



El Paso Athletic
Hall of Fame

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1986 HALL OF FAME HONOREES



C. B. (STRETCH) ELLIOTT/LIVING ATHLETE

Stretch Elliott was an outstanding football player at the high school, college, military and professional level. But equally important, he has lent his talents to improve athletics in El Paso. Stretch was the first 12-letter athlete at Laurel, Delaware High School and went on to become a freshman starter at Temple University, helping the Owls to an 8-1 record before he entered the U.S. Army. He played and co-captained the U.S. Army football team which won the European Theater championship in 1946. He entered the University of Virginia in 1947 and became that school's first post-war "Three Letterman," winning the coveted Cavalier Award granted to the school's outstanding athlete. During his three years at Virginia the football team had a 20-9 record and he was named to the North-South Shrine team. Drafted by the Green Bay Packers, he played on a farm team in 1950 and then joined the Packers in 1951, playing tight end for four seasons, ranking 10th in pass receiving with 35 catches in 1951. He played in 48 consecutive games with the Packers before closing his career with the Los Angeles Rams in 1955. Stretch has been active in the El Paso Touchdown Club, YMCA and numerous sports groups in the community. Stretch Elliott — gentleman, scholar and athlete.



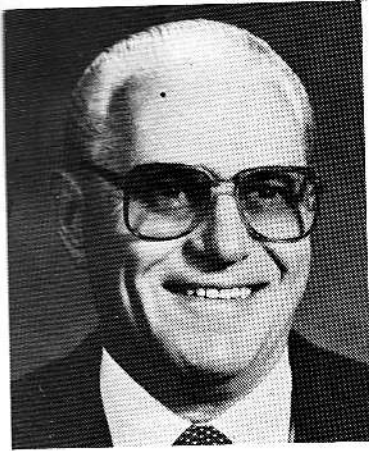
JACK P. MORRIS/LIVING ATHLETE

Jack Morris seemingly has been flying since he learned that over was quicker than around or through. His first "flight" was over a track hurdle in high school and his successes led to a scholarship at the University of Oklahoma. He set the Big Six (now Big Eight) Conference 60-yard hurdles record, as well as marks in the low and high hurdles. He won the Bronze Medal at the 1939 Drake Relays, accepting his award from a local sports announcer named Ronald Reagan. After college, when he wasn't flying in the U.S. Air Transport Command because of World War II, he was setting amateur track records. He won nine New York AAU hurdles championships, was named winner of the New York Athletic Club's Veterans' Trophy and was elected the NYAC's outstanding athlete in 1946. He was sixth in the national AAU decathlon championship in 1947 and selected as principal in the U.S. Olympic and AAU hurdles training films in 1947. Jack continued his airborne ways when he came to El Paso as general manager of American Airlines in 1971 and later served the community with the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Dieu Medical Center. Jack Morris — living in the fast track on land and in the air.



L. O. PAGE/LIVING ATHLETE

L.O. Page is one of those great athletes who did everything when he played football and basketball for Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (now UTEP) from 1933-36. While he didn't take tickets, he was responsible in 1935 and 1936 for the Miner football publication and increased its size from four to 24 pages with a resultant \$4,000 more for the school's athletic text book fund. But selling wasn't what made L.O. Page a Miner sports great. His kicking, whether drop, placement or punting, won him national acclaim. He won several games with last-minute field goals and his better-than-60-yard punts often kept the opposing teams at bay. He was also a performer in the backfield and at defensive end. L.O. was a member of the Miners' team when it entered the Border Conference in 1935. The conference's eligibility rules reduced the Miner squad to only 20 players and Page, with seven others, played every minute of the team's nine-game schedule. Page's efforts won him Border Conference as well as national recognition. Often overlooked was his basketball playing but he was a Miner regular for three years. He graduated with a history major in 1936, but chose a business career where he achieved the same success he had gained in sports. He has lived in El Paso since his college days and remains a devoted Miner fan. L.O. Page — he really put a foot into Miner football in the 1930s.



FRANK PORTH/COACH ADMINISTRATOR

Frank Porth is one of those quiet workers who stayed out of the limelight but whose thorough planning and devotion to duty helped make El Paso the softball capital of the world in the 1950s and 1960s. Frank played softball in the El Paso Industrial League before turning to coaching and managing, first in the El Paso Church League and later as commissioner for the New Mexico-West Texas area of the International Softball Congress. During his 26 years with the ISC, Frank was director of El Paso's annual Southwest Softball Classic which for 17 years featured the outstanding fast-pitch teams in the country. In addition to his work with ISC, Frank directed softball operations for the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department from 1954 to 1966 and worked with the Optimist Club's youth baseball and basketball programs. He also umpired baseball and softball for 13 years. He was a founder of the El Paso Softball Hall of Fame (which inducted him as a member in 1964) and was later elected to the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame. Frank's active career as a softball coach, administrator and umpire ended with a heart attack in 1966, but he has continued a full schedule of administrative involvement. Frank Porth — a man who gets it organized and makes it work.



GENE STOGNER/COACH ADMINISTRATOR

Gene Stogner has found the fountain of youth and it showers tennis stars under his almost magical touch. An outstanding high school and college athlete, Gene had record-breaking performances in several sports — tennis, bowling, softball and baseball. His tennis credentials are particularly impressive. He played in the national tournament at the age of 18 and was ranked first in the Southwest in doubles and outstanding collegiate player in 1959. In addition, he was a key player (195 average) on a record-setting bowling team and starred on nine city softball championship teams as well as in 11 world tournaments, including the 1969 national championship team. But his greatest skills are in developing young tennis stars. Parents from inside and outside the El Paso area send their offspring to Gene for coaching at his Santa Teresa Country Club Tennis Center. Gene developed a city-wide tennis program and has consistently been a prime mover in molding future tennis stars. He has an outstanding ability to convey his sound knowledge of tennis to those he trains. The list of his outstanding players is almost endless and includes his daughter, Lynn. Gene Stogner — one of those rare individuals who can play as well as he coaches.



ROBERT E. KOLLINER/POSTHUMOUS

A phrase that describes the work of Bob Kolliner: "He got it done." Whether the situation required persuasion, pushing or pulling, financing or just plain hard work, Bob got it done. A varsity starter on the national championship Minnesota football team of the 1938-41 era, which was unbeaten for four years, Kolliner carried his leadership role into World War II as a lieutenant colonel in the Eight Air Force receiving numerous decorations for heroism. Moving to El Paso after World War II, Kolliner became an integral part of the community serving as an alderman, chairman of the Sun Bowl selection committee which arranged the first television of the classic and spearheading the effort which resulted in the construction of the Sun Bowl stadium. He helped organize the El Paso Track and Field Association, helped return professional baseball to El Paso in the 1950s and played host and counselor to many students from the University of Texas at El Paso. The spirit which Bob Kolliner exhibited in his support of athletes and athletics in El Paso for 35 years continues to live as surely he does.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES FOR 1986

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Steven Lee
Austin High School

Melissa Chavira
El Paso High School

YISD

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Hanks High School

Dawn Grochocki
Ysleta High School

PROGRAM

Welcome	John McFall
Invocation	