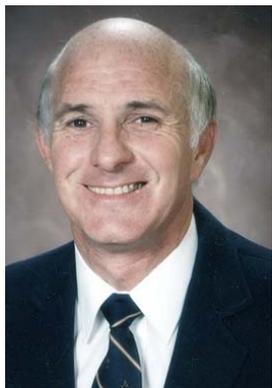


AHSAAA Names Four A.D.'s for Second Hall of Fame Honors

AHSAAA HALL OF FAME – CLASS OF 2008



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Wallace Chandler was born in Dyess, Arkansas, on July 15, 1941 on a small farm near Tyronza, the middle child in a family of five children. His memories of childhood are those typical of anyone from a small community. All the activities were centered around school, church and family.

He attended Whitton Elementary School and graduated from Wilson High School in 1959. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College from 1959 to 1964, becoming a four-year letterman on the Bears football team. He made all AIC as a defensive back in 1963 and was honored by his peers as co-captain of the team the following year.

He married the former Mimi Albright May in 1966 and together they were blessed with five boys, Jeff, Ben, Matt, Mark and Chris. Wallace and Mimi also have three grandchildren, all boys.

He earned his BSE degree from ASTC, later obtained his Masters Degree in Administration from Memphis State University and began postgraduate studies at Arkansas State University.

Wallace began his coaching career at Shawnee High School, serving as the High Schools Assistant Football Coach and the Jr. High Football and Basketball Coach. After serving one year at Shawnee, Wallace accepted the head football, assistant basketball and head track coaching position at West Jr. High in the West Memphis School District. Three years later he was promoted to West Memphis High School as Head Track Coach and Assistant Football coach where he served for five years before finishing his tenure in coaching.

Wallace then multi tasked as Principal for East Campus High School (two years) and West Junior High (three years). He was also Athletic Director for the West Memphis School District. He served the West Memphis School District as Athletic Director for a total of nineteen years. In the years serving as Athletic director Wallace was responsible for all Athletic programs for three Junior Highs, one High School, directed a coaching staff of 22 along with office support personnel, while managing the annual operating budget for the athletic program, hiring officials, preparing and maintaining fields and courts for all sports and carrying on all public relations activities. During his time as Athletic Director, Wallace implemented the girl's programs in basketball and volleyball and added boy's baseball, serving as assistant to the head baseball coach for several years.

Wallace served as tournament director for AAAA State Basketball for 2 years and directed many local & regional tournaments in his conference. Wallace's dedication to athletics' and education inspired him to join many professional organizations: Arkansas High School Coaches Association, Arkansas High School Athletic Administrations Associations and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrations Association. One of Wallace's proudest moments was when he helped implement the Arkansas High School Athletic Association.

In the years he served as Athletic director Wallace served his community and church in many capacities. He was a Boys Club member, which he chaired for many years. He served Special Olympics, the Kiwanis Club and the West

Memphis Parks Commission, which he chaired. Additionally, he was a member of the Equalization Board, which he chaired, Superintendent of Sunday School, Pastor Parish Committee and Boy Scouts of America.

Wallace retired from West Memphis School District in May of 1995. He then went to work as Vice President of Flash Market Inc. where he has been a big part in the growth of the company. Wallace still has a love for sports and has used his position over the years to support many of the youth sports programs and other school related activities with his time and monetary contributions.

Bill Reed

Bill Reed is a Lonoke native who attended Texarkana Junior College and Arkansas State Teacher's College (now the University of Central Arkansas). He received his master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

His career began in 1959 at Marked Tree, and continued through the state with stints at Wilson, Jonesboro, Jacksonville and Texarkana. From there he moved across state lines to James Bowie High School in Simms, Texas, finally ending his career coaching with his son at Bartlett High School in Memphis, Tennessee. Reed's coaching days accounted for over 250 wins and 21 conference championships in Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee.

Through his coaching years, Bill was the recipient of many awards spanning six decades and six classifications. Some are: State Football Champion in 1976, 78, and 81; Coach of the year – 1976, 81, and 83; Lowell Manning Award 1978 and 81; Curt King Award – 1998; AHSCA President – 1976; AHSCA Hall of Fame – 2002; Jacksonville High School Sports Hall of Fame – 2007; and All Star coaching staffs as trainer, assistant, and head coach.

Bill coached two "Super Bowl" winners in Dan Hampton of Jacksonville High School and the Chicago Bears and Rod Smith of Texarkana High School and the Denver Broncos; Pole Vault world record holder, Earl Bell, at Jonesboro High School, nine professional football players, and a number of players who played at the college level. He had the privilege of introducing Dan Hampton at the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

As an Athletic Administrator, Bill attended regional meetings and nine National Athletic Directors meetings. He was a charter member of the NIAAA. He was selected Athletic Director of the Year in 1988 and served the organization in every office from program chairman to the presidency. He obtained sponsors for the NIAAA luncheons and provided the national gift from Arkansas at the Las Vegas meeting – an original "Jim Bowie" knife.

At Jacksonville High School he took a program that was over \$10,000 in debt, to one that was not only successful on the field, but also on sound footing financially (over \$20,000 in the black). In Texarkana he renovated five buildings in the athletic complex, doubled the size of the Hardy House, sought and received Wells Fargo Grants, and built a 10 x 12' sauna, all while maintaining a sound fiscal standing..

