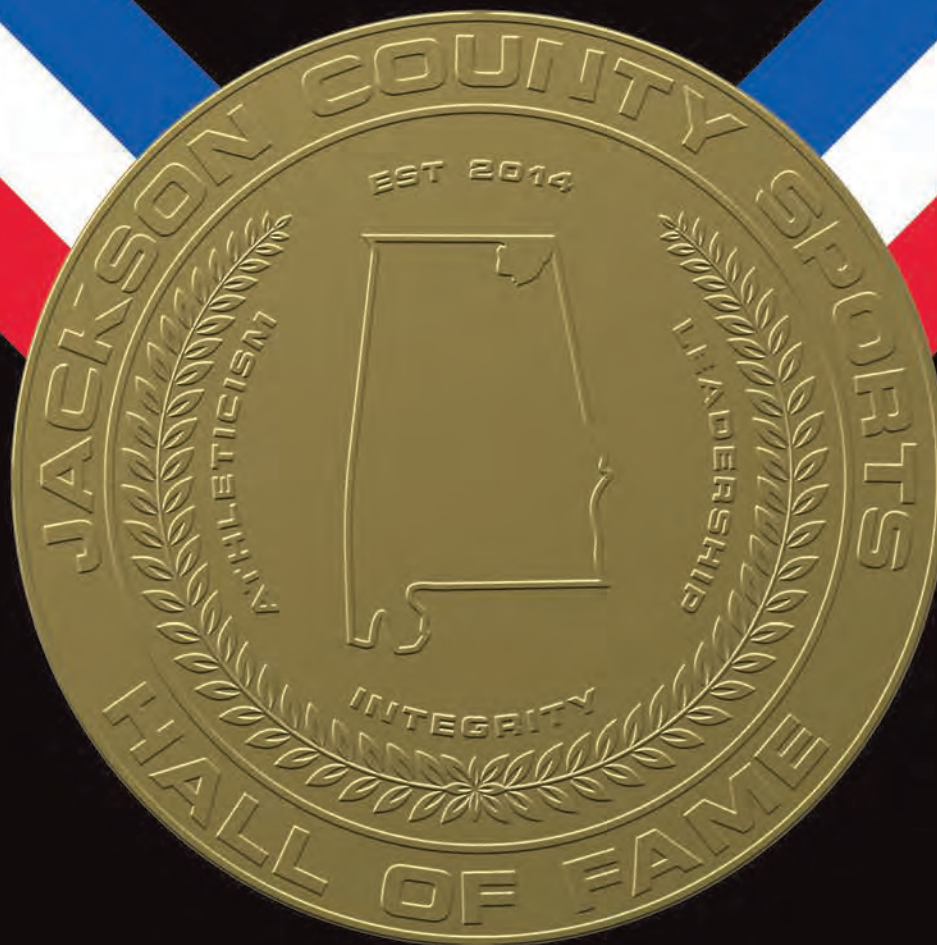


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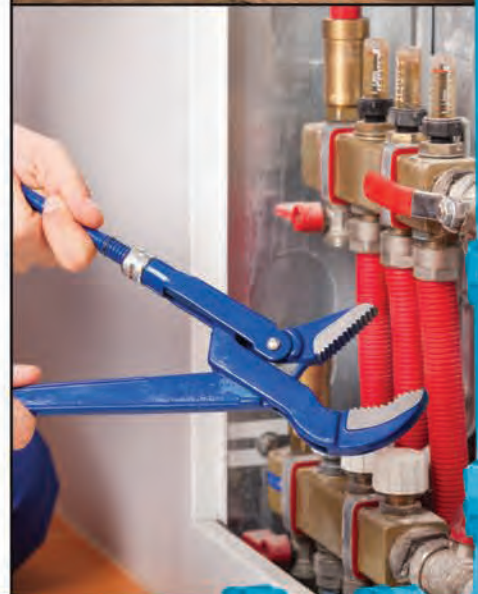
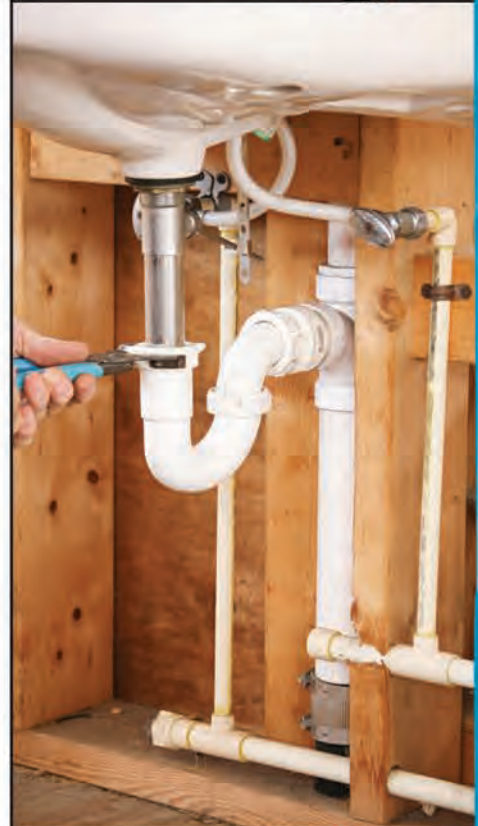


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Thanks to individuals like these, athletics provide an arena in which values such as sportsmanship, dedication, teamwork, honesty, loyalty and self-discipline are practiced and learned. Athletics is a master teacher of values so essential to the education of our youth.

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A Letter From Scottsboro's Mayor And Jackson County Commission Chairman

On behalf of the Scottsboro City Council, I want to welcome you to The Goose Pond Civic Center and the induction of the inaugural Class of The Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

The concept of a Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame has been discussed for years. Tonight is the culmination of many years of dreaming and a great effort put forth by the Hall of Fame Committee. I want to thank all the members of the committee for their perseverance and hard work during the last year. The committee has laid the foundation for Jackson County Athletes to finally have a Hall of Fame in their home county for many years to come.

