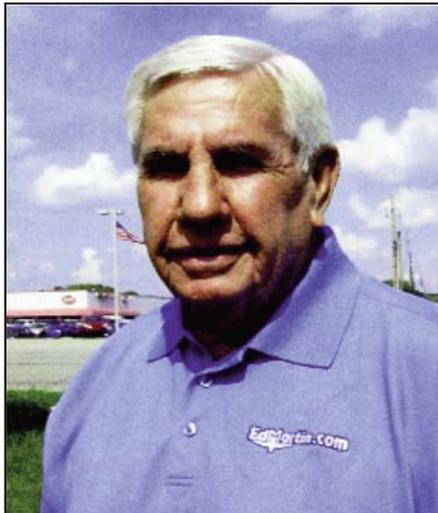


Gulley, Coleman, Dean, Blake & Smith to join sports Hall of Fame

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The Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame was established for the purpose of honoring past players, coaches, and supporters of Middlesboro sports. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to present the 2007 inductees for the Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame.



Jack Gulley ~ 1949

Football and Basketball

Gulley played football and basketball at Middlesboro. He played four years on the football team as a fullback on offense, and linebacker/tackle on defense. He had twelve 100 yard games in his career and was named to the All Cumberland Valley Conference Team. He was also a member of Middlesboro's 1945 Lexington Shrine

Bowl Team.

The Yellow Jacket teams he played on had a combined record of 28 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie. They won two Cumberland Valley Conference championships (1945,1946). Jack accepted a football scholarship to the University of Kentucky.



Samuel R. Coleman, Jr. ~ 1972

Football, Basketball, Baseball & Track

Coleman was involved in Middlesboro athletics pretty much year 'round during his time as a Yellow Jacket. He played end in football, outfield in baseball, was a long jumper in track and as a forward on the basketball team was named 1st Team All SEKC, 1st Team All District and 2nd

Team All Region.

Sam earned a basketball scholarship to Hiwassee Junior College and later moved on to Tennessee Wesleyan where he played both basketball and baseball.

John Dean ~ 1980

Football, Baseball and Wrestling

Dean was a running back on offense and a linebacker on defense for the football Jackets. He also was used as a punter. He played four years of Middlesboro football, only missing the first game of his first year in high school. He was 1st Team All SEKC in his junior and senior years, honorable mention All State as a junior, and 2nd Team All State as a senior. He was the football team's defensive captain both his junior and senior years. His 1978 Yellow Jackets won the SEKC and were also District III champions.

John was also selected as Middlesboro High School's Male Athlete of the Year in both 1979 and 1980.

As a catcher and cleanup hitter for the baseball Yellow Jackets (in one game he even hit home runs in his first three times at bat), he was named to the All SEKC tournament team as those Jacket baseball teams claimed one SEKC Championship, three district championships, and one regional championship. The Cincinnati Reds even invited him to one of their tryouts when he was only 17 years old.

Wrestling in the heavyweight division,

John posted an impressive won-lost record of 114 and 12, with the twelve losses coming in his freshman year or in state tournament competition. He won three district and two regional championships and advanced to wrestle twice in the state tournament as a heavyweight. he won numerous invitational wrestling tournaments in Ohio, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky and was named the most valuable wrestler at many of these events. He was invited to Iowa to try out for the USA Junior Olympic Team when he was a junior, but declined because it conflicted with his summer baseball schedule. He was named to the "Who's Who of High School Wrestling". He was highly regarded at this time as a wrestler both in the state of Kentucky as well as across the entire southern USA.

Despite being recruited in all three sports, John did not accept any of the offers and did not attend college.

Sim Blake ~ 1987

Football

Blake played linebacker, offensive guard and fullback along with being a kick returner. In 1985 he was named Middlesboro's most improved football player. By 1986 he was the team's defensive back of the year and was named to the "Who's Who in High School Football. Eight times he was the local radio station's Player of the Game.

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Sports Hall of Fame

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In both 1985 and 1986 Sim was named to the All SEKC and Courier-Journal All State teams.

He received a football scholarship to Carson-Newman College, but was unable to play because of reconstructive knee surgery. He went on to graduate from Lincoln Memorial University and was later an assistant strength coach for the football program at the University of Kentucky while he was working on his master's degree.

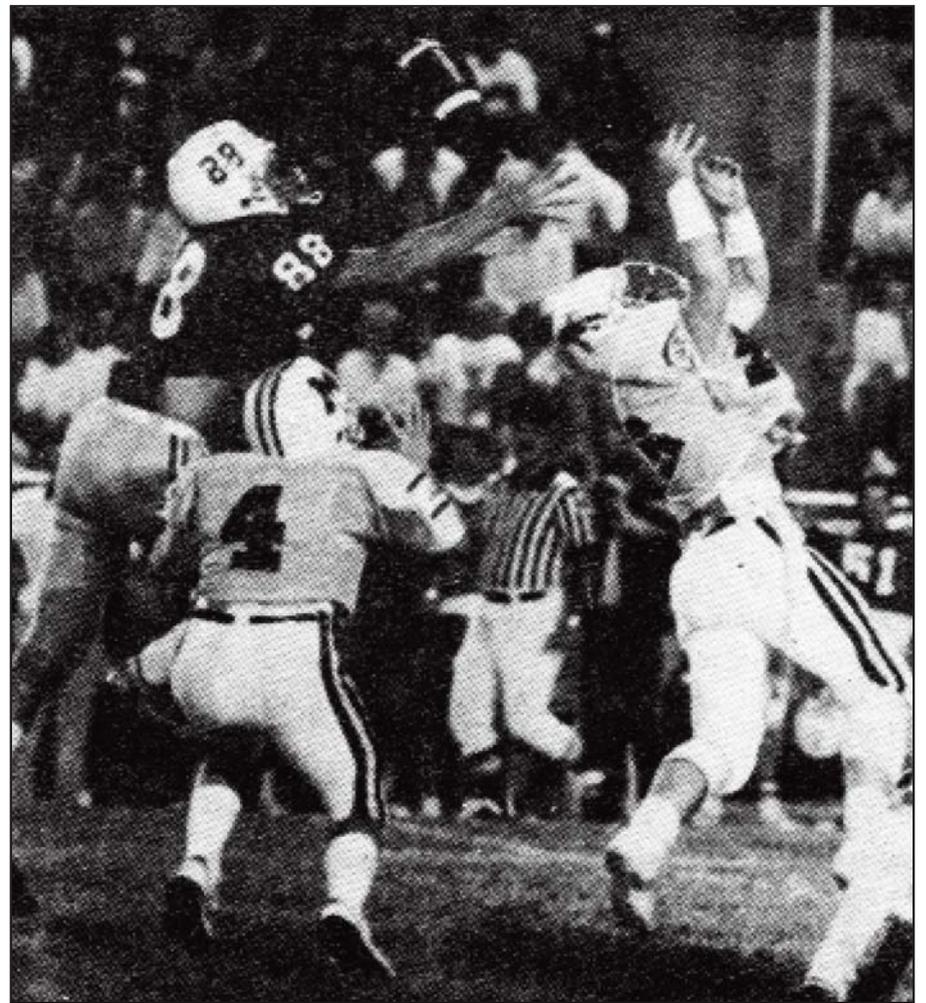
John Smith ~ 1992

Baseball

Smith was a five year starter on the Yellow Jacket baseball team as he began his varsity baseball career as an 8th grader. He was a pitcher, catcher and third baseman and was selected All SEKC three times, All District four times, All Region three times and All State twice. In 1992 he was MVP of District 51, Region 13, Section 4 and made the All State Final Four team. Team honors that year included Best Offensive Player, Best Defensive Player, Pitcher of the Year and Most Valuable Player. He held school records as a pitcher for most wins in a season (12), most career wins (31), lowest earned run average (2.01), most innings pitched one season (93), most innings pitched career (286), most strikeouts one season (145) and most strikeouts career (364). He also held offensive

records for most doubles in a season (15), most doubles career (42), most runs batted in career (141), most career walks (104), fewest times striking out career (93), and the dubious distinction of having been hit by a pitch most in one season (10). His school records placed him high in the state of Kentucky state records where his career wins ranked him in the top five for career pitching wins, strikeout totals, and earned run average. John received a scholarship to then Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands) where he pitched and played third base. He is the current head baseball coach at Whitley County High School.

The induction ceremonies will take place October 12th & 13th with festivities beginning with a downtown parade on Friday afternoon, followed by recognition of the inductees at halftime of the Middlesboro football game. Then, Saturday night at 6:30pm the official induction ceremony and dinner will take place at Middlesboro High School. Tickets to the induction ceremony and dinner are \$10 each and may be purchased from any selection committee member. Tickets are very limited and should be purchased as early as possible.



Claiborne County's #88 John Fugate stretches for the football, but Middlesboro's Sim Blake (right side of picture) has already tipped the ball to prevent the completion. Denny Turner (#4) was in position to make the tackle in the event the pass had been completed. This action took place in Middlesboro's 42-13 win over Claiborne County during the 1986 Festival Classic Bowl on a night when Lee Majors crowned Mary Dee Latiff the homecoming queen. *PSV Archival Photo*

The Middlesboro Sports Hall of Fame, Inc.

Invites you to join them as they honor the 2007 inductees

Bobby Jack Gulley ~ 1949

Samuel R. Coleman ~ 1972

John Dean ~ 1980

Sim Blake ~ 1987

John Smith ~ 1992

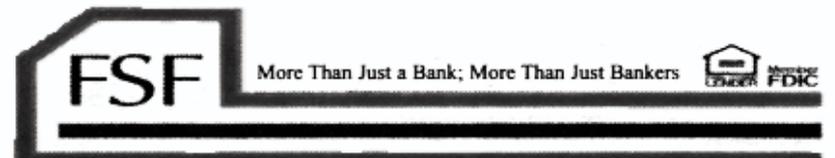
Friday October 12th

Parade for Inductees to Bradner Stadium - 5:45pm
Introduction of Inductees at halftime of MHS-Cawood game
Social hour after the game at Middlesboro Country Club

Saturday October 13th

Hall of Fame Club annual meeting and breakfast for inductees
9am at J. Milton Steak and Buffet
Hall of Fame Golf Scramble @ Middlesboro Country Club
immediately following the Inductee breakfast
Official Induction Ceremony and Dinner - 6:30pm - MHS

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