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5 Quotes: Bum Phillips (R.I.P.)

- “The only discipline that lasts is self-discipline.”
- On Bear Bryant: “He can take his and beat yours, and then he can turn around and take yours and beat his.”
- On the question: How do you win? “By getting average players to play good and good players to play great. That’s how you win.”
- “Two kinds of ballplayers aren’t worth a darn: One that never does what he’s told, and one who does nothin’ except what he’s told.”
- “Winning is only half of it. Having fun is the other half.”

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the best of our student-athletes from around the state. It is our goal to have a representative from each District present to speak up in favor of their area players.

The Board of Directors has voted to add the position of “Athlete” to our All-State Team. For a player to be eligible for the All-State Team your District must select an “Athlete” position as part of its all district teams. An “Athlete” cannot be a first team district selection at any other position.

Football Clinic

The Louisiana Football Coaches Association will once again host its annual 2007 Football Clinic at the Sheraton Hotel located at 500 Canal Street on Friday December 7, 2007.

Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. and our first lecturer Louisiana State University Offensive Coordinator Gary Crowton will speak at 9:00a.m. A full slate of speakers on both sides of the football (offense & defense) will then follow Coach Crowton. See page 3 of this newsletter to access the full agenda. At 12:50pm we will begin our luncheon and business meeting (including recognizing our Coaches of the Year).

Immediately following our luncheon our Keynote Speaker Louisiana Tech Head Coach Derrick Dooley will take the podium to speak. Door prizes will be handed out at the completion of Coach Dooley’s talk.

Tickets to the State Farm Prep Classic

The Louisiana High School Athletic Association will once again have members of their

staff available to hand out tickets for the State Farm Prep Classic at our clinic site. Tickets can be picked up between 12:30pm and 2:00pm in an area nearby the luncheon. Look for signs in that area of the Sheraton.

You must present your current Louisiana High School Coaches Association card and your Drivers License in order to get these tickets at that time. They will only be handing out tickets for Friday’s games only.

If you miss picking up tickets during this time then you will have to pick up tickets at the LHSAA booth on the ground level, Poydras Street side of the Superdome. You can also pick up your Saturday tickets at the LHSAA booth location. (Again, ground level, Poydras street side of the Superdome)

Scholarships

We will again be giving out \$1,000 scholarships (on a one time basis) to the children of LFCOA members. You must be a current member and your child must be a High School Senior, or College student in good standing to be eligible.

To obtain the application form send a request to Coach Charles V. Baglio, Jr., P. O. Box 187, Independence, LA 70443. Complete the form and return to Coach Baglio before February 15, 2007 to be considered for the one time scholarship.

All-State Selection

We will select our All-State teams on Thursday January 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the LSU Football Complex. The selection process is being held during the same time frame as the LHSAA Annual Convention.

Please have your District representative on hand at the meeting to nominate and select

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2008 - LFCOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Mail \$40 to: Coach Charles Baglio, PO Box 187, Independence, LA 70443)

(Please Print) First Middle Last Name

NAME: _____

(Head Coach, Assistant)

TITLE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE: () _____



A Salute to Mr. Tommy Henry

On October 5th Mr. Tommy Henry retired as Commissioner of the LHSAA with 31 years of service. Henry served 24 years as the LHSAA's commissioner – longer than either of his predecessors Muddy Waters and Frank Spruiell.

Ironically, when Muddy Waters was chosen as the first commissioner at a Bolton High School meeting of principals, Henry, a Bolton student at the time, hid out to watch the history-making selection process.

Prior to joining the LHSAA, Henry was a coach and teacher at Bossier High School 12 years and an assistant baseball coach at LSU for one year. His 1971-74 Bossier High School baseball teams set a record with 66 regular-season wins.

Much of what Henry initiated or established during his tenure as commissioner has had a direct impact on Louisiana high school football. However, he is quick to credit his staff for accomplishments during this time.

Most notable are the wildcard program, academic all-state awards, coaches education certification program, computer eligibility registering program, college scholarship program, hardship program, scholastic rule, statewide television of state championship games, LHSAA handbook revision, LHSAA web site, and special committees such as school relations, rules compliance,



Photo courtesy of LHSAA

and school visitation to assist principals and coaches.

Henry is credited with overseeing improvements to all major sports as well as adding sports to accommodate different interests and abilities. Louisiana was the first state in the nation to include a wheelchair division in state track and field events. Today the LHSAA has 95,000 athletes participating in 25 different sports.

Addressing a severe coaching shortage, Henry began the coach's education certification program in 1998. As of Sept. 1, 6400 people have attended the class, and 5700 have attained coaching certification. When asked to name what he considers his major accomplishments, Henry always puts CECP high on the list.

Another high on his list is the hardship program. The first

athlete ruled eligible through the hardship program was Michael Parker, a Ruston High School football player. Parker was diagnosed with bone cancer which caused him to lose a year of playing time. Today Parker has bragging rights not only for being the first hardship made eligible but also being a cancer survivor.

While Henry notes the many uplifting experiences as LHSAA commissioner, he also recounts the humbling and life-changing events such as 1989 with the death of 1 and paralyzing of 4 football players and 2005 when hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the state. Events such as those put a different perspective on winning at all costs.

Henry attributes much of his work success to working as a paper boy and sports reporter, serving as an officer in the United States Army, earning three postgraduate degrees, teaching and coaching at Bossier High School, and serving seven years as an assistant LHSAA commissioner before becoming commissioner.

What will Tommy Henry do when he retires? Golf will most likely be a high priority. However, three grandchildren – Aubrey Gathright and Hayden and Hayes Henry - will be vying for his time too. Henry and his wife Mildred Ann are parents of two, Milette Gathright and Ty Henry.

L.F.C.A. CLINIC AGENDA

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2007
SHERATON HOTEL ON CANAL STREET
504/512-0819)

8:00 – 9:00am – Registration

9:00 – 9:50am – Opening Lecture: Gary Crowton, LSU, Offensive Coordinator

9:50 – 10:00am – Visit Exhibits

10:00-10:50am - Lecture

A. Offense – Coach Matt Viator – McNeese State University

B. Defense – Coach Steve Ellis - Nicholls State University

10:50-11:00am - Visit Exhibits

11:00-11:50am – Lecture

A. Offense – Coach Guy Lecompte – Mandeville High School

B. Defense – Coach Terry Tidwell – St. Thomas More H. S.

11:50 – 12:00pm – Visit Exhibits

12:00 – 12:50pm – Lecture

A. Offense – Coach Ronald Gunner – Comeaux High School

B. Defense – Coach Tommy Minton – Patterson High School

12:50 – 2:00pm - L.F.C.A. Luncheon and Business Meeting
Presentation of Coaches of the Year Plaques

2:00 - 3:00pm – Keynote Speaker: Coach Derrick Dooley – Louisiana Tech University

3:00pm – Door Prizes - Adjourn Clinic

Friday's Game Schedule:

5:00 PM - Class 2A State Championship

8:00 PM - Class 3A State Championship

Saturday's Game Schedule:

1:00 PM- Class 1A State Championship

4:00 PM - Class 4A State Championship

7:00 PM - Class 5A State Championship