

2017 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame Induction

October 28, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.

Program of Induction

Greeting	Tony McClamrock
Procession – Current Members of CCSHOF Present Tonight	
Invocation	Harry Mills
Remembering Billy J. Ford and Benny Max Kennerly	
Introduction – Current Members of CCSHOF	Laffette Jordan
Application Process	Andy Andrews
Our Sponsors	Ashley Sedlak-Propst
CCSHOF Committee Members	Andy Andrews
2017 Awards Presentation	E.Z. Smith
	Scott Barringer
	Bryan Tyson
Closing Remarks	Tony McClamrock



Don't forget to visit: Concord Museum located at the old courthouse downtown.

The Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame Recognizes and Honors

The 1929 Concord High School Spiders North Carolina Class B State Championship Football Team
And
The 1989 A. L. Brown High School Wonders North Carolina 3-A State Championship Football Team

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2017 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame — Inductees

Maurice "Mo" Blakeney

A. L. Brown High School graduate – 1991.

- A. L. Brown three-sport athlete – football, basketball, baseball 1989-1991. Played baseball for Kannapolis Post 115 American Legion 1989-1991.
- Quarterback on 1989 A. L. Brown Wonders North Carolina 3A State Championship football team. Named to South Piedmont All-Conference team and was conference Player of the Year.
- Quarterback on Wonders 1990 Football Team. Named to South Piedmont All-Conference team and was chosen Conference Player of the Year.
- Starting quarterback on 1990 winning North Carolina Shrine Bowl team.
- Shortstop on A. L. Brown baseball team which won South Piedmont Conference in 1990. Named to South Piedmont All-Conference Baseball Team in 1990 and 1991.
- Played shortstop for Kannapolis American Legion Post 115 baseball team from 1989 - 1991.
- Starting point guard in basketball at A. L. Brown.
- Cabarrus County Male Athlete of the Year in 1991.
- Awarded a full athletic scholarship to Elon University. Starting quarterback for football team and shortstop on Elon baseball team all four years. Named Colonial Conference Football Freshman of the Year in 1992. Graduated from Elon University in 1995.
- Drafted by Montreal Expos in 1995. Played and coached on professional level for more than 10 years. Hitting instructor for Expos minor league teams in Gulf Coast League and in Florida State League for five seasons.
- Currently Director of Baseball Instruction at Park Church Associates and Physical Instructor at Wesleyan Christian Academy in Greensboro, N.C.
- Inducted into Elon University's Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.



Robert A. Boswell, "Coach Bob Boswell"

Walter M. Williams High School Graduate – 1956.

- Received AB Degree from Elon College in 1960 and ME Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1963.
- Football coach at Graham High School 1960-1967. Won North Carolina 3A Football State Championship in 1965. Coached at High Point Andrews High School 1968 – 1973. Won North Carolina 4A Football State Championship in 1972.
- Assistant Football Coach under Lou Holtz at North Carolina State University 1973 - 1976. 1973 Wolfpack team went to Liberty Bowl, 1974 team went to Astro-Blue Bonnet Bowl, and 1975 team went to Peach Bowl.
- A. L. Brown High School Head Football Coach and Athletic Director 1976 - 1988. Wonders achieved great success during this period.
- As Athletic Director at A. L. Brown, he improved Memorial Stadium, began a permanent weight strength program, removed "Little" from team's nickname, and adopted big "K" emblem for school.
- As coach at A.L. Brown, his football teams won two 3A South Piedmont Conference Championships and four 4A Central Piedmont Conference Championships.
- Under his tenure as coach, he has had 183 All-Conference players, 14 Shrine Bowl players, 13 East-West players, 8 North-South players, 11 All-State players, 7 All-American players, and 67 full scholarship winners.
- Coached 9 conference championship teams, 15 state playoff teams and 2 state championship teams.
- Coaching honors include: Regional National Coach of the Year, 1972; Head Coach East-West All-Star Game, 1979; Assistant Coach Shrine Bowl, 1988; and Conference Coach of the Year 8 times.
- Coached football in South Carolina School System 1989-2000. Returned to North Carolina as Assistant Coach for South Rowan Raiders 2000-2009.



Doris and Iris Brumley

Doris Brumley Cobb

Iris Brumley Walker

W. R. Odell High School Graduates – 1957

- Doris and Iris, twin sisters, along with CASHOF member and leading scorer, Betty Beam Cartner, helped lead Odell Girls Basketball Teams 1954-1957 to an overall career record of 80-13-1.

- Doris and Iris became starting forwards on 1954 team after the team lost their first 4 games. 1954 team finished 13-10 winning Cabarrus County Tournament.