Congratulations to all of those who have been selected for this inaugural class. Members of this class have received state and national recognition during their careers. Athletes and coaches from the sports of basketball, football, cross country, track, and harness racing are represented in this class. The inductees were part of 56 State Championships and 4 National Championships during their careers. While I am sure there will be many great classes inducted in future years, it will be difficult to top the success of the individuals we recognize tonight.

A special thanks goes to the families of this class for their involvement and help in making this a very special night for our inductees.

Thank you for attending tonight and I hope you have an enjoyable evening as we reminisce, laugh, and even shed a few tears

Melton Potter, Mayor
City of Scottsboro

The Jackson County Commission is proud to welcome you to the induction of the Inaugural Class of The Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame. The Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame is a fantastic step in recognizing star athletes and citizens of our community.

We thank the committee and all of those who have put so much time for their diligent efforts in making this a reality. We now have the foundation for Jackson County Athletes to have a Hall of Fame in their home county for many years to come.

Congratulations to all of those who have been selected for this honor!

Again, congratulations to the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2014!

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Master of Ceremonies – Stan Gibby

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Invocation – Len Colvin

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Introductions

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Induction Ceremony – Stan Gibby
Greg Bell
A.J. Buckner
Rhonda Wheeler
Tony Baker

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Jacobs



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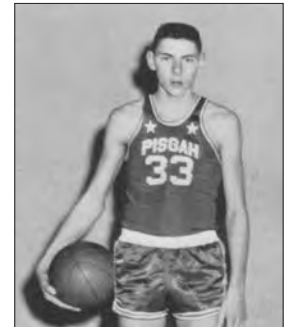
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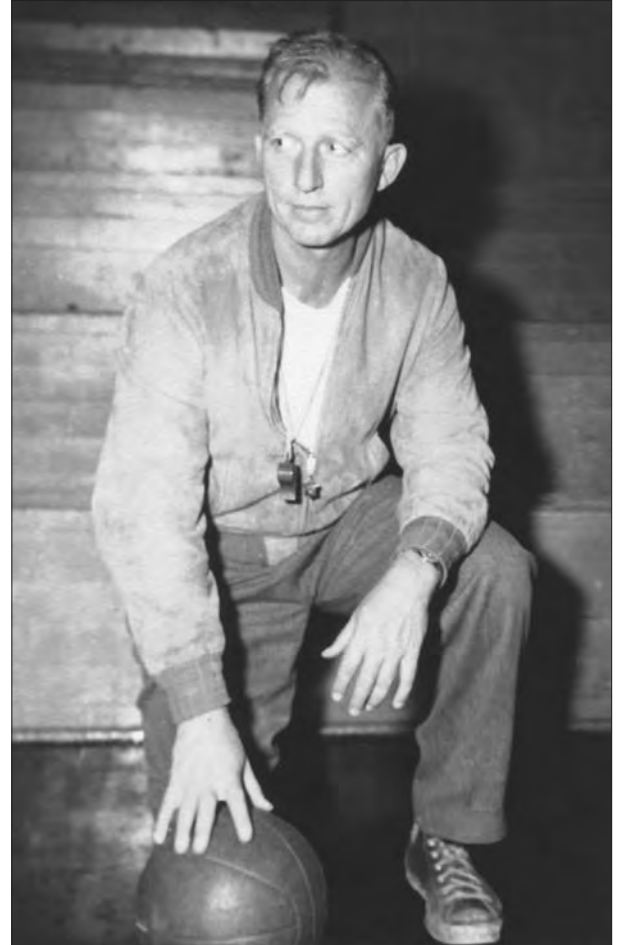


Q.K. "Dusty" Carter

Q.K. "Dusty" Carter became a household name in basketball while coaching in Jackson County. The Calhoun County High School graduate never played the game while growing up but coached for 14 seasons at Paint Rock Valley High School and then for 24 seasons (1952-75) at Jackson County/Scottsboro High School. Carter posted a career record of 714-303. He led Jackson County/Scottsboro to six state tournament appearances, and his 1966-67 Scottsboro team won the Class 3A State Championship. Scottsboro won six district/area championships under Carter's direction and also won four Jackson County Tournament championships (1955-57 and 1965). His teams were known for their fastbreak style of play.

After retiring from education in 1975, Carter remained involved in basketball by serving as a volunteer assistant coach at Geraldine and then Skyline, where he helped the Vikings advance to state tournament during the 1993-94 season.

A book about Carter's life in coaching entitled "Dusty: Journey of a High School Coaching Icon" was written by Bob Hodges and published in 2004. Carter, a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame passed away in 2007 at the age of 93.



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Robert "Foots" Clemens



Jackson County's connection to the Green Bay Packers, Robert "Foots" Clemens played professionally for the famed NFL franchise in 1955.

Before then, however, Clemens grew up in Scottsboro and played football and basketball at Jackson County High School. He was an All-Tennessee Valley Conference selection in 1950 and played in the state's North-South All-Star Game.

Clemens went on to play college football at the University of Georgia for coach Wally Butts and was a three-year letterman from 1952-54. He led the Bulldogs in rushing during the 1952 and 1953 seasons and was named alternate captain of the 1954 squad and was later named to the North-South College Football All-Star game in Miami. He is a member of the University of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and was the winner of the 2013 Wally Boys Bulldog Loyalty Award.

Clemens was drafted and played one season with the Packers before spending 21 years in the Air Force, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Clemens also coached basketball in the Atlanta School System, leading his team to a city championship during the 1955-56 season. He also coached the Atwater/Merced (Georgia) Junior Football team to league and area championships in 1973 and 1974.



*Congratulations to the 2014
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Jackson County Commission

*(l-r) Tim Guffey, District 1; Stacy Ledwell, District 4; Matthew Hodges, Chairman;
Jason Venable, District 2; Dennis Miller, District 3.*





Paul Cooley

The man they referred to as “Coach,” Paul Cooley, put together a stellar high school basketball-coaching career, first at Pisgah and later at Scottsboro.

Cooley’s teams won 536 games during his 23-year coaching career, as he posted a 410-103 record at Pisgah and a 126-47 record at Scottsboro.

