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Steve Savarese

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The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete.”

These words by Pierre de Coubertin, a Frenchman considered the father of the modern Olympic Games, embody the true spirit of competition.

As we enter this new school year it is important for us all to remember that how we compete — how we teach our student-athletes to compete — is far more important than the results of the competition.

Competing in interscholastic athletics can be one of the greatest experiences in a young person’s life. Whether it comes as an individual or as part of a team, competition measuring one’s abilities against another’s abilities can impact a young person’s life forever. It teaches them lessons that will serve them in vital areas of their lives long after the games of their youth are over.

Competition will teach them the value of hard work, discipline, teamwork, selflessness, character and leadership. It will teach them about winning and losing, and how to do both with honor, humility and good sportsmanship.

Athletic competition often brings out the best in people. Unfortunately, it also sometimes brings out the worst in people. This is not only true of athletes, but of coaches, parents and fans.

Now that the new sports seasons are underway, it’s an appropriate time to reflect on the role of administrators and coaches and the positive leadership you provide your student-athletes.

Whether your school wins or loses, how you act sets an example for your student-athletes, parents and fans. Setting an example is not simply the main means, it’s the only means.

Lose with class, win with humility and always demonstrate compassion for opponents whose teams haven’t been as successful. Be cognizant of how we treat others during athletic competition and in everyday life. Be the type of example you would want your children to have.

With those thoughts in mind, I also ask you to be mindful of the tragedy that changed our world on September 11, 2001. We were stunned by those horrible events that rocked our nation, but our country, our state and its people came together. In the aftermath, there were many heroes — policemen, firemen, medical personnel and many others — who sacrificed for the good of others.

Though our teams competed on the weekend that followed, athletics became secondary and caring for our fellow man became the primary goal.

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While we’re on the subject of heroes, I want to mention a group of unsung heroes within the AHSAA – our officials. The outstanding men and women who officiate athletic contests in our state are dedicated to providing quality athletic events for our member schools.

They do a tremendous job and yet they often go unnoticed unless someone takes issue with a decision they made.

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Herman Watts

At Alfa™, Herman Watts holds the title of Executive Vice President of Marketing. But to those who have worked for him and with him over the years, he’s much more than that. Watts is a leader, motivator, father-figure, friend and coach. Many of Alfa’s agents and managers say “Herman Watts” when asked why they are with Alfa today, followed by a story about knowing Watts through coaching or football. To say that Watts was a great “coach” during his 33 years at Alfa would be an understatement.

Watts joined Alfa in 1978 as a district manager after eight years of coaching high school football in Shelby County. Prior to joining Alfa, Watts had been presented with offers to become an insurance agent with multiple insurance companies, including then-Farm Bureau.

“At the time I was not interested, and I recommended my brother,” Watts said. “They hired him in Alabaster.”

A year later he was approached again about becoming a district manager. At that time, Watts’ oldest son Chad was age 2. Because coaching kept Watts away from home so much, he thought the opportunity to be a district manager would allow him more time with his wife Emily and Chad.

Watts agreed to go to Montgomery for a meeting with then-Executive Vice President of Marketing Boyd Christenberry to discuss the opportunity.

“Before I knew it I guess I had accepted without even realizing what I was doing,” Watts said. “On the way home I got cold feet because I wasn’t sure I was ready to get out of coaching.” He decided he would call Christenberry the next day to let him know he had changed his mind.

“I never made that call the next day,” Watts said. That decision — a decision Watts said he has never regretted — marked the beginning of his career with Alfa that has spanned more than half of his life total and about 80 percent of his adult life.

“The next thing I know I was signing contracts, and at that time my contract was on a yellow legal pad,” he said. “I still have it today!”

One thing Watts said he didn’t realize when he left coaching was that in management he would still be coaching in a sense.

“Management and coaching are so similar,” he said. “There are many parallels. The difference with management is you just don’t have a ball. The principles are the same.”

Watts said he has truly enjoyed working at Alfa.

“There have been very few days in my life that I awakened and said ‘I don’t want to go to work today,’” he said. “If you enjoy what you’re doing, it’s not work. I’ve always enjoyed getting up and going to work.”

During his time as a district manager, Watts grew his district from five agents to more than 30 and was named District Manager of the Year for 15 consecutive years. In 1996, Watts was inducted into the inaugural class of Alfa’s Hall of Fame. In 2006, Watts was named Executive Vice President of Marketing. During his time in that position, Alfa has set records for life insurance sales and auto units in force. Herman is quick to point out, however, that these achievements were the result of a team effort.

