

Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame celebrates its 20th Anniversary

it was in 1990 that the Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame organized to honor outstanding players, coaches, and supporters of Middlesboro sports.

They came up with a selection committee of 15 people that represented each era of Middlesboro sports, from the beginning of organized high schools sports in 1921 to the present.

Out of over 100 nominees, twenty-five people were voted into that original induction class. In honor of the 20th anniversary of the Hall, Pinnacle Sports View would like to show you that outstanding group again.

Robert Case Thomasson
1927-43



Thomasson was the head football coach and athletic director at Middlesboro High School. His record as the football coach was 100-64-16. He also coached boys basketball and boys and girls track. He also served as Middlesboro's superintendent for many years.

Arlee McFarland McKinney
1934-63



McKinney attended Tuskegee Institute, playing for national championship football teams in 1932 and 1933. He returned to Middlesboro in 1934 and accepted a teaching and coaching position at Lincoln High School. His first three teams won conference football titles and he continued to pro-

duce championship teams in football and basketball while at Lincoln.

Julian Pitzer
1944-76



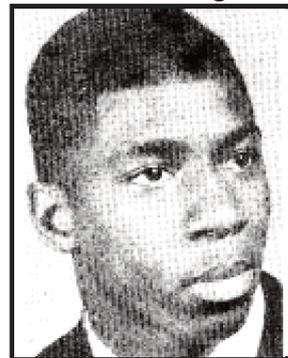
Pitzer was head baseball coach at Middlesboro High School from 1947-64 and the head golf coach from 1948-76.

He attended LMU in the mid-30's and was an outstanding college baseball player. After graduation, he played professional baseball from 1937-41. He was inducted into the LMU Hall of Fame for baseball in 1984.

Gregory Dwayne Page
1963-65

Page gathered many football honors: 1st Team All State, 1st Team

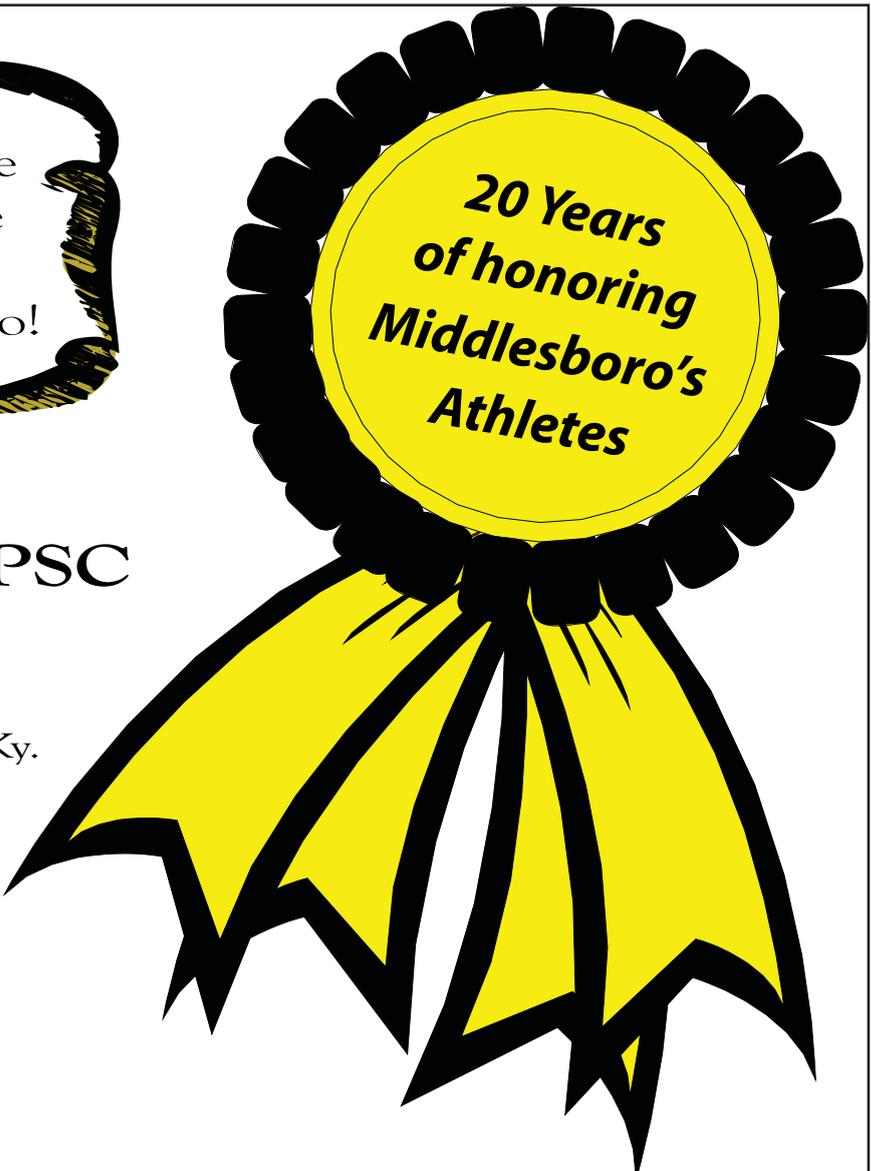
All-SEKC, SEKC Player of the Year, and Most Valuable Player in the East-West Allstar Classic. He was also an outstanding basketball



and baseball player for the Yellow Jackets. He accepted a football scholarship offer to the University of Kentucky. In 1979, the University named the Greg Page Stadium View Apartments as a tribute in his memory.

You can read more about the charter class of the Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame beginning on page 11 of this issue

Congratulations and thanks to the Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame for 20 years of service to the athletes and citizens of Middlesboro!



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Lisa Lynn Stogner
1977-80



Stogner was a four year basketball starter for the Lady Jackets. She scored 1,372 career points and 750 career rebounds. She was named All State, 4 times All District, and 3 times All SEKC.

Tom (Chalk) Stapleton
1954-57, Player 1969-80, Coach



Stapleton was head football coach and the athletic director at Middlesboro. His football coaching record is 94-40-2. He was SEKC coach of the year five times. He was Kentucky AA coach of the year in 1974 and 1975 when his football teams were state runners-up. He also coached Middlesboro's golf team to a state title in 1977. He played football, baseball, basketball and track and field in high school. He accepted a football scholarship to Indiana.

Theodore (Ty) Disney
1925-27

Disney was Middlesboro High School's first all state football player. He was first team all state and All Cumberland Valley Conference. He was captain of the football team and a starting pitcher for the baseball team. He pitched a no hit, no run game in 1927. Disney accepted a football scholarship to Tennessee. He later became head football coach at Greeneville (Tn) High School.

Zan Edwards
1926-29

Edwards was a member of

Middlesboro's first CVC championship football team in 1929. He was twice selected first team All CVC in football and basketball. Centre College offered Edwards a scholarship.

James C. (Squatty) Turner
1930-33

Turner was Middlesboro's first player to be selected to the All CVC football team three straight times. He was also selected to the all state team three times in football. He accepted a scholarship to Kentucky, but later transferred to Centre College to play football.

Leonard Coffman
1931-34

Coffman was known as a punishing hitter and an outstanding runner for the Yellow Jackets. He was an all state and All CVC player. Coffman played college football for Tennessee. He was first team All SEC in 1938 and 1939. Coffman was inducted into the UT Hall of Fame in 1985.

Jake Dean
1924-27



Dean played on Middlesboro High School's first championship football team. That team won the mountain championship in 1925. He was selected to an all state team and the All Cumberland Valley Conference team. He was Middlesboro's captain that year. He was also a great baseball player. The 1927 baseball team he played on went undefeated.

Glen Webb
1933-36

Webb helped anchor the line on Middlesboro's 1935 team that scored 17 touchdowns, nine extra points, and a safety in a 113-0 victory over Wallins Creek. Twice in football he was chosen first team all state and first team All CVC. Webb is one of only five Middlesboro football players chosen 1st team all state two consecutive years.

Frank (Big Dog) Jacobs
1925-28



Jacobs played on Middlesboro High Schools's first championship football team, the Mountain championship team of 1925. He was a multi-talented athlete: a halfback in football, a forward in basketball, and an outfielder on the undefeated 1927 baseball team. He also ran several events in track.

Clyde (Ig) Fuson
1937-40

Fuson was selected all state in football three times and All CVC three times. He was CVC player of the year and was captain of the football and basketball teams. He was all district and all region in basketball three times. He was state runnerup in the shotput in 1940 after setting a regional record. He accepted a football scholarship to Tennessee and was the outstanding player in the 1943 Sugar Bowl.

Herschel (Ug) Fuson
1938-41



Fuson has probably received more national sports honors than any other athlete ever at Middlesboro High School. A football captain, and both all state and All CVC selection while in high school. He was first team All America in football and lacrosse at West Point. He played regularly on the undefeated Army football teams of 1944-46. He was the starting center in 1944 and moved to the backfield in 1945 where he made All America. He accepted a scholarship to Tennessee after high school and

later transferred to West Point.

Everett (Eb) Nagle
1929-32



Nagle was twice selected to an all state and an All CVC football team while at Middlesboro. He was a captain on the football team and was on their first CVC championship team in 1929.

Charlie Rogers
1927-30



Rogers was Middlesboro's first two time all state football player. In addition to being two time all state, he was named to the All CVC team twice. Rogers was MVP of the regional track meet in 1930 where he won the discus, javelin and shot put and finished second in the 440 yard dash. His shot put throw set a regional meet record. He accepted a scholarship from Tennessee.

Unis Saylor
1943-46

Saylor was known as a hard-nosed player. He was twice 1st team All CVC in football. The Middlesboro football teams he played on finished 20-6-1, won three Cumberland Valley Conference championships, and participated in Middlesboro's first bowl game, the Lexington Shrine Bowl. Basketball teams he was a part of went 51-10. Saylor was multi-talented athlete. He received a football scholarship from Kentucky.

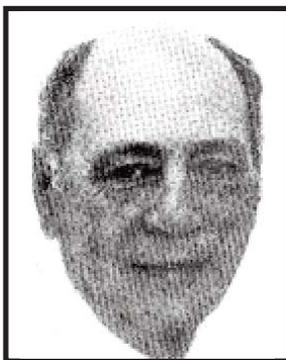
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Eugene Spriggs
1933-36

Spriggs was a hard-hitting football player for Coach Arlee McKinney at Lincoln High School. He was selected to the All Cumberland Valley Conference team from 1934-36 and also played on three Lincoln championship teams in the CVC. Spriggs was also a centerfielder for the Middlesboro Blue Sox semipro baseball team in the 1940's.

Bill Ausmus
1943-46



Ausmus started all 36 games Middlesboro played during his high school career. He was a three time all state and All Cumberland Valley Conference performer. He twice led the CVC in tackles and in 1945 he led the conference in scoring and was placed on the All Southern high school football team. He was a three time captain of both the football and basketball teams and was a two time first team all state selection in basketball. He played football for Bear Bryant at Kentucky and basketball for Ed Diddle at Western Kentucky. He played for two pro basketball teams and pro baseball in the Chicago Cubs farm system. He also served as an assistant football coach at Middlesboro in 1965

when the team finished as a state runnerup.

Jack E. Carey
1942-45

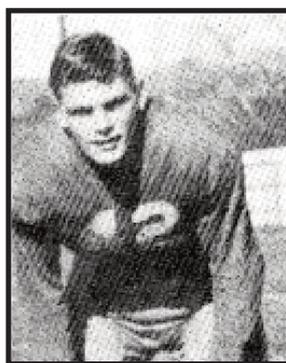


Carey was a major factor in Middlesboro winning three Cumberland Valley Conference football championships. He was first team all state and All CVC in football. He was also an outstanding basketball player for the Jackets in the 1943-45 seasons. Carey accepted a football scholarship to Georgetown College and later returned to Middlesboro as an assistant coach before later becoming a head coach at Hazard High School.

Bobby Walker
1949-52

During his senior year, Walker scored 114 points and averaged over 9 yards per carry to crack the 1000 yard barrier for the season. He was chosen first team all state, and all SEKC. He was also the SEKC back of the year, and their outstanding player of the year. He was an honorable mention high school All American. He was also chosen to play in the East-West Classic. He accepted a scholarship offer from the University of Kentucky and was their starting fullback in 1955. He was the SEC player of the week that season on two occasions; once against Tennessee and the other against Auburn.

Bill Rector
1945-48



Rector started and played on three CVC championship football teams. He was selected first team all state and All Cumberland Valley Conference. He was captain of the Yellow Jackets football team and played on their first bowl team in the Lexington Shrine Bowl. In 1947, he was placed on the All Southern high school football team. His skills were not restricted to football as he was also an outstanding basketball player.

Warren Wylie Campbell
1925-54

Campbell was head football coach and athletic director at Middlesboro High School. His football coaching record iw 81-21-2. He led Middlesboro to its first bowl game, Lexington Shrine Bowl, in 1945. His football teams won four CVC championships and he coached them to Middlesboro's only unbeaten and untied season in 1952. He was CVC coach of the year and later the Southeastern Kentucky Conference. Campbell was an assistant football coach at Middlesboro for 19 years before becoming the head coach. He also served as head coach for both boys and girls basketball and for baseball.

After retiring from coaching, Campbell served as the principal of the junior high school.

George Cadle
1962-65



Cadle was Mr. Golf for the Yellow Jackets. In 1964 he tied for the Kentucky high school state title, but lost out in a sudden death play-off. He won two regional titles and a SEKC championship. He placed third in the Kentucky State Championship in 1965 and led the qualifying for Section 8 of the Kentucky Amateur. Cadle won the Kentucky Jaycees Junior tournament and the TriState Invitational. He was the first winner of the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Golf Tournament at Pineville. He also played on the professional golf circuit.

In football, Cadle was selected to the all state team and was twice named all SEKC. He accepted a scholarship to Houston, but later transferred to Tennessee.

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