Three of Cooley’s Pisgah teams won state championships. He led the Eagles to the Class 2A State Championship with a 50-48 win over Selma in 1959. Pisgah defeated Greenville 78-72 in 1964 to win the Class 3A State Championship, and defeated Alexandria 65-60 to win another Class 3A State Championship in 1966. In all, he led five Pisgah teams to the state tournament from 1955-71. Under his direction, Pisgah also won eight Jackson County Tournament Championships and eight Sand Mountain Tournament Championships.

Cooley returned to coaching for the 1975-76 season at Scottsboro, where he spent the six seasons and posted four 20-win seasons before retiring in 1981.

The Arab native later served multiple terms on the Jackson County School Board, and one of the gymnasiums on the Pisgah High School campus is named in his honor. Cooley passed away in 2000 at the age of 74.



Class of 2014

**The Scottsboro City Council
and Mayor would like to
congratulate the 2014
inductee class of the
inaugural Jackson County
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Sitting: (l-r) Carol McCrary, Council Member; Whitney Phillips, City Clerk. Standing: (l-r) Patrick Stewart, Council Member; Stephen Kennamer, City Attorney; Gary Stewart, Council Member; Melton Potter, Mayor; Keith Smith, Council Member; Brent Miller, Council Member.



John Esslinger

John Esslinger coached cross country and track and field for Scottsboro for 37 years, which was nine less than the number of state championships his teams won during that span.

Esslinger transformed Scottsboro High School's programs into state powers beginning in the mid-1980s. His Scottsboro girls and boys teams won 30 cross county state championships (19 girls state titles and 11 boys state titles) and 16 track and field championships (eight outdoor and eight indoor titles) before his retirement following the 2013 cross country season, a season in which his SHS girls cross country team won its 12th consecutive state championship. Five times his Scottsboro teams won "The Triple Crown," winning the cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field state championships during the same school year.

Esslinger ran track at Lee High School in Huntsville and later at Jacksonville State University. After six months in the Army Reserves, Esslinger started his career in education at Scottsboro Junior High School in 1971 was an assistant track and football coach at Scottsboro from 1972-80 before leaving education. He returned to the education and coaching field in 1985, became the Scottsboro track and field coach and later started the school's cross country program in 1988. He was the schools track and field coach through the 2006 season. He won a number of state and regional coach of the year awards and the cross country trail at Scottsboro High School is named the John R. Esslinger Trail of Champions in his honor.

Esslinger is also a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and the Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2014, Esslinger ran unopposed in his bid for the Scottsboro Board of Education, continuing to serve the community.





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Don Jacobs

Don Jacobs was a standout quarterback at Scottsboro High School and the University of Alabama who went on to enjoy stellar career in coaching at the college and high school levels.

Jacobs played at Scottsboro from 1974-76, and was an All-State selection following a senior season in which the wishbone quarterback accounted for more than 2,000 total yards in 1976. Jacobs was also selected to All Tri-State Team as well as All-Region. He was also a standout on the Scottsboro basketball and track and field teams.

Jacobs played quarterback and punter at Alabama from 1977-80 and was a part of Alabama's 1978 and 1979 National Championship teams under legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. For his career, Jacobs had 833 rushing yards and six touchdowns on 91 carries while completing 42 of 99 passes for 724 yards and six touchdowns.

Following his playing career, Jacobs coached college football, working as an assistant from 1981-83 at Jacksonville State, at Livingston (now West Alabama) in 1984, Southwest Louisiana (now Louisiana-Lafayette) in 1985, West Georgia from 1986-90 and Troy from 1991-2000.

Jacobs then entered the high school coaching ranks, as he was an assistant at Luverne from 2002-04, Robertsdale in 2005 and Central Coosa in 2006 before becoming the head coach at Elkmont from 2007-09 and leading the Red Devils to a 22-13 record during that span.

In 2010 he became the head coach at Oneonta, and led OHS to Class 4A state championship game three straight seasons. His 2013 Oneonta team won the Class 4A state championship.



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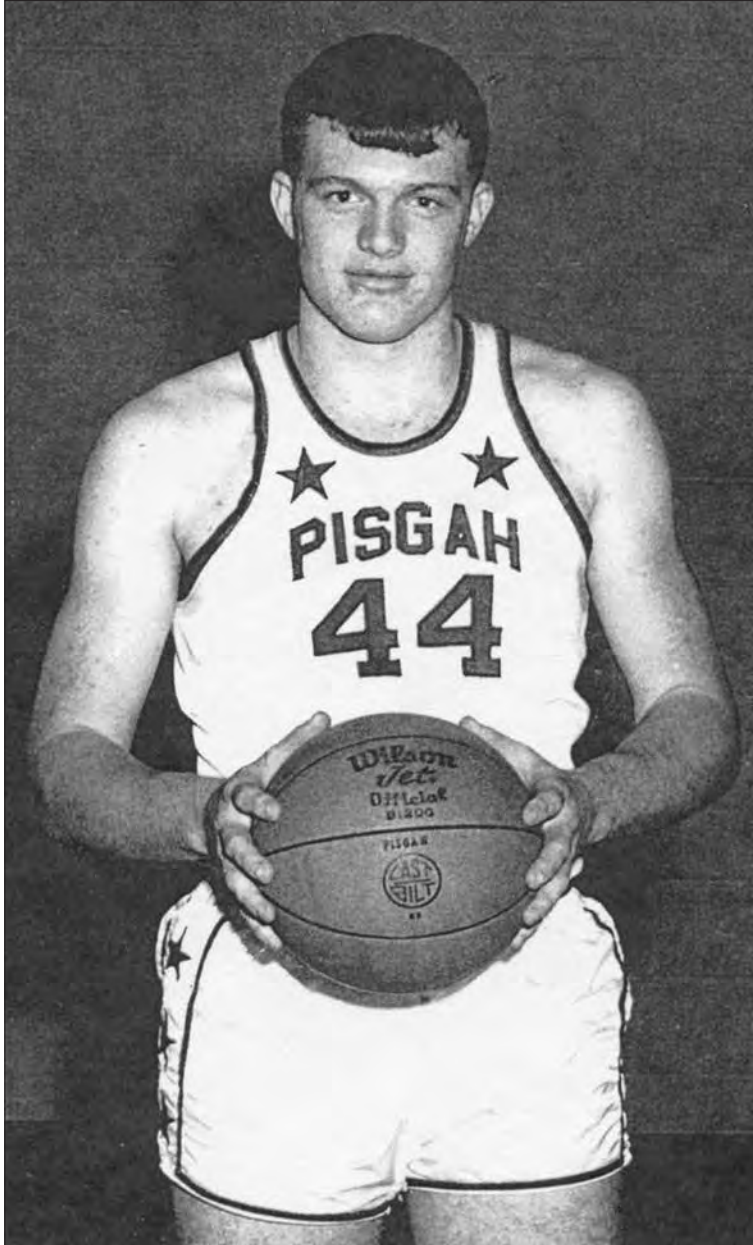


