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# TSSAA CALENDAR 2001-2002

<b>Football, Golf, Girls' Volleyball, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer</b> (First practice date)	July 30
<b>Golf</b> (Date of first contest)	August 13
<b>Board of Control Meeting</b> (Hermitage)	August 20
<b>Girls' Volleyball, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer</b> (Date of first contest)	August 20
<b>Football</b> (Date of first contest)	August 24
<b>Golf</b>	

DIVISION I	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	
AAA	Oct. 2
A-AA	Sept. 25
<u>Region</u>	
AAA	Oct. 8
A-AA	Oct. 1
<u>State</u>	
AAA	Oct. 16-17
A-AA	Oct. 9-10

DIVISION II	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Sept. 24
<u>State</u>	Oct. 2-3

DIVISION I	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	
A-AA, AAA	Oct. 12
<u>Region</u>	
A-AA, AAA	Oct. 16
<u>Sectional</u>	
A-AA, AAA	Oct. 18
<u>State</u>	
A-AA, AAA	Oct. 24-26

DIVISION II	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Oct. 19
<u>State</u>	Oct. 24-26

<b>Cross Country</b>	
<u>Region</u>	
A-AA; AAA; Division II (Must be completed by)	Oct. 27
<u>State</u>	Nov. 3

DIVISION I	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	Oct. 12
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Oct. 18
<u>Sectional</u>	Oct. 23
<u>State</u> A-AA	Oct. 26-27
AAA	Oct. 27-28

DIVISION II	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Oct. 18
<u>Sectional</u>	Oct. 20
<u>State</u>	Oct. 25-26

<b>Basketball, Wrestling</b> (First practice)	Oct. 29
<b>Football Play-offs</b>	

DIVISION I (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A)	
<u>1st Round</u>	Nov. 2
<u>2nd Round</u>	Nov. 9
<u>Quarterfinals</u>	Nov. 16
<u>Semifinals</u>	Nov. 23
<u>Finals</u>	Nov. 30-Dec. 1

DIVISION II (A & AA)	
<u>Quarterfinals</u>	Nov. 2
<u>Semifinals</u>	Nov. 9
<u>Finals</u>	Nov. 17

<b>Cheerleading - State Championship</b>	Nov. 10
<b>Regional Meetings</b>	
Middle Tennessee (Nashville) 10:00 A.M.	Nov. 5
West Tennessee (Jackson) 1:00 P.M.	Nov. 7
East Tennessee (Knoxville) 1:00 P.M.	Nov. 8
<b>Board of Control Meeting</b> (Hermitage)	Nov. 13
<b>Basketball, Wrestling</b> (Date of first contest)	Nov. 19
<b>Legislative Council Meeting</b>	Dec. 5
<b>Board of Control Meeting</b> (Hermitage)	Jan. 10
<b>Wrestling Tournaments</b>	

DIVISION I	
<u>Dual Meet State</u>	Feb. 1-2
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Feb. 9
<u>State</u>	Feb. 14-16

DIVISION II	
<u>Dual Meet State</u>	Feb. 1-2
<u>State</u>	Feb. 8-9

<b>Basketball Tournaments</b>	
Junior High Districts	Feb. 6-8
<b>DIVISION I (A,AA,AAA)</b>	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	Feb. 23
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Feb. 28
<u>Girls Sub-State</u>	Mar. 2
<u>Boys Sub-State</u>	Mar. 4
<u>Girls' State</u>	Mar. 6-9
<u>Boys' State</u>	Mar. 13-16
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	Feb. 24
<u>Sectional</u>	Mar. 3-4
<u>Girls State</u>	Mar. 7,9
<u>Boys State</u>	Mar. 14,16

<b>Board of Control Meeting</b> (Murfreesboro)	Mar. 14
<b>Legislative Council Meeting</b> (Murfreesboro)	Mar. 15
<b>Girls' Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Track, Tennis</b> (First practice date)	Feb. 11
<b>Girls' Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Track, Tennis</b> (Date of first contest)	Mar. 11

<b>Track</b>	
<b>DIVISION I</b>	
<u>Sectional</u> (A-AA;AAA)	
(Must be completed by)	May 17
<u>State</u>	May 24-25
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 17
<u>State</u>	May 24-25

<b>Baseball</b>	
<b>DIVISION I (A;AA;AAA)</b>	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	May 10
<u>Regional Semifinals</u>	May 13
<u>Regional Finals</u>	May 15
<u>Sectional</u>	May 17
<u>State Tournament</u>	May 21-24
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 14
<u>Sectional</u>	May 17
<u>State Tournament</u>	May 21-24

<b>Softball</b>	
<b>DIVISION I (A;AA;AAA)</b>	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	May 10
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<u>Regional Finals</u>	May 15
<u>Sectional</u>	May 17
<u>State Tournament</u>	May 21-24
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 18
<u>State</u>	May 21-24

<b>Boys' Soccer</b>	
<b>DIVISION I (A-AA;AAA)</b>	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	May 10
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 16
<u>Sectional</u>	May 20
<u>State Tournament</u> A-AA	May 23-24
AAA	May 24-25
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 16
<u>Sectional</u>	May 18
<u>State Tournament</u>	May 22-23

<b>Tennis</b>	
<b>DIVISION I (A-AA;AAA)</b>	
<u>District</u> (Must be completed by)	May 8
<u>Regional Team Finals</u> (girls)	May 9
<u>Regional Team Finals</u> (boys)	May 10
<u>Regional Singles &amp; Doubles</u>	May 13-14
<u>Sectional Team</u> (girls')	May 16
<u>Sectional Team</u> (boys')	May 17
<u>State Tournament</u> (team, singles, doubles)	May 21-23
<b>DIVISION II</b>	
<u>Region</u> (Must be completed by)	May 11
<u>Sectional Team</u> (girls')	May 14
<u>Sectional Team</u> (boys')	May 17
<u>State Tournament</u> (team, singles, doubles)	May 22-24

<b>Board of Control Meeting</b> (Paris Landing)	June 4-6
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(COVER PHOTO) TSSAA 2001 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - Top Row (L-R) - Tommy Griffith, Tom Coughenour, Bill McClain, Pete Stafford, Fred Kessler, Sr., Bill Battle. Bottom Row (L-R) - Ralph Spangler, J. Westbrook, Carmen Johnson-Bassett (daughter of the late John Johnson, Jr.), Sue Ann and Phillip Simpson, Irene Chandler (wife of the late Mack Chandler), John A. McPherson.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## TSSAA Sanctions Bowling for 2001-2002

On March 16, 2001 the Legislative Council adopted bowling as a TSSAA sanctioned sport, to begin with the 2001-2002 school year. Girls bowling and bowling will be the eighteenth and nineteenth sports sanctioned in the 75-year history of the organization. TSSAA expects more schools to participate in bowling in its first year than any other sport has during its first year of being sanctioned. In a survey taken during the 1999-2000 school year of schools that had bowling, the average number of students trying out was over 60 per school with 70% of these students not involved in any other activity.

Bowling is played as a six-person team with a #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 player matched against the same numbered player from the other school (like tennis). A match is 27 points and a three-game series. In each game the winner of the six individual matches each earn one point and the team with the high total for that game earns two points, for a total of eight points. This continues for three games for 24 points and then the team with the high total for the series earns three points, for a 27-point total. A typical match will be bowled on four lanes with three students from each team on each lane. A coach may substitute at the end of a game and prior to the next game beginning.

The rules for competition are the Young America Bowling Alliance. The independent game rule (Article II, Section 10) will not apply to bowling. In this regard, it will be treated in the same manner as golf and tennis.

Tentatively, regular season play will be October, November, and December. The tournament series will begin in January with districts advancing to regions and regions to a state tournament either the last week in January or the first week in February. The Board of Control will finalize all of the actions regarding regular season play and tournaments at the June meeting.

There will be girls' bowling and bowling. Girls may participate on the bowling team (some will refer to it as the open team or co-ed team) if there are not enough girls for a girls' team. This is the same as soccer. Boys may not participate on a girls' team.

Offering bowling is an opportunity for high schools to involve more students in athletics and provide many possibilities for achievement and

recognition for both the student-athlete and the school.

Bowling rules meetings will be held in mid-August. Dates, sites and times will be announced later.

## iHigh.com Update

We've seen a lot of changes at iHigh.com the past few months. Michelle Hillison is the new contact person for TSSAA schools and we all will miss Heather Carter, who did a wonderful job.

A lot of new and improved things are going on and we'll try to catch you up on them all!

Scoreboards - This is big-time, sports fans! When you enter a score on your iHigh page, it shows up on the scoreboard instantly. The link to the scoreboards can be found on the Tennessee.iHigh.com page on the upper left - »Current Scoreboard.

College commitments - Who is going to play where? Have you ever wondered where that star is going to play football? Have you thought that some sports or some players don't get recognized enough? Well, here is your chance to get your athletes who are going on to play college ball a bit of recognition. We are listing all the kids in every sport who will play in college - we need your help to make the list grow, so email us with more people.

High school stories - Some of you have been doing such a great job that we are bringing more and more of your stories to the front of Tennessee.iHigh.com. Of course the story is linked back to your school page but you can add your own by-line as well. With spring sports championships right around the corner we would like to encourage you to report even more on your teams as they go through the playoffs. You can do a question and answer with a coach or player, you can post directions to the away playoff games so your fans can come along. Does your high school have a recordbook? Post it! There are lots of stories untold and your iHigh page is just waiting for them.

If you have any questions or need any help regarding your web site, please contact Michelle Hillison, at either of the following: Phone--919-363-5668; E-mail: michelle@ihigh.com.

## A Big "Thank You" to Our Corporate Sponsors

The corporate sponsors and supporters play an integral part in the TSSAA and the TSSAA State Championships. TSSAA would like to thank our corporate sponsors and supporters for their dedication and hard work during the state championships.



US Marines Corps. Be sure to watch for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and the US Marines Corps at Spring Fling this May and participant in their newest challenge.

During the Girls' and Boys' State Basketball Tournaments BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and the US Marines Corps teamed up to create the US Marines Corps and BlueCross BlueShield Half-time Shootout. Individuals signed-up for the half-time shootout at the sponsor booths prior to each half-time. After a drawing, two participants had 30 seconds to score as many points as possible. The participant with the most points won fabulous prizes from BlueCross BlueShield and the US Marines Corps. The second place participant won a t-shirt from the



Gatorade, the official isotonic beverage of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, continued to play an important role at the Championships this winter by providing beverages on the court and in the locker room. Gatorade not only offers excellent benefits to the TSSAA, but Gatorade offers excellent benefits to schools across the state through the Gatorade vending program, Gatorade sideline program and the Gatorade will to win program. For more information, please contact Susan Wickizer at 423-517-8618.

Cingular will join the TSSAA as a vendor at Spring Fling this May. The Cingular booths will be located at the TSSAA headquarters at Warner Park and track and field at GPS. Please be sure to stop by the Cingular booth and learn how to support your school.

# Certified Athletic Trainers

Information provided by:

**Baptist Hospital**  
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## **Does your school plan for athletic healthcare? Do you have an ATC there for all practices and games?**

The Tennessee Titans have five certified athletic trainers, the Nashville Predators have two, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville have seven. How many certified trainers are at your school everyday? Memphis Public Schools are planning to hire a full-time ATC for all 28 public high schools over the next five years. For the 2001-02 school year they are hiring five ATC's.

## **What is the educational background of a certified athletic trainer?**

In general, an ATC is trained to look for potential opportunities for injury to an athlete, whether from a condition in the athlete's body, from the environment of the stadium or gymnasium, or from equipment. Athletic trainers work with coaching staffs to review the safe design of practice drills to insure that they do not pose inherent dangers. The safety of the athlete is always the ultimate goal.

## **Why Should Your School Have A Certified Trainer?**

A physician may attend the varsity football games, but has neither the time nor the opportunity to attend other athletic contests at the school. And furthermore, the physician is not able to attend the practices, where the majority of the injuries occur. (Powell, 1999) Too often injury care is left to the coach or athletic director or even a volunteer parent who has some basic first aid training. Unfortunately, the coach and the athletic director have many other duties and seldom have received extensive education in athletic injury management.

A certified athletic trainer, or athletic trainer, certified, is an allied health professional who has a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university and has fulfilled the requirements for certification established by the National Athletic Trainer's Association Board of Certification (NATABOC). In addition, he or she has passed the certification examination administered by the NATABOC and has met all requirements to maintain certification. Only after successfully completing the certification examination are athletic trainers entitled to use the designation "ATC."

ATCs are educated health professionals who work under the direction of physicians to provide health care for student athletes. With a bachelor's or post-graduate degree in athletic training, health, physical education or exercise science, the ATC has an extensive background in human anatomy, human physiology, biomechanics and exercise physiology. In addition, he or she is trained in the recognition, rehabilitation, treatment and management of injuries, as well as in nutritional and psychological counseling. Beyond this academic background, all ATC's are required to participate in extensive clinical internships under strict supervision. The ATC is well prepared to apply skills for the prevention of injury, to provide

care for an acute injury, and to manage rehabilitation after an injury. Tennessee, like many states has laws regulating the practice of athletic training. Based on these qualifications, the certified athletic trainer, other than a physician, is the most qualified individual to deal with secondary school athletic injuries on a daily basis. An ATC has an extensive background in pre-season and in-season conditioning, and nutritional counseling. Because of his or her frequent contact with the student, the certified athletic trainer has the opportunity to monitor the physical and psychological condition of the athletes both in and out of season. Success is measured in the development of health young people who are also athletes.

Also, the selection, fitting, and proper care of protective equipment by a certified athletic trainer can be instrumental in reducing injuries by recommending the proper use and fit of protective equipment.

## **What are the advantages of having a certified athletic trainer on campus?**

Secondary school athletic trainers are available to provide injury care for athletes involved in both practices and contests. Full-time secondary school athletic trainers offer the additional benefit of being available during the school day to assist the injured athlete with recovery by implementing the instructions from the team or personal physician for treatment of that injury. Providing these services on campus can tremendously reduce lost instructional time for the student athlete.

Many schools have compared the cost of treating their injured athletes at local clinics with treating them on-site under the supervision of an ATC. They have found that their athletic trainers are providing the equivalent to thousands of dollars of athletic training services per year to their athletes. (Berry 1993, Almquist & Reynolds, 1999) These comparisons suggest that it is financially feasible and fiscally responsible to invest in employing a certified athletic trainer.

Administrators, coaches, parents, and physicians who have had the opportunity to work with certified athletic trainers enjoy the increased communication that has been provided. Coaches and administrators are relieved that someone is present with knowledge of injury management, not only for emergency situation, but also to make an objective evaluation of the athlete's health status prior to his or her return to play. Physicians and parents appreciate the fact that someone is on staff who will have contact with the injured athlete on a daily basis, and the physician is more comfortable knowing that the ATC will make sure that his or her directions are followed. Parents are reassured that an allied health professional is looking out for the best interests of the health and safety of their child on a daily basis.

In another area on concern, certified athletic trainers may decrease the possibility of litigation being brought against a school district. In 1999 the American Medical Association (AMA) recommended that schools with athletics programs provide the services of an athletic trainer for their athletes. The courts have recognized the NATABOC certified athletic trainer as a professionally educated athletic health care giver. Along with a physician, the ATC can establish policies and procedures for the high school athletic training program to protect not only the athlete, but school personnel as well.

# TSSAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2000

## ADMINISTRATORS



**BILL MCCLAIN** was a high school educator for 40 years. He began his first contact with TSSAA at Selmer, Tennessee where he graduated in 1951. He was an outstanding basketball player for the Selmer High School team that came in second in the 1951 TSSAA State Basketball Tournament. He went on to Memphis State University where he received his BA Degree and Masters Degree and played basketball. In 1955 he became the head basketball coach for girls and boys at Ramer High School in Ramer, Tennessee. He stayed at Ramer High School for three years before moving on to Memphis where he became the head boys' basketball and head golf coach at Treadwell High School. While coaching basketball at Treadwell from 1957 to 1974, his teams had a record of 523 wins and 123 losses with seven teams advancing to the TSSAA State Tournament, finishing third in 1961 and 1964 and second in 1966. He began serving as an administrator at Treadwell High School as an assistant principal and then went on to Raleigh-Egypt High School where became principal in 1979 and served in that capacity until his retirement. In addition to his many years as an outstanding coach and administrator in TSSAA schools, he also served as a basketball official at both the high school and college levels. An outstanding educator as a coach and administrator for many years, Bill McClain is an excellent example to all young people



**PETE STAFFORD** has been a high school educator for 38 years and has served the TSSAA as a coach, official, and administrator. After graduating from Porter High School in 1958, he received his BS Degree from Maryville College, his Masters Degree from Tennessee Tech, and his plus 45 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. For six years he worked at Sevier County High School as a football coach, wrestling coach, and teacher. From there, Pete went to Young High School where he served as a coach in football, track and basketball and then to South-Young High School from 1967 to 1991. There he served as head football coach with the South-Young football field being named after him. Pete Stafford became an administrator his last eight years at South-Young High School serving in the capacity of Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. In 1991, South-Young High School was consolidated into South-Doyle High School and Pete Stafford has continued to serve South Doyle High School as an Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for the past nine years. He was selected as the State of Tennessee Athletic Director of the Year in 1996. In 1989 the schools in the 2nd athletic district elected Pete to the TSSAA Legislative Council and he continues to serve in that capacity today, now serving as its Vice President. In addition to his many years as a coach and an administrator, he has worked as a wrestling official for 41 years, working numerous district and regional tournaments and 23 State Wrestling Tournaments. Pete is married to Faye and they have two children and six grandchildren. He has been selected to the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, the Maryville College Wall of Fame, the Blount County Hall of Fame, and now adds membership in the TSSAA Hall of Fame.



**JOSEPH WESTBROOKS** was an outstanding educator from Memphis from 1944 until his retirement in 1981 from the Memphis City School System. He graduated from Manassas High School and received his BS Degree from Lamoyne College, his Masters from Tennessee State, and his Ed.D Degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. From 1944 to 1959, he was a teacher and coach at Melrose High School where he helped start the athletic program. The first graduating class at Melrose occurred in 1946 and had 27 students, with the first football team being formed in 1944. During this period of time, as a coach he had only two losing seasons and won five city championships. From Melrose he went to Booker T. Washington as an assistant principal for three years and then served the Memphis School System central office in many different capacities for over 20 years. In addition to his outstanding career in the Memphis City School System, he also served as President of the Tennessee High School Athletic Association and helped to unify the high schools of the state in the Black State High School Association, serving as President from 1951 to 1956. During this period of time, he helped to organize the association and developed state football playoffs, state track meets, and the state basketball tournament into a profitable activity. From 1953 until 1956 he coached Melrose High School to state championship football teams in the THSAA. He also served as Chair of the Tennessee Congress Merger Committee, through which the two state education organizations were merged into one, later serving as the first black educator to be elected President of the Tennessee Education Association. In addition, he worked as a football and basketball official for 10 years at both the high school and college levels. Dr. Joseph Westbrook has received numerous awards throughout his many years of service to education and his community. He and his wife, Dorothy, have four children, two of whom are deceased, and four grandchildren.

## CONTRIBUTOR



People who are selected as contributors into the TSSAA Hall of Fame come from many different walks of life and have contributed in many different ways. **PHILLIP AND SUE ANN SIMPSON** are two unique individuals who have simply given a family to high school wrestling. Phillip and Sue Ann both graduated from George Peabody College in 1949 and were married in 1950. They have raised nine children (six boys and three girls) and currently have 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They became fans of wrestling in 1968 when they saw their first wrestling match at Father Ryan High School. Since that date, they have not missed a State Wrestling Tournament. Two sons, a son-in-law, and a grandson are all outstanding high school wrestling coaches. Two sons are outstanding wrestling officials, and another one has been President of a local wrestling club for the past six years. Not to be outdone, the daughters were always a part of wrestling tournaments by serving in numerous capacities as head scorekeepers, announcers, and doing every other imaginable job. Four sons and a son-in-law were outstanding wrestlers. This continued into the next generation with three grandsons winning state wrestling champions in the 2001 State Wrestling Tournament and their grandson, Phillip, becoming the first four-time state champion (1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001) since Martin Francis of Notre Dame High School. A High School All-American, Phillip will attend West Point this coming fall. Since that Friday night in January of 1968, Phillip and Sue Ann Simpson have given their support to their children and grandchildren and to the sport of wrestling. There is not a match or tournament that goes by that you don't see the two of them in the stands supporting their family. They have also hosted hospitality rooms at tournaments for over 20 years and have become famous for their potato soup at all of these events. They have opened their home to many coaches and wrestlers from all over the world including hosting the German International Wrestling Team and their coaches. Phillip was office manager for 40 years at Town and Country Cleaners before his retirement and Sue Ann was a teacher in the Nashville-Metropolitan School System for 40 years before retiring. Their recognition as contributors into the TSSAA Hall of Fame is for their many years of dedication to their family and to the sport of wrestling.

### SELECTION OF INDUCTEES

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame was established in 1981 to honor outstanding achievements by individuals to member schools and TSSAA. Each year a minimum of one coach, one administrator, and one official from each of two eras (1925-1975 and 1975-present) are inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. To be considered for this honor, a nominee must be at least 50 years of age or retired for at least three years in the category for which they are nominated. One person is selected from outside these three areas in the category of contributor. The selection committee makes the final selections based on nominations from TSSAA school people and officials. This is the 20th year that selections have been made.

# COACHES



The late **MACK CHANDLER** spent nearly 50 years of his life as a high school coach and administrator. His coaching accomplishments, as well as his community achievements, took place in some of the smallest towns and schools in Tennessee. He spent all of his school years through the 12th grade in the small town of Lobelville, Tennessee where he graduated in 1947. He attended and played basketball four years at Austin Peay State University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1951. He then went on to earn a Masters Degree from Memphis State University in 1956. After graduating from Austin Peay he returned to his alma mater, Lobelville (which was later consolidated into Perry County High School) to start his coaching career. In two years he moved to Scotts Hill where he coached girls' and boys' basketball for four years. From Scotts Hill he moved to Sardis in 1957 to coach boys' and girls' basketball and baseball for the next 10 years. Also during this time he was principal of the school. In 1967 he moved to Riverside where he coached boys' and girls' basketball and baseball for 14 years. While at Riverside, his 1973 girls' teams had a 32-7 record and made it to the State Basketball Tournament semifinals. In 1981 he retired from teaching and coaching after 30 years -- he thought. He returned to Sardis as principal in the fall of that year and stayed three more years where he also coached boys' basketball and baseball. In 1984 Sardis was consolidated into Scotts Hill High School and Mr. Chandler served as Assistant Principal at Scotts Hill until his retirement. During his 31 years as a varsity basketball coach, he coached a total of 1,760 games. He wasn't sure whether this was a TSSAA record, but he did know that it was a bunch of them. Mack Chandler had his first date with his wife on July 3, 1948 and was married three weeks later. They would go on to celebrate 51 years of marriage. They were blessed with five children, 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. All five of his children were good athletes and all played for him in high school. Mack Chandler was not only a great basketball coach, but also a great humanitarian and pioneer in so many phases of his life.



**TOM COUGHENOUR** is an outstanding coach who has given his life to education and athletics in coaching many sports, but his love is cross country and track. He began coaching in 1964 at Robertson Junior High School in Kingsport and went on to Dobyns-Bennett High School in 1974. He was an outstanding assistant football coach from 1974 to 1982 at Dobyns-Bennett. In 1979 he became the head boys' track coach and head boys' cross country coach. In 1984 he added girls' track and girls' cross country to his responsibilities as coach and continues in these capacities as head boys' and girls' track coach and head boys' and girls' cross country coach at Dobyns-Bennett High School. He has been honored nine times as Coach of the Year, with his teams winning, among other championships, the following: 4 Boys' State Cross Country Championships; 2 Girls' State Cross Country Championships; 1 Girls' State Track and Field Championship; 10 Runner-up State Track and Cross Country Championships. He is recognized as one of the top high school track and field and cross country coaches in the nation. In 1998-99 in the inaugural year of the A. F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award, Tom was selected as the Male Coach of the Year in District 1. He and his wife Barbara have three children. One of his former athletes stated, "Through all of his accomplishments he remained a very humble person. He takes his greatest pride in the wide range of lives he has influenced. While some coaches are most interested in the short-term goals of meet victories or state titles, Coach Coughenour works hardest towards the long-term goals of helping his runners grow into successful and productive adults.



**TOMMY GRIFFITH** was an outstanding teacher and football, basketball, track, and golf coach for 38 years. In addition, he was also athletic director for 10 years. In every year of his coaching career he was involved in coaching at least two sports and in most years coached three different sports. He was recognized for his outstanding coaching ability and selected by his coaching peers as Coach of the Year on seven different occasions. His school days extended well beyond teaching and coaching hours. Tommy was always the first at school and the last to leave the gymnasium at night. Whatever time it took, he gave. Opportunities came knocking many times for Coach Griffith to enter administration, but he never wanted to leave coaching, simply stating, "Coaching is my first love." He never tired of teaching athletes the fundamentals. His basketball teams won four district championships, three regional championships, four state tournaments and were state runners-up in the 1994 AAA state championship. His girls' track teams won many championships and were state runners-up in 1983. In addition to his many hours of coaching, he directed numerous district and regional basketball tournaments and has served as a top track official for TSSAA for over 20 years. In 1996 he retired from coaching, only to continue to serve TSSAA high school sports as an official in the State Track Meets, State Golf Tournaments, and working at the State Basketball Tournaments. He and his wife Jean have five children and 17 grandchildren. Jean has always been beside him in all of his capacities, serving as a scorer in track meets, a scorer in golf, setting up hospitality rooms, or whatever it took. In his coaching career, she has never missed an athletic contest, in which he coached.



The late **JOHN JOHNSON, JR.** was an outstanding football coach at Manassas High School in Memphis for 32 years. Coach Johnson retired with a memorable accomplishment of eight city championships and three league championships. His 32-year record was 212 wins, 102 losses and 15 ties. He was the second prep coach in Shelby County to reach 200 victories. His teams won the Negro Prep League Championships in 1947, 1948, 1952, 1959, 1960, and 1961 and the MIAA in 1971. Coach Johnson had four of his players drafted into professional football during his coaching career. For more than three decades, the North Memphis community, which surrounded Manassas High School, looked upon Coach Johnson as a friend, teacher and neighbor. Coach Johnson was a father figure to many boys and tried to instill in each of his players the principles of Christian ethics. He was and will always remain a legend who taught his players how to survive life and to be a good person. Soft-spoken and yet stern, he was a person who demanded a lot from his players and got it without raising his voice. He is remembered by his players as a man of high integrity who received respect from all that knew him -- players, students, other coaches, and administrators. John Johnson, Jr. was married to Joan McLemore, who preceded him in death, and has two daughters, LaJuana Johnson-Bassett of Memphis and Gina J. Harris of Austin Texas, and four grandchildren.



**RALPH SPANGLER** is a living legend in Cheatham County. He came to Cheatham County in 1951 and intended to leave after one season, but wound up coaching nearly 30 years. He was instrumental in starting youth athletic programs in Ashland City, all while coaching football, basketball, and baseball at Cheatham County Central High School. He could always be seen around town with a smile while attending high school sporting events, giving pep talks to players, and handing out advice to coaches. At Cheatham County Central High School he coached girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and baseball during many of his years, but he was recognized for his many outstanding years as a head football coach at Cheatham County Central High School. He was an excellent athlete who lettered in football, basketball, and baseball at Battle Ground Academy and played on an undefeated team there, as well as on an undefeated Rose Bowl Champion University of Alabama team. He was an outstanding role model in Cheatham County and middle Tennessee for many years always representing integrity, class, and sportsmanship. Three schools have named facilities in three sports after Ralph Spangler -- the baseball field at Cheatham County Central High School, the football field at Sycamore High School, and the football field at the old Ashland City High School. An annual scholarship is awarded in his name and his influence throughout Cheatham County transcends multiple sports, multiple schools, and multiple generations. The Cheatham County Central High School gym is the Pat Head Summit Gym and the football field is the Mike Jarreau Field. Pat Head Summit was one of his basketball players and Mike Jarreau was his first assistant coach. His varsity record as a head football coach was 111-49-7. He coached three undefeated football teams in high school and another in junior high school, and had numerous seasons with only one or two losses. He started many youth athletic leagues and programs in Cheatham County. Of all of his many accomplishments, Ralph Spangler is proudest of the fact that he has attended a regular season high school football game every Friday night since 1950.

# TSSAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2001

## OFFICIALS



**WILLIAM C. "BILL" BATTLE** has officiated high school football for over 40 years, working close to 600 games including many state playoffs and a state championship game. Bill grew up in Etowah, Tennessee and graduated from Etowah High School, Tennessee Wesleyan University, and the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry. His family dental practice has served the community of Knoxville for 42 years. In addition to his many games as an official, he has also served the Knoxville Football Officials Association as a five-year member of the executive committee, Vice President for two years and President for three years. Bill Battle has represented football officiating in all of those years in his mild-mannered way with class and has never tried to ramrod a contest, but always allowed the ebb and flow of the contest to have meaning. He has always taken the duties of officiating to its rightful position of controlling the game and understanding the concept of "being there" but "not being there." It is a skillful art at which Bill Battle excelled. After many years of active officiating, he continues to serve TSSAA as a supervisor of officials for the Knoxville Football Officials Association..



**FRED F. KESSLER, SR.** was born in Chattanooga and graduated from Chattanooga City High School. He received his BS from the University of Chattanooga, Masters from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and also earned a Masters from the University of Minnesota. Fred has given a large part of his life as a TSSAA football and basketball official. More importantly, he has been instrumental in getting over 15 people to officiate basketball and football from Bolivar, where he has lived for many years. Included in that group are three sons, Freddy, Eddie, and Ted. Fred officiated football for 15 years, working TSSAA playoff games for eight years and working the 1979 TSSAA state championship game. In basketball, he officiated 16 years, working district tournaments 15 of those years, regional tournaments eight years, five sub state games, and the Girls' State Basketball Tournament in 1979. In addition to his own officiating career, all three sons got started in officiating because of him. His sons have officiated in the State Basketball Tournament, with Eddie also having worked in the state football championships. Fred has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 48 years. As a resident of Bolivar, he has served as City Judge and City Manager. His plans for the future include having his seven grandchildren one day officiating in TSSAA.



**JOHN A. MCPHERSON** was an outstanding basketball official for 25 years starting in the Nashville Recreation League and advancing all the way up through high school to the Southeastern Conference. He first registered as a TSSAA official in 1947. In 1948 he worked his first tournament when Adam DeBerry, a Hall of Fame member who at that time coached elementary school basketball, was instrumental in getting him work as an official in a local elementary school tournament. From there he worked games in the Nashville-Middle Tennessee area, working numerous district and regional tournaments including the State Basketball Tournament in 1954. He was also an outstanding college official at both the OVC and SEC levels. John A. McPherson was one of the top basketball officials to ever come from the middle Tennessee area. He was recognized for his outstanding knowledge and rules of the game, a true understanding of the game, and the ability to run a ball game. John continues to live in Nashville with his wife June, to whom he has been married for 56 years.

