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GHS adds six members to Athletic Hall of Fame

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Glasgow High School inducted six new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony Sunday afternoon in the GHS auditorium. New members include: Kay Bush (Class of 1974), Chuck Jones (Class of 1976), Keith Mansfield (Class of 1980), Bryan Baysinger (Class of 1989), Susan Bryant Knabel (Class of 1996) and Glasgow baseball coach Sam Royse (1984-present). Pictured from left: Jean Mansfield (mother of Keith Mansfield); Bryan Baysinger; Susan Bryant Knabel; Tom Jones and Curt Jones (brothers of Chuck Jones); Kay Bush; and Sam Royse.

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New members include: Kay Bush (Class of 1974), Chuck Jones (Class of 1976), Keith Mansfield (Class of 1980), Bryan Baysinger (Class of 1989), Susan Bryant Knabel (Class of 1996) and Glasgow baseball coach Sam Royse (1984-present).

“I’m always amazed at the talented student-athletes that Glasgow High School continuously produces over the years and also in year’s past,” GHS Principal Amy Allen said. “We are proud of the Scottie tradition of academic and athletic excellence that started over 100 years ago.

“It is because of our inductees that that tradition thrives today ... I’m grateful for the solid foundation that they laid for our present and future Scotties.”

GHS Athletic Director Craig Cassady welcomed everyone to the ceremony and described the athletic achievements of the new inductees.

Kay Bush was a standout athlete in track and field. In 1973, she competed and lettered on the first track and field team. Her senior year, Bush took first place at the SKAC meet where she threw the discus 110 feet, 10 inches. She later became the first GHS female athlete to qualify for the KHSAA track and field state meet, finishing second in the regional meet.

Following her senior year, Bush received a scholarship to throw discus at Western Kentucky University, where she lettered in track and field from 1975-1978. She broke the school record for discus during the 1975-76 season, and tied her record the following year with a throw of 122 feet, 10 inches. Bush broke that record in 1978 with a throw of 124.5 feet.

“You don’t get to where you are today without a village,” Bush said during the ceremony. “And I had a village of friends, faculty members that were always pushing me to always be better than I was the day before.”

Chuck Jones was a standout football player as well as track and field athlete. He is best known as a defensive lineman and was named an all-state honorable mention after his sophomore season. In 1975, Jones was voted as Glasgow High School football’s Best Defensive Lineman, Jaycees Outstanding Young Kentuckian Nomination-Honorable Mention for Athletic Achievement and all-state second team defense.

During his senior year, Jones was named all-state first team defense and played in the Kentucky All-Star Game as a defensive lineman and linebacker. He was the highest nationally ranked defensive recruit for the University of Tennessee and was also recruited by the University of Kentucky, Vanderbilt University, University of Louisville, University of North Carolina, Clemson University, University of Georgia and Western Kentucky University.

In 1976, Jones signed a football scholarship to play at UK and was a four-year letterman. He started at linebacker for three games on a team that won the Peach Bowl. In 2008, he became a member of the Barren County-Glasgow Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jones was unable to attend the ceremony, but he wrote a letter that was read by Mike Harris, who is on the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee.

“I enjoyed many great years at GHS,” Jones wrote, adding that his teammates had contributed to “winning seasons, and were key to making GHS a highly respected program in Kentucky.”

“I could not have had the opportunities that were handed to me without my fellow teammates and coaches. I would like to thank Coach Sam Royse and Craig Cassady for nominating me for this fine honor, but most of all, I would to thank God for giving me the ability to play the game and place me in a tremendous community with the best coaches and mentors of their day.”

Keith Mansfield was a standout baseball and football player at GHS. In 1979, he was named to the All-SKAC team in baseball as well as the all-district team. Mansfield was also named to the all-state honorable mention team in football. During his senior year, he was once again named to the All-SKAC baseball team and all-district team while having the highest on-base average and most stolen bases. In football, he earned the Hardee’s Most Valuable Player Award, five Golden Helmet awards, was named to the football Hall of Fame and was selected as an all-state honorable mention.

In 1980, Mansfield earned a scholarship to play baseball at Kentucky State University where he played second base and short stop.

Bryan Baysinger was a standout golfer for GHS from 1984-89. As a seventh-grader, he won the KGA/PGA Junior Amateur 13 and under event, the AJGA French Lick Junior Invitational 14 and under event, placed third in the AJGA Bluegrass Invitational 14 and under event and was the KHSAA 4th Region tournament runner-up.

When he began his high school career in 1986, Baysinger was the PGA National Junior State Qualifier champion and national finalist, SKAC tournament runner-up, placed second in the KGA/PGA Junior Amateur 14-15 event and became a member of Kentucky’s tri-state team. His sophomore year, he was once again a member of Kentucky’s tri-state team, as well as Kentucky’s Big I Youth Classic State runner-up and national finalist, SKAC tournament champion, and the KHSAA 4th region tournament champion.