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Ray Maxwell



Ray Maxwell starred on the football field for Pisgah High School, helping the Eagles to great success from 1968-70 in which they went 24-4-2.

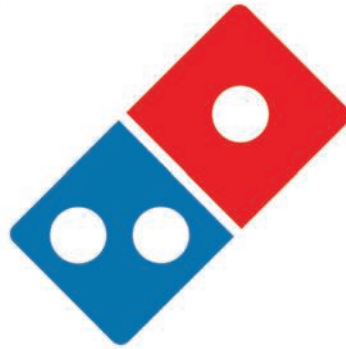
As a senior, Maxwell was a 1970 Class 3A All-State selection and was the 1970 Jackson County Most Valuable Player. Legendary Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant took notice of Maxwell's talents, and signed the Flat Rock native to play for the Crimson Tide.

Though he played fullback and linebacker in high school, Maxwell made a smooth transition to starting offensive tackle. He was a three-year letterman for Alabama, and during his five seasons in the program the Crimson Tide went 54-5 with five SEC Championships and a national championship in 1973.



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John Meadows

John Meadows enjoyed a stellar high school football coaching career that spanned two states. The Morgan County native and World War II veteran was a Small School All-American at Jacksonville State University before entering the coaching ranks. Meadows was the head football coach at Hanceville and Gordo before becoming the head football coach at Scottsboro in 1959.

Meadows enjoyed a strong run at Scottsboro, leading his teams to a 55-9-5 record from 1959-65. His final SHS Team won finished with an undefeated 10-0 record and was named the 1965 Class 3A State Champion by The Birmingham News.

Meadows coached at Butler High School in Huntsville from 1966-1978, amassing a 94-34-1 record. In 1979, he became the head coach at Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, Tennessee, where he amassed an 87-29 record in 11 seasons with five playoff appearances and a state championship in 1982.

Meadows, who returned to make his home in Jackson County following his retirement, had an overall coaching record of 266-76-7, including 179-47-7 in Alabama. He's a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, the Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame, the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame, the Pickens County Sports Hall of Fame and the Jacksonville State Athletic Hall of Fame.



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Larry Morris

Larry Morris spent his entire career in education and coaching working in the Scottsboro City Schools System.

Morris, a Scottsboro High School graduate, was an assistant football coach at SHS from 1974-1991, and then became the head coach of his alma mater in 1991-2004. During that span, his teams went 90-66 with nine playoff appearances and five area/region championships. His 1996 team went to the Class 5A state quarterfinals, while his 1997 team advanced to the Class 5A state semifinals.

After retiring from coaching following the 2004 season, Morris, who also coached wrestling and track and field during his coaching career, began a second tenure as the athletic director for the Scottsboro City Schools System. He served in that role from 2005 until his retirement in 2012. During his second tenure as Scottsboro's athletic director, SHS sports teams won 17 state championships. He won the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Athletic Director of the Year Award in 2012.

Morris was also a longtime member of the AHSAA's Central Board of Control. He was inducted into the AHSAA's Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.



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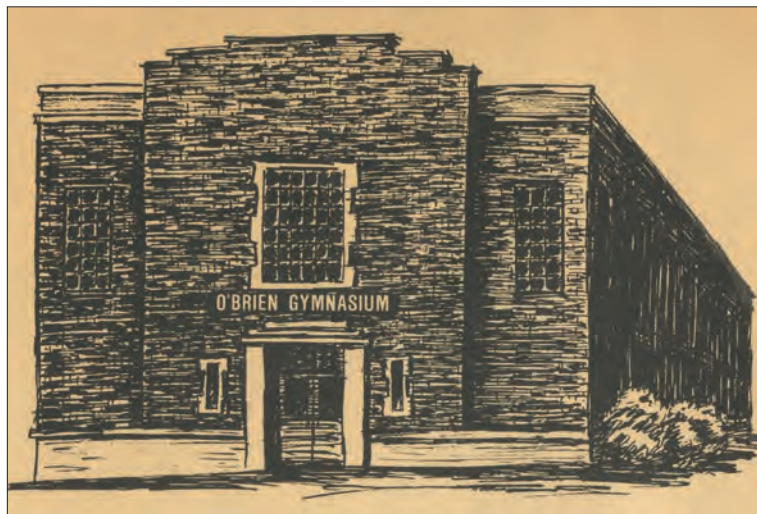


Guy "Mickey" O'Brien

Guy "Mickey" O'Brien did not win every game he coached, just almost all of them. The former Jackson County High School (later named Scottsboro High School) head basketball coach amassed an impressive 427-47 record with five state championships during his 14-year coaching career that also included a coaching tenure at Geraldine before his untimely death. O'Brien died on June 20, 1944 at the age of 39 from complications following an appendectomy.

O'Brien's Jackson County teams won state championships in 1934, 1938 and 1944. Prior to coming to Jackson County High School, O'Brien led Geraldine to state championships in 1931 and 1932.

O'Brien, a native of Dadeville, is a member of the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and The DeKalb County Sports Hall of Fame.