## MEMBERS OF THE TSSAA HALL OF FAME - 1982-2001

### ADMINISTRATORS

A. F. Bridges (1982)  
 William Osteen (1982)  
 Jimmy Edwards (1983)  
 Webb Porter (1983)  
 W. Hobart Millsaps (1984)  
 Creed McClure (1985)  
 Gill Gideon (1986)  
 A. B. Sisco (1986)  
 Paul Anderson (1987)  
 James "Doc" Simpson (1988)  
 Carl Matherly (1989)  
 Bill Todd (1989)  
 Milton Mayo (1990)  
 Thurman Reynolds (1990)  
 Milton Basden (1991)  
 Tom Fann (1991)  
 Charles William Driskill (1992)  
 James Williams (1992)  
 A. D. Hancock (1993)  
 D. M. Miller (1994)  
 Robert "Bob" Polston (1994)  
 Ernest Rasar (1994)  
 Fred Shelton (1995)  
 Paul Ward (1995)  
 O. Clinton "Clint" Abbott, Jr. (1996)  
 Emmitt H. Simon, Jr. (1996)  
 Jim Poteete (1997)  
 Hardy Loyd (1997)  
 William (Bill) Bailey (1998)  
 William (Bill) Stanfield (1998)  
 Adam DeBerry (1999)  
 Billy Joe Evans (1999)  
 Johnny Miller (1999)  
 Richard Graves (2000)  
 Don Souder (2000)  
 Bill McClain (2001)

John L. "Pete" Stafford (2001)  
 Joseph Westbrook (2001)

### COACHES

Boyce Smith (1982)  
 Willie Hudson (1983)  
 Buck Van Huss (1983)  
 Tury Oman (1984)  
 John Treadway (1984)  
 E. B. "Red" Etter (1985)  
 Jim Smiddy (1985)  
 Turney Ford (1986)  
 Jim Satterfield (1987)  
 Leonard Staggs (1987)  
 Joe Branch (1989)  
 Vernon Osborne (1989)  
 Buford Bible (1990)  
 Tom Nix (1990)  
 Galen Johnson (1991)  
 Cornelius Ridley (1991)  
 Dorsey Sims (1992)  
 R. C. Johnson (1992)  
 John Farr (1992)  
 Maurice Kelly (1992)  
 R. "Charlie" Bayless (1993)  
 Paul Caywood (1993)  
 Catherine M. Neely (1993)  
 Wylie Wheeler (1993)  
 Joe H. Allen (1994)  
 Campbell Brandon (1994)  
 Guy Buchanan (1994)  
 Dwight Clark (1994)  
 Ralph Benson (1995)  
 Fred Gamlin (1995)  
 Elvin Little (1995)  
 Dickie Warren (1995)  
 James A. "Jim" Cartwright (1996)

Robert A. Harris, Jr. (1996)  
 Gene Trotter (1996)  
 John Tucker (1997)  
 Lee Pate (1997)  
 Charlie Anderson (1998)  
 John Hooper (1998)  
 Tommy Owen (1998)  
 Jim Poston (1998)  
 Richard Ross (1998)  
 Walter Bouldin (1999)  
 Bill Brimm (1999)  
 Mel Brown (1999)  
 Kermit Forkum (1999)  
 Benny Monroe (1999)  
 Ephriam "King" Berrong (2000)  
 Robert High (2000)  
 Bert "Chig" Ralledge (2000)  
 Calvin Short (2000)  
 A. J. Wilson (2000)  
 Mack Chandler (2001)  
 Tom Coughenour (2001)  
 Tommy Griffith (2001)  
 John Johnson (2001)  
 Ralph Spangler (2001)

### CONTRIBUTORS

Charles Hampton White (1992)  
 Edgar Allen (1993)  
 Billy J. Haney (1994)  
 Nelson Smotherman (1997)  
 Dick Sobel (1998)  
 Samuel Beasley (1999)  
 Dorothy Nell Davis (2000)  
 Phillip & Sue Ann Simpson (2001)

### OFFICIALS

S. D. Jackson (1982)  
 Cooper Dyer (1983)  
 Bill Pack (1983)

Ralph Stout (1984)  
 Joe Caldwell (1985)  
 Burrell Crowell (1985)  
 Tom Keysaer (1986)  
 Buddy Patey (1986)  
 Bob Heriges (1987)  
 Elmer L. Holder (1988)  
 Pat McHugh (1989)  
 Ray Street (1989)  
 Paul McDaniel (1990)  
 Billy Schrivner (1990)  
 Brice Hall (1991)  
 E. L. Hutton (1991)  
 Fred Baker (1992)  
 Leo Martindale (1992)  
 Kenny Coulter (1993)  
 E. D. "Icky" Jernigan (1993)  
 David Scobey (1994)  
 James E. "Jim" Wright (1994)  
 Ferrell "Dee" Loveless (1994)  
 Edwin Black (1995)  
 Jack Keys (1995)  
 Elbert Fielden (1996)  
 Cecil V. "Snooky" Smith (1996)  
 Emmitt Simon, Sr. (1997)  
 Joel Huffaker (1997)  
 Dale Kelley (1998)  
 Bill Melton (1998)  
 Leonard Coffman (1999)  
 Robert Coy "Pistol" Gaither (1999)  
 Junior Ward (1999)  
 Hunter Jackson (2000)  
 Bill Pittman (2000)  
 William C. "Bill" Battle (2001)  
 Fred F. Kessler (2001)  
 John A. McPherson (2001)



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

## ADMINISTRATOR – DON LADY



TSSAA is proud to recognize Don Lady, Athletic Director at Sullivan East High School in Bluff City, Tennessee, as its Distinguished Service Honoree as an administrator. Don Lady graduated from Milligan College with a BA degree and earned his masters degree from Union College. He has been involved with the Sullivan County School System for over 30 years, nine as a teacher and 21 as an administrator and athletic director. He has served on the board of the Tennessee High School Athletic Administrators Association for many years and as its president for two years (1998-99, 1999-2000). While attending the LTC Conference in Kansas City in May 1998, he gained his instructor's certification.

He has been president of the Big 10, Big 7, and Big 9. He is a member of the Sullivan County athletic steering committee and represents the Sullivan County School System for Title IX programs. Don has been a highly successful high school and college baseball umpire in Tennessee and Virginia for 31 years. He has officiated two state baseball tournaments in Tennessee and is a former member of the National Baseball Congress in Wichita, Kansas, and former Commissioner of the Holston Umpires Association as assigning officer.

He is a member of the NIAAA and has attended eleven National Conferences and played a key role as a member of the TSSAA Host Committee for the National Conference held at Opryland Hotel in Nashville. He received the NIAAA Award of Merit in 1998, Athletic Director of the Year Award in Athletic District 1 in 1999, and became a certified Athletic Administrator in April 2000. Don established the web page for the Athletic Directors Association (<http://people.goplay.com/thsa>). He has also assisted with the LTC course at the last two Athletic Directors' Conferences.

TSSAA proudly salutes Don Lady for his many years of dedication and service to education, athletics and the children in the state of Tennessee.

## COACH – GEORGE WEICKER



TSSAA is proud to recognize George Weicker, football and baseball coach at Franklin Road Academy, as its distinguished service honoree as a coach.

A native of Maryland, George graduated from Davidson College in 1975, where he was named a First Team All-American in baseball. He later received his Masters of Education from John Hopkins University. He signed with the Cincinnati Reds organization where he played in the minor leagues for five years. Also, he was the hitting instructor for Vanderbilt University for six years.

Coach Weicker began as head football coach at Franklin Road Academy in 1984. In seventeen seasons, he has a record of 135-64. His teams have advanced to post season play 16 out of 17 years. FRA has reached the second round nine times, third round four times, the fourth round twice and they won the Class A Championship in 1991.

Coach Weicker began as head baseball coach in 1986. In fifteen seasons, George has compiled a record of 289-112. FRA has won six district championships, and five regional championships. In 1988 and 2000, FRA won state championships. George and his wife, Lucy, have two children, Woody who is 3 years old and Libby who is 18 months old.

TSSAA is proud to honor George Weicker for his dedication to high school athletics in Tennessee.

## OFFICIAL – WAYNE McMEANS



TSSAA proudly salutes Wayne McMeans as the recipient of the distinguished service award for officials.

Wayne is a graduate of Dreshler High School in Tusculumbia, Alabama. After high school, he attended the University of North Alabama in Florence. After college, Wayne began working for the Tennessee Valley Authority where he has served as an operator for the past twenty-two years.

Wayne continues to be an outstanding official in different TSSAA sanctioned sports. He has umpired baseball and softball for fifteen years. He has, also, officiated basketball the past thirteen years. Wayne has worked one basketball, two baseball, and five softball state championship events.

Wayne and his wife, Kathy, are the proud parents of two daughters, Tara and Stephanie. Tara is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Stephanie graduated from Middle Tennessee State University.

It is an honor to recognize Wayne McMeans for the many years he has dedicated to officiating Tennessee high school sports.

## CONTRIBUTOR – RANDY SMITH



TSSAA is proud to recognize Randy Smith as its Distinguished Service Honoree as a contributor. Randy played tennis three seasons for the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles before earning his BS degree in secondary education in 1970. He then entered the coaching ranks. In 1988 he returned to Tennessee Tech as the women's and men's tennis coach. He immediately led the men's team to a 20-6 dual match record, a 5-1 performance in the OVC, and second place in the league's tournament. He was named OVC Coach of the Year in his first year, an honor he repeated the next season when his team had a 20-3 dual match record in 1989-90. That team had a perfect 6-0 conference record and captured the OVC tournament championship. In 1998-99, the men's team placed second in the regular season OVC standings, then won the tournament title and made their first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament. Overall, Smith's men's tennis teams have compiled an all-time record of 161-119 in his 12 seasons at Tech, and a 59-24 record in conference matches. In 1996, Randy got his 100th match victory. In coaching the women's tennis team, Randy has a 109-130 overall record in 12 seasons and an 81-48 mark the past six years. In 1998-99 the women's tennis team won the championship and placed second this past season. The 1998-99 squad dominated the OVC, they won the regular season and tournament championships and earned their first-ever trip to the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships.

In addition to coaching, Randy also serves as the assistant athletics director for facilities at Tennessee Tech. Randy has also been the head official at the TSSAA State Tennis Tournament for the past seventeen years. He has been a great asset for high school tennis in the state of Tennessee. In addition to helping at the state tournament level, Randy also helps with the TSSAA tennis rules meetings that are held every other year all across the state.

TSSAA is proud to honor Randy Smith for his many contributions to high school athletics.



## Balance Is the Key

A number of years ago I was visiting schools with Beth Sheridan, who was at that time a member of our Student Services staff. In addition to introducing her to different people and showing her where many of our schools were located, we were also talking with people about attending the leadership camps we were holding in the summer for students and coaches from our schools. We had stopped at a school that had just become a member. I told her as we went in that we needed to get them to SASI if we could because it would help them to get to know students and coaches from other schools and get involved in the organization.

This was a school that had been in existence for 40 or 50 years and had athletics. As I watched them in P.E. and visited with two of their coaches, it was very apparent that there were some pretty good athletes participating. They were playing basketball, volleyball, etc., and obviously had some athletic skills. Their board had been struggling a great deal with whether to join TSSAA or not -- and, if they joined, it would be for only cross country and golf. I had to know the reasons.

Cross country and golf were sports in which you were competing against yourself and the watch or the course. They had found that in other phases of competitive athletics when people were competing against each other, too many bad things happen. All of the good things that are accomplished through competition are diminished by all of the negative things that can happen.

To illustrate the depth of their convictions let me relate the story that occurred later on that year. They joined the organization and were competing very well in both golf and cross country. Their cross country team had the strong possibility of finishing either first or second in the region, which would then advance them to our State Cross Country Meet. They would not be able to compete in the state competition and wanted to know if there was a provision in our advancement procedures that would allow another team to take their place. At that time there was not. (There is now.) This team chose not to compete in the regional championship where they would have finished first or second because they did not want to knock another team out of advancing to and competing in the state championships.

As Beth and I walked out of the school that day, I turned to her and said, "Call them back and get them to the camp. They don't need to learn from us; we need to learn from them. They have it all figured out." I have thought about my conversations with two excellent coaches and with Beth that day. Don't think for a minute that you are dealing with people who are not competitive. The cross country coach runs marathons and the golf coach is a scratch golfer. They are competitors -- trust me. I don't agree with them in their approach to the other phases of competitive athletics. I still feel that there is more good than bad, but I think about that conversation many times as I look at things that seem to be happening more and more: (1) Unrealistic thinking on the part of parents about their son's or daughter's athletic potential. (2) An obsession with being number one, winning tournaments, or winning championships. (3) Coaches scheduling practices, scrimmages, and games so that there is not a weekend off

from the beginning of practice to the end of the season. (4) Good people who are coaches, athletes, or officials acting in irresponsible ways in the heat of competition -- on and on it goes.

Then I am reminded of a very simple fact that comes through loud and clear in every study that has ever been done with high school students of all ages and in states all across this great country. What do students say when asked the question of the greatest thing they received from participation in athletics? Sometimes you see the question worded, "What is the most positive result from participation in secondary school athletics?" Remember that this is a question posed to students, not coaches and not parents. The answer in every study is always the same -- TO HAVE FUN! It easily outdistances the winning of championships, having a successful season, achieving individual goals, getting a college scholarship, etc.

It is really pretty simple -- not too complicated. We use the cliches many times -- "If we could just keep the adults out of it." -- "There is far more over-coaching done today than under-coaching." -- "They practice all summer and all year to look like that?"

Somehow, maybe, if we can take the simple thing that the students tell us and put it together with the reasons one school chooses not to compete then maybe we have a chance. It truly is about balance. We talk many times about what sports teaches us about life. We all recognize the need for balance in every phase of our life. Maintaining balance is also a major part of athletics. Some subscribe in principle to the theory that if practice makes you better, then more and more practice must make you a whole lot better. If there is truth to this, it is in the vein of students working on skills on their own or on a game on their own. I don't think it is about organized practice and games.

As we head into the most crowded athletic season of the year for most of our athletes -- the summer -- let's all work a little harder at keeping the balance -- for the athletes, for the parents, and for the coach and his or her family.

### My Two Greatest Championship Events

As best I can figure it, I have probably seen about 400 state championships in my 35 years in education. That is a bunch. I have seen many unbelievable performances by athletes, teams, and coaches, but picking my two favorites is the easiest of anything I have done in this 75th Anniversary year. They are the 1992 Class A State Baseball Tournament and the 2000 Class A State Baseball Tournament. The reasons are pure and simple. I had a son playing in the 1992 tournament and the same son coaching in the 2000 tournament. I love athletic competition but there is nothing in this realm that has ever affected me as a player, coach, administrator, or fan like watching him play and coach. I can replay every game and remember all the highlights of playing high school and college games and now coaching. The eight games in those two tournaments are a great part of those memories. There is no contest or event that moves any of us like the ones in which we have a son or daughter participating, so you see in this 75th Anniversary year and 400 plus state championships, picking the top two is really not all that difficult.



## Athletics Is an Education, Too

**E**ducation is first and organized athletics is second! We all know that! But the question is when does education stop and athletics begin. In reality, education never ends. Most of us involved with school athletics understand that athletics continues to teach discipline and the team concepts. Discipline means not only becoming physically ready, but mentally ready. Those that have discipline normally can do better educationally because they know how to adjust their time and how to make time for what is important.

Long-time official Roger Shore, a professor at Dyersburg State Community College in Dyersburg, Tennessee, made an “educational” observation during the last TSSAA State Basketball Tournament. He pointed out that for students attending the state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro, as well as the football championships, it is an education for not only high school age students, but for most teenagers and younger children. His point was that so many of the children that attend college really never leave home, will work within 50 miles of their home or college, and if they do go away to college, almost all return back home to work.

Totally surprised, but understanding what he says, he went on to point out that those in attendance in Murfreesboro were getting an education on how to travel, how to budget their money, how to interact with fellow students and authority, how to win with dignity, how to take defeat in stride and how to return home a better citizen.

To me the world seems such a small place today as education seems to go in so many different directions, but the thought that being at our state basketball tournament was “an education” was mind-boggling, however, Roger Shore was exactly right on with his point. The city of Murfreesboro offers so many pluses for TSSAA, its athletic program and the children that it is an excellent place for the development for many things. The TSSAA for many years have allowed member football teams in free at the state championships in football. Normally we have about 30 schools that turn in rosters or indicate that they are planning to attend in Nashville. This school year, with the

BlueCross Bowl and its inaugural year at MTSU, there were over 110 TSSAA member schools that did the paperwork to get their teams in free.