With so many accomplishments, Watts has much to be proud of during his time at Alfa. However, Watts is more proud of the things he has seen others accomplish than of his own achievements.

“I’m most proud of the success of the people who I might have had a little influence on coming to the business,” Watts said. “Seeing them accomplish dreams they never thought they could, visit places they never thought they’d see, and on a personal note having your son be a part of that is pretty special.”

Watts will retire from Alfa on September 15. The AHSAA wishes its friend Herman Watts well in his retirement and thanks him for his tireless efforts on behalf of our member schools.
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2011-12 State Championship Schedule

Nov. 12: State Cross Country Championships, Moulton
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Dec. 2-3: State Swim Championships, Auburn
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Apr. 23-27: State Tennis Championships (3 sites)
May 4-5: Outdoor Track Championships, Gulf Shores, Selma
May 11-12: State Soccer Championships, Huntsville
May 14-15: State Golf Championships, TBA
May 16-19: State Baseball Finals, Montgomery
May 17-19: State Softball Tourney, Montgomery
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It’s ironic that if a football player drops a pass, it’s okay, and he’ll do it better the next time. If a coach makes a play call that doesn’t work, he or she will learn from it.

But an official, who makes a bad decision, is berated by coaches, booed by fans and is suddenly a bad person. Let’s treat our officials as heroes. Understand that they are unselfishly giving their best at all times, and show them the respect they deserve.

Good luck to all your teams this year.

CONCUSSION BILL BECOMES STATE LAW: Gov. Robert Bentley signed into law the Alabama Concussion Bill adopted from the AHSAA’s Concussion Policy last month at the Capitol. On hand for the signing were AHSAA Associate Executive Director Joe Evans (second from left), Executive Director Steve Savarese (third from right), and AHSAA Medical Advisory Board members Drew Ferguson (directly behind Gov. Bentley) and Dr. James Robinson (second from right).

The act now requires all organized sports coaches to have concussion awareness training and requires any participant showing signs and symptoms of a concussion to be removed from competition until cleared by a medical doctor. The AHSAA Central Board of Control adopted its Concussion Policy in 2009. More than 8,000 AHSAA coaches and administrators have received concussion awareness training since adoption of the AHSAA Policy. The new state law was modeled after that AHSAA Concussion Policy.
A new form can now be found at www.ahsaa.com in the member section for schools dealing with Bona Fide Transfers. The Bona Fide Change of Residence Form can be filled out and submitted to the AHSAA when there is a question about the move. It does not need to be filled out and submitted when schools are satisfied that a bona fide move has been made.

In the special cases where a principal needs help in determining whether a bona fide move has taken place, the principal should complete the form on line and return it to the eligibility coordinator at the AHSAA office before an official ruling will be issued.

Principals with any questions about the form can call the AHSAA and we will be happy to help them.

Speaking of the Bona Fide Transfer Rule, this month we are focusing on that rule so schools can better understand the requirements that must be met before a transfer student is granted eligibility at the new school.

The Bona Fide Transfer Rule can be found on page 29 of the 2011-12 AHSAA Handbook.

**Rule 1, Eligibility**

**Section 12, Transfer Rule, Exception 3 (Bona Fide Move).** A student whose parents make a bona fide move completely out of one school zone into another may transfer all his/her rights and privileges to the member school that serves the area where his/her parents reside. If the change of school precedes the bona fide move on the part of the parents, the student is ineligible until the parents make a bona fide move.

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**Determining a Bona Fide Move** – Sometimes it is very difficult to determine what constitutes a bona fide move. Family and home conditions differ and must be considered. The following factors are basic guidelines for determining a bona fide move:

(a) The household furniture of the family must be moved into an unoccupied house or apartment.

(b) All principal members of the family must reside in the new place of residence.

(c) The original residence should be closed, rented or disposed of and not used by the family.

(d) Nine months at the new residence will be required to make a move bona fide.

If a family moves into a new school zone and remains there for less than nine months, the move will not be considered bona fide and the family’s child who is enrolled in the new school zone becomes ineligible the day the family leaves the new school zone. The student remains ineligible for a full calendar year from the date the family moved out of the new zone. However, if the student did not participate in athletics, the period of ineligibility will be 12 months from the date of the student’s initial enrollment.

Under unusual circumstances the Executive Director may decide a move to be valid even if all the above conditions have not been met. Each questionable case will be decided on its individual merits.