Bill and his wife, Kerin, have two sons. Scott and his wife, Connie, live in El Dorado where Scott is the head football coach at El Dorado High School. Mark and his wife, Wendy, live in Texarkana and Mark works for the Federal Correctional Institution in Texarkana, TX. The Reeds also have five grandsons – Taylor, Dustin, Lucas, Will and A.J. and one granddaughter – Gabby.

Joe Reese

Joe Reese was born in Sheridan, but moved to Little Rock and played both basketball and football at Little Rock Central High School, where he was selected to both the All-State and All-American football teams.

After graduating from Central, Joe attended Louisiana State University (LSU) and later graduated from Arkansas Tech University (ATU) where he was an All-AIC receiver. He was drafted to play for the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League in 1959, where he played one season before returning to ATU to finish his degree. Joe continued his education at Henderson State University (HSU), where he received his graduate degree.

Joe Married the former Karen Brandon and had three children; Brad, Leigh, and Angie. Joe and Karen also have four grandchildren.

His high school coaching career started at Russellville High School where he was hired as Head Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, and Assistant Track Coach. His basketball teams won the conference title his first year, eventually losing in the semi-finals of the state tournament to Paragould the eventual state champions. Joe served as defensive coordinator for the Cyclones football team, which won two conference titles and as assistant track coach for the state championship track team.

In 1970 Joe joined the Hot Springs coaching staff serving as head track coach and assistant football coach. His track team won three conference titles and one state championship. The football team won four conference championships and reached the state playoffs five times.

From 1979 – 1990 Reese served as Head Football Coach, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students at Hot Springs High School. During this period, his teams won four conference championships and reached the state playoffs five times.

As President of the Arkansas High School Coaches Association in 1985 he spearheaded a move to have the coaching clinic moved from area schools in Little Rock to the Riverfront Hilton in North Little Rock. Joe served on the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Executive Committee from 1984 – 1989. He was National President in 1989 and was instrumental in bringing the National Coaches Clinic to Little Rock the same year.

In 1990 Joe was selected Athletic Director of the Year. In 1993 he was the fourth coach to ever receive a citation from the National Federation for contributions to high school athletics. In 2002 Joe was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Hall of Fame and in 2002 was awarded the Curt King Award.

Joe and Karen are members of the Oaklawn United Methodist Church. Joe is also a member of the Hot Springs School Board and continues his association with the Arkansas High School Coaches Association All-Star activities.

Johnny Toombs

Johnny Toombs was born in Prescott, Arkansas, on June 22, 1943, to Duke and Mildred Toombs of Gurdon, Arkansas. He was raised and educated in Gurdon and graduated from Gurdon High School in 1961. In high school Johnny lettered 3 years in football, basketball, and track. He was All – District in football and basketball and was named to the Gurdon High School Go – Devil Hall of Fame with the inaugural class of 1997. At an early age his love of athletics moved him to declare that he wanted to be a coach and athletic director someday.

After high school Johnny attended Southern State College in Magnolia and played football for the Riders. While at SSC, he met his future wife, the former Lois Ann Whiddon of Magnolia. They married in September of 1963 and recently celebrated 44 years of marriage. After marriage they transferred to Henderson State University, where their daughter Teresa was born in September of 1965. Lois graduated from Henderson in 1965 and Johnny in 1967. They both have Master's degrees in education. Their daughter is a teacher in Texarkana.

Johnny began his coaching career in Ashdown, Arkansas, in March of 1967, as head boy's basketball coach and assistant football coach. There he was fortunate to study under two legendary coaches - Dick Hayes in football, and Helen Parker, the AHSCA Hall of Fame girls basketball coach, learning some valuable lessons from two of the very best. From 1967 – 1973 his basketball teams won over 100 games, and the football teams were outstanding, going undefeated in 1970.

With that training, Johnny became head football coach and athletic director at Foreman, Arkansas, from 1973 – 1975. He then moved to Paul Prewitt High School in Naples, Texas, from 1976 – 1979. In 1980 he accepted a similar position at Pleasant Grove ISD in Texarkana, Texas, where he also served as assistant principal. Johnny remained there until 1989. Johnny was their first athletic director and started the inaugural athletic program for Pleasant Grove High School. In 1989, he reached his goal of returning to the state of Arkansas by moving across town to take the athletic director/head football position at Arkansas High School, where he replaced the legendary Bill Reed upon his retirement. While at Arkansas High, his athletic teams won State Championships in gymnastics, girls track, boys track, and baseball. His football record was 81 – 33 – 2 at AHS, and his 1990 Razorbacks went to the State final game. His 10-year stay at Arkansas High and his 81 football victories sets a record for all football coaches at AHS.

Johnny retired in 1999 after 32 years due to a life long health problem. After retirement Johnny and Lois stayed active in school, community, and church activities. They are members of Beech Street Baptist Church where Johnny serves on the KLFI board, which televises the Friday Night Football Games for all local schools.

Johnny's numerous honors and achievements include service on the Miller County Quorum Court, on the Texarkana, Arkansas, Board of Education, and as an Executive Committee member and President of the AHSAAA. He was honored as Arkansas Athletic Director of the Year, the Gurdon High School Hall of Fame, as a recipient of the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award and Award of Merit. He served as the head coach for the Arkansas High School All-Star game and his school was winner of the State Sportsmanship Award. Johnny is a published author in "Coach's Quarterly".