The state has seen more and more of pro sports throughout the last few years. A beautiful new baseball stadium now sits in downtown Memphis. Sevierville and Chattanooga just completed new minor league ballparks within the last couple of years while Jackson has had a beautiful facility for about four years. Wilson County is considering the possibility of building a minor league baseball stadium also. In the last few years, we have seen the addition of top-level professional hockey and football and are on the verge of pro basketball. A major NASCAR racetrack has been built in Middle Tennessee, and while it is only about one-third the size of the Bristol Motor Speedway, it can, and probably will, expand quickly. The fight for the dollar that pays the bill continues to grow harder and harder.

There is more entertainment opportunities for all ages that consumes the money set aside for recreation and entertainment. The cost to put forth a team in any level of competition continues to grow as the cost of the uniform continues to grow. Until people in the state of Tennessee get serious about true tax reform and the state legislature steps forward, school systems will continue to have funding problems of great magnitude. Twenty years ago the state of Tennessee spent 50% of its tax income on education and 2% on healthcare. Today Tennessee spends 27% of its tax dollar on education and 47% on healthcare! To do nothing takes us backward. As we stand still we look at all of the other states that continue to move ahead of us and further away from us.

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The first 34 years of my life with TSSAA I never pictured bowling as a TSSAA sport. Today, TSSAA has taken another step forward in recognizing another opportunity for children to compete in the interscholastic level and this time in bowling. Bowling will add another new dimension to the high school athletic scene and is certainly a welcome addition.

# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Rules violations by member schools and sanctions imposed. All activities varsity level unless otherwise specified.

SCHOOL	SPORT	VIOLATION	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Brainerd	Basketball (Boys JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Brentwood Academy	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Camden	Basketball (Boys)	Players and fans came onto floor during an altercation	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Chattanooga High	Basketball (Boys)	Violation of six quarter rule.	School self-reported. School fined \$75.
Christian Brothers	Wrestling (JV)	Participation of ineligible athlete.	School self-reported. School fined \$500. Wrestling program on probation for two years. JV wrestling program is suspended for 2001-02 season. Forfeiture of match.
Chucky Doak	Basketball (Girls JV)	Player came off bench and was involved in altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Collierville	Football (Fresh)	Playing ineligible player in four games.	School self-reported. Fined \$100. Games forfeited.
Covington	Basketball (Boys)	Fans on floor during altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Decatur Co. Riverside	Basketball (Boys)	Players and fans came onto floor during an altercation	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Fairview	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came on floor during altercation	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Fairview	Wrestling	Playing ineligible player in one match.	School self-reported. School fined \$50. Match forfeited.
Flintville Jr. High	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Forge Ridge	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Gibbs	Basketball (Boys JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Giles County	Basketball (Girls JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Greeneville	Basketball (Boys)	Playing ineligible player in one game.	School self-reported. School fined \$100. Game forfeited. Athlete suspended 2 games.
Greeneville	Wrestling	Ass't coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend next 2 dates. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Grundy County	Basketball (Boys)	Player left bench and came on floor during altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Hardin County	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Harding Academy	Basketball (Boys)	Player came onto floor during an altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Harpeth High	Basketball (Boys)	Violation of practice rule.	School self-reported and initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$100. Boys program must practice a minimum of 10 days before participating in any scrimmages during 2001-02 season.
Heritage High	Basketball (Girls JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Hume Fogg	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came onto floor during altercation	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
J. Frank White Academy	Basketball (Boys JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
Kenwood	Basketball (Boys)	Violation of practice rule.	School self-reported and initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$100. Boys program must practice a minimum of 10 days before participating in any scrimmages during 2001-02 season.
Marion County	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
McCallie	Wrestling	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	Misapplication of rule. Appeal granted. No action taken.
Melrose	Basketball (Boys)	Players and fans came onto floor during an altercation	School initiated disciplinary action. Players suspended next two games. Fined \$250.
Memphis Central	Basketball (Boys)	Playing ineligible player in three games.	School self-reported. School fined \$150. Games forfeited.
Memphis Central	Basketball (Boys)	Three violations of non-faculty coaches.	School self-reported. School fined \$1000. School may not use non-faculty coaches in any phase of boys program remainder of 2000-01 season. Boys program on probation for 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons.
Milan	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came onto floor.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
Mitchell	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came onto floor during an altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.

SCHOOL	SPORT	VIOLATION	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
<b>Mt. Juliet</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>North Side (Jackson)</b>	Baseball	Violation of practice rule.	School self-reported and initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$100. Baseball program must practice a minimum of 10 days before participating in any scrimmages during 2002 season.
<b>Oakhaven</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came onto floor during an altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
<b>Oliver Springs</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Fan came onto floor.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
<b>Oliver Springs</b>	Basketball (Girls JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Overton (Memphis)</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Overton (Memphis)</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Powell</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Ass't coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Red bank</b>	Wrestling	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	Misapplication of rule. Appeal granted. No action taken.
<b>Rhea County</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Playing ineligible player.	School self-reported. School fined \$500. Games forfeited.
<b>Rhea County</b>	Basketball (Girls JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>SBEC</b>	Basketball (Girls JV)	Players came onto floor during an altercation.	School self-reported. School fined \$150.
<b>Science Hill</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. Appeal granted- no fine.
<b>Sequatchie County</b>	Basketball (Boys JV)	Playing ineligible player in one game.	School self-reported. School fined \$250. Game forfeited.
<b>Sevier County</b>	Basketball (Girls Fresh)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Sheffield</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Players left bench and came onto floor during altercation.	School initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$250.
<b>South Greene</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>South-Side (Memphis)</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Spring Hill</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>St. Benedict</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Sullivan South</b>	Soccer (Boys)	Violation of practice rule.	School self-reported. School fined \$250. Boys Soccer program may not begin practice until two weeks following beginning practice date. No open facilities prior to that time. May not begin competition until two weeks after beginning date of season. Any scheduled games during the two weeks may not be made up later. Boys soccer program on probation for one year.
<b>Sullivan South</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Summertown</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Summertown</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Treadwell</b>	Basketball (Boys JV)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>University School of Jackson</b>	Basketball (Boys JV)	Violation of practice rule.	School self-reported and initiated disciplinary action. School fined \$100. Baseball program must practice a minimum of 10 days before participating in any scrimmages during 2002 season.
<b>University School (Johnson City)</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Playing ineligible player in one game.	School self-reported. School fined \$100. Game forfeited.
<b>Upperman</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>Whites Creek</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Playing ineligible player in one tournament game.	School self-reported. School fined \$50. School to receive no financial share of tournament.
<b>William Blount</b>	Basketball (Girls)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.
<b>York Institute</b>	Basketball (Boys)	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.	School's decision to suspend for next 2 games. School fined \$250. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension.

# LOOKING BACK

## Ronnie Carter: Current Executive Director of TSSAA

Ronnie Carter is the third person to serve as full-time Executive Director in the 75-year history of the TSSAA. He was hired to the position in March of 1986, assuming duties as Executive Director after the retirement of Gill Gideon from the position. Carter first joined the TSSAA in 1978 when he was hired as an Assistant Executive Director. As Assistant Executive Director, he was responsible for the training of officials in football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, and track.



Ronnie Carter:  
Third Executive  
Director of TSSAA

Mr. Carter was born in Nashville, Tennessee. He lived in Middle Tennessee up until his seventh grade year when his family moved to Mississippi. He attended high school at Lee High School in Columbus, Mississippi. After graduating high school, he enrolled at East Mississippi Junior College. From there he went to Bethel College where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree. He also did graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

He has spent 35 years of his career involved in secondary education and athletics as a teacher, coach, official, and administrator. Prior to joining the TSSAA, Carter began teaching and coaching at McMurray Junior High. He was there for three years. From there he went to John Overton High School where he taught mathematics in junior and senior high school and coached football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, and track for 11 years.

Mr. Carter has been very involved with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) since he has been at the TSSAA. He has been a member of the National Federation Football Rules Committee since 1978 and was the Chairman of the Football Research Subcommittee of the Football Rules Committee from 1986-1994. He was a member of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee from 1980-1984 and from 1986-1994, as well as Chairman of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee from 1986-1994. Carter was also the National Federation representative to NCAA Basketball Rules Committee and Collegiate Commissioners Association.



Ronnie with son Jim, who coached in the 2000 Class A State Baseball Tourney.

Mr. Carter was elected to serve as a member of the NFHS Board of Directors from 1998-2002. He was recently voted the distinguished honor of President-Elect. His term as President will begin at the annual NFHS summer meeting at the end of June this year.

He has devoted much of his time as Executive Director to seeing how the association can better serve the membership. The association provides more services and information to the members than any other time in its 75-year history. Mr. Carter's aggressiveness and innovative ideas have helped bring the association to where it is today. His desire to stay involved with coaches and officials is evident in that he is one of the few state executive directors that still oversees specific sports. In his case, he is over wrestling and track & field.

Mr. Carter has been married for the past 30 years to the former Caroline McMahan, a first grade teacher at Coopertown Elementary School. They have one son, Jim, who is a teacher, baseball coach, and golf coach in Jackson, Tennessee. He is married to the former Heather Douglas of Hendersonville. They also have a daughter, Amy Whitfield, whose husband, Keith, is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) in Louisville, Kentucky. Amy is employed at SBTS.

## Timeline of TSSAA under Ronnie Carter:

- June 15, 1978** - Ronnie Carter of Nashville Overton High School replaces Johnny Miller as assistant executive secretary. Miller leaves the TSSAA to become athletic director at Austin Peay State University.
- March 1979** - Gill Gideon's title of executive secretary is changed to executive director.
- May 24-25, 1979** - The first TSSAA State Softball Tournament is held at three different locations throughout the state. Richland (Class A), Giles County (Class AA), and Chattanooga East Ridge (Class AAA) all win state crowns.
- August 28, 1982** - The Clinic Bowl is named the host of TSSAA's State Football Championships.
- November 8, 1985** - TSSAA football playoffs kick-off with a record 96 teams competing. Thirty-two schools in each class vie for the state crown.
- April 1, 1986** - Gill Gideon retires as executive director of the TSSAA. Ronnie Carter, Gideon's assistant, replaces Gideon and becomes the third executive director of the TSSAA. Gene Beck, Springfield High School basketball coach, assumes Carter's former duties as assistant executive director.
- November 8, 1986** - Franklin High captures the first TSSAA Girls' State Soccer Championship with a 2-1 victory over Knoxville Farragut at Brentwood High School.
- May 16, 1987** - Brentwood High serves as the site for the first Boys' TSSAA State Soccer Championship. Knoxville Farragut wins the title by defeating Franklin High.
- June 4, 1987** - For the first time ever, TSSAA adds a fourth executive to its staff - Bob Mayes of Rutherford County is named an assistant executive director by the Board of Control.
- August 5, 1988** - Bob Mayes resigns his position at the TSSAA in order to return to the Rutherford County Board of Education.
- June 8, 1991** - Gene Menees, Davidson Academy baseball coach, is named an assistant executive director.
- June 19, 1992** - The Board of Control votes to reclassify football into five classes (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A).
- May 8, 1992** - TSSAA's Legislative Council approves the formation of the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association, which will be an affiliate organization of the TSSAA. It will be a voluntary association for any school terminating with the 8th grade. TSSAA's Board of Control adopted a team relays championship in track and field with a format in six running events and field events for girls and five field events for boys.
- June 30, 1993** - The Board of Control adopted the "festival" concept for all spring sports championships. Chattanooga was selected by the Board to host the first Spring Fling, which was set for the spring of 1994.
- June 16, 1994** - The Board of Control adds the fourth team in each region to qualify for the football playoffs beginning with the 1994 season, with the fourth place team playing the first place team, the third place team playing the second place team. Boys' soccer was classified for the first time beginning with the 1995-96 school year.
- June 16, 1995** - Mr. Bernard Childress, Whitthorne Middle School Principal, is named as an Assistant Executive Director.
- August 19, 1995** - TSSAA established the beginning of the A. F. Bridges Sportsmanship Program to recognize schools for the accomplishments in the area of sportsmanship and, also, to recognize Mr. A. F. Bridges, the first Executive Director of TSSAA.
- May 1, 1996** - The TSSAA Legislative Council adopts a classification plan that divides the schools into two divisions. Division I is for all schools that do not offer need-based financial aid to student-athletes. Division II is for all schools that choose to give need-based financial aid to student-athletes and any school that wishes to be a part of Division II.
- June 7, 1996** - The Board of Control approves a classification plan that has five classes in Division I in football and two classes in Division II in football; classification in all sports in Division II; three-classes in basketball, baseball, and softball in Division I; two classes in all other sports. This is the beginning of two classes in girls' soccer and tennis. With the addition of Division II and the new classifications, TSSAA goes from 37 state championships to 60 state championships.
- September 1996** - TSSAA begins Coaches Education Courses as a result of non-faculty coaches being added due to the shortage of coaches across the state.
- November 1996** - TSSAA holds its first State Cheerleading Championship.
- June 1997** - TSSAA launches its web site (tssaa.org), primarily due to the work of Mr. Earl Nall of Kingston, Tennessee, an avid supporter of TSSAA and secondary school athletics.
- June 6, 2000** - TSSAA announces the celebration during the 2000-2001 school year of the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.
- March 16, 2001** - The Legislative Council votes to add bowling as a sanctioned sport to begin with the 2001-2002 school year.



From L-R: Keith Whitfield, Amy Whitfield, Heather Carter, Jim Carter, Caroline Carter, Ronnie Carter.

# THE RIGHT TEAM: AN UPDATE

## MATTHEW GROVER



I am excited to introduce myself as the newest member of The Right Team. My name is Matthew Grover, and I have recently moved to this area from West Virginia. I have been a close personal friend of Stephen Bargatze for several years. Since joining The Right Team

in January I have learned a lot about the great state of Tennessee, and it has been very fun and exciting to travel the state, visit schools, and meet new people. In the short time I have been here, Stephen and I have been to over 30 schools, and made over 50 presentations. In all we have talked to over 14,000 students in this calendar year.

In addition to visiting schools, we also spent two weeks in Murfreesboro at the state basketball tournaments. It was a treat to see high school basketball at it's best. Getting the opportunity to witness not only great basketball skills, but also the character and class that most of the young people displayed was very heartwarming.

In the upcoming months the Student Services Program may be visiting your area. We have already planned to visit:

- Trousdale County
- Houston County
- Stewart County
- Columbia
- Chattanooga
- Knoxville
- Sumner County

We hope to reach as many students as we can while in these areas. And we hope that we bring a positive message to them.

In July we will be attending the National Federation of High Schools Associations annual conference, which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Schools that received the A.F. Bridges Award were given the opportunity to send representatives to this conference. The following people will be making the trip to Indianapolis with us for a fun, and informative weekend

- Virginia Russell, Nathan Russell, Brandy Pankey- Bradford High
- Bobby Rawson, Elizabeth Schwatz, Dusty Warren- Crockett County High
- Alan Rolls, Ben Rolls, Claire Givens- B.G.A.
- Grant & Delora Earnest, Spencer Hand, Julie Taylor- Loretto High
- Lara Sibold, Peyton Moss, Lauren Waters- G.P.S.
- Rocky Zazarro, Roy Stone, Sarah Austin- Cumberland County High
- John Compton, Blake Johnson, Ashley Prendergast- Sullivan South
- Shirley Toler, Terrance Henderson, Marquisha Baker- Memphis East

Until next time. . .

## STEPHEN BARGATZE



Something to think about from the Florida Association of DUI Programs, Inc. So what if I got drunk last night, I'm okay now!!!!

If at 2:00 a.m., an individual goes to bed intoxicated with a blood level alcohol reading of .25 and if alcohol leaves the blood at .015 per hour, let us just see what happens to the individual the next morning.

Time		Blood/Alcohol
2:00 a.m.	Goes to bed	.250
3:00 a.m.	Sleeping	.235
4:00 a.m.	Sleeping	.220
5:00 a.m.	Sleeping	.205
6:00 a.m.	Gets up for work or school	.190
7:00 a.m.	Wonders why the keys don't fit car	.175

8:00 a.m.	At work or school	.160
9:00 a.m.	Spill coffee	.145
10:00 a.m.	Still legally intoxicated	.130
11:00 a.m.	Trips and stumbles	.115
12:00 noon	Still legally intoxicated	.115

Just something to think about. Here are a few other things to wonder about. When I had my surgery they asked me who did I want notified in case of an emergency and I said a better doctor than the one who messed me up. They said, "No, we mean your wife or parent." Well, neither of them could help, so I would just settle for some other doctor who would know what to do.

