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# HALL TALK

THE GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Welcome to the third issue of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame newsletter, 'Hall Talk'. We'll be keeping you up to date on Hall of Famer news, new museum exhibits, upcoming events, and incoming inductees. Have some Georgia sports or Hall of Famer news you'd like to share? Email it to [lisah@gshf.org](mailto:lisah@gshf.org). Thanks for joining us!

### St. Paddy's Day at the GSHF

Thanks to our generous sponsor, The Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital at Navicent Health, we will be offering FREE admission to ALL visitors wearing green on Saturday, March 13th and Wednesday, March 17th, with special treats and giveaways for the kids! Check back for next month's Navicent Health sponsorship special!

### Operating Hours

Beginning on Wednesday, March 17th, we will be open Wednesdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \*\*Should your group or family wish to visit outside of those hours, we're happy to oblige. Give us a call at 478.752.1585 with your special request and we will do our very best to accommodate!

### It's Cherry Blossom Time In Macon, Georgia

The International Cherry Blossom Festival begins March 19 and runs through March 28. A point of pride in Macon, the Festival has events and activities for everyone: Beds racing through downtown, music lofting through the streets, arts & crafts, and street food!

The GSHF is offering FREE ADMISSION throughout the duration of the festival with special games and treats for the kids. Stop in for some air conditioning and Georgia Sports History on your Festival break!

For more details on the Cherry Blossom Festival please visit [www.cherryblossom.com](http://www.cherryblossom.com)!



## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JIM MCLENDON

Your Hall has been busy this year! In February, we celebrated Black History Month by unveiling our newest exhibit celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Baseball League. The exhibit features uniforms, equipment, newspaper articles, photos, and other memorabilia, along with a moving video by famed documentarian Ken Burns. The exhibit was unveiled on February 5th to a large crowd, with remarks given by Loran Smith, Chair of the GSHF Authority, Steve Anthony, Chair of the GSHF Foundation, and Lester Miller, Mayor of the Macon-Bibb County Consolidated Government. The 100th Anniversary of the Negro Baseball League exhibit is sponsored by the Coca Cola Bottling Company and will remain on display at least through April.

On your next visit to the Hall you will notice a new and fresh look! Through the generosity of the Peyton Anderson Foundation, we have been able to repaint the first floor and meeting rooms and install new carpeting on the second floor, where the majority of our exhibits are on display.

The GSHF's 65th Annual Induction Ceremony will be the weekend of May 21 and 22. We are excited about the Class of 2021, which includes Tony Barnhart, Tom Glavine, Joseph Hamilton, Janet Harris, Brian Jordan, Ray Lamb, Maya Moore, and Matt Stinchcomb. The Ceremony is our showcase event each year, and includes a full weekend of activities beginning Friday morning with our annual Burgess Pigment Golf Classic, to be held this year at The Brickyard Golf Club in Macon, the host site for the Annual Brickyard Collegiate Championship. Friday evening, is the Welcoming Reception and Jacket Ceremony at the Hall. Each member of the Class of 2021 will receive their official GSHF Blazer! Saturday begins with Fanfest, sponsored by Stifel Investments, featuring incoming and former Inductees for autograph and photo opportunities. This event is free to the public. Saturday evening is the official Induction Ceremony at the Macon City Auditorium beginning at 5:30PM. This is a ticketed event and tables and individual seats are available. For more information on golf teams and tickets to the Induction Ceremony please call 478-752-1585 or email [jimm@gshf.org](mailto:jimm@gshf.org).



## Class of 2021 Inductee Spotlight

This month we are proud to share a little about two more of our OUTSTANDING incoming class, Maya Moore and Ray Lamb:

**Maya Moore** - One of the most accomplished women's basketball players in the world, Maya Moore started her career at Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Georgia and was named Naismith Prep Player of the Year her junior and senior years. At the University of Connecticut, Maya led her team to two NCAA Championships and multiple Player of the Year awards. Drafted number one overall by the Minnesota Lynx in 2011, Maya led the Lynx to four WNBA Championships and was awarded MVP in 2014.

**Ray Lamb** - Ray Lamb is one of high school football's coaching greats. He started his 35-year coaching career at Warrenton High School, coaching his team to two state titles. Moving on to Commerce High School in 1967, Ray helped turn the Tigers into a winning team, eventually claiming a state title in 1981. In 1993, Ray was named Coordinator of High School Relations for the University of Georgia. Holding the position until 2011, he was a liaison between UGA coaches and high school coaches throughout the state and region.

## Hall of Fame Birthdays March and April

### March

Kevin Brown  
Manny Diaz  
Walt Frazier  
Kent Hill  
Chip Kell  
Dale Murphey  
Martha Pennyman  
Hollis Stacy  
Gary Stokan  
Herschel Walker  
Hines Ward

### April

Gayle Barron  
Mel Blount  
Gary Colson  
Terry Hoage  
Chipper Jones  
Angel Myers-Martino  
Tracy Rocker  
Clarence Scott  
Mark Teixeira  
James "JT" Thomas  
Jesse Tuggle

## In Memoriam

Please take a moment to honor Mr. Henry "Hammerin' Hank" Aaron, who passed away on January 22. A true superstar in every sense of the word, Mr. Aaron's contributions to baseball, sports in the state of Georgia, and the world at large will not be forgotten. We are proud to honor him today and every day at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

Our sincerest condolences to family, friends, and loved ones.

## Rent the Hall!

Remember us when you're looking for the perfect event space for your next birthday party, holiday gathering, office party, corporate event, or lecture! With two spacious party/meeting rooms, a private theater that seats 215, an interactive play area, a fully outfitted catering kitchen, and more than 40,000 square feet, we are the ideal spot for your upcoming SOCIALLY DISTANCED get-together. Call us at 478- 752.1585 for details.

## Hall of Famer in the News

Class of 2019 inductee Calvin Johnson, Jr., has been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

A standout wide receiver at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Georgia, Calvin would stick close to home to play college football at Georgia Tech where he electrified fans with his ability to catch the impossible pass and would go on to break numerous school records for the Yellow Jackets. His junior year, he was awarded the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's most outstanding receiver in college football and was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2018.

Drafted by the Detroit Lions, Calvin continued as an indomitable force in the NFL. He'd spend all nine seasons of his professional career in Detroit. He amassed 731 receptions for 11,619 yards and 83 touchdowns. He was a six-time Pro Bowler and was named to four All-Pro teams. Since retiring in 2015, Calvin has spent his time earning his degree from Georgia Tech and starting his own CBD business. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in just in his first year of eligibility. Congrats Calvin!



## Class of 2022 Nominations

We are already receiving nominations for the Class of 2022 and the deadline of July 1 is fast approaching. Nomination forms are available online at [www.gshf.org](http://www.gshf.org) and may be emailed to [lisah@gshf.org](mailto:lisah@gshf.org). Any native Georgian or individual who spent a significant portion of their sports career in Georgia is eligible.