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IHSBCA PRESS RELEASE: HALL OF FAME 2014

The Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association has announced its 2014 Hall of Fame class. The induction ceremony will be held on January 24, 2014 as a part of the annual IHSBCA state clinic at the Sheraton at Keystone of the Crossing (Indianapolis, IN). The Hall of Fame Banquet begins at 7:00 PM and also features Coach of the Year presentations and Victory Club recipients. This year's class is comprised of 4 high school coaches and a former professional player.

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DAVE BISCHOFF (New Haven High School) Active Coach

Dave graduated from Belmont High School in 1975 where he played several sports. Coach Dave went on to play college baseball at IPFW and graduated in 1980. His coaching career began at Norwell High School where he was an assistant coach until 1985 when he became the head coach a New Haven High School and just completed his 29th as a head coach.

Dave's New Haven teams have won 533 games, 10 Sectionals, 3 Regional and made 3 Final Four appearances. He was the North All-Star coach in the 2010 North/South series. Coach Dave has had two of his players go on to play Pro ball and 51 of his players have played college baseball. Coach Bischoff is most proud that 22 of his former players have coached at the high school level and four are coaching at the college level.

Dave served the IHSBCA by being a District Rep for 10 years, then moved on to the association vice-president role for three years and was the IHSBCA President in 2005-06.

LOU GIOVANINI (Columbus East High School) Retired Coach

Lou graduated from Clinton H.S. and then attended Indiana State U. where he played both baseball and basketball. After college Lou coaches at Columbus east H.S. for 23 years. His East baseball teams won 513 and lost only 146. He won 14 Sectionals, 9 Regionals, and 3 Semi-States. Lou's baseball teams won Hoosier Hills Conference titles 8 times. Nine times he was selected as the conference Coach of the Year. His baseball teams won 20 or more games 15 times. Lou was a coach of the IHSBCA South All-Stars in 1979. He served on many IHSBCA committees and also served as a District Rep for 5 years.

Coach Giovanini also was the head basketball coach at Columbus East. He took both his baseball and basketball teams to the State Finals.



GARY DEHAVEN (Benton Central HS)

Retired Coach

Gary is a native on Huntington, Indiana and served in the coaching profession for 42 years with 37 of those being in the role of a head coach. He spent four seasons at Hamilton High School, 7 years at Kankakee Valley High School, and the last 26 campaigns at Benton Central High School.

During those times he compiled a 601 win and 429 loss record. He won 15 sectional titles, 1 regional crown, and 12 conference championships. This included IHSBCA District COTY honors 4 times and conference COTY 9 times. He coached 3 players that were drafted and sent numerous players to the collegiate level. Eight of his players were selected Indiana All-Stars and he has served as an All-Star coach. He also served the IHSBCA in various committee and district representative roles.

RODNEY "COOL BREEZE" SCOTT(Arlington HS) Retired Professional Player

Rodney Scott played five different positions and changed uniforms six times during an eight-year stint in the major leagues. A three-sport star for Indianapolis Arlington High School, Scott helped the Golden Knights to a City title in basketball and a baseball sectional title in baseball. Scott signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Vincennes, but after the Kansas City Royals picked him in the 11th-round in the 1972 draft, he decided on a baseball career. He spent four years in the minors, stealing a total of 85 bases. In March 1977 the Expos swapped him to Texas. Eleven days later the Rangers swapped him to Oakland. He batted .261 for the Athletics in his first full big league campaign and finished sixth in the AL with 33 stolen bases.

Oakland traded Scott to the Cubs prior to 1978. He divided the year between Chicago and Wichita, Kan. (American Association), averaging .282 in 78 games for the Cubs. He was on the move again that December when Chicago sent him to Montreal. For the next two years he was the Expos' everyday second baseman. He batted .238 in 1979 and .224 1980, when his 13 triples tied for the NL lead. In 1980 Scott stole 63 bases, while Montreal left fielder Ron LeFlore swiped 97 in 1980 for a combined total of 160 – a big league record for teammates.

During the strike-shortened 1981 campaign, when Montreal lost to the Dodgers in the NL Championship Series, Scott stole 30 bases in 95 games. He batted just .205, however, and in 1982 the Expos released him after 14 games. That June he signed a minor league deal with the Yankees and hit .192 in 10 contests for New York before the Yanks dropped him in August. In 1983 Scott was back in the Montreal system, playing for the Expos' top farm club in Wichita. Scott, who stole 205 bases in 690 major league contests, believed shortstop was his best position. John Mayberry, a Kansas City teammate, nicknamed Scott "Cool Breeze" for his unflappable outlook.

HENRY AYRES (Chrisney HS / Heritage Hills HS)

Retired Coach

Henry was a 1957 graduate of Lewisport KY HS. He received his B.A. in 1962 from Kentucky Wesleyan College and was also a 4 year letter winner in baseball. In 1966 he obtained his M.S. from Indiana University.

He coached 31 years at Chrisney High School and then, upon consolidation in 1973, he continued his coaching career at Heritage Hills High School where he was also the athletic director. During that time he compiled a 473 – 201 coaching record. He won 21 PVC conference titles, 6 sectional titles, and 1 regional title. He was regional coach of the year 3 times.

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