My new partner here at TSSAA is Matt Grover from West Virginia, so this is all new to him -- electricity, carpet, and indoor plumbing. Matt is a little egotistical but the good news is he never talks about other people.

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

A little advice, to avoid parking tickets leave your windshield wipers turned to fast wipe whenever you leave you car parked illegally.

Well, until next time...



## Non-Faculty Coaches



Five years ago, a proposal was submitted to TSSAA by several east Tennessee schools requesting that member schools be allowed to use non-faculty coaches. A non-faculty coach is defined as any individual that is coaching and does not have a valid Tennessee teacher's license or the equivalent. This proposal was voted on by our member schools during Regional meetings and submitted to the Legislative Council. Although every administrator in our state knew that we were experiencing a severe coaching shortage, there was still great concern about having individuals who would not be in the school building everyday coaching student athletes. After much discussion, the Legislative Council approved the use of non-faculty coaches provided these individuals adhere to certain established requirements. As an individual who has dealt with non-faculty coaches the past five years, I can truly say that I have met some outstanding people. I have, also, had some very neat experiences.

I have always said that, in my opinion, a non-faculty coach should not be an individual that walks into a school looking to interview for a coaching position just like any other candidate for a vacant teaching position. Administrators needing coaches should identify those individuals that they know will be an asset to their school and students and seek their help. We all have those type individuals in our community - whether it be former athletes, students, or someone who has moved into the area and loves working with kids. The main criteria for hiring a non-faculty coach must be to obtain an individual that is responsible, cares about what happens to young people, and knows a little about the sport in which he or she is asked to coach. They must represent the school and community in a first class manner and be a positive role model. Let me attempt to tell you about one such individual that is now making a great impact on several youngsters' lives. As I sat in my office one day, I was told that a young man wanted to talk to someone about what it would take

for him to become a non-faculty coach. They brought the gentleman into my office, and I can remember my first thought was, "this guy is a monster." I am 6'4" tall, and I was looking up to this huge specimen. He was very intellectual and soft-spoken. We talked about what he needed to do to become a non-faculty coach at one of our member schools. He told me that he played for the Titans last year but was no longer playing. He stated that his plans were to stay in the community and become an assistant football coach at Brentwood High School. He said that his name was Mike Jones. At the time, I did not think much about it because we have had several former professional athletes to go through our program. One individual that I will never forget meeting in a Coaches Education class is former Dallas Cowboy, Scott Laidlaw. So, what makes meeting and talking with Mike such an interesting story? Approximately three months after having the conversation with him in our office, I was watching the news one night and saw a special report on how a former Titan and nine year National Football League veteran had changed this young man's life. The retired NFL veteran was Mike Jones. The sports reporter told about how Mike had decided to give up playing in the NFL but was giving back to the community. They showed him on the sidelines coaching at Brentwood High School. The reporter also told of how Mike and his wife had adopted one of the student-athletes at Brentwood High who lost his mother a few months prior to the airing of the particular show. The young man, apparently, had no other family. They interviewed the athlete and he said that Mike Jones was dad to him. Thanks to loving people like Mike and his wife, this young man not only got a coach but now had a family to call his own. If we never have another true life story like this again, I would say that being able to use non-faculty coaches in our state has made a difference. This puts it all in perspective and makes it all worthwhile.

### 2000-2001 WINTER STATE CHAMPIONS

The TSSAA would like to congratulate the following state champions for 2000-2001 winter sports

#### WRESTLING

##### DIVISION I DUALS

Bradley Central High School

##### DIVISION II DUALS

Baylor School

##### DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL

Bradley Central High School

##### DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL

Baylor School

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

##### Class A

Wayne County High School

##### Class AA

Jackson County High School

##### Class AAA

Shelbyville Central High School

##### Division II

Briarcrest Christian School

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

##### Class A

Chattanooga Christian School

##### Class AA

Booker T. Washington High School

##### Class AAA

Bartlett High School

##### Division II

Montgomery Bell Academy



**TENNESSEE MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REPORT**

The Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association Committee held its second meeting of the school year on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at the TSSAA office in Hermitage, Tennessee. Members present were Denise Brown, Vic King, Bob Yancey, Hardin Satterfield, Chic Nute, and Norma Beshears.

Members of the committee approved the current membership list. We had a total of 20 schools that applied for new membership this school year. This brings the total number of schools in the TMSAA to 244.

The committee decided on the items that they felt needed to be discussed with our Athletic Directors during their conference at Opryland Hotel on April 24th. Those items were as follows:

- Preseason Scrimmage Rule
- Number of Regular Season basketball games allowed
- Sportsmanship (Player & Coach ejections)
- Academic Rule

The results of the survey sent out to each school in December concerning sportsmanship and coach ejections were presented to the committee. A total of seventy-five schools responded to the questions we asked. The results were as follows:

1. We are having an increased number of coaches ejected at the middle school level. Are we at a point where we need to assess a fine to the school if any coach (head or assistant) is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct?

**Yes 44                      No 27**

2. If a fine is assessed, what would be a reasonable amount?

<b>1st Offense</b>		<b>2nd Offense</b>	
\$50	6	\$100	1
\$100	20	\$200	3
\$125	3	\$250	6
\$150	3	\$300	2
\$200	1	\$500	15
\$250	24		

3. Should there be a mandatory number of games a coach is required to sit out if he or she is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct? If Yes, how many?

<b>Yes 56</b>	<b>No 12</b>	<b># of Games</b>
		1      10
		2      25
		3      2
		HS Req.15

Based on the results of the survey, members of the committee decided to develop Guidelines to Address Unsportsmanlike Conduct in middle school.

These guidelines were submitted to the Board of Control for approval during their March meeting. The policy will go into effect beginning with the 2001-02 school year.

The TMSAA Sports Calendar was discussed in detail. Committee members were especially concerned about off-season practice and the fact that volleyball teams are not allowed spring practice time. Many of the students who decide to participate in volleyball at the middle school level may need extra practice to learn the fundamentals of that sport. The students are normally not familiar with the sport. No recommendation was made concerning this issue.

The committee voted to make a recommendation to the Board of Control that member middle school teams be allowed to attend the TSSAA State Basketball and Football Championships free of charge in the sport in which they participate on the night(s) allowed provided a team roster is submitted and the team is accompanied by their coach. The roster must be on school letterhead and signed by the principal of the school.

**TMSAA GUIDELINES TO ADDRESS UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

The TMSAA and its member schools believe strongly that the major purpose of athletics at the middle school level is to be a part of the total educational program. A major part of this purpose is to stress to coaches, players, officials, and fans the vital importance of sportsmanship. It is critical that all people in each of these categories understand the major role that they play and the role model that they can be for others.

Recognizing this principle, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any of these groups cannot be accepted. As a result, the following actions will be taken when unsportsmanlike conduct occurs:

**Student Athletes Ejected For Unsportsmanlike Conduct In Any Sport**

In contests in which officials are involved, the officials will immediately notify the state office with both a telephone call and a written report if players are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. In soccer, this would be for a RED CARD ONLY.

On the ejection of a student athlete, the school will be required to submit a report on the action of the player and any disciplinary action taken by the school. The minimum penalty will be the suspension of the student athlete from participation in the next contest(s) at that level of competition for the specified number of contests played during a week in the particular sport. In addition, the student athlete is also suspended from participation in the same number of contest(s) at any other level of competition in the same sport.

In addition to what is presently required when a player is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, a meeting shall be held with the player, coach, principal, and parent(s) or guardian(s) with a report on the meeting and plans to directly address the matter to be filed with the state office.

If a player is ejected for second time for unsportsmanlike conduct, a more severe punishment shall be imposed.

In sports where TSSAA officials are not used, it will be the responsibility of the principal and/or coach of the player involved to report this incident to the state office.

**Substitutes Leaving Bench Area In An Incident or Fans Coming Onto The Field or Floor**

The school will be required to submit a report and video tape if available. All schools are instructed to inform individuals taping to continue taping all incidents.

For substitutes leaving the bench area in an incident or fans coming onto the field or floor, the school may be subject to disciplinary action.

**Coaches Ejected For Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

The school and coach will be required to submit a written report of the incident. The school will remove the coach for a specified number of contest(s). The minimum penalty will be the suspension of the coach in the next contest(s) at the level of competition for the specified number of contests played during a week. The suspended coach will not be allowed to attend games while under suspension.

In addition to what is presently required when a coach is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, a meeting shall be held with the coach, principal, and superintendent, or his/her appointed representative, with a report on the meeting and plans to directly address the matter to be filed with the state office by the principal.

On any subsequent ejection by the same coach, the school will be given a choice of removing the coach for a specified number of contest(s) and pay a fine of \$100 or face further disciplinary action. The suspended coach will not be allowed to attend games while under suspension.

In sports where TSSAA officials are not used, it will be the responsibility of the principal and/or coach involved to report this incident to the state office.

**Appeals**

Any appeal request regarding the ejection of players or coaches shall be submitted in writing from the administrator of the school, stating which playing rule was misapplied. It should be accompanied by \$50. If the appeal is granted, the \$50 will be returned to the school.

**We would like to congratulate the TMSAA Sectional Basketball Champions. Members of our championship teams were given the opportunity to be recognized during the TSSAA Girls' and Boys' State Basketball Tournaments.**

**2001 TMSAA GIRLS' SECTIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE - SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Waverly Junior High School	Robert Reid	Victor Harrison

MIDDLE TENNESSEE - LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Mt. Juliet Junior High School	Jim Farley	Gary McFarlin & Rick Johnson

EAST TENNESSEE

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Jefferson Middle School	Robert Moss	Barry Haile

HAMILTON COUNTY - SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Tyner Middle Academy	Tom Travers	Henrietta Taylor

HAMILTON COUNTY - LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Brown Middle School	Stacy Stewart	Andrea Roark

WEST TENNESSEE

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Ridgeway Middle School	Hal Russell	Derrick Fears

**2001 TMSAA BOYS' SECTIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE - SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Hickman County Middle School	Mark Bentley	Roger Dotson

MIDDLE TENNESSEE - LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Whitthorne Middle School	Bob Yancey	Troy Duncan

EAST TENNESSEE

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Robertsville Middle School	Thomas Hayes	John Spratling

HAMILTON COUNTY - SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
Dalewood Middle School	Marvin Smith	Stanley Jackson

HAMILTON COUNTY - LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
John Franklin Middle School	Ronald Guster	Walter McGary

WEST TENNESSEE

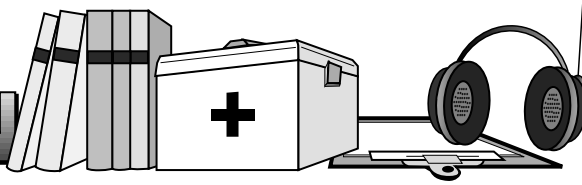
SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	COACH
White Station Middle School	Ed Locks	Tim Morgan

**2001-2002 ADMINISTRATORS' MEETINGS**

Sep. 17	MON	9:00am	Cookeville, Board of Education No Middle School Meeting
Sep. 18	TUE	9:00am	Gray, Daniel Boone High School Middle School Meeting
Sep. 19	WED	9:00am	Knoxville, Central High School Middle School Meeting
Sep. 20	THU	9:00am	Chattanooga, Civic Forum (10th & Market) Middle School Meeting
Sep. 24	MON	9:00am	Nashville, Baptist Hospital - Plaza Conference Center (20th & Church) Middle School Meeting
Sep. 25	TUE	9:00am	Memphis, Board of Education Middle School Meeting
Sep. 26	WED	9:00am	Jackson, Union University Middle School Meeting
Sep. 27	THU	9:00am	Fayetteville, Municipal Building (On the Square) No Middle School Meeting

All meetings will begin at 9:00 am (local time). It is required that a member of your staff be present at this meeting. At 1:00 pm, there will be a meeting for administrators of middle schools to go over all rules and regulations as they apply to members of the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association, which is an affiliate organization of the TSSAA.

# COACHES' EDUCATION



## NATIONAL FEDERATION INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM

COACHING FOR CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SPORTS; DRUGS & SPORT

### PARTICIPANTS - JANUARY 24TH - 25TH

Chris Adams  
Tim Armstrong  
Shane Bailey  
Joshua Boaz  
Mike Crockett  
Morgan Daniel Dalton  
Luc Dessieux, Jr.  
Trey DeVault  
Robin Duncan  
John English  
Michele Hughes  
Mark Johnson  
Jay Mills  
David Mwendapole  
Lloyd Napier  
Shane Oggs  
Shannon Onks  
Christy Ramsey  
Brandon Rogers  
Michael Smith  
Annette Tudor  
Eric Turner  
Barry Wade  
Athena Warren  
David Whaley  
Martha Yarbrough

Kingston High School  
Chucky Doak High School  
Cherokee High School  
Seymour High School  
West High School  
Tellico Plains High School  
Kingston High School  
Dobyns Bennett High School  
Tennessee High School  
Unicoi County Middle School  
Sullivan Central High School  
Volunteer High School  
Dobyns Bennett High School  
J. Frank White Academy  
Coalfield High School  
Sweetwater High School  
Mary Hughes Elementary School  
Dobyns Bennett High School  
Volunteer High School  
Unicoi County High School  
Tennessee High School  
Bearden High School  
Lynn View Middle School  
Mary Hughes Elementary School  
Rock Creek School  
Mary Hughes Elementary School

### PARTICIPANTS - FEBRUARY 24TH - 25TH 2001

Kemp Bartlett  
Nicholas Battaglia  
Cheri Bell  
Ronald Blackmon  
Roger Blankenship  
Richard Bridgman  
Darrell Caldwell  
Chad Carroll  
Christy Carver  
Keith Cleveland  
Larry Cotton  
Sue Dolan  
Judy Edwards  
Mary Farmer  
David Foust  
Cary Fouts  
Galen Fugh  
Sarah Goodson  
Samuel Haley  
Karen Harrel  
Jack Hewett  
Steve Hill  
Jeffrey Hooper  
Karen Jacobs  
Lanny Jones  
Richard Karg  
Jack Lakin  
Carson Lawson  
Charles Burns Lobetti, Jr.  
Sammy Maples  
Brett McGuire  
James Miller  
Samuel Moore  
Jasen Parks  
Russ Plummer  
Raymond Shavers  
James Temple

Temple High School  
Baylor School  
South Doyle High School  
Howard School of Academics and Technology  
Macon County High School  
Red Bank Middle School  
Boyd Buchanan High School  
Ooltewah High School  
Sevierville Primary School  
Chattanooga Christian School  
Bradley Central High School  
Temple High School  
Lockeland Middle School  
W.A. Bass Middle School  
Karns High School  
Boyd Buchanan School  
Brainerd High School  
Boyd Buchanan High School  
Mt. Juliet Christian Academy  
Carter High School  
Loudon High School  
Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences  
Greenbrier High School  
Oak Ridge High School  
Greenbrier High School  
W.A. Bass Middle School

Bradley Central High School  
Gibbs High School  
Knoxville Central High School  
John Early Middle School  
East Robertson High School  
Marion County High School  
Bradley Central High School  
Hendersonville High School  
Harris Middle School  
Chattanooga Christian School

Shannon Troutt  
Susan Wilkins  
Tommy Williamson

### PARTICIPANTS - MARCH 15TH - 17TH, 2001

Jeff Beam  
Christopher Bunch  
Richard Coggins  
Dolan Craig  
Joe Draper  
Andy Gilley  
Kevin Harper  
Dank Hawkins  
Johnny Jackson  
Mike Jones  
John Kucela  
Laura Ledford  
Bryan Luna  
Chuck Madden  
Richard Marsh  
Josh Mullinax  
Paul Owen  
Denis Pertuis  
Alexandra Reeves  
Sandra Smith  
Charles Spencer  
Greg Stamps  
Kerrey Stamps  
Barry Walker  
Boyd West  
Erica Wright