In 1988, Baysinger won Kentucky's Big I Youth Classic State Championship and was a national finalist, SKAC tournament champion, second place in the KGA/PGA Junior and competed on Kentucky's tri-state team. During his senior year, he won the Kentucky High School Invitational Tournament, was the KGA/PGA Pro Junior Champion, SKAC tournament runner-up and tied for second in the KHSAA State Golf Tournament.

Baysinger signed a scholarship to play golf at WKU where he was second in team stroke average. He took fifth place in the University of Cincinnati Collegiate Golf Championships, fourth place in the Sun Belt Tournament, fourth place in the Eastern Kentucky University Golf Classic, second place in the Kentucky Collegiate and a member of the All-Sun Belt Conference team. In 1991, Baysinger won the Southeast Missouri State Proctor & Gamble/Bent Creek Intercollegiate and finished third in the University of Cincinnati Collegiate Golf Championship.

After leading the Hilltoppers in stroke average during his first three seasons, he was named team captain his senior year and finished in fifth place in the Sun Belt Tournament Championship, third place in the Marshall Invitational and won the University of Evansville Oak Meadow Intercollegiate Championship. He was also the Smith Corona Golf Coaches Association of America All-American Scholar and was again named to the All-Sun Belt Conference team. From 1990-93, he qualified for every tournament while at WKU with two wins, six top-five finishes and five top-10 finishes.

Since graduating from WKU, Baysinger has won the local Dr. C.G. Follis Men's Golf Invitational in 1987, 1992, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

"First and foremost, this afternoon I would like to thank God," Baysinger said during the ceremony. "It is only through his divine grace and eternal mercy that I am here on a day I never imagined.

"Thank you to the committee who reviewed my career and felt it worthy of this amazing honor. I'd like to congratulate all of today's inductees and those already in the Hall of Fame. So many of them I consider friends, classmates, former neighbors and people I have admired my whole life."

Susan Bryant Knabel never lost a high school tennis match in the regular season and regional play from 1993-96. Before she graduated as a top-five student from GHS in the Class of 1996, she collected the following awards and accolades: winner of the SKAC Tennis Championship while in the fifth through 12th grade; runner-up at the high school regional tennis tournament in sixth and seventh grade; winner of the SKY Tennis Championship in eighth through 12th grade; winner of the Kentucky Tennis Association/Kentucky Tennis Hall of Fame's Most Improved Girl Award in 1992; winner of the high school regional tennis tournament in eighth through 12th grade; four-time member of the Junior Federation Cup representing the state of Kentucky in national competition from 1993-96; winner of the Kentucky Tennis Association/Kentucky Tennis Hall of Fame's Scholastic Achievement Award in 1994; and runner-up of the Kentucky State High School Tennis Tournament in 1994.

In 1996, Knabel was ranked No. 1 in the Girls' 18 singles in Kentucky, ranked No. 30 in Girls' 18 singles in the Southern Region, obtained a USTA National Ranking of 153 in Girls' 18 singles, and was inducted into the Trans Financial Hall of Fame for Outstanding Senior Athlete.

Upon graduation, Knabel played No. 1 singles and doubles for Lipscomb University and led the Bison tennis team to its first-ever bid to the NAIA National Tournament in 1997. In 1998, she was inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society. In 2000, she won the James R. Byers Award for Top Senior Athlete at Lipscomb University and she graduated magna cum laude.

"My tennis career was full of ups and downs, and while much of my young life was indeed spent on the tennis court, I was aware that there was so much more to life off the tennis court," Knabel said during the ceremony. "Tennis was very important to me, but my parents and coaches did a great job of teaching me that it wasn't the most important thing and I'm very grateful for that.

"As I stand here today, I realize that I am here because of my accomplishments in tennis, but I'm also here because of the special relationships that I formed with so many along the way. Thank you again to everybody for being here. Thank you again to Craig and everyone at Glasgow High School for hosting us and congratulations and much respect to the other inductees.

"It is an honor to be inducted with you all."

Coach Sam Royse is a 1977 graduate of Glasgow High School where he lettered in baseball and football. After graduation, he attended WKU where he redshirted on the baseball team before eventually transferring and playing baseball at Troy University.

After graduating from Troy in 1982, Royse returned to Glasgow and became a special education teacher until 2009. From 1982-2009, he was an assistant football coach at GHS.

In 1984, Royse became the head baseball coach for GHS, and remains in that same position today. With Royse at the helm, the Scotties have won three region titles (1990, 1997 and 2004) and two KHSAA final fours (1990 and 1997). In 1999, he was inducted into Kentucky's High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

From 2004-09, Royse served as the GHS athletic director.


On April 23, 2018, the City of Glasgow renamed the Glasgow baseball field to "Sam Royse Field" in his honor.


"I share this honor with all of you," Royse said during the ceremony. "When you really get down to it, it comes down to the players. Those are the ones that I have to be the most thankful for because if it weren't for the players ... if it had not been for their performances on the field, I'm not up here talking to you guys today.

"I am so grateful to all the people in this world who have impacted my life, who have influenced my life. From day No. 1 when I was born to this day, I'm so thankful and grateful.

"I accept this honor on behalf of all the people who have been an influence and so impactful on me for the past 60 years."

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