

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



LOTHIAN SMALLWOOD Class of 2014

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt.”*

Lothian Smallwood served as athletic director for 25 years from 1972 to 1995 and was baseball coach at Wallace-Selma Community College for 22 years during that span. He also served two stints head basketball coach – first for five years and later for three more.

Smallwood compiled a 495-253 baseball record for Wallace with seven teams advancing to the AJCC state tournament. Three of his teams finished third. One team ranked sixth in the nation (1982) and his 1984 team finished 40-10. Two of his players earned All-America honors, pitcher Murry Fail and third baseman David Beasley. Fail compiled an 11-1 record while Beasley hit .411.

He never had a losing baseball season in his 22 years as WSC head baseball coach.

Smallwood began his baseball coaching career as a high school coach at West Morgan High School in 1967. He started the baseball program at West Morgan and also coached basketball. He left in 1968 to coach football and baseball at Vincent High School in Shelby County before returning to Morgan County where he began the baseball program at Eva High School and also coached its basketball program.

His next stop was at Hartselle (then known as Morgan County High School), his own alma mater. The 1959 graduate served a three-year tenure as a football and baseball coach and also coached the basketball team to the 3A state championship in 1971.

While at Selma he also coached one season at Meadowview Christian Academy and one year at Morgan Academy – leading the Senators to the AISA Western Division title.

A man dedicated to promoting and teaching baseball to the youth of Selma and Dallas County, Smallwood has also spent many of his summers coaching baseball in the summer recreation league in Selma.

He built a legacy founded on his love and passion for baseball and the teaching aspects that prepare young people for the challenges of adulthood though the life lessons learned from the sport.

Smallwood attended Clark Community College where he graduated in 1961, then graduated from Florence State (now the University of North Alabama) in 1967. He received his Masters of Education from the University of Alabama.

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