

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



## **RICHY BROOKS** **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."*

Richy Brooks has been the head baseball coach at Benjamin Russell High School for the last 21 years compiling a 470-268 record. His overall head-coaching record is 530-295.

His Wildcats have won 10 area championships and made 16 state playoff appearances. Over 70 players have gone on to play college baseball with seven being signed to professional baseball contracts. He was selected to coach the AHSAA North-South All-Star game in 2000, and has served as a coach of East-West All-Star game five times.

Brooks began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 1986. He became an assistant coach at Livingston University for two years (1988-1989) and moved into the high school ranks in 1990 at Tarrant High School. He remained at Tarrant for three seasons. His teams at Tarrant made two playoff appearances and were Jefferson County Champions in 1992 in the 1A – 4A division. He was selected Jefferson County Coach of the year in 1991 (1A – 4A) Division. He also served as a coach for the East-West All-Star Game twice. He moved to Benjamin Russell in 1993.

Brooks is the oldest son of Robert and Jan Brooks, and has a younger brother Robin. He grew up in the small community of Keener on the outskirts of Attalla, Alabama. He attended Fort Payne High School where he was a three sport letterman, participating in football, basketball and baseball. Upon completion of high school, he played baseball for Coach Bob Browning at Gadsden State Community College during the 1982 and 1983 seasons. Thereafter he transferred to the University of Alabama-Birmingham where he played for Coach Harry "The Hat" Walker during the 1984 and 1985 seasons. While at UAB he earned his BS in Education degree.

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