Doris Brumley



Iris Brumley

- 1955 Odell Girls basketball team finished season 23-1-1 (tie game due to electric power failure). Team won Granite Belt Conference, Cabarrus County Tournament, and Granite Belt Conference Tournament Championships.
- 1956 Odell team finished season undefeated 25-0 and again won the Granite Belt Conference, Cabarrus County Tournament, and Granite Belt Conference Tournament.
- 1957 Odell team finished season 19-2. Team had a 44 game winning streak against high school opponents snapped by a one-point loss to A. L. Brown High School. Team again won Granite Belt Conference, Cabarrus County Tournament, and Granite Belt Conference Tournament.
- Doris scored in double figures in 46 of 90 games. Iris scored in double figures in 70 of 90 games.
- Both were team Co-Captains in 1957.
- Both were named to Granite Belt Conference All-Tournament teams.
- Iris was named Most Valuable Player of 1957 Granite Belt Tournament.

David Glenn Caldwell

Northwest Cabarrus High School Graduate – 1974.

- Hit winning home run for team to capture the North Carolina State Babe Ruth Championship in 1970.
- Two-sport athlete for Northwest Cabarrus Trojans - baseball and football. Played for Concord Post 51 American Legion baseball.
- Captain for Northwest Cabarrus football team in 1973.
- Northwest Cabarrus Trojan baseball team was 1973 South Piedmont Conference Champions and finished in 2nd place in North Carolina 3A State playoffs.
- Hit more home runs his senior season than all Cabarrus County high schools combined.
- Drafted by Philadelphia Phillies in 1974 Major League baseball draft, but declined and decided to attend and play baseball for Clemson University.
- Played baseball for Clemson Tigers 1975-1977.
- Clemson's 1975 team placed 2nd in Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Clemson's 1976 team won Atlantic Coast Conference title, regional title, and played in College World Series.
- Runner-up for Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year.
- Clemson's 1977 team again won the regionals and returned to College World Series.
- During the Series, David set College World Series record for most doubles in a game.
- Named to 1977 All-America Baseball team and selected to All-Atlantic Coast Conference first team and All-College World Series team.
- Drafted by Baltimore Orioles in 1977 Major League Baseball Draft. Played minor league baseball in Baltimore organization two years for the Charlotte Orioles and the Miami Orioles.
- Later returned to baseball, coaching for Concord and JM Robinson High Schools and South Rowan and Concord American Legion Teams.



Jay Graham

Concord High School Graduate – 1993.

- Received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from University of Tennessee.
- Outstanding football running back and track and field sprinter for Concord Spiders 1990-1992.



- Totaled 4,305 rushing yards during his high school football career. Set 100-meter and 200-meter Concord High School track records and qualified for NCHSAA State Track and Field championships in 1992 and 1993.
- Named to South Piedmont Conference All-Conference football team in 1991 and 1992.
- Selected to North Carolina All-State football teams in 1991 and 1992.
- Named to "USA Today" All-American Football Team in 1992.
- Attended University of Tennessee on a football scholarship and played 4 years. Named second team All-Southeastern Conference in both junior and senior years.
- Ranked seventh on University of Tennessee career rushing list with 2,609 yards and had held school record for eleven 100-yard games in one season when he graduated.
- Most Valuable Player of 1995 Citrus Bowl. Played in three bowl games while at Tennessee and was selected Co-Captain of 1996 team.
- Drafted and played in National Football League with Baltimore Ravens, Seattle Seahawks and Green Bay Packers and as a member of Montreal Alouettes of Canadian Football League.
- Assistant College Football Coach for 6 different institutions. Presently at Florida State University where he is the running backs coach and special teams coordinator. Has coached such outstanding NFL running backs as Marcus Lattimore, Karlos Williams, Devonta Freeman, James Wilder, Jr. and Dalvin Cook.
- Running backs coach for 2013 National Championship Florida State Seminoles.

Howard Hall

A. L. Brown High School Graduate – 1954.

- A three-sport athlete for the Little Wonders in his Junior and Senior years playing football, baseball, and basketball. Co-Captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams his senior year.
- First quarterback in 1952 for then new A. L. Brown High School. First A. L. Brown football team to go undefeated and win South Piedmont Conference title.
- 1953 Little Wonders football team placed 2nd in South Piedmont Conference and only lost to Albemarle who won 1953 WNCSSAA Championship.
- Co-captain and received both Lug Leazer and Owen C. Hill trophies.
- Guard on Little Wonders basketball team. 1952 - 1953 team won South Piedmont Conference.
- 1953-1954 basketball team again won South Piedmont Conference and went on to win WNCSSAA Championship.
- 1953 baseball team won South Piedmont Conference title and WNCSSAA Championship. In championship game, Howard pitched a 5-hitter against Shelby.
- 1954 team again won South Piedmont Conference title and WNCSSAA Championship, defeating Hickory in 10 innings. Howard pitched the first 9 innings for the Little Wonders.
- Named to All-State School Boy Baseball Team by the "Greensboro Daily News."
- Played for Kannapolis American Legion Post 115 baseball team in 1952. Team won North Carolina State Championship. Howard pitched two games in Region Four tournament and was named to North Carolina All-State Baseball Dream Team.
- Active in teaching and instructing golfers at Irish Creek Country Club in Kannapolis.