**Note:** Students entering the seventh grade for the first time are eligible where they enroll. Just as in all other cases, the decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the District Board, whose decision may be appealed to the Central Board of Control. In the final analysis, whether a move is bona fide or not will be determined by the Central Board.

**SEE BONA FIDE TRANSFER PAGE 9**
Our member schools have had a great first few weeks of competition in our fall sports but, as is often the situation, the actions of a few can give their schools, teammates and coach a black eye.

There were at least five unsportsmanlike ejections in pre-season football contests in our first weekend and more last week. We have even had an incident in volleyball. We at the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) find this extremely disappointing.

Good sportsmanship by everyone involved in interscholastic athletics has been and will always be a key point of emphasis by AHSAA and should be at the forefront of everything you teach your student-athletes.

We strongly urge principals and athletic directors in all our member schools to meet with your coaches and student-athletes as well as other administrators, students and fans to strongly emphasize that unsportsmanlike behavior by anyone will not be tolerated by your school, and certainly not by the AHSAA.

Let’s take the preventive steps now as we move into the new school year full steam ahead so we can work together to avoid further displays of poor sportsmanship and ensure that everyone has a positive experience in interscholastic athletics.

The AHSAA is always ready to support and assist you. Let’s all strive to have a great school year in 2011-12.

Foreign Exchange Requirements: A Foreign Exchange Student Registration Form (No. 4) must be completed and filed with the AHSAA State Office before eligibility can be determined on any foreign exchange student. After approval, the student must be submitted to the State Office via on line reporting.

Please submit the Foreign Exchange Form before the season of a sport to avoid any problems for the student. Remember the student must be a member of an approved CSIET Program.

Sanctioning Events: It is important for schools to remember that no interscholastic athletic event involving more than two teams shall be permitted without the official sanction of the AHSAA. Volleyball, wrestling and track tri-matches, golf and cross country tri- and quad-matches, swimming tri-meets and track four-way meets do not have to be sanctioned during regular season play.

An application for the sanction of an event involving out-of-state teams must be submitted to the State Office at least 30 days prior to the date of the event.

Please remember that a team or individual cannot participate in any tournament or contest that is not sanctioned by the AHSAA.

Sanction forms can be found on line at the AHSAA’s member site. Anyone with questions can contact the State Office, and we will be glad to help.

State Volleyball Tournament: Even though the 2011 volleyball season has just begun, it won’t be long before we are turning our attention to the state playoffs. Be on the lookout for more exciting information about the upcoming state playoffs and Elite Eight State Tournament set for October 26-27 at Pelham Civic Complex.

We will be sending out more information soon.

Good luck this season!
The just-completed al.com Champions Challenge football games at Montgomery’s newly-renovated Cramton Bowl proved to be the most competitive games of the series, which is coordinated each year by the AHSAA and the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA).

Hueytown’s hard fought 36-27 win over defending Class 4A state champ Thomasville on Friday night set the tone for the weekend. 2010 Class 3A runner-up Hamilton pulled ahead in the fourth quarter to defeat Class 1A defending champion Sweet Water 38-35, and Class 6A champion Daphne downed Clay-Chalkville 24-21 in the final game of the series.

The City of Montgomery did an excellent job preparing Cramton Bowl for the games despite the ongoing construction throughout the stadium. Once the city’s new multi-purpose facility is completed, the complex will be the centerpiece of great athletic events for many years.

One of the first big events to be held at Cramton Bowl is the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game set for Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. The best high school football players from the two states will gather in Montgomery for the annual clash. The final selections for the Alabama team will be made Sept. 22.

The AHSADCA is busy preparing for its fourth annual Mini-Clinic Coaching Series. The series boasts some of the top college and high school coaches who will share their experience and insight in an effort to help coaches from AHSAA member schools improve their skills. Some mini-clinics will feature onsite demonstrations.

The first mini-clinic is for basketball coaches Oct. 6. The wrestling mini-clinic is scheduled for Oct. 20. Registration should be completed online at www.ahsaa.com. Each mini-clinic participant will receive a continuing education credit as well as a nice gift.

For more information about the mini-clinics, feel free to call the AHSADCA office at 334-263-6994.
Change in Residence: In order for a student to establish residence with a new family, that student must reside in the home for one year.

