- Joined the Navy at 17. When he returned after World War II, he worked at Cannon Mills
- A great Cabarrus County boxer
- A fierce competitor in the ring
- Eddie's daughter knew him as a gentle soul, a master brick mason who never retired and as a loving father
- He was known as the K-Town flash, one of the best welter weight and middleweight boxers in North Carolina and South Carolina
- Won 4 AAU and Golden Gloves titles
- Inducted into the Carolinas Boxing Hall of Fame. Had a 56 – 6 – 1 record
- Faithful to his sick wife, to his family, and to his church
- He believed in having great character, a good name, and his inner strength
- He loved rabbit hunting, fishing, and gardening



Sports Hall of Fame Committee

Tony McClamrock, Chairman

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Andy Andrews
Jimmy Auten
Harry Mills

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Becky McClamrock, Special Assistant

Larry “Satch” Sedberry
Johnny Patterson
Scott Barringer

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