Ronald A. Pare

Concord High School Graduate – 1959.

- Graduated from Mars Hill Junior College in 1961 and from Pfeiffer College in 1963.
- Outstanding baseball pitcher and shortstop in Little League, Pony League, and Babe Ruth League, High School, American Legion, and College. Started and played in every game from 1952- 1963.
- Played Little League Baseball in 1952 and 1953. Pitched and won 1953 North Carolina State Little League Championship game. Team lost in Regional Championships to Alabama which later won Little League World Series. Selected to the All-Star Team both years and to 1953 All-Tournament Team.
- Played on Pony League team in 1954 and on Babe Ruth team in 1955. Named an All-Star both years.
- Starting pitcher or shortstop four years for Concord High School Spiders 1956-1959. 1957 team won South Piedmont Conference Baseball Championship.
- Named to South Piedmont Conference All-Conference Baseball teams in 1958 and 1959.
- Starting pitcher or shortstop for Concord Post 51 American Legion Baseball teams from 1956-1959.
- Played for Mars Hill College 1960 and 1961. Starting pitcher/shortstop and named to All-Conference WCJCC All-Conference Team in 1961.
- Starting pitcher/shortstop at Pfeiffer College 1962 and 1963. Team won Carolinas Conference Championship both years.
- Offered professional baseball contracts upon graduation in 1963, but declined.
- Member of the Mount Olive United Methodist Church for over 50 years and served as a Sunday School teacher, lay leader, and speaker. Also served in a number of community service organizations.



Chris Tucker

Central Cabarrus High School Graduate – 1976.

- Two-sport athlete in high school – football and golf.
- Holds individual conference record score of 62 for high school match at Cabarrus Country Club.
- Qualified for North Carolina High School State Championship as an individual.
- Made the Wake Forest University Golf team as a walk-on. Transferred to UNC Charlotte where he was named most valuable player for 2 years and to All-Sunbelt Golf Conference for 2 years.
- Graduated from UNC Charlotte in 1981.
- A Class A PGA professional for over 20 years.
- Exempt member and played on the PGA tour 1992 and 1993.
- Has won 12 Carolinas PGA majors and has been named Carolinas Section PGA Player of the Year 3 times.
- Chris was Carolinas Section Senior Champion in 2008 and was selected PGA Senior Player of the Year.
- Has played in National Club Professional Championship 16 times and in PGA Championship 5 times.
- Played in last 2 Senior PGA Championships and in US Senior Opens.
- Named Carolinas PGA Mountain Chapter Player of the Year in 2010.
- Chris is still playing tournament golf.



2017 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame — Posthumous Inductees

Ronald Hamilton Blackburn, "Ron"

A. L. Brown High School graduate - 1953.

- Star pitcher/outfielder for the Little Wonders baseball team 1951-1953, forward on the basketball team 1952-1953, and pitcher on the Kannapolis American Legion Post 115 baseball team 1950-1952.
- In 1953, A. L. Brown baseball team won the South Piedmont Conference and WNCSSAA Championships. Ron was an outstanding pitcher and was selected to South Piedmont Conference All-Conference team.
- A. L. Brown 1952 basketball team, with a 16-0 conference record in the South Piedmont Conference, won Piedmont Conference and WNCSSAA Championships.



- Kannapolis American Legion Post 115 won the 1952 North Carolina State American Legion Championship. Ron was named to the American Legion North Carolina Dream Team.
- Signed a Major League baseball contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1953 and played minor league baseball for 11 seasons. Seven of the seasons were at the AAA level.
- Debuted in 1958 for the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing two full seasons in the major leagues for the Pirates.
- Faced some outstanding players such as Henry "Hank" Aaron.
- Roommates while with the Pirates were future Baseball Hall of Famers Bill Mazeroski and Roberto Clemente.
- Later taught at Western Carolina University and was the head baseball coach 1964-1968.
- Board member of American Cancer Society.

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- Sunday School teacher, Councilmember and Usher/Greeter of his Church.
- Motto was "To play the game for all that's in it – to play the game and play to win."
- Ron passed away on April 29, 1998.