A foreign exchange student attending a member school located in the school zone where the host family resides is eligible to receive a waiver of the Transfer Rule for a period of one year provided this is the student’s first year as a foreign exchange student. The student must be assigned by a program on the current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs published by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

This waiver is granted under the stipulation that the foreign exchange student meets all other eligibility requirements of the AHSAA and has not received a high school diploma or its equivalent. Note: A Foreign Exchange Student Registration Form (No. 4) must be completed and filed with the State Office before eligibility can be determined on any foreign exchange student. After approval, the student must be submitted to the State Office via online reporting. When a student is forced into a new home due to an emergency caused by a disaster, the District Board or the Executive Director may reduce the required time for establishing the residence with the new family.

Divorce: The eligibility of a student whose parents are divorced is determined by the following:

(a) If there has been a divorce or a legal separation in a family and sole or physical custody has been awarded by the court granting the divorce to one of the parents, the athletic eligibility of the student will be established at the school that serves the area where that parent resides.

Note: If joint custody has been awarded and a transfer is involved, the student must attend the new school for one year before becoming eligible.

(b) If it becomes necessary at a later date for the student to reside with the other parent, the move will be accepted as a bona fide move if the court that granted the divorce changes the custody to this parent. This type of move will be accepted for immediate athletic eligibility purposes only one time. Therefore, if a student subsequently decides to return and reside with the first parent in a different school zone, the student will be ineligible for a period of one year.

Custody and Legal Guardianship: Custody or legal guardianship assigned to anyone (including relatives) will not establish immediate athletic eligibility.

Note:

(1) If a student transfers to another school zone to live with an appointed guardian without a bona fide move into that school zone by the parents, that student would be ineligible under the Transfer Rule.

(2) If a student has been declared a “dependent of the state” and placed by the Department of Human Resources (DHR), that student would meet the Transfer Rule requirement in the school zone.

Schools Retain Broadcast Rights For Regular Season

Radio broadcast, telecast, cablecast and internet broadcast rights for regular season contests in all sports are held by the home/host school. AHSAA retains all rights for AHSAA events, however. Media outlets wishing to broadcast, telecast, cablecast or webcast a regular season contest should contact the principal of the home/host school to secure rights and make arrangements.

AHSAA reserves the right to prohibit the broadcast of a regular season game (whether live or taped delay), in the event the broadcast interferes with a scheduled AHSAA event, regardless of whether the event is televised, or is considered, at the sole discretion of AHSAA, to be in poor taste or does not properly reflect the values of AHSAA. It will be at AHSAA’s sole discretion to determine whether a regular season game interferes with an AHSAA event. AHSAA may prohibit the broadcast of a regular season game if AHSAA believes, in its sole discretion, that it will negatively affect the attendance or viewership of an AHSAA event, regardless of whether both events are occurring at the same time, or take place on different dates.

Remember, too, that no outside group or individual may videotape or film any contest without permission from all participating schools.
Nine Officials Recognized For Dedicated Service

The sixth annual AHSAA Officials Recognition Luncheon held at the Montgomery Renaissance in August was the best attended luncheon we’ve had so far.

It was an exciting time for officials to be recognized. Nine contest officials with a combined total of 332 years experience were recognized.

Montgomery’s Max Bowdoin, with 54 years of officiating experience, topped the group in experience. The list also included Davis Bazzell, Montgomery (31 years); Larry Grissom, Muscle Shoals (37); Eunice Knight, Dothan (33); Bobby Cooper, Gadsden (41); Hob Armstrong, Albertville (31); Chuck Mason, Mobile (33); Ollie Mingo, Prichard (38) and Ernest Shears, Selma (34).

Each was presented a plaque for Distinguished Service by AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese, Associate Executive Director Joe Evans and Director of Officials Greg Brewer.

Longtime NFL Official Ronnie Baynes, a Talladega High School product who came up through the high school ranks in Alabama to become the NFL’s Supervisor of Officials, was the banquet’s keynote speaker.

Also honored were the 2010-11 Active State Officials of the Year as selected by the AHSAA’s officiating directors, District Officials of the Year and all officials who officiated in AHSAA state championship events during the past school year.

Seven of the 225 officials selected for state championship events worked two different sports championships. Those include: Eddie Newell (football, softball); Andy Latham (softball, volleyball); Sonny Jackson (basketball, softball); Sonja Hard (basketball, volleyball); Stan Dixon (football, basketball); Veronica Campbell (softball, volleyball); and Doug Baxter (baseball, wrestling).