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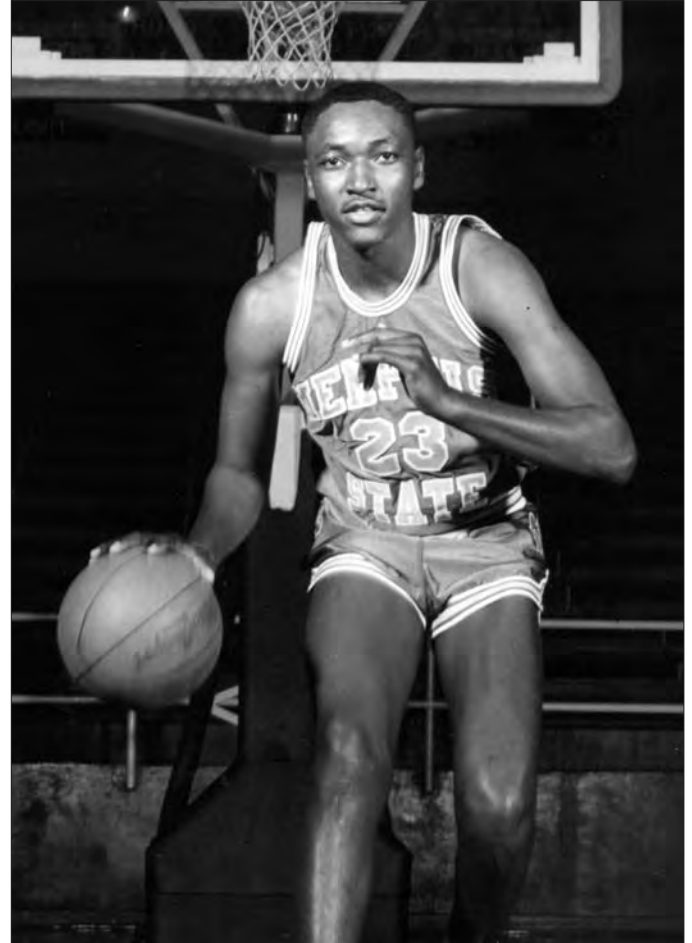


Vincent Robinson

Bridgeport native Vincent Robinson was known throughout Jackson County during his playing career for his athletic talent, but he also garnered attention statewide.

During his senior season in 1984-85, Robinson averaged 32 points and 18 rebounds while helping Bridgeport go 26-3 and win the school's only Jackson County Tournament Championship. Robinson won the Alabama Mr. Basketball Award, which is awarded by the Alabama Sports Writers Association to the state's player of the year. He was also an all-state football selection by the ASWA and the Birmingham News.

After his high school career, Robinson played two seasons of college basketball at Memphis State University. He then transferred close to home to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, where he averaged 6.9 points and 7.2 rebounds per game during his final two seasons, and helped UTC win the Southern Conference Championship and play in the NCAA Tournament during the 1987-88 season. He grabbed 20 rebounds against Tennessee State during his junior season, setting a UTC single-game rebounding record that stood for 17 seasons.





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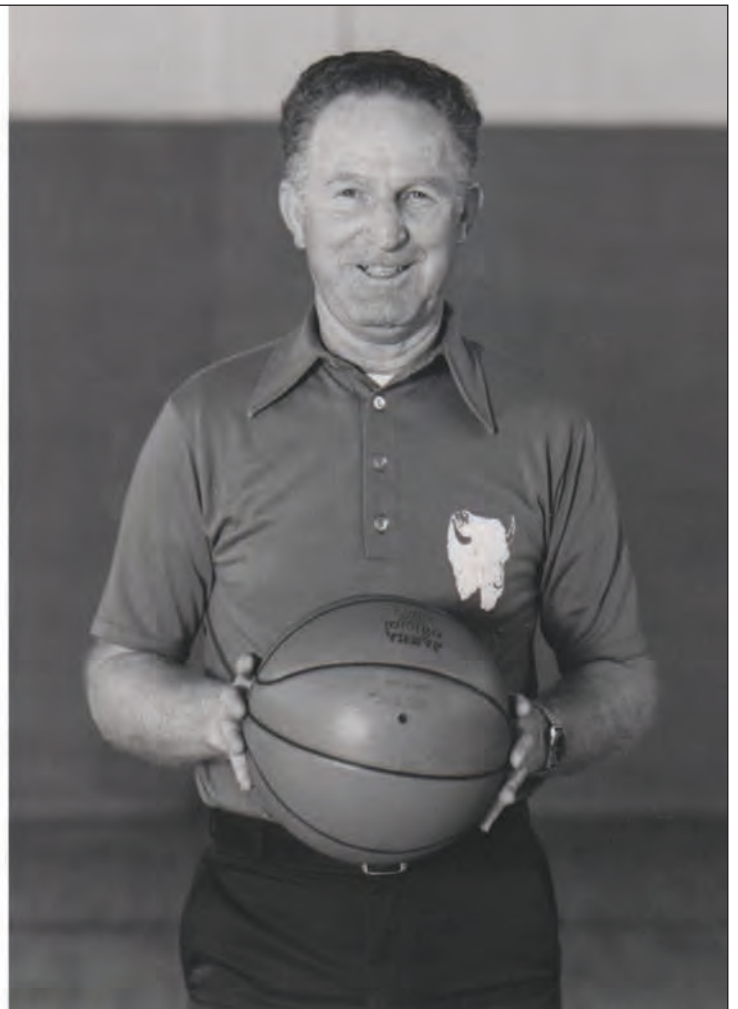
Russell, a Stevenson native who graduated from Jackson County High School and played college baseball and tennis at Auburn, began Harness Racing in 1915. He raced well into life, including winning the Hambletonian Race at the age of 62 despite racing with a broken leg. His career winnings topped \$2 million and he served on the U.S. Trotting Association's Board of Directors from 1951-80.

Russell was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1970 and is also in the Immortals Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Russell was also named by Sports Illustrated as one of Alabama's Top 50 Sports Figures of the 20th Century. Russell died in 1982 at the age of 82.