James Leon Ensley, "Leon"

J. W. Cannon High School Graduate – 1950.

- Played baseball and basketball for Winecoff High School 1947-1949. Named All-Conference in both sports.
- Played baseball for J. W. Cannon High School in 1950 and was an outstanding pitcher.
- Pitched baseball for Kannapolis Post 115 American Legion 1948 and 1949. Both years, team reached State Semi-Finals. Was named to the 1949 American Legion All-State Team
- Played semi-pro baseball in 1951 in the Carolina League and in 1952 played in the Class D Georgia-Florida League.
- Drafted and served in the US Army from 1953 – 1954. Played service ball pitching for the Fort Jackson baseball team for two years.
- Signed with St Louis Cardinals organization in 1955. Played three seasons of minor league baseball before being forced to retire due to arm injury.
- Returned home to further his education, graduating from Pfeiffer College in 1959. Received his MA Degree from Appalachian State University in 1973 and MS Degree from North Carolina A & T State University in 1974.
- After graduating from Pfeiffer College, Leon became Recreation Director for City of Concord from 1959-1961.
- Head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Hartsell High School 1961 – 1964.
- Head baseball coach at Mt. Pleasant High School 1964-1970, winning conference titles. Was also JV football coach and varsity assistant football coach. In 1970 became Athletic Director at Mt. Pleasant.
- After graduate school, returned to teaching and coaching at Mt. Pleasant in 1978. His focus was toward coaching Junior High School athletics and driven by his desire to help younger children develop their athletic skills.
- Also served in the classroom teaching subjects such as health and physical education, sociology, biology, civics, general science, U.S. History, driver education, etc.
- Mt Pleasant High School honored Leon by dedicating the school's yearbook, *The Tiger Roar*, to him in 1986. Continued coaching at Mt Pleasant Schools until his retirement.
- Leon passed away on August 18, 2014.



- Named Coach of the Year multiple times in North Piedmont Conference, South Piedmont Conference, and Southwest Conference.
- Member of North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Served multiple years on Board of Directors of North Carolina Football Coaches Association and was President 2001-2002.
- Received Homer Thompson Memorial "Eight Coaches Who Make a Difference" in 2007.
- Career head football coaching record was 221-101-3 and in addition to A.L. Brown, included head coaching tenures at Raleigh Enloe High School, Fayetteville Seventy-First High School, Kings Mountain High School and Piedmont High School.
- Inducted into Kings Mountain Hall of Fame 2006.
- "A Christian football coach who always gave God his best in every walk of Life."
- Ron passed away on October 11, 2014.

Frank Doyle Williams, "Frankie"

Concord High School Graduate – 1953.

- Played baseball and football for Concord High School. Outstanding catcher in baseball.
- Member of the first Concord Golden Gloves Boxing Club in 1948 fighting as a ninety-five-pound fly-weight. This first team was sponsored by Williams Candy Kitchen and was coached by Tommy Williams.
- In addition to Concord Boy's Club, Frankie fought for Kannapolis YMCA Boxing Club, Charlotte Red Shield Club and others.
- In 1949, defeated two Mt. Holly boxers before losing to teammate Clary Phillips in Burlington Golden Gloves finals. Won junior flyweight championship in Greensboro Golden Gloves in 1949.
- In Concord Golden Gloves that same year Frankie defeated three opponents to win the flyweight title. Also won North State Championship in Mooresville as a 100-pound bantamweight.
- During this time period Frankie also played football for the Concord Boy's Club midget football team which won North Carolina State Midget Football Championships in 1949 and 1950.
- Won Bantamweight championship in 1950 in Concord Golden Gloves Tournament Championship and was named Most Popular Boxer. Won Concord Golden Gloves Bantamweight Championship in 1951.
- At a young age Frankie moved up to Golden Gloves Open Division fighting older and more experienced boxers.
- Won Gastonia Open Bantamweight Championship in 1952 by soundly defeating Guido Capri, probably the best amateur boxer in the Carolinas during that period.
- In 1952 Charlotte Classics Golden Gloves Tournament, he won the Bantamweight Championship after breaking his thumb the previous night and essentially fighting with one hand. Won Pete Demizzio Award as Outstanding Novice Fighter of Tournament.
- In the ring, Frankie was unrelenting and was recognized as a highly skilled and classy fighter. Won at least 10 Golden Gloves Championships in five years fighting as a flyweight and bantamweight. Boxing record was 45 wins and 5 losses over a five-year period.
- Active with Moose Lodge in Concord and served as Governor of Concord District Moose Lodge. Was instrumental in local Moose Lodge's decision to build one of the best equipped youth league and Babe Ruth ball parks at that time.
- Frankie passed away on December 13, 1975.



Ronald L. Massey, Jr.

Graham High School graduate – 1976.

- Graduated from Guilford College – 1980.
- Head Coach and Athletic Director at A. L. Brown High School from 2000 – 2010.
- His Wonders football teams achieved an overall record of 120-32 and won the South Piedmont Conference Championship 9 times. All 11 of those teams competed in the NCHSAA playoffs.
- Took 2008 A. L. Brown football team to 3AA North Carolina State Championship game.
- Coach of West All-Star Team in 2001 East/West All-Star Game and Assistant Coach for 2001 NC Shrine Bowl team.



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