The honored officials included:

**2010-11 Active State Officials of the Year**

Baseball: C. J. Burdette, Birmingham; Basketball: Marshall Davis, McIntosh; Football: Randy Mummert, Decatur; Soccer: Doug Nelson, Montgomery; Softball: Henry Halbert, Tuscaloosa; Track: Bob Lambert, Volleyball: Kathy Odom, Boaz; Wrestling: Ken Nixon, Montgomery.

**AHSAA District Officials of the Year**

**Southwest**

Baseball: Oscar Powell; Basketball: Marshall Davis; Football: Robbie Hunt; Soccer: Dan Alidor; Softball: Michael Newberry; Track: Lemuel Rich; Volleyball: Jeannette Mangham; Wrestling: None.

**Southeast**

Baseball: Jody Dorrill; Basketball: Sam Gipson; Football: Cleveland Gavin; Soccer: Sean Fernandes; Softball: Chris Kaminsky; Track: Bob Lambert; Volleyball: Athena Metcalf; Wrestling: None.

**South Central**

Baseball: Tony Harris; Basketball: William Taylor; Football: Bill Roberts; Soccer: None; Softball: Charles Reed; Track: Tim McDonough; Volleyball: Dawn Dismukes; Wrestling: Ken Nixon.

**West Central**

Baseball: Don McNabb; Basketball: Parrish Bowlin; Football: Greg Kosloff; Soccer: Doug Nelson; Softball: Henry Halbert; Track: John Solomon; Volleyball: Walter Kolis; Wrestling: None.

**East Central**

Baseball: Barry Ragsdale; Basketball: Brian Hagedorn; Football: Greg Bearden; Soccer: None; Softball: Henry Fountain; Track: None; Volleyball: Kathy Odom; Wrestling: Brad Bentley.

**North Central**

Baseball: C. J. Burdette; Basketball: Bobby Stewart; Football: Steve Newton; Soccer: Ted Wiggins; Softball: Veronica Campbell; Track: Jim Pugh; Volleyball: Teresa McGinnis; Wrestling: Trent Williamson.

**Northeast**

Baseball: Larry Bradford; Basketball: Allen Cone; Football: Will Rasely; Soccer: Charles Stanley; Softball: Greg Hill; Track: None; Volleyball: Jill Harbin; Wrestling: Anthony Adams.

**Northwest**

Baseball: Bruno Black; Basketball: Mark Dearen; Football: Randy Mummert; Soccer: Pat Miller; Softball: Mark Carruth; Track: None; Volleyball: Anthony Gunn; Wrestling: None.
AHSAA state championship contest officials for the 2010-11 school year were honored last month at sixth annual AH-SAA Officials Recognition Luncheon held at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center.

The list includes:

**Baseball**
- Doug Baxter; Bruno Black; Butch Brackin; C.J. Burdette; Brandon Folks; Jesse Foster; Patrick Harris; Gary Haynes; Chuck Maske; Joey Millican; Brien Phillips; Matt Raiti; Chuck Tonini; Lee Walker; Floyd White; Bill Wilder; Jeff Wilson; Philip Winslett.

**Basketball**
- Terry Anthony; Ken Barnett; Parrish Bowlin; Randall Bugg; Karl Burns; Elliott Carr; Nick Collins; Anthony Cureton; Stan Dixon; Marius Dockery; Theromiles Flowers; Mark Freeman; Brian Hagedorn; Sonja Hard; Darrell Hargreaves; Ron Harris; Sonny Jackson; Darrell Jordan; Janice Jordan; Wanda Jordan; Bruce Kimbrell; Joe Kyles; Vincent McCaskey; Alan McShan; Bill Meador; Mike Newman; Thomas Owens; Sharon Russell; Kim Salter; William Taylor; Ed Teague; Bobby Tindal; Norris Westry; Neonta Williams; Krissi Williford; Faye Wilson.

**Football**
- Jay Amos; Ken Atkins; Greg Bearden; David Bell; Darrell Bowen; Jerry Burns; Matt Caldwell; Eddie Carr; Fred Cody; Ron Craddock; Brian Davis; Tracy Deal; Stan Dixon; Jeff Edmonds; Jason Elin; Don English; Bryan Everette; Freddie Frazier; Cleve Gavin; Allen Gilbert; David Hill; Preston Hillis; Jason Howell; Anthony Jeffries; Pat Jordan; Kevin Kidd; Jay Logan; David Martin; Chuck McKay; Bud Moore; John Moriarty; Mark Myers; Eddie Newell; Steve Newton; Karl Nobles; Frank Parsons; Victor Pettus; Garnett Ray; David Rogers; Abdul Salaam; Don Sasser; Mark Turner; Dustin Whitehead; Don Widner; Robert Willis.

