



THE WAYNE "TWINK" SEXTON AWARD

Selected from All Participants

Wayne "Twink" Sexton was a charter member of the Crossroads Diamond Club and served as its President and Vice-President.

Twink's greatest love was baseball. He was happiest when he was on a baseball field, either playing, coaching or just being on the sidelines. He enjoyed working with the All-Stars every year. Twink was grounds keeper at Smith-Wills Stadium when the Jackson Mets played in Jackson. You could find him at the stadium from early in the morning until late at night. This was much more than a job to him, he loved every minute of it.

When Twink wasn't on a baseball field, he could be found helping others. He was never too busy to help those less fortunate than himself. He helped raise money for many worthy causes, namely: the Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics and the Children's Cancer Clinic at the University Medical Center.

After fighting a three year losing battle to kidney cancer, Twink Sexton died February 14, 1991. In 1991, the Crossroads Diamond Club voted to honor Twink by presenting an annual award starting with the All-Star Games in 1992. This award is given before the games are played to the player who best exemplifies the qualities which Twink possessed - happiness, an ability to share, an ability to care for others, or best all around player during practice.

RECIPIENTS OF THE TWINK SEXTON AWARD

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| 1992 : Teddy Hymel, Byram | 2006: Scott Haltom, St. Andrew's |
| 1993 : Brad Peterson, Louisville | 2007: Travis Webster, St. Joseph-Greenville |
| 1994: Donnie Odom, Petal | 2008: Cody Bielstein, Purvis |
| 1995: Landon Yelverton, Taylorsville | 2009: BoBo Morgan, Forrest County AHS |
| 1996: Coach Jerry Boatner, West Lauderdale | 2010: Coach Brad Mitchell, Ackerman |
| 1997: Otis Seaberry, Raleigh | 2011: Rusty Cagle, Lewisburg |
| 1998: Michael Shumaker, Forest | 2012: Coach Josh Abraham, Warren Central |
| 1999: Josh Raggio, Raymond | 2013: Reid Humphreys, NW Rankin |
| 2000: Dee Hornesbuger, Noxapater | 2014: Kirk McCarty, Oak Grove |
| 2001: Coach Mike Hodges, Bogue Chitto | 2015: Caleb Bates, Nettleton |
| 2002: Zach Butler, St. John | 2016: Jack Bishop, Brandon |
| 2003: Jon Still, Madison Central | 2017: Cole Welch, Madison St. Joseph |
| 2004: Michael Robbins, Southaven | 2018: Adolphus Brewer, West Lowndes |
| 2005: Scott McCrory, Kosciusko | 2019: Calabe Collins, Raymond |
| | 2020: GAMES CANCELLED |
| | 2021: Carter Phillips, East Union |