Carter Elementary School  
Nelly's Bend Middle School  
Greenbrier High School

Macon County High School  
Maryville College  
Cosby High School  
Ripley High School  
White House High School  
Hendersonville High School  
Davidson Academy  
Howard School of Academics & Technology  
Clarksville Academy  
Pearl Cohn High School  
Sevier County High School  
Cornersville High School  
Nashville Christian School  
Nashville Christian School  
Alcoa High School  
McMinn County High School  
Nashville Christian School  
Clarksville Academy  
Webb School of Knoxville  
Howard School of Academics & Technology  
Shelbyville Central High School  
Hawkins Middle School  
White House Middle School  
Nashville Christian School  
Harris Middle School  
Cornersville High School

### PARTICIPANTS - MARCH 8TH - 10TH, 2001

Angela Bateman  
Rick Canada  
Derrick Crutchfield  
Kim Daley  
Randy Dalton  
John English  
Michael Ensor  
Mary Faires  
Brent Green  
Brandon Hardin  
Tracey Harvey  
Archie Hunt, Jr.  
Robert McGregor, Jr.  
Kenneth Medlen  
Charles Morehead  
Jeremy Nichols  
Patricia Nicholson  
Culley Phillips  
Jeana Piggott  
Debbie Richardson  
Richard Shadden, Jr.  
Maurice Shaw  
Wesley Shirley  
Anthony Smith  
Debbie Smith  
Michael Smith  
Michael Thomas  
Ray Thomas  
Sam Turner  
Samantha Upchurch  
David Whaley  
Beth Wilburn

Moore County Middle School  
Riverdale High School  
Tullahoma High School  
Greenback High School  
Cookeville High School  
Unicoi County Middle School  
Unaka High School  
White House High School  
Harriman High School  
Bartlett High School  
Community High School  
Tullahoma High School  
Oak Ridge High School  
Warren County High School  
Harper High School  
Cannon County High School  
White House High School  
Oneida High School  
Cookeville High School  
White House High School  
Unicoi County Vocational School  
Tullahoma High School  
Donelson Christian Academy  
Howard School of Academics & Technology  
Moore County High School  
Unicoi County High School  
Springfield High School  
Riverdale High School  
Dyersburg High School  
Smith County High School  
Rock Creek Elementary School  
Columbia Academy

Dates	Days	Applications Accepted	Classes	Place
June 11, 12	Mon., Tues.	April 11 - May 11	Coaching for Character & Citizenship Through Sports; Drugs & Sports	Franklin Road, Academy- Nashville
June 13, 14	Wed., Thurs.	April 11 - May 11	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	Franklin Road Academy - Nashville
July 16, 19	Wed., Thurs.	May 18 - June 18	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	St. Benedict at Auburndale - Cordova
Oct. 13, 14	Sat., Sun.	Aug.13- Sept. 13	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	Blount Memorial Wellness Center - Alcoa
Nov. 7, 8	Wed., Thurs.	Sept. 7 - Oct. 8	Coaching for Character & Citizenship Through Sports; Drugs & Sports	University School of Jackson - Jackson
Nov. 30, Dec. 1	Fri., Sat.	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	SportsCom - Murfreesboro
Jan. 16, 17	Wed., Thurs.	Nov. 16 - Dec. 17	Coaching for Character & Citizenship Through Sports; Drugs & Sports	Sullivan South High School - Kingsport
Feb. 23, 24	Sat., Sun.	Dec. 14 - Jan. 23	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	Boyd Buchanan High School - Chattanooga
March 7, 8, 9	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Jan. 7 - Feb. 7	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	SportsCom - Murfreesboro
March 14, 15, 16	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Jan. 7 - Feb. 7	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	SportsCom Murfreesboro
April 8, 9	Mon., Tues.	Feb. 8 - Mar. 8	Coaching for Character & Citizenship Through Sports; Drugs & Sports	Baptist Hospital - Nashville
April 27, 28	Sat., Sun.	Feb. 8 - Mar. 8	Coaching Principles; Sport First Aid	University School of Jackson - Jackson



As we enter the 21st Century, the TSSAA is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Throughout the year, we will do many things in looking back at the rich history of high school athletics in the state of Tennessee since the organization was formed back in 1925. On the website and in the TSSAA News, we have looked back at the following: Greatest Team Championships and Greatest Dynasties. This is information that has been gathered by staff members through records and submissions by people from all across the state. Of course, there will be many teams and performances that deserve to be listed but are not.

In this issue, we will look at some of the Great Individual Performances in the 75-year history of the Association.

## The Great Performances



*Bobby Cifers (R), with Lawrence Johnson, UT graduate and pole vault silver medalist at the 2000 Olympics.*

In 1940, **Robert "Bobby" Cifers** won four individual track championships, as well as leading Dobyns-Bennett to their third team championship in five years. Cifers won his third shot put state title with a mark of 52' 11 1/2". The first shot put crown he won was in 1936 as an eighth

grader. The other field event he won in 1940 was the discus throw with a distance of 147' 10 1/2".

In 1986-87, **Leroy Thompson** was a member of three state championship teams at Austin-East. He helped lead the Roadrunners' football team to a perfect 15-0 season and their second state football championship. Thompson, who was named the MVP of the 1986 Clinic Bowl as well as the Class AA Mr. Football Award winner, went on to play football at Penn State University as well as an NFL career that would last throughout most of the '90's as he spent time in the backfield with the Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, KansasCity Chiefs, and Green Bay Packers. He also sank the final free throws to seal a 57-53 victory over Memphis Mitchell to claim the Class AA state basketball title. Finally, Thompson ran the fastest 100 meters in the state to help Austin-East capture the A-AA state track championship.

In 1995, **Richard Spangler** set many records during his pursuit of a state championship, both individual and team for Baylor.



*Richard Spangler*

Best 18-Hole Team Score: 278 - Chatt. Baylor (Richard Spangler 63, Michael Morrison 66, Ward Davenport 72, Jimmy White 77; 1995; Horton, par 72, 6,600 yards) Best 36-Hole Team Score: 573 - Chatt. Baylor (1995, Horton) Best 36-Hole Ind. Medal Score: 132 - Richard Spangler, Baylor (69-63, 1995, Horton) Best 18-Hole Ind. Medal Scores: 63 - (33-30, 9 under par) - Richard Spangler, Chatt. Baylor

(1995, Horton, 6,600 yds.) Tied for the best 9-Hole Ind. Medal Score: 30 (6 under par) - Richard Spangler, Chatt. Baylor (1995, Horton)

Bradford's **Jessica Henson** scored her teams first 19 points in the 2000 West Sectional Class A Semifinals vs. South Fulton. Bradford won 52-50, and Jessica finished with 29 points. Her sister Jennifer had



*Jessica Henson*

16 points, so the two sisters scored 45 of the 52 points. She would also go on to hit the game winning shot with six seconds remaining in the Class A championship game against Wayne County to give Bradford their sixth state basketball title. She was named MVP of the 2000 state tournament and Class A Miss Basketball.

In 1943, tailback **Allen Law** of Maryville High scored eight touchdowns in a 60-0 victory over McMinn County. His coach, Jim Renfro, says Law was tackled only once in the game. Law went on to play for Tennessee in the 1945 Rose Bowl.

**Karen Socha** of Greeneville holds the record for most state championships with four. She won in the spring and fall of 1983, and won in 1984 and 1985.

**Mike Malarky** of Chattanooga Central holds the record for most boys state golf championships with three. He won three consecutive titles from 1961-63. His score of 139 in the 1961 state tournament is the 5th best 36-Hole Ind. Medal Score. Malarky later went on to become the head golf coach at the University of Tennessee.

In 1938, **Ermal Allen** of Morristown won the first boys individual state championship. He later went on to be a long-time assistant coach for the Dallas Cowboys under the great Tom Landry.

In 1999, **Jenny Cox** became the first female ever named to a football All-State team in Tennessee. She was named to the Associated Press and Tennessee Sports Writers' Association Class 4A squads. The 5-foot-7 Cox converted 32-36 extra points despite not using a tee. She also was good on 7-of-11 field goals with a long of 38 yards. She helped lead Kenwood to the state semifinals and kicked the winning field goal of twenty yards in the Knights' first-round playoff game

against the state's No. 1 team. She is only the second known female to ever be named to the first-team all-state roster in the history of high school football in the United States.

In 1999, **Sarah Jacobs** of Davidson Academy shot six birdies and two bogies to finish at 68 during the final day of competition at the state golf tournament held at Old Fort Golf Course in Murfreesboro. Jacobs' two-day total of 140 tied her former teammate, Samantha Fox, for best 36-Hole Score at the state tournament. Her 18-hole score of 68 on the final



*Sarah Jacobs*

day was the second lowest score at the girls' state tournament, only one shy to the record score of 67 she shot on the final day in last year's state tournament.



*Trey Pearson*

**Trey Pearson** of South Fulton High School set a state tournament record when he scored 50 points in the 2001 state tournament semi-final game against Ezell-Harding. He was 18-35 from the field, 4-8 from behind the three-point arc, and 10-11 from the free-throw line.

**Phillip Simpson** of Montgomery Bell Academy became only the second wrestler in state history to win four individual state championships. He won the 103-pound weight class in 1998, 112-pound weight class in 1999, 125-pound weight class in 2000, and the 135-pound weight class in 2001. **Martin**



*Phillip Simpson and Martin Francis*

**Francis** of Notre Dame High School was the only wrestler other than Simpson to win four state titles. Francis won his four consecutive titles in the 98, 105, and 112-pound weight classes from 1969-72.

**Judy Pollion** of Kingsbury. Judy Pollion's accomplishments in the girls' long jump almost defy belief. In 1977, she set the state record in the girls' long jump at 18'9-3/4". In 1978, she topped that state record with a jump of 19'1/2" and in 1979 again topped the state record with a jump of 20'6". She is the only girl athlete to go over 20' in the long jump in TSSAA history. Three years, three state championships, and three state records.

**Darwin Bond** -- Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett. To see him run was one of the great treats in TSSAA track history for a track fan. From 1931 to 1968, 50 seconds had been broken in the 440 dash only three times and all of those were in the 49's. In 1968, a sophomore from Dobyns-Bennett won the 440 dash in a time of 48 flat. In 1969, he ran 48.6 to win the state meet and in 1970 Darwin Bond won the state meet in the 440 dash in a time of 46.9, a record which still stands today. He

went on to an outstanding career at the University of Tennessee.

In the 1979 girls' state basketball championships fans saw one of the greatest games ever with Humboldt beating Loretto 58-56. It was the last year of six-on-six, with **Esther Coleman** of Humboldt putting on a great performance to lead her team over Loretto, who was led by Jennifer White. Coleman scored 138 points in the tournament, a record that was retired when five-on-five began in 1980. She also held the record for most points in a game at the state tournament with 58 against Roane County in the same year. In addition, four other records were set by Coleman that year:

- Most field goals attempted in a tournament (87)
- Most field goals made in a tournament (50)
- Most free throws made in a tournament (39)
- Best free throw percentage in a tournament (90.7% - 39 of 43)

**Cannon Whitby** of Obion County Central High School had one of the greatest state basketball tournament performances in history leading Obion County to the 1986 Class AA state championship over Knoxville Austin-East. In three games, he scored 122 points (state record); in addition, he still holds state records for most field goals attempted (106), most field goals made (44), and most free throws attempted (50). He scored 45 points in the championship game against Austin-East. Those who remember Cannon will remember him for his long-range field goal attempts. It is important to recognize that this was in the year prior to the beginning of the three-point shot. One can only imagine how many points he would have scored had the three-point shot been in existence.

**Mike Rhodes** of Perry County. Many historians still talk about what Mike Rhodes did in the 1977 state basketball tournament to lead Linden High School to the state championship over Knoxville Catholic. He scored 22 points in the last quarter, 35 points in the last half, and 48 points in the game to lead Linden to the state championship and set state records for most points in a quarter, half, and game. The state record for most points in a game and in a quarter was broken in 2001 by Trey Pearson of South Fulton and the record for most points in a half still remains a state record.

**Amy Robertson** of Baylor was called "Iron Girl" for her performance in the 1994 Class AAA state softball tournament. Amy Robertson led Baylor to the 1994 state softball championship by pitching 55 innings in the tournament. Baylor won their first two games in the tournament and lost to Ooltewah 6-5 in the winner's bracket to set the stage for what would become one of the most unbelievable accomplishments ever in TSSAA state tournament history. Baylor outlasted Brentwood 2-1 in a record 16 innings, then defeated Ooltewah 14-1 and then took 12 more innings to win the crown from the Owls 2-1. The last three games all took place in a span of a little more than 24 hours with Amy also squeezing a morning high school graduation in prior to the 12-inning state championship game. It was an accomplishment that is still talked about today.

**Rhonda Mikes** played for Chattanooga City High School and was the most valuable player in the 1982 state basketball tournament and the 1983 state basketball tournament, in which she led Chattanooga City to the state championship. They called her KK and she had people buzzing after her performances in the 1982 and 1983 state tournaments. She scored 39 points in the state championship game in 1983 versus Oliver Springs and averaged 27 points per game for both the 1982 state tournament and the 1983 state tournament. She still holds the state record for 38 field goals in the 1982 state tournament.



## LOOSEBALL

This is my 13th year for a "Looseball" collection of notes, thoughts, and ideas from the past year (March 2000-March 2001). This is my 15th year with TSSAA. Sectional Basketball Tournament can work; champion only advances to Final Four.....Mary Struckoff, Assistant Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations visits our Girls' State Basketball Tournament.....Schools must have ownership of the association.....Another milestone - son Taylor graduates from U.T.....Not real sure how we would pull off "Spring Fling" without the many volunteers from Chattanooga.....Sectional Official's Clinic was very successful at Knoxville Halls High School - another learning opportunity for football officials.....75th Anniversary for TSSAA.....Big concern: With such turnover in administration, as well as coaching staffs, lack of knowledge of by-laws reflected.....It is still about participation, fundamentals, and a respect for the game.....Aren't we a voluntary association?.....It would be good to review our history and be reminded why schools formed the association.....I support the by-laws, but.....75 years old - Spring practice, AAU, 30 plus games in summer, conditioning, open facilities, practice on Sunday - still get beat in first game of district tournament -- get a clue.....Mr. A. F. Bridges - First Executive Secretary of TSSAA: You know, a little bit of information can be dangerous.....We pay taxes - why can't my child play?.....You know, there is a process to change the by-laws. It has nothing to do with going to court.....Only one varsity football coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. Best year since we started tracking unsportsmanlike conduct.....What an honor for Tennessee, Ronnie Carter, President elect of the National Federation of State High School Associations.....The U. S. Supreme Court - for what - athletics?.....Mrs. Faye Osteen's contribution to the Hall of Fame initiative is overwhelming.....Mr. Bill Osteen, President of TSSAA Board of Control 1959-1971.....1925-2000.....We can think about it, we have much more questioning of regulations by parents than our member schools.....Blue Cross Bowl in Murfreesboro, well received. Ice Bowl in '89, Snow Bowl in '00.....We have an obligation to teach athletes respect for the sport that we are coaching.....1500 seat minimum for sub-state.....Is it a Hall of Champions - Now do we honor TSSAA Hall of Fame members and tell our history?.....At a time when there is more information available to everyone in member schools, we have less knowledge of our by-laws and

guidelines.....Why would anyone want to be a high school administrator?.....State Actor? What does that really mean?.....Home school students want to play where?.....Why is it that some coaches are not spending the majority of their time trying to beat the rules?.....8 State Championships in football in fall of 2001.....You mean we are a voluntary organization that can't enforce it's own rules?.....I have missed something!.....Is it time to change philosophy on independent game rule?.....75th Anniversary.....I can't believe it's my 15th year!!