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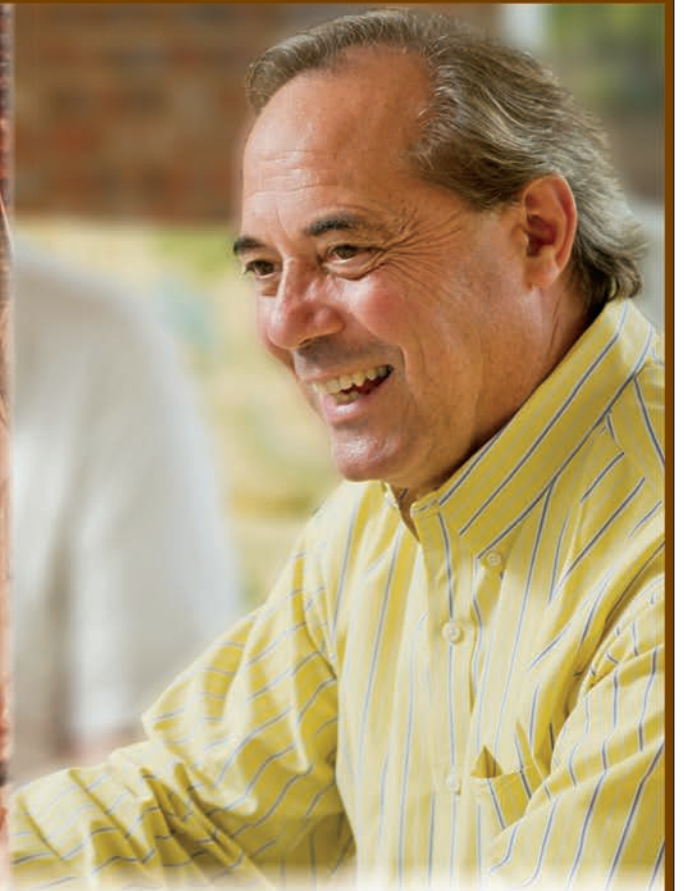
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C.B. "Red" Strickland's love for the sport of basketball started an early age while he was growing up in Dutton and playing at Pisgah High School. After graduating college, he became a high school basketball coach, first at Skyline and then at Geraldine before landing at Section, where he spent 20 years helping forge the school's rich basketball tradition.

Strickland coached Section to the 1969 Class 2A State Championship with a 77-58 win over U.S. Jones during a historic state tournament for the Alabama High School Athletic Association, the first state basketball tournament following integration. Strickland was honored for his part in that tournament during a ceremony at the 2009 AHSAA State Tournament.

Strickland led the Lions to one state title, one state runner-up finish and four total state tournament appearances during his tenure. He coached junior varsity basketball at North Sand Mountain prior to his retirement in the late 1980s.

Strickland was the first coach to win two Sand Mountain Tournament titles at two different schools and won five overall, four at Section and one at Geraldine. His Section teams also won five Jackson County Tournament Championships.

Strickland, who credits his wife of 64 years Edna for her support throughout his career, amassed a total coaching record at all levels during his 34-year coaching career of 705-264. He was inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1999.





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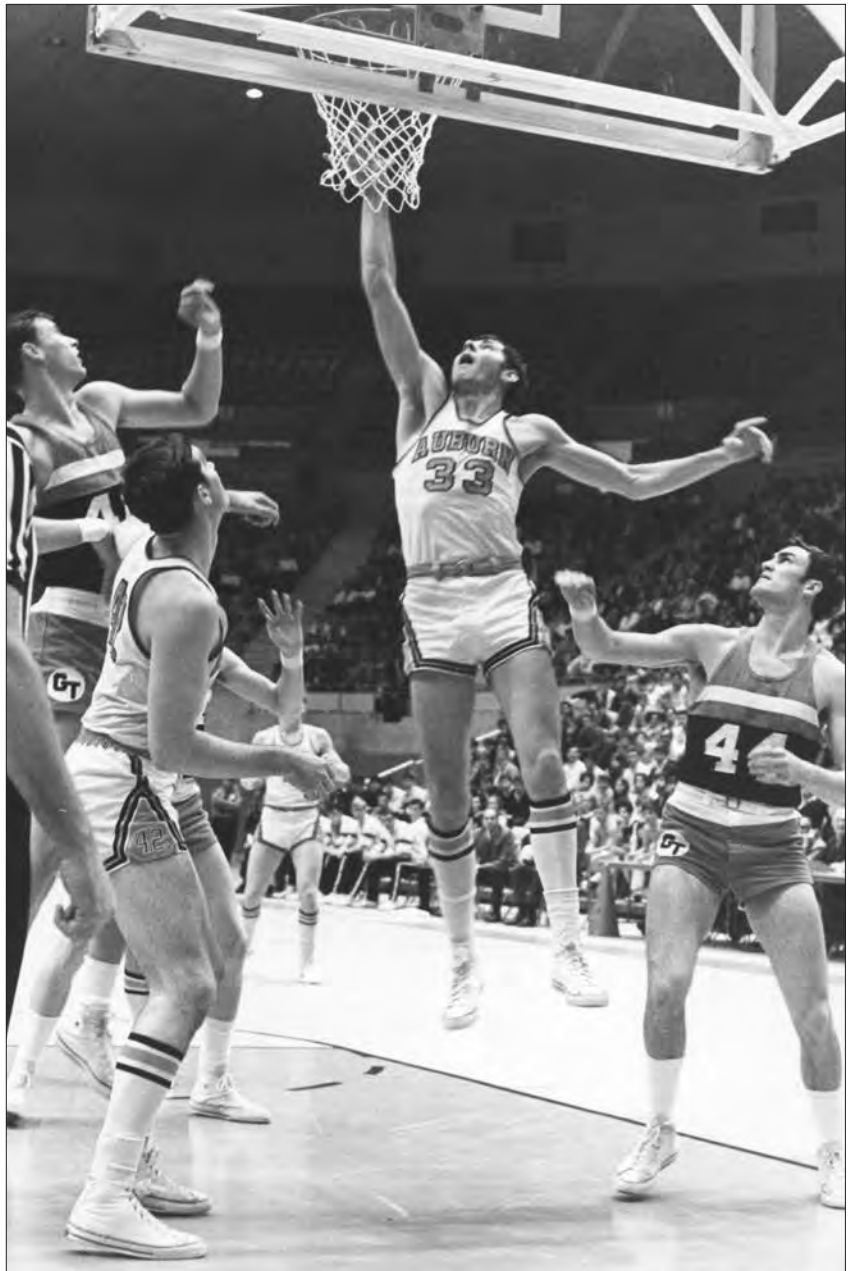
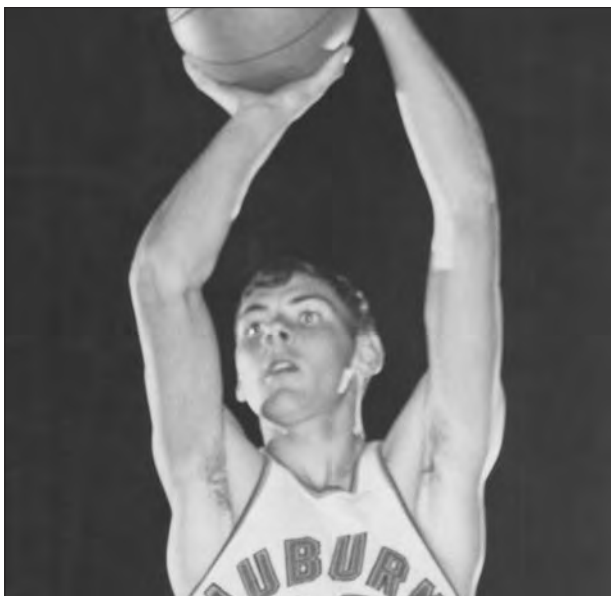
Tinker was an All-State, All-Area, All- Jackson County and All-Sand Mountain selection during his final two seasons at Pisgah. He was also named an All-American during the 1963-64 season in which he helped Pisgah win the Class 3A State Championship. Tinker was the State Tournament MVP.

