

# 2011 COACHES HALL OF FAME

## *Banquet & Induction Ceremonies*

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### *2011 Inductees*

#### **Neil Hitchcock**

A graduate of Delta State, Coach Hitchcock coached football for over three decades at Philadelphia, Mendenhall and Grenada. He led his gridiron teams to 128 wins and 76 losses, with 4 district titles, 4 North or South crowns, 2 state runner-up finishes and back-to-back state championships at Mendenhall in 1987 and 1988. His 1988 Mendenhall team was the first 15-0 squad in Mississippi high school gridiron history. He is a seven-time Coach of the Year, as named by his district, the MAC and the *Meridian Star*. Coach Hitchcock's longtime MAC service includes serving on the board of directors, the executive committee, and terms as vice president and president.

#### **D. M. Howie**

A Mississippi College graduate, Coach D. M. Howie spent his 34-year coaching career with stops at St. Joseph, Northwest Rankin, Madison-Ridgeland and Madison Central. His baseball squads compiled a record of 495-295, with 17 district crowns, 2 conference titles, 8 South State titles, 5 state runner-up finishes and 3 state championships. He is one of the founders of the Crossroads Diamond Club and the originator of the Mississippi High School All-Star baseball games, which are now

named in his honor. A two-time Coach of the Year by the MAC and the Southern Region of the National Athletic Federation, he has also served as an umpire for 56 years and currently coaches at Tougaloo.

#### **Lucy Seaberry-Moore**

A championship coach for basketball, track and cross country, Coach Seaberry-Moore graduated from East Side High, Coahoma Junior College and Delta State. She spent her entire 33-year coaching and teaching career at East Side High. Guiding her Lady Trojans to an overall record of 809-192, her teams captured 11 district titles, 4 major tournament crowns, 5 conference titles, 4 North State crowns, 2 state runner-up finishes and state championships in 1979 and 1995. She also led the girls' track team to state track titles in 1985 and 1986. She was named Coach of the Year by the Jackson *Clarion Ledger*, the *Boliviar Commercial* and the NCAC.

#### **Gary Shepherd**

A graduate of Lee High and MUW, Coach Shepherd is a pioneer in the sport of softball. During her 25-year career, she created and coached the New Hope High slow- and fast-pitch squads to an overall record of 861-263, with an incredible 9 state championships. Her Lady Trojans

slow-pitch team was the first to win six consecutive state titles from 1997 to 2005. A four-time All-Star coach in the Mississippi Softball All-Star games and one of the winningest softball coaches in state history, Coach Shepherd has received numerous Coach of the Year honors from the MAC, the National Federation of High Schools, the Jackson *Clarion Ledger* and the Columbus *Commercial Dispatch*.

#### **Shelby Watts**

Boys basketball coach at Raymond, Forest Hill and Central Hinds Academy, 42-year coaching veteran Shelby Watts is a native of Brookhaven, where he was a two-time All Big Eight basketball player and All State JUCO hoops and track star at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. Coach Watts led his boys' basketball teams to an overall record of 806-438, with a state championship at Forest Hill in 1981. His teams won 6 conference titles, 6 district championships, 7 classic or invitational crowns, 1 South State title, 1 class AA state title and the 1981 overall Grand Slam title. He was honored as Coach of the Year on 17 occasions, and in 2006, he was inducted into the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Sports Hall of Fame for basketball and track. ●