

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



SAMMY FRICHTER **Class of 2015**

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

A native of New Orleans, Sammy Frichter has been a fixture in the Dothan area since 1974 as a baseball coach and mentor to hundreds of players ranging from the youth league level through college. He got his first taste of coaching as a 15-year-old in leading the Dixie Boys All-Star team from St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana to a state championship. It would be the start of a long coaching career for the energetic Frichter, who first excelled on the baseball field during his playing days.

A graduate of Chalmette High School in New Orleans, Frichter was a three-sport athlete and letterman in baseball, football and basketball. He was named All-City for baseball in 1966 and 1967. Following his prep days, Frichter continued his baseball success by being recognized as all-conference at Mid-City Baptist Junior College in Louisiana in 1969. Frichter finished his college playing days at the University of Southern Mississippi (1970-72), leading the Golden Eagles in hitting as a sophomore and as a senior. He was a three-year starter at third base and served as a team captain. Following college baseball, Frichter played on the semi-pro level and was named Louisiana semi-pro player of the year in helping his team to the state championship in 1972.

Frichter first got into college coaching as a graduate assistant for Southern Mississippi for a year before accepting his first head coaching job for baseball at Wallace College in Dothan in 1973. Frichter led the Wallace program to great success during a 17-year tenure, which included state championships in 1980, 1983, 1987 and 1989. His team also finished as the state runner-up in 1984 and 1985. At Wallace, Frichter's teams compiled a 482-275 record while winning six conference championships - including a 227-113 mark in league play. He was named JUCO Coach of the Year in the state on five occasions.

Frichter also started the American Legion baseball program in Dothan and coached Post 12 from 1974 until 1988. Dothan Post 12 won eight state championships during that time. In 1988 and 1989, Frichter was the head coach of the East College All-Stars in the Alabama Sports Festival. Frichter organized the Wiregrass Cardinals Senior and Junior baseball teams in 2004. The Cardinals have become one of the most respected AAU programs in the southeast with countless players moving on to the college ranks.

Frichter is also very involved in the Dothan Miracle League for handicapped children. He serves as vice-president of the local group, of which his son Michael is a participant.

Frichter was inducted into the St. Bernard Parish Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

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