Following his high school career, Tinker played collegiately at Auburn from 1967-69, where he started every game and was a two-time All-SEC performer. He averaged 12.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game throughout his career and left Auburn at the time as its second all-time leading scorer. Tinker was named one of Auburn's Top 100 Basketball Players during the program's bicentennial celebration.

Tinker also made the first basket in Auburn's Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum and was invited back in 2010 to make the ceremonial final basket following Auburn's last game in that arena.

Following his college career, Tinker drew interest from professional team but was unable to sign after being drafted for the Vietnam War and enlisting in The National Guard from 1969-75.

He returned to Pisgah High School as a teacher and coach in 1970 and led the Eagles to three Jackson County Tournament Championships during his six-year head-coaching tenure from 1972-77.



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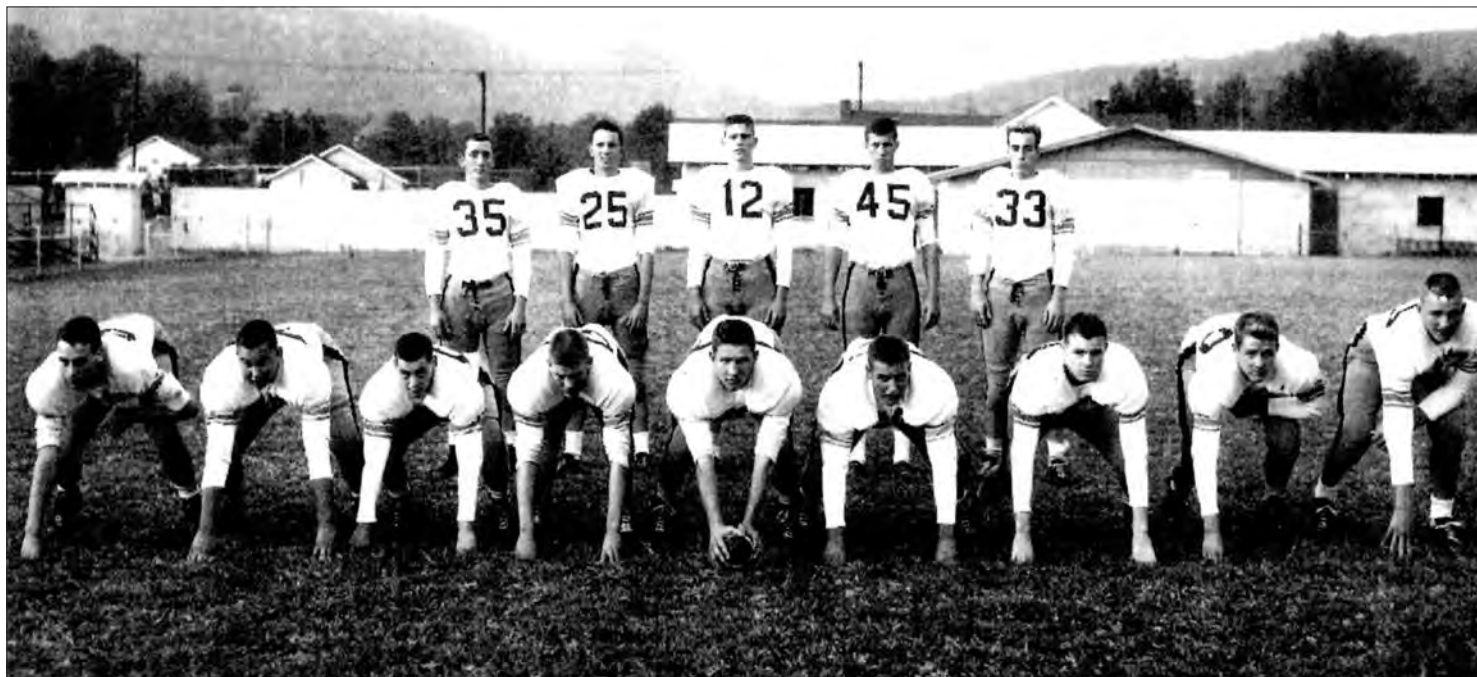
Before he became an Alabama football legend and coach Paul “Bear” Bryant’s favorite player, Pat Trammell became a sports icon in Scottsboro and Jackson County as a standout quarterback and basketball player at Jackson County (now Scottsboro) High School.