### Important Changes Effective In 2001-02 School Year / Reminder to Officials

As a reminder, beginning with the 2001-02 school year, the registration fee for the first sport will be \$40 and \$25 for each additional sport. After the June 1st deadline, registration fee for the first sport will be \$50 and \$35 for each additional sport. We will be mailing out renewal registration cards for the 2001-02 school year this May. Please remember that it is your responsibility to register for the upcoming school year by the June 1st deadline. If you do not receive a renewal card, please contact our office. Also effective with the 2001-02 school year, an official taking the Closed Book Exam will not be credited with a state rules meeting.

### Special Note

Again, TSSAA has lost a member of the athletic family whose contributions have been many. Mr. Wimp McDaniel, Supervisor and Assigning Officer for the Smokey Mountain Basketball Officials Association, passed away at the age of 70. Wimp's contributions to this organization began when he registered as a basketball official in 1955. He worked district, region, sub-state, and state tournaments for TSSAA. Wimp was also a very dedicated teacher of the game who worked numerous basketball official's camps in the summer. Wimp will be missed!

Mr. Barry Redmond, better known as Mr. Soccer, died recently. The soccer community has lost a very strong supporter. Barry was editor of the Tennessee Soccer Report and was the father of the Tennessee Challenge Cup Invitational Soccer Tournament. Barry served on the National Selection Board for the National High School Soccer Coaches Association. He was a great friend to TSSAA and high school soccer.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of these two members of the TSSAA family.

**Credit for State Football Rules Meeting  
To Be Given for Online Assessment**

The TSSAA office will give high school football coaching staffs the choice of attending the State Football rules meetings, or taking an online assessment. This is a one year experimental option being given to football coaching staffs.

If football coaching staffs are unable to attend the scheduled football rules meetings, then an option for attendance credit will be given for a member of the coaching staff to access a learning module that will review TSSAA philosophy, 2001 Football Rule Changes, and TSSAA guidelines and information.

The material can be reviewed and studied before the assessment is completed. The assessment must be passed before the school can be given credit for attendance at the 2001 State Football Rules Meeting. This option is an experiment with distance education and is being offered only to football coaching staffs that must attend a state football rules meeting every year. Listed in this publication are the scheduled football rules meetings. If attendance at one of these meetings is not possible, please consider the optional online assessment. More detailed information will be placed on the TSSAA web site at [www.tssaa.org](http://www.tssaa.org) in regard to this experimental venture.

**My 13th Nervous Breakdown**

This 75th Anniversary of TSSAA has been a time to reflect on our history. With this in mind, it seems appropriate to review some highlights of "Looseball". With this being the 13th season, some type of all star selection needed to be made. Just for those who might be interested, there is no underlying meaning, no seed planting, no provoking, just some favorites. I can't believe I'm starting my.....**1989** Classification and redistricting certainly interesting. Is it here to stay?...Mixed emotions about experiment with high school "coaches box"...We need to continue to attract good people to officiate all sports...**1990** Chattanooga and girls' softball is good move for all...ClinICE Bowl 1989...Public - private - financial aid - recruiting - winning...Cheerleaders...**1992** It is very hard to send your daughter off to college...Does anyone read the handbook?...You know they recruit...**1994** It is hard to believe that we have a blizzard during the Girls' State - typical spring weather in Tennessee...Let me give you a hypothetical situation...Where would we be without mandatory catastrophic insurance for athletes...**1995** It took me seven hours to go from Murfreesboro to Springfield on ice...There was only one night during basketball season that something unsportsmanlike wasn't reported...Just Do What's Right!...**1996** Hard to believe my son Taylor is in college...My daughter Julie graduated from college...I watched my daughter try on a wedding dress...First time in 27 years not in gym on opening night of district...We've got to educate the crowds that our product is the student, not the coach, the official, or the spectator...**1997** March 15, 1996 Legislative Council Meeting will be remembered...Daughter Julie's wedding fun - an honor to walk down the aisle with

her...DI/DII...**1998** TSSAA web site @ [tssaa.org](http://tssaa.org)...Respect - Citizenship - Sportsmanship... I deserved the first technical, but not the second...email...**1999** The biggest compliment one can receive is to be called coach...Trash talking and taunting - done because one doesn't understand the game is bigger than them...We need to attract high quality individuals to coach and officiate...**2000** We should be alarmed at what we will allow as acceptable conduct of spectators at athletic events...We do not offer high school athletics to help kids get college scholarships...We coaches can utilize a little bit of information to our advantage, but claim ignorance when rules are violated, because we weren't aware of a change...**2001** Another milestone - Taylor graduates from U.T....75th Anniversary...Aren't we a voluntary association?...Mrs. Faye Osteen's contribution to the Hall of Fame initiative is overwhelming...Why would anyone want to be a high school administrator?...I can't believe it's my 15th year!!!

*This issue of the NEWS will recognize the officials who worked the state championship series during the winter in wrestling and basketball.*

<b>2001 DUAL MEET STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS</b>	
Tim Abel	Gerry Altieri
Jack Gallagher	Danny Gilbert
David Marking	Don Pemberton
<b>2001 DIVISION II STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS</b>	
Tim Abel	Chris Coover
Robert Croxdale	Jack Faircloth
David Heffington	Jeff Hudgens
Byron Mitchell	Wade Reynolds
<b>2001 DIVISION I STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS</b>	
Clint Abbott	Kenny Alexander
Bryan Allen	P. A. Bowler
Mike Craft	Don Elsea
Ricky Lowry	Ken Mara
David Marking	Gerald Muncie
Jeff Rufolo	Jim Simpson
Pete Stafford	Jon Swindle
Tater Vineyard	Scott Williams
<b>2001 TSSAA GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS</b>	
Richard Briggance, Nashville	Michael Brown, Harrison
Freddie Carpenter, Nashville	Johnny Coleman, Humboldt
Joe Dooley, Knoxville	Greg Gonda, Memphis
Mark McDonald, Memphis	Mike Northcutt, Tullahoma
James Page, Jackson	Butch Patterson, McMinnville
Robert Schutt, Knoxville	Bryon Trantham, Greeneville
Leigh Anne Valentine, Paris	Brent Warner, Kingsport
<b>2001 TSSAA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS</b>	
Billy Fellman, Old Hickory	Rosalind Gooden, Memphis
Jimmy Henson, Chapel Hill	Steven Hill, Memphis
Michael Hogsed, Soddy Daisy	Stan Huff, Kingston
Larry Hutchinson, Mountain City	Gary Kennedy, Sunbright
Gary Ledbetter, Jamestown	Kirk Paitzel, South Fulton
Doug Seals, New Market	Charles "Bo" Simpson, Morristown
Darnell Spann, Murfreesboro	Dan Taylor, Franklin

# SPRING FLING CALENDAR

## Chattanooga Hosts Spring Fling VIII

From Tuesday, May 22 through Saturday, May 26, the city of Chattanooga will host the "Spring Fling" for the eighth consecutive year. The Spring Fling is a five-day event that brings together all classes of all the spring sports for their state championships.

The event enables more attention to be focused on the student athletes who have not received great coverage in the past. Over 2,500 athletes from 12 soccer teams, 16 baseball teams, 24 tennis teams, and 32 softball teams travel to Chattanooga for a shot at a state title. A total of six track meets are held on the Friday and Saturday during the week of competition.

## SOFTBALL

### ALL TIMES EASTERN

All games are to be played at Warner Park. (Each session will begin on time. The second game on each field will begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. If a third game is scheduled, it will begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second game.)

#### Tuesday, May 22

##### Session 1

##### Division I

##### Class A

5 p.m. - Games 1 & 2 at Cooke 3

5 p.m. - Games 3 & 4 at Hargraves

##### Class AA

5 p.m. - Games 1 & 2 at Cooke 2

5 p.m. - Games 3 & 4 at Vanzant

##### Class AAA

5 p.m. - Games 1 & 2 at Cooke 1

##### Division II

5 p.m. - Game 1 & 2 at Cooke 4

#### Wednesday, May 23

##### Session 2

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Games 5 & 6 at Cooke 3

##### Class AA

10 a.m. - Games 5 & 6 at Cooke 2

##### Class AAA

10 a.m. - Games 3 & 4 at Cooke 1

10 a.m. - Games 5 & 6 at Vanzant

##### Division II

10 a.m. - Games 3 & 4 at Cooke 4

10 a.m. - Games 5 & 6 at Hargraves

##### Session 3

##### Division I

##### Class A

5 p.m. - Games 7 & 8 at Cooke 3

##### Class AA

5 p.m. - Games 7 & 8 at Cooke 2

##### Class AAA

5 p.m. - Games 7 & 8 at Cooke 1

##### Division II

5 p.m. - Games 7 & 8 at Cooke 4

#### Thursday, May 24

##### Session 4

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Games 9 & 10 at Cooke 3

##### Class AA

10 a.m. - Games 9 & 10 at Cooke 2

##### Class AAA

10 a.m. - Games 9 & 10 at Cooke 1

##### Division II

10 a.m. - Games 9 & 10 Cooke 4

##### Session 5

##### Class A

5 p.m. - Games 11 & 12 at Cooke 3

##### Class AA

5 p.m. - Games 11 & 12 at Cooke 2

##### Class AAA

5 p.m. - Games 11 & 12 at Cooke 1

##### Division II

5 p.m. - Games 11 & 12 at Cooke 4

#### Friday, May 25

##### Session 6

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Game 13 at Cooke 3

##### Class AA

10 a.m. - Game 13 at Cooke 2

##### Class AAA

10 a.m. - Game 13 at Cooke 1

##### Division II

10 a.m. - Game 13 at Cooke 4

##### Session 7

Game times to be announced

##### Division I

##### Class A

TBA - Game 14 at Field of 1000 Dreams

##### Class AA

TBA - Game 14 at Field of 1000 Dreams

##### Class AAA

TBA - Game 14 at Field of 1000 Dreams

##### Division II

TBA - Game 14 at Field of 1000 Dreams

## BASEBALL

### ALL TIMES EASTERN

(Games are to be played at Engel Stadium in Chattanooga, Cleveland State, and Lee University in Cleveland. When a field is to be used for more than one game per day, game times are approximate on all games following the first.)

#### Tuesday, May 22

##### Division I

##### Class A

5 p.m. - Game 1 at Lee University

7:30 p.m. - Game 2 at Lee University

##### Class AA

5 p.m. - Game 1 at Engel Stadium

7:30 p.m. - Game 2 at Engel Stadium

#### Wednesday, May 23

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Game 3 at Engel Stadium

12:30 p.m. - Game 4 at Engel Stadium

##### Class AA

10 a.m. - Game 3 at Cleveland State

12:30 p.m. - Game 4 at Cleveland State

##### Class AAA

5 p.m. - Game 1 at Engel Stadium

7:30 p.m. - Game 2 at Engel Stadium

##### Division II

5 p.m. - Game 1 at Lee University

7:30 p.m. - Game 2 at Lee University

#### Thursday, May 24

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Game 5 at Cleveland State

5 p.m. - Game 6 at Engel Stadium

##### Class AA

12:30 p.m. - Game 5 at Cleveland State

7:30 p.m. - Game 6 at Engel Stadium

##### Class AAA

5 p.m. - Game 3 at Lee University

7:30 p.m. - Game 4 at Lee University

##### Division II

10 a.m. - Game 3 at Engel Stadium

12:30 p.m. - Game 4 at Engel Stadium

#### Friday, May 25

##### Division I

##### Class A

10 a.m. - Game 7 (if necessary) at Engel Stadium

##### Class AA

10 a.m. - Game 7 (if necessary) at Engel Stadium

##### Class AAA

12:30 p.m. - Game 5 at Cleveland State

7:30 p.m. - Game 6 at Engel Stadium

##### Division II

10 a.m. - Game 5 at Cleveland State

5 p.m. - Game 6 at Engel Stadium

#### Saturday, May 27

##### Class AAA

10 a.m. - Game 7 (if necessary) at Engel Stadium

##### Division II

12:30 p.m. - Game 7 (if necessary) at Engel Stadium



# TRACK

At Girls Preparatory School.  
**ALL TIMES EASTERN**

**Friday, May 25**

**Boys Meet, Division I A-AA, AAA & Division II**

9:00 a.m. - 3200 run

## Field Events

10:00 a.m. - Class AAA pole vault  
10:30 a.m. - Division II long jump  
10:30 a.m. - Class A-AA triple jump  
10:30 a.m. - Class AAA high jump  
10:30 a.m. - Division II shot put  
10:30 a.m. - Class A-AA discus  
11:30 p.m. - Division II pole vault  
11:45 p.m. - Class A-AA long jump  
11:45 p.m. - Class AAA triple jump  
11:45 p.m. - Division II high jump  
11:45 p.m. - Class A-AA shot put  
11:45 p.m. - Class AAA discus  
1:00 p.m. - Class AAA long jump  
1:00 p.m. - Division II triple jump  
1:00 p.m. - Class A-AA high jump  
1:00 p.m. - Class AAA shot put  
1:00 p.m. - Division II discus  
1:00 p.m. - Class A-AA pole vault

## Running Events

5 p.m. - 110 hurdles  
400 relay  
3200 relay  
100 dash  
1600 run  
800 relay  
400 dash  
300 hurdles  
800 run  
200 dash  
1600 relay

## Awards ceremony

*Order in running events: AAA, A-AA, Division-II*

**Saturday, May 26**

**Girls Meet, Division I A-AA, AAA & Division II**

9:00 - 3200 run

## Field Events

10:00 a.m. - Class AAA pole vault  
10:30 a.m. - Division II long jump  
10:30 a.m. - Class A-AA triple jump  
10:30 a.m. - Class AAA high jump  
10:30 a.m. - Division II shot put  
10:30 a.m. - Class A-AA discus  
11:30 p.m. - Division II pole vault  
11:45 p.m. - Class A-AA long jump  
11:45 p.m. - Class AAA triple jump  
11:45 p.m. - Division II high jump  
11:45 p.m. - Class A-AA shot put  
11:45 p.m. - Class AAA discus  
1:00 p.m. - Class AAA long jump  
1:00 p.m. - Division II triple jump  
1:00 p.m. - Class A-AA high jump  
1:00 p.m. - Class AAA shot put  
1:00 p.m. - Division II discus  
1:00 p.m. - Class A-AA pole vault

## Running Events

5 p.m. - 100 hurdles  
400 relay  
3200 relay  
100 dash  
1600 run  
800 relay  
400 dash  
300 hurdles  
800 run  
200 dash  
1600 relay

## Awards ceremony

*Order in running events: AAA, A-AA, Division-II*

# TENNIS

**ALL TIMES EASTERN**

*All matches to be played at The Baylor School.*

**Tuesday, May 22**

**Division I**

**Class A-AA**

8 a.m. - Girls team semifinals  
9:30 a.m. - Boys team semifinals  
2 p.m. - Girls team championship  
2 p.m. - Boys team championship

**Class AAA**

11:00 a.m. - Girls team semifinals  
12:30 p.m. - Boys team semifinals  
4 p.m. - Girls team championship  
4 p.m. - Boys team championship

**Wednesday, May 23**

**Division I**

**Class A-AA**

11 a.m. - Girls singles & doubles quarterfinals  
11 a.m. - Boys singles & doubles quarterfinals  
4 p.m. - Girls singles & doubles semifinals  
4 p.m. - Boys singles & doubles semifinals

**Class AAA**

12:30 p.m. - Girls singles & doubles quarterfinals  
12:30 p.m. - Boys singles & doubles quarterfinals  
4 p.m. - Girls singles & doubles semifinals  
4 p.m. - Boys singles & doubles semifinals

**Division II**

8 a.m. - Girls team semifinals  
9:30 a.m. - Boys team semifinals  
2 p.m. - Girls team championship  
2 p.m. - Boys team championship

**Thursday, May 24**

**Division I**

**Class A-AA**

10 a.m. - Girls singles & doubles championships  
10 a.m. - Boys singles & doubles championships

**Class AAA**

10 a.m. - Girls singles & doubles championships  
10 a.m. - Boys singles & doubles championships

**Division II**

8 a.m. - Girls singles & doubles quarterfinals  
8 a.m. - Boys singles & doubles quarterfinals  
Noon - Girls singles & doubles semifinals  
Noon - Boys singles & doubles semifinals

**Friday, May 25**

**Division I**

9 a.m. - Girls singles & doubles championships  
9 a.m. - Boys singles & doubles championships

# SOCCER

*All matches to be played at Finley Stadium.*

**ALL TIMES EST**

**Wednesday, May 23**

**Division II**

4:30 p.m. - Upper bracket semifinal  
7 p.m. - Lower bracket semifinal

**Thursday, May 24**

**Division I**

**Class A-AA**

2 p.m. - Section I winner vs. Section IV winner,  
upper bracket semifinal  
4:30 p.m. - Section III winner vs. Section IV winner,  
lower bracket semifinal

**Division II**

7 p.m. - Championship

**Friday, May 25**

**Division I**

**Class AAA**

2 p.m. - Section I winner vs. Section III winner,  
upper bracket semifinal  
4:30 p.m. - Section IV winner vs. Section II winner,  
lower bracket semifinal

**Class A-AA**

7 p.m. - Championship

**Saturday, May 26**

**Division I**

**Class AAA**

7 p.m. - Championship

# MR AND MISS BASKETBALL



Winners and finalists of the sixteenth annual American General Mr. Basketball® and Miss Basketball® Awards were honored on March 6 at a luncheon hosted by American General Career Distribution Group at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

More than 500 people, including the honorees, their families, coaches, school administrators and members of the media from all parts of the state, attended the 2001 luncheon at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

Pictured are the Mr. and Miss Basketball winners for each classification. From left to right on the front row are Ashley Earley - Briarcrest Christianm (Div. II), Brittany Jackson - Bradley Central (AAA), Andrea Davidson - Jackson County (AA), and Jenny Lannom - Bradford (A). From left to right on the back row are David Harrison - Brentwood Academy (Div. II), Earnest Shelton - White Station (AAA), Taurean Moy - Booker T. Washington (AA), and Jason Holwerda - Chattanooga Christian (A).

