

★★★ Elon Sports Hall of Fame inducts eight ★★★

Eight former sports superstars will be inducted into the Elon College Sports Hall of Fame as one of the highlights in the 1980 Homecoming Weekend. The ceremony will be held at Whitley Auditorium on Nov. 8, at 10 a.m.

Inductees this year are Howard L. Briggs '31, Paul F. "Mike" Briggs '37, Horace J. "Coach" Hendrickson '37-'42, Walter L. Hobson Jr., '42, the late Wade E. Marlette, Sr. '23, David A. Mondy '52, the late Joseph B. Newman '21, and John C. Whitesell '24.

Howard L. Briggs
While at Elon, Briggs headed the baseball team in hitting with a two year average of .410. He played semi-professional baseball with Cone Mills (Greensboro) in the Guilford County League, and one year with the independent Concord, N.C. team during the summer of 1928.

Briggs moved on to professional baseball where he played for seven years. He played for teams in Reidsville and Danville and for clubs related to the St. Louis Cardinals organization. He

was selected to the All-Time Professional Team at Reidsville, N.C. He left professional baseball in 1937 with a .325 career batting average to pursue a career with the American Tobacco Company.

Paul F. Briggs
An outstanding baseball pitcher and hitter, Paul Briggs had a career batting average of .291 with a high .364 in 1934. In 1936 he pitched a no-hit, no-run game against John Hopkins University. He also struck out ten or more batters in seven different games. In his career he pitched five three-hitters, three four-hitters, one five-hitter, and one six-hitter. His overall career pitching record was 46 wins and 5 losses.

Briggs played semi-professional baseball with the McCrary Eagles of Asheboro, N.C. After serving in the armed forces, he joined the American Tobacco Company of Reidsville. He served in the administration division of the company for 33 years and retired in 1976.

Horace J. Hendrickson
Coaching at Elon from

the fall of 1937 until the spring of 1942, Horace J. "Coach" Hendrickson holds the highest winning average for an Elon coach in football, basketball, and baseball. His career records are: baseball, 68-15 overall and 53-12 in conference; basketball, 94-20 overall and 53-12 in conference; football, 31-21-1 overall and 21-5-1 in conference.

Coach Hendrickson left Elon College to become backfield coaching football and head baseball coach at the University of Pennsylvania. He later worked for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Duke and North Carolina State before he launched his career in his business world in 1953.

Walter L. Hobson, Jr.
Walter L. Hobson, Jr., '42 was a member of the basketball and baseball teams, which earned him letters for four years in each sport. He was also a member of ITK fraternity and was president of the student body during his senior year.

Hobson was a 5'11" guard and forward on the Elon College basketball team. He totaled 551 points

in 92 games in his four years as a Fightin' Christian. In the 1942 basketball season, he was Elon's eighth all-time scoring leader.

Hobson was also an Elon all-time baseball player holding the title of Elon's fifth all-time batting leader. One of three Elon players to make the USA baseball team, Hobson left Elon to sign a professional baseball contract.

Wade E. Marlette, Sr.
Wade Marlette, Sr., '23, who died in Florida on March 5, was a four-letter man for four consecutive years. He earned 17 letters as an Elon College athlete.

The 1923 Phi Psi Cli refers to Marlette as "one of Elon's most famous speed kings. He runs the mile and the cross country in zero flat. He's a natural born artist with the baseball glove and plays football and basketball like a demon."

He played two years of football and basketball. He played five years in baseball. He ran cross-country four seasons, and participated in track for four years.

David A. Mondy
A letterman in three

sports at Elon College, David Mondy '52 was well known in basketball, golf and track.

Mondy was an outstanding guard who played three seasons on the Elon College basketball team. He scored 632 points in his career for an average of 7.9 points per game.

Mondy was a member of the first golf team and won the conference golf crown in 1949 and 1951. He also tied the conference crown in track in 1950 and 1952.

Joseph B. Newman
The late Joseph Newman, '21, was a member of the football, baseball and track teams.

He lettered two seasons in football playing halfback and quarterback, lettered four years in basketball scoring over 200 points, (which was especially good since scoring was low during his playing years), and he also earned three letters in baseball playing first, second, and third base, and also shortstop.

After graduating from Elon, Newman received his D.D.S. from Emory University Dental School.

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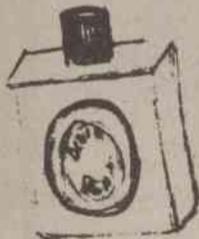
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