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Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Announces Steller Class of 2007

MACON, Ga. (September 28, 2006) -- The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame's Honors Court selected nine individuals for its Class of 2007 on Thursday afternoon. The class includes: Steve Bartkowski (football), Kevin Brown (baseball), Larry Campbell (coach/manager), Russell Ellington (coach/manager), Betty Jaynes (contributor), Guy McIntyre (football), Don Richardson (coach/manager), Jessie Tuggle (football) and John Tutt (coach/manager).

The 2007 GSHF Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19 at the Macon City Auditorium.

Steve Bartkowski: Played 12 years in the NFL, 11 coming with the Atlanta Falcons from 1975–85...He threw for 23,470 of his 24,124 passing yards as a Falcon...He threw 156 career TD passes...In 1980, Bartkowski led the Falcons to their first NFC West title while earning NFL MVP honors and a selection to the NFL Pro Bowl passing for 3,544 yards and 31 TDs...That season, he was also chosen MVP by the Washington TD Club, Kansas City 101 Sports Club and as the Atlanta Falcons' Player of the Year...In 1981, he passed for 3,829 yards and 30 TDs along with 3,167 yards and 22 scores in 1983...Bartkowski completed 55.9% of his career passes...He was the 1975 NFC and NFL and Sporting News Rookie of the Year.

Kevin Brown: A 17-year major league career with the Texas Rangers, Baltimore Orioles, Florida Marlins, San Diego Padres, L.A. Dodgers, and NY Yankees produced a pitching record of 211–144...Member of the 1997 Florida Marlins world championship team...Five-time National League and one-time American League All-Star...1988 Sports News National League Pitcher of the Year...Went to Georgia Tech as a shortstop and became a pitcher...1985 third-team All-American...1986 All-ACC second team...Member of the 1985 and 1986 ACC team champions.

Larry Campbell: A living legend of Georgia high school football coaching and the leader in career victories (389–68–3 record) entering the 2006 season...Head coach at Lincoln County High School since 1972...Winner of 10 state titles (Class A – 1985, 86, 87, 89, 90, 93, 95, 2005; Class B – 1976, 77), and 27 region crowns (Region A – 23; Region AA – 4)...2000 National High School Hall of Fame inductee...Nine-time Georgia High School Football Coach of the Year...1996 Shorty Doyle Award recipient.

Russell Ellington: Coached basketball for over three decades at Beach High School (Savannah), Savannah State College (1976–85), Savannah Tech (1993–96) and with the Harlem Globetrotters from 1985–1993)...During his career, Ellington won well over

800 games...Captured five state titles and one national crown at Beach...In 1967, the first year of integration, he guided Beach to the Class AAA GHSA state championship...Won three SIAC regular season and tournament title in nine seasons at Savannah State.

Betty Jaynes: Without Jaynes, women's basketball would not be the spectacle it is today...2006 recipient of the National Basketball Hall of Fame Bunn Award for Lifetime Achievement...Co-founder of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)...WBCA Executive Director from 1981-1986...WBCA's first Chief Executive Officer...Developed the Kodak All-American Basketball team...Founder and President of the Georgia Women's Intersport Network (Ga-WIN)...2000 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee...2002 recipient of the Steve Schmidt Outstanding Contribution to Women's Basketball award...First recipient of the Pioneer Award from the Ga-WIN in 2000...Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Women's Sports Foundation Trustee...Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and Atlanta Tipoff Club Board of Directors.

Guy McIntyre: 13-year NFL veteran (1984-1996) that won three Super Bowls (XIX, XXIII, XXIV) with the San Francisco 49ers....Also played for the Green Bay Packers and Philadelphia Eagles...1989 and 1992 All-Pro pick at offensive guard...Played in five Pro Bowls (1989, 90, 91, 92, 93)...1983 first team All-SEC and second team All-American at the University of Georgia...1982 second team All-SEC...Member of the 1980 Georgia national championship team...Three-time SEC champion...Winner of the 1983 Jacobs Award as the best blocker in the SEC...1978 Atlanta Journal Class AAAA All-State pick as a tight end.

Don Richardson: Created Southwest (Macon) High School boy's basketball into a state powerhouse that received national prominence...Coached the Patriots from 1971-1990 compiling an overall 463-90 record...Won the mythical 1979 national championship and six state titles (1973, 75, 78, 79, 85, 89)...Southwest also captured 10 region and 15 sub-region crowns in his tenure...Georgia State Coach of the Year six times (1973, 75, 78, 79, 85, 89)...Region Coach of the Year nine times (1973, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 85, 89)...Middle Georgia Coach of the Year seven times (1979, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 89)...1979 head coach in the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic All-American team...Macon (Georgia) Sports Hall of Fame inductee...Steve Schmidt Award recipient from the Atlanta Tipoff Club/Naismith Awards.

Jessie Tuggle: Played his entire football career (high school, college and professional) in the state of Georgia...Enjoyed a 14-year NFL career (1987-2000) with the Atlanta Falcons...Holds the Falcons' all-time tackle mark with 2,065...Led the NFL in tackles in 1990 and 1991...Holds the NFL record for most fumbles recovered for a TD (5)...1991 Sports Illustrated All-Pro pick...Member of the 1998 NFC championship team...1992, 94, 95, 97, 98 NFL Pro Bowl selection...Atlanta Falcons' Ring of Honor inductee...Three-time Gulf South Conference selection at Valdosta State University...1986 Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of the Year...All-time tackle leader at VSU...Had his #88 jersey retired by Valdosta State in 1993...Played prep ball at Griffin High School.

John Tutt: Legendary coach who spent his coaching career in Augusta at Haines Institute (1906-1949) and Lucy Laney High School (1949-1958)...Over five decades, Tutt's teams won over 400 football, 800 basketball and 300 baseball games.

The Class of 2007 brings the total number of members in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame to 353.

For more information on the Class of 2007 and the Induction Ceremony next May, please call the GSHF at (478) 752-1585, ext. 101 or 102.