Trammell was a High School All-American for the Wildcats and he still holds several school passing records. He was also won the state basketball player of the year award in 1957.

Following his prep career, Trammell originally committed to play at Georgia Tech before the arrival of Bryant in Tuscaloosa helped sway him to the University of Alabama. There he became a three-year starter, and in 1961, led the Crimson Tide to perfect 11-0 season and a national championship, the first of Bryant’s six during his Alabama coaching tenure. He finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting that season and was an All-SEC selection.

Trammell finished his Alabama playing career with 1,631 passing yards and nine touchdowns while also rushing for 1,119 yards and 15 touchdowns. Bryant famously quipped of Trammell, who had a 26-3-4 record as the Crimson Tide’s starting quarterback, “All he can do is beat you.”

Trammell passed up an opportunity to play professional football to attend medical school, from which he graduated from in 1966. In 1968, however, Dr. Trammell died of cancer at the age of 28. He was inducted in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1975.





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Don Webb



Don Webb was a two-sport standout at Scottsboro High School who went on to a stellar college football career at Auburn University.

Webb began playing football in high school at the urging of then Scottsboro head coach John Meadows, and ultimately became one of the cornerstones of a state championship team.

Webb became the team's starting quarterback and safety, and started at both positions during the Wildcats' undefeated state championship season of 1965.

He set several SHS records along the way including most pass interceptions in a game, season and career and was a first-team All Tri-State selection and an All-State honorable mention selection during his senior season.

Following his high school career, Webb signed to play college football at Auburn. He became a three-year starting defensive back from 1967-69, finishing his career with 13 interceptions, which is tied for third all-time in Auburn Football history. He also had a team-leading six interceptions for the Tigers during the 1968 season.

Webb was also a standout basketball player in high school. He was a two-year starter for Scottsboro during his junior and seniors seasons in 1964-65 and 1965-66. Webb held the Scottsboro school record for points in a game (50) for 48 years and also played in the North-South Basketball All-Star Game



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2. Exceptions may be allowed for residency to be ten (10) years continuously, even if the nominee's achievements were made prior to moving to Jackson County.
3. A nominee must be at least 40 years old at the time of induction or inactive in the athletic category for at least five (5) years.
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5. All nominees will be screened intensively. Statistics, old record books, scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine stories or clippings, etc. will be considered when possible. Interviews about nominees may be sought by members of the Board of Directors when considered necessary.
6. While each nominee's athletic achievements will be of prime importance and consideration, his or her post-athletic record, as a citizen, will be weighed. A person must have also proven worthy as a citizen by carrying the ideals of athletics forward into his/her occupational endeavors and community service.
7. Induction shall be held annually at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors.
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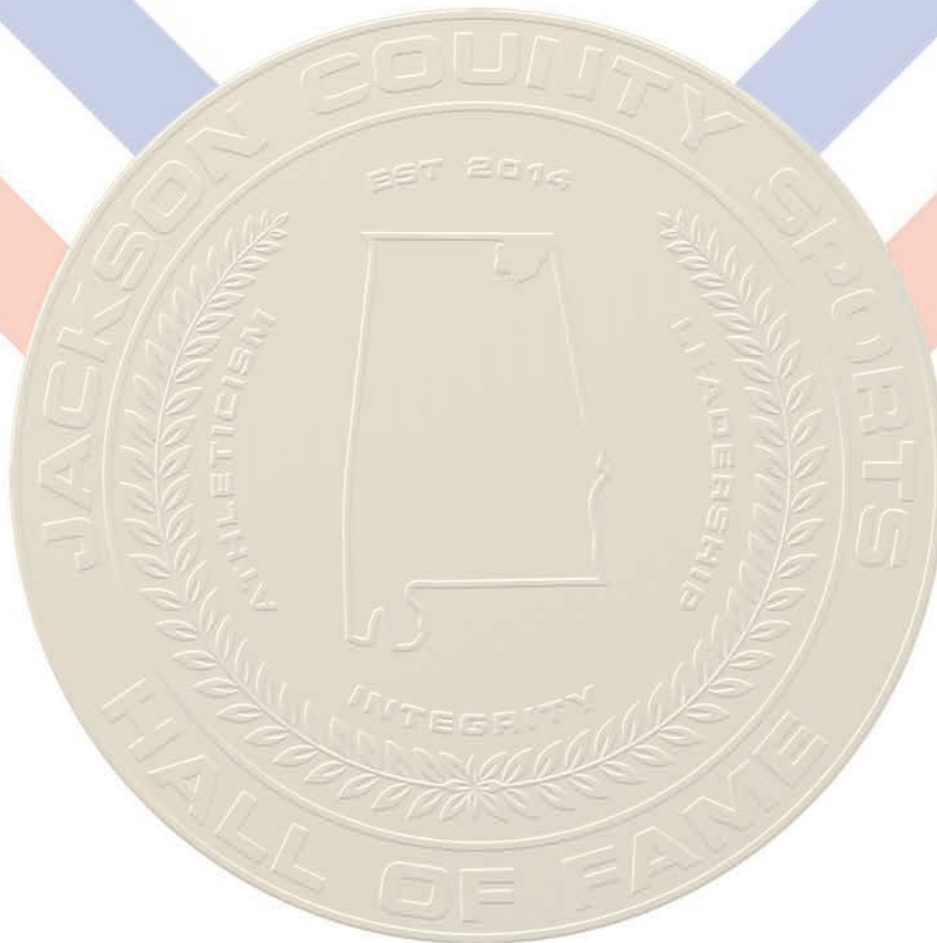
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