Shelton - White Station (AAA), Taurean Moy - Booker T. Washington (AA), and Jason Holwerda - Chattanooga Christian (A).

## MISS BASKETBALL 2001 FINALISTS

### DIVISION I, CLASS A

Erica Davenport  
Wayne County High School

Jenny Lannom  
Bradford High School

Elizabeth Strunk  
Chattanooga Christian School

### DIVISION I, CLASS AA

Katasha Brown  
Claiborne County High School

Emily Christian  
Upperman High School

Andrea Davidson  
Jackson County High School

### DIVISION I, CLASS AAA

Brittany Jackson  
Bradley Central High School

Jennifer Johnson  
Mt. Juliet High School

Abi Ramsey  
Shelbyville Central High School

### DIVISION II

Ashley Earley  
Briarcrest Christian School

Laura Mitchell  
Briarcrest Christian School

Tommi Paris  
Girls Preparatory School

## MR. BASKETBALL 2001 FINALISTS

### DIVISION I, CLASS A

Adrian Higgs  
Greenfield High School

Jason Holwerda  
Chattanooga Christian School

Trey Pearson  
South Fulton High School

### DIVISION I, CLASS AA

Derrick Depriest  
Chester County High School

Josh Goodwin  
Harpeth High School

Taurean Moy  
B. T. Washington High School

### DIVISION I, CLASS AAA

Jonathan Loe  
Bartlett High School

Mario Moore  
Antioch High School

Earnest Shelton  
White Station High School

### DIVISION II

David Harrison  
Brentwood Academy

Michael McLaren  
Memphis University School

Stephen Russell  
Battle Ground Academy



## CLASS A

**JENNY LANNOM - Bradford High School** *Head Coach: John and Gail Wild*

Senior, 6-0, post. A three-year starter who averages 20 points and six rebounds per game. She has shot 58% from the field this season and 86% from the free-throw line. She had a career high 37 points against Halls on January 23, 2001. For her career she has scored over 1,500 points and has pulled down over 450 rebounds. Jenny is a three-year All-District selection and has been selected to the All-Region team twice. She was also selected to the All-West Tennessee team in 1999-2000. In her four years at Bradford, the team compiled an impressive record of 135-6 and won two state championships. She is part of a senior class that never lost a home game in their four years at Bradford. Jenny is ranked fourth in the senior class with a 3.9 GPA and was voted Most Athletic in the senior class. She has signed to play basketball at the UT-Martin.

**JASON HOLWERDA - Chattanooga Christian School** *Head Coach: Eddie Salter*

Senior, 6-5, point guard. A four-year starter who averages 27.7 points, 6.9 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and 3.1 steals per game. He has been named to the All-District, All-Region, Chattanooga Times/Free Press Best of the Preps team, and the All-State team each of his four years. He was the 2000 and 2001 Class A Mr. Basketball winner, a USA Today All-American, McDonald's All-American Honorable Mention, and ranked as the #11 shooting guard nationally by Bob Gibbons, and the #51 player nationally overall. Jason was part of Chattanooga Christian's first state championship team and was named MVP of the 2001 Class A state tournament. He scored 35 and 39 points in two state tournament games his sophomore year and was named to the All-State Tournament team. Jason finished the season with over 3,000 career points at Chattanooga Christian. He has a 3.1 GPA and has signed a basketball scholarship with Vanderbilt University.



## CLASS AA

### **ANDREA DAVIDSON - Jackson County High School** *Head Coach: Jim Brown*

Junior, 5-10, forward. A three-year starter who averages 15 points, six rebounds, four assists, and 3.5 steals per game. She shoots 53% from the field and 65% from the free-throw line. She has been named District 8-AA MVP this season. For her career she averages 13.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. She has scored over 1,300 career points. Was named to the sports writers' and associated press All-State teams as a sophomore last year. She has been named to The Tennessean All-State team. She was also named to the USA Today honorable mention team. She has made the Region All-Tournament teams the past two seasons, including being named the tournament MVP as a freshman. She was a member of two consecutive state championship teams (2000-2001) and was named MVP of the 2001 state tournament. Andrea is a member of the Beta Club, Science Club, and the Letterman's Club. She carries a 3.76 GPA.

### **TAUREAN MOY - B.T. Washington High School** *Head Coach: Fred T. Horton, Jr.*

Senior, 6-0, guard. A three-year starter who averages 28.8 points per game. He shoots 45% from the field, 40% from behind the three-point line, and 80% from the charity stripe. He is a McDonald's All-

American nominee this year. On December 5, 2000 he set the state and national records for most three-pointers made in a game (24) and most three-pointers attempted in a game (44). His 83-point performance that night was the second most points scored in state history. He made 506 three-pointers to set a new state record and finish just one shy of the all-time national record. He also finished second in the state and national record books by hitting 214 three-pointers this season, also just one shy of the record. In the first game of the 2001 state tournament, he set a new state tournament record for most three-pointers made in a game by hitting 11 three-pointers. He also set the record for most three-pointers made in the tournament with 19. Taurean has been named to the All-District 16-AA Team and the All-Region 8-AA Team his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was second team All-State as a junior and Honorable Mention All-State as a sophomore.



## CLASS AAA

### **BRITTANY JACKSON - Bradley Central High School** *Head Coach: Jack Harlow*

Senior, 6-1, wing. A three-year starter who averages 25.3 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.3 assists, and 2.5 steals per game. She shoots 46% from the field, 33% from behind the three-point line, and 79% at the free-throw line. She was named to the All-District, All-Region, and All-State teams both her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She has been named to the Nike, AAU, Street & Smith, and USA Today All-American teams. She was a finalist for the Miss Basketball award in 2000 and a member of the All-Tournament team at the 2000 state tournament. She was recently honored as one of 20 high school females named to the 2001 Phoenix/WBCA High School All-America Team. She participated in their High School All-America game on April 7, 2001. For her career she averages 23.1 points per game. She has over 760 rebounds, 240 assists, and 220 steals. Brittany is a member of the yearbook staff and student council. She currently has a 3.6 GPA. She has signed a basketball scholarship with the University of Tennessee.

### **EARNEST SHELTON - White Station High School** *Head Coach: Terry Tippett*

Senior, 6-3, guard. A three-year starter who averages 26.6 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals, and 2.1 assists per game. He shoots 72.5% from the free-throw line and has hit 116 three-pointers this season. He has previously been named the Commercial Appeal Player of the Year and to the All-State 1st Team. He was the MVP of the 2000 Class AAA state tournament. Earnest was elected to attend Boys State and he maintains a 3.2 GPA. He has signed a basketball scholarship with the University of Alabama.



## DIVISION II

### **ASHLEY EARLEY - Briarcrest Christian School** *Head Coach: Hugh Freeze*

Senior, 6-foot, guard/forward. A four-year starter who averages 23.1 points, 9.7 rebounds, 4.6 steals, and 3.4 assists per game. She shoots 57% from the field and 52% from behind the three-point line. She has over 100 blocks this season. She has been a finalist for the Miss Basketball award all four of her years in high school. She is a three-time 1st Team All-State selection and was the MVP of the 1998 and 2001 Division II state tournament. She has been listed by USA Today as one of the top 25 seniors in the country and was a member of the All-Tournament team at the Nike Tournament of Champions in Chicago this year. Ashley is the all-time leading score in Briarcrest history with over 2,500 career points. She is a member of the National Honor Society, FCA, and is on the Dean's List.

### **DAVID HARRISON - Brentwood Academy** *Head Coach: Robert Butler*

Senior, 7-foot, center. A two-year starter who averages 28.5 points, 13 rebounds, and 5.6 blocks per game. He shoots 80% from the field. He has been named to the McDonald's All-American 1st Team

this year and competed in the 24th edition of the McDonald's High School All-American Basketball Game. The game was held on March 30 at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, North Carolina. He was also named to the All-Section Team and as well as being named the Section MVP each of the last two years. He was named to the Arby's Classic All-Tournament Team and was the National Hoops Classic MVP. In 2000, he was a Parade High School All-American and was named to USA Today's Prep All-American Team. He was named to the Division II All-State team. David won the Division II Mr. Basketball award in 2000.



## 2001-2002 REGIONAL RULES MEETINGS

### 2001-2002 FOOTBALL RULES AND MECHANICS MEETINGS

Monday, July 23	7:00 p.m.	Clarksville, Richview Middle School
Tuesday, July 24	7:00 p.m.	Athens, McMinn County High School
Wednesday, July 25	7:30 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Thursday, July 26	7:30 p.m.	Shelbyville, Shelbyville High School
Monday, July 30	7:00 p.m.	Oak Ridge, Jefferson Middle School
Tuesday, July 31	7:00 p.m.	Maryville, Maryville High School
Wednesday, Aug. 1	7:30 p.m.	Knoxville, Knoxville Central High School
Thursday, Aug. 2	7:30 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Monday, Aug. 6	7:30 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Tuesday, Aug. 7	7:00 p.m.	Martin, UT Martin Student Center
Wednesday, Aug. 8	7:30 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Thursday, Aug. 9	7:30 p.m.	Jackson, Union University, Harvey Hall

### 2001-2002 VOLLEYBALL RULES MEETINGS

Monday, August 6	5:30 p.m.	Columbia Central High School, Columbia
Tuesday, August 7	5:30 p.m.	University School of Jackson, Jackson
Wednesday, August 8	5:30 p.m.	St. Agnes Academy, Memphis
Thursday, August 9	5:30 p.m.	Franklin Road Academy, Nashville
Monday, August 13	5:30 p.m.	Cookeville High School, Cookeville
Tuesday, August 14	5:30 p.m.	Dobyns-Bennett High School, Kingsport
Wednesday, August 15	5:30 p.m.	Webb School, Knoxville
Thursday, August 16	5:30 p.m.	East Ridge High School, Chattanooga
<b>CLOSED BOOK EXAM</b>		
Monday, August 20	Check with your local association for site and time	
<b>CLOSED BOOK MAKE-UP EXAM</b>		
Sunday, August 26	Check with your local association for site and time	

### 2001-2002 WRESTLING RULES AND MECHANICS MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	West High School, Morristown
Tuesday, Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga
Monday, Nov. 5	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education, Memphis
Tuesday, Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Hunters Lane High School, Nashville

### 2001-2002 SOCCER RULES MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 25	5:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Thursday, July 26	5:00 p.m.	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Central High School
Wednesday, Aug. 1	5:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Knoxville Central High School
Thursday, Aug. 2	5:00 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Monday, Aug. 6	5:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Wednesday, Aug. 8	5:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Thursday, Aug. 9	5:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University, Harvey Hall
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Tuesday, Jan. 15	5:00 p.m.	Knoxville, West High School
Thursday, Jan. 17	5:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Tuesday, Jan. 22	5:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University

### 2001-2002 SOFTBALL RULES AND MECHANICS MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 14	7:00 p.m.	Smithville, DeKalb County High School
Wednesday, Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Thursday, Jan. 17	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Northwest Middle School
Monday, Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Wednesday, Jan. 24	7:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Thursday, Jan. 28	7:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Monday, Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Wednesday, Jan. 31	7:00 p.m.	Lewisburg, Marshall County High School

### 2001-2002 TRACK RULES MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 21	7:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Wednesday, Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Thursday, Jan. 24	7:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Monday, Jan. 28	7:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Wednesday, Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Thursday, Jan. 31	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Webb School of Knoxville
Monday, Feb. 4	7:00 p.m.	Murfreesboro, Riverdale High School

### 2001-2002 BASKETBALL RULES AND MECHANICS MEETINGS

Thursday, Oct. 4	6:30 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Sunday, Oct. 7	2:00 p.m.	Memphis, Memphis University School
Monday, Oct. 8	6:30 p.m.	Dresden, Dresden High School
Tuesday, Oct. 9	6:30 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Wednesday, Oct. 10	6:30 p.m.	Shelbyville, Shelbyville High School
Thursday, Oct. 11	6:30 p.m.	Smithville, DeKalb County High School
Monday, Oct. 15	6:30 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Tuesday, Oct. 16	6:30 p.m.	Morristown, Morristown Recreation Cntr.
Wednesday, Oct. 17	6:30 p.m.	Knoxville, Central High School
Thursday, Oct. 18	6:30 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

### 2001-2002 MEETINGS FOR NON-FACULTY & BEGINNING COACHES

Monday, Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Webb School of Knoxville
Tuesday, Sept. 18	6:00 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Wednesday, Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Thursday, Sept. 20	6:00 p.m.	Columbia, Whitthorne Middle School
Monday, Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Tuesday, Sept. 25	6:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Wednesday, Sept. 26	6:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School
Thursday, Jan. 17	5:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Northwest Middle School
Thursday, Jan. 24	5:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Monday, Feb. 28	5:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

### 2001-2002 BASEBALL RULES MEETINGS

January 12	Memphis	9:00	MUS
January 13	Jackson	2:00	USJ
January 14	Nashville	6:30	Hunter's Lane
January 19	Lewisburg	9:00	Marshall Co. High School
January 20	Cookeville	2:00	Cookeville High School
January 21	Chattanooga	6:30	Notre Dame
January 25-27	Knoxville	- Umpire's Camp -	
January 26	Knoxville	9:00	Fulton - Coaches Meeting
January 27	Kingsport	2:00	Sullivan South
January 27	Knoxville	2:00	Fulton - Umpire's Clinic

### 2001-2002 CHEERLEADING RULES MEETINGS

Monday, Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	Knoxville, Webb School of Knoxville
Tuesday, Sept. 18	6:00 p.m.	Kingsport, Sullivan South High School
Wednesday, Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Thursday, Sept. 20	6:00 p.m.	McMinnville, Warren County High School
Monday, Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.	Jackson, Union University
Tuesday, Sept. 25	6:00 p.m.	Memphis, Board of Education
Wednesday, Sept. 26	6:00 p.m.	Nashville, Hunters Lane High School

There will be an Umpire's Clinic in Jackson on January 13, Nashville on January 14, and in Knoxville on January 27. The TSSAA Umpire's Camp will be held in Knoxville January 25-27. In Jackson and Nashville, there will also be a Coaches Rules Meeting at the same time the Umpire's Clinic is being conducted. In Knoxville, the Umpire's Clinic will be held on January 27, and the Coaches Rules Meeting on January 26. At the other sites, umpires and coaches will meet together.