**Soccer**
- Dino Andrianopoulos; Pete Dakis; Pete Gonzalez; Joe Kovacs; Jason Kuehl; Pat Miller; Pat Murray; Chris Oliver; Nathaniel Patton; Scott Peeden; Kevin Rose; Caleb Silver; Dale Thomas; Joel Turk; Gustavo Vargas; Steve Walker; Ted Wiggins; Ohannes Younanian.

**Softball**
- Ken Allen; Marice Armstrong; Veronica Campbell; Jennifer Collins; Keith Durham; Donny Finlayson; Kim Guy; Allen Hardy; Greg Hill; Kenny Howell; Sonny Jackson; George Johnson; Andy Latham; Amanda Miller; Willie Moore; James Naramore; Eddie Newell; Stacy Newton; Tim Porter; Casey Rager; Franklin Reynolds; Ishmael Smittie; Melvin Snow; Tommy Wallace.

**Track**
- Mark Addison; Alan Ash; David Bahakel; Whitney Baird; Richard Bell; Carole Bentley; Stephen Bentley; Jim Carlo; Kay Carlo; Rod Coleman; Sheila Crenshaw; Laura Ellis; William Evans; Cory Feliciano; Jamie Freeman; Terry Goldsby; Dawn Guin; Robert Hanson; Ryan Hardin; Shelly Holmes; Laurretta Horn; Samara Johnson; Wayne Kulakowski; Dylan Kyle; Joey Kyle; Teresa Kyle; Bob Lambert; James Lambert; Reid LaPorte; Bryan Lorge; Tim McDonough; Amanda Miller; Charles Miller; Bobby Mitchell; Albert Moore; Doug Moran; Martha Moran; Jeanette Morgan; Cody Page; Karl Peterson; Jim Pugh; William Quina; Mitch Rector; Lemuel Rich; Tom Ritchie; Paul Roberts; Lynn Schatz; George Slone; Alan Smith; William Spear; Charles Thompson; Gene Tomlin; Kal-El Waters-Jones; Marcia Westry; Robert Wheatley; Chris Wisham; Darryl Woods; Randy Yarbrough; David York.

**Volleyball**
- Patsy Burke; Veronica Campbell; Nakesha Coleman; Clyde Cross; Ken Dawkins; Anthony Gunn; Sonja Hard; Andy Latham; Janet Lathan; Harold Lockett; Kathy Odom; Jeanie Parker; Mary Ellen Pearson; Becky Randolph; Wanda Weeks; Walter Young.

**Wrestling**
- Anthony Adams; Doug Baxter; Brad Bentley; Josh Bierman; Dwight Buzbee; Ryan Hagan; Justin Miller; Ken Nixon; Erick Pratt; Jeff Saxon; Willie Staggs; Mike Swinson; Steve Thomas; Tim Thomas.
Mary Day Named 2011 Top Naismith Women’s Official

Mary Day, a veteran official of 21 years in the AHSAA program and over 20 years in women’s college basketball, has been named the 2011 Naismith Women’s College Official of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. She will receive the award Oct. 15.

First presented in 1988, this lifetime achievement award is given to individuals who display character, integrity and dignity and have made major contributions to the growth, success and viability of college basketball. To be considered, candidates must be involved as a college official for at least 20 years, officiate at least one Final Four game and 10 conference tournaments.

“There have only been a handful of times in my life where I have been rendered speechless, and this is one of those moments,” said Day. “It is absolutely amazing to be recognized with such an honor for doing something I consider to be a privilege.”

Day, a member of the Jeff Davis High School team that won the first AHSAA state girls basketball championship in 1978, began her officiating career in 1981 and called AHSAA basketball, volleyball and softball games during a 16-year period. She has served as an AHSAA District Director for the last five years.

Joining the college ranks in 1990, she has officiated women’s basketball games for the SEC, Atlantic Sun, C-USA, Big 12 and Sunbelt conference tournaments and is currently involved with nine different conference officiating staffs. She also officiated Final Four games in 2007 and 2008, 11 regional final and semi-final games, and has 14 years of experience working first and second rounds of the NCAA women’s tournament. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Northeast Louisiana University where she did also master’s studies in Sports Medicine.

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33rd Year

Alan Mitchell
Assistant Director
### School Fines and Ejections For August, 2011

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### Monthly Ejections Comparison

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