

HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES

ASSISTANT COACH * JIM CONLEY

Royal Oak High School

Dedication and loyalty are two traits that successful basketball programs look for in its coaches. Jim Conley, a junior high/middle school coach and athletic director, is a great example of these traits for the Royal Oak Public Schools.

Jim spent some 34 years, 1966-2000, coaching basketball as well as football, track, volleyball and wrestling. His basketball career spanned 33 years coaching in 744 total games that resulted in an impressive 598-146 won-loss record. Over his 34-year career, Jim coached in 1,349 total games in all sports compiling a record of 1140-209, which equated to an incredible won-loss 82%. For these accomplishments Jim was named Michigan Coach of the Year, Regional Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools. In 2003, Jim was elected to the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame.

In addition to his coaching accomplishments, Jim has been a registered MHSAA Official since 1972 in football, basketball, track, cross country, volleyball and wrestling. He served as Little Oak League Coordinator for 28 years while still finding time to volunteer for Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

Jim is married to wife, Ardyce.



ASSISTANT COACH * DeWAYNE SMITH

River Rouge High School

The NBA has the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics. The NCAA has UCLA. What do these teams have in common? They win championships consistently. River Rouge High School also was a basketball dynasty. DeWayne A. Smith was a player and coach for many of River Rouges' championships.

Coach Smith played on legendary coach Lofton Green's first state championship team After graduating from Bowling Green University where he played basketball and tennis he returned to River Rouge to assist Coach Greene for 23 years. During his tenure as an assistant coach, River Rouge won nine state Class B championships. Coach Smith also coached the JV team compiling a record of 368 wins and only 92 losses. He coached River Rouge as the Varsity coach from 1984-1994.

Coach Smith was inducted into the High School Coaches Association in 1996 and served as president of the Michigan Sport Sages in 1996. DeWayne is also very active in his community serving on the Wayne County Library Commission and Allen Park Library Commission. DeWayne and wife Shirley have one child.



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FRIEND of BASKETBALL * JOE MAHAN **Ferndale**

Joe Mahan was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in 1993. BCAM would like to honor Joe on an outstanding accomplishment.

Joe has been announcing games at Ferndale for 56 years, which according to the National Federation of State High School Associations in Indianapolis, is the longest tenure of any high school basketball announcer in the nation.

Mahan is proud of his streak for two main reasons, the first being that he has been able to share it with his wife of 53 years, Barbara. The other reason Joe relishes his streak is that it is a platform to give recognition to his companions who work the tables or press boxes at high school games.

BCAM thanks Joe for his dedication to the game of basketball and for his outstanding accomplishment as the longest tenure announcing basketball games in the nation.



*** FRIENDS of BASKETBALL *** **ERNEST & BETTY PODOLAN** **New Haven High School**

Devotion to your school describes Ernest and Betty Podolan. Beginning in 1941, Ernest's devotion to New Haven High School began as he played basketball there until a shortened season in 1944 due to World War II. He earned a four-year Letter Award with three stripes for his accomplishments.

Betty began playing basketball in 1942 and continued to excel at the game until her graduation in 1946. She was also a cheerleader during that same period of time, earning her four-year Letter Award with four stripes.

Both have attended too many New Haven basketball games to count, as well as other school activities which they do "with much pride for our school and community". Ernie and Betty were inducted into the New Haven Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.

Ernie and Betty's family includes seven children, four grandchildren who have graduated from New Haven High School and now a third generation who are now attending.



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OFFICIAL * KEN "Cornish" SUDALL * Lansing

Successful officials have a love for the game, work hard and combine their duties with being a teacher to many young men and women at the same time. For the past 30 years, Ken "Cornish" Sudall exemplifies a successful official.

Ken's passion for basketball began as a player at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia and he continued playing at Millersville University from 1960-1964.

Soon after college he began his officiating career and quickly established himself as one of the best in his profession. After working the Pennsylvania State Finals in 1968, he was named "Official of the Year" in Pennsylvania. After moving to Michigan, Ken picked up where he left off and officiated the Michigan State Finals in 1982 and again in 1988.

With his expertise, Ken is seen as a leader of officiating around the Lansing area as well as the state. "Cornish" served as the first supervisor of officials in the Lansing Metro area in 1988 - present and is the pioneer of the three person officiating in the Lansing area. He founded "Camp Cornish", the only non-profit officials camp, dedicated to new officials using high school only rules and mechanics.

"Cornish" received the 20-year MHSAA Award in 1996. He has served as a Big Ten observer of officials for the past 14 years and is currently a WNBA observer of officials.

Ken's family includes his wife Sharon, sons Kevin, Eric and Patrick and daughters Kellie and Kim.



OFFICIAL * BOB WILLIAMS * Redford

Officials combine hard work and their love of the game to help teach young men and women how to be successful. Bob Williams is an official who has put these traits to work at the highest level for the past 33 years. Since 1970, Bob has been an active official at both the high school and college level.

Bob's leadership and love for teaching younger officials can be seen in the many clinics he has been a part of. Beginning in 1977, Bob served as the Director of Metro Detroit Basketball Officiating Clinic until 1984. He then took over as President of the Metro Athletic Officials Association until 2001. Since 2001, he has served as treasurer and secretary of the Metro Detroit Officials Association. Beginning in 1999 Bob served as a clinician at both the Basketball Officiating Camp at Oakland University and the Great Midwest Officiating Camp in Indiana. His leadership continues to this day, as he is a charter member of the Basketball Officials Coaches Communication Committee along with BCAM's Tom Hursey.

Many people have witnessed Bob's success as an official after watching him officiate 3 basketball State Finals in 1985, 1991 and 2003, 3 football State Finals in 1977, 1991 and 1995, as well as the baseball State Finals in 1977. He has also worked BCAM's All Star Festival games. In 1985, Bob was inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame. Bob's family includes his wife Karen and son Sean.



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MEDIA * NICK EDSON

Traverse City Record Eagle News



Since he was six years old, Nick Edson has had a passion for basketball. Serving as his father's JV basketball manager at Mancelona High School, Nick began working on his skills as a player. Four years after that he successfully transferred his playing skills to a lifelong career when he wrote his first basketball game story for the Antrim County News in 1965. From the 5th-8th grades he covered Mancelona basketball and football for the News.

Nick continued his playing career in high school as he earned four varsity letters in basketball at Mancelona High School. Overall, Nick earned 11 letters and was All-Conference in football, basketball and track.

After high school, Nick attended Central Michigan University where he honed his craft as sports editor and basketball writer for CM Life, 1973-1976. Upon graduation from Central, he worked as the sports editor at the Traverse City Record Eagle from 1976-2000. He served twice as president of the Michigan Press Sports Editor's Association as well as the Class A Basketball poll chairman for the Associated Press, 1983-2000. Over his career, Nick has won 32 writing awards by the Associated Press and the Michigan Press Association.

Currently, Nick is now writing as a columnist for the Leelanau Enterprise and as communications coordinator for Cherryland Electric Cooperative and is a Traverse City Rotary member as well as a volunteer for Big Brothers, Relay for Life and United Way.

Nick's family includes Lois, his wife of 27 years and children Amy, Chris and Kelli.

MEDIA * JIM MOYES

Muskegon Chronicle



Jim Moyes has covered high school basketball since 1956 for the Muskegon Chronicle. A few years later as an All-Area and All-Western Michigan Conference 1st team basketball player, Jim would play in a game, then go home and write the story before delivering it early in the morning by hand to the Chronicle. Jim had to hitchhike across town to the Chronicle since his father was disabled and his mother worked.

Upon his graduation from high school, Jim attended both Central Michigan and Michigan State Universities before entering the army in 1963 and serving in Vietnam in 1965. In 1967, Jim began a broadcasting career as the play-by-play announcer for Traverse City Central High School (WTCM).

Jim left Traverse City for North Muskegon in 1976 to go into private business and also began broadcasting high school football games. He covered tournament basketball games in 1977 before taking over full time play-by-play duties in 1978. Since 1978, the 23 Greater Muskegon football teams that have played in the state football finals have been proud to call Jim their announcer as well as the nine teams that he announced games for in the basketball state championships.

Moyes and his long time partner, Gene Young, were selected to broadcast the state basketball finals for the 2001 and 2002 State Championships on the MHSAA Basketball network. Jim has been a broadcaster for 36 years.

Jim's family includes his wife Mary and children Kirsten, Kasey, Jim and Joe.