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OHSBCA ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME FOR 2012

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association is proud to announce the coaches and the date for the Hall of Fame Induction of the Class of 2012. The four high school coaches being inducted are: Tom Davis of East Canton High School, Richard Kiser of Eastern Brown High School, Rick Van Matre of Greenfield McClain High School and Jack Van Reeth of West Holmes High School. The Induction Ceremony of the 26th Class will take place at the Columbus Airport Marriott at 1375 N Cassady Ave in Columbus, OH on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Paul Wayne at 419-264-2547 or pwayne@holgateschools.org. Tickets are \$35 per person.

Below are the biographies of each of the inductees.

Thanks for your help.

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Tom Davis

Coach Davis started the girls basketball program at East Canton in 1975 and was both the Varsity and the JV coach for the first several years. The first season, they won one game. The second year they won six games and a Sectional Title. They went on to win 33 consecutive Sectional Championships and a total of 34 in his 36 years of coaching. His teams were District Champions 15 times, League Champions 17 times, Regional Champs twice and State Runner-up in Division IV in 1995 and 2006. In 1995, they were undefeated until the State Final and lost in OT to undefeated Jackson Center and finished 27-1. His Assistant Coach that year, Robert L. Jordan, was his former Varsity Coach when he played at East Canton. His Assistant Coach when they were Runner-up in 2006 was a former All-Ohio player of his, Angela Lantzer Moldovan. Seven of his former players returned to East Canton to coach with him during his career.

His wife Jean and he were both graduates of East Canton High School. They married in 1974 after Jean graduated from The Ohio State University and Tom graduated from Denison University. They both taught at East Canton. The last eight years of his coaching career, he was also the Superintendent of Osnaburg Local Schools (East Canton). They have two children. Tara was a 1000 point scorer for the Wizards and played on the 1995 State Runner-up team. Jarrod was a four year starter for the East Canton Hornets at point guard. Both were selected to the Division IV Academic All-Ohio teams. Jarrod and his wife Lindsay have one child, their beautiful one year old Avery Grace Davis.

At East Canton, the basketball team was 17-1 in Tom's Senior year under Coach Jordan. At Denison University he started every varsity football game for four years and was the team MVP his senior year. As a basketball coach, he never missed a game although once he did miss a postgame team talk because his wife was in labor and he had to get her to the hospital. Even his four operations for colon cancer were able to be scheduled in the off-season so he could continue coaching.

Coach Davis was selected as Ohio Division IV Coach of the Year by the OHSBCA in 1992, 1995, and 2006. Three times The AP chose him as the Ohio Div IV Coach of the Year in 1995, 2001, and 2007. He also received the Bob Arnzen Longevity Award. Tom coached in the OHSBCA North-South game in 1991. In 2009, The Board of Education surprised him by naming the playing floor in the high school gym of the new school building, the Tom Davis Court with his signature along both sidelines. His final Varsity record is 624-230.

Coach Davis believed in an up tempo offense, full court pressure and usually played an aggressive zone or match-up defense. He felt that each of his athletes had a specific role to play for their team to be successful. In his career he had many talented players capable of filling multiple roles. Twenty-seven of his girls earned All-Ohio honors. Ten East Canton Wizards scored over 1000 points in their careers. His girls were always very dedicated and bought in to his philosophy of outworking other teams in order to be successful and were willing to make the sacrifices necessary to be the best that they could be.

Richard Kiser

Richard graduated from Eastern Brown in 1968 where he played basketball and ran track. In 1974 he graduated from Wilmington College and returned to Eastern to begin his teaching and coaching career.

Richard spent all 36 years of his teaching and coaching in the Eastern Brown Local School District. He spent 3 years coaching junior high boys and girls before becoming the Eastern Girls Varsity Coach. During those 33 years, he also coached freshman boys basketball, reserve girls basketball, varsity girls volleyball, and girls track. In girls' track, he coached two state qualifiers and captured several Southern Hills Athletic League titles.

During those 33 years, the Lady Warriors won 601 games with 167 losses, 20 Southern Hills Athletic League titles, 19 sectional titles, 10 district titles, 3 regional titles and was state runner-up in 2000.

Among the coaching awards he received were 11 Southern Hills Athletic League, 8 District, 2 AP, 2 OHSBCA and 1 OHSAA Coach of the Year awards. He was selected to coach the Ohio-Kentucky game, the Ohio-West Virginia game and the North-South game. He was selected Cincinnati Post Class A Coach of the Year 4 times and the Cincinnati Enquirer Coach of the Year 1 time. He was selected to represent the State of Ohio as the NFHS Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine Hall of Fame as well as the Brown County Hall of Fame. He also received the Bob Arnzen Longevity Award and the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards from the OHSBCA.

Throughout his coaching career, Coach Kiser has always stressed that the team is no better than its weakest player. He has worked hard to find ways for each player to contribute to the team's success. To challenge his teams, as well as each player, he scheduled the best teams in Northern Kentucky as well as Ohio.

Richard has been married to his wife, Peggy for 35 years. They have two sons, Clay and Clint and two daughter-in-laws, Kelli and Melinda. They have four grandchildren: Emma, Olivia, Gaven and Matthew..

Rick Van Matre

One of the most intense coaches in the state of Ohio, Rick Van Matre led his teams to 472 victories in his 28 years as head coach of Greenfield McClain. In fact, all of Rick's tenure as a head coach was spent building and guiding the McClain Tigers. During those 28 years he lost 170 games and had only one losing season.

Rick graduated from Meigs High School in 1971 where he played basketball and baseball. He graduated from Rio Grande College in 1976 where he played 4 years of baseball. Upon graduating from Rio Grande he worked his way up the ranks of coaching. He spent one year as a junior high coach at Meigs and four years as Reserve Varsity Coach at Gallia Academy High School.

In 1982, Coach Van Matre's first year as head coach, he was selected AP Division II Coach of the Year. He received this honor again in 2007. He coached the North-South All-Star Game in 1987 and the Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game in 2007. He is a member of the McDonald's Classic Hall of Fame and District 14 Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

His teams won eight South Central Ohio League (SCOL) Championships, 16 Sectional Championships, eight District Championships, and were Regional Runner-Ups three times. In 1987 and 2007 his teams were undefeated in regular season play.

Coach Van Matre believes that success is a collaborative effort. It is important to surround yourself with good people and always hunger to learn more. His teams were known for their defense and thus his philosophy of coaching was simple. He started at the defensive end of the floor and built his teams from there. His teams were well-disciplined and played with mental and physical toughness.

Rick and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 33 years. They have one son, Andrew, who is attending the University of Cincinnati.

Jack Van Reeth

Jack Van Reeth is known as the only coach in Ohio to have won the State Tournament in both Girls and Boys Basketball. His record for coaching Boys is 386 wins and 165 losses and Girls, 458 wins and 94 losses. Retiring after 49 years of coaching, Jack's career record is 844 wins and 259 losses. His boys team at Dresden won the State Tournament in 1963. Best known for his years at West Holmes, his Girls team won State Tournament in 1984, 1985 and 1986. They hold the record of most consecutive wins in a row of 108. Van Reeth was named Ohio Coach of the Year, and others. He coached in the State All Star Games in both Boys and Girls Basketball. Jack was awarded the Paul Walker Award, the Bob Arnzen Award, the District 5 Hall of Fame, and the New Concord Distinguished Hall of Fame Award. Jack officiated in football for 50 years and still is actively officiating in Track and Cross Country.

Married to his college sweetheart, he is the proud papa of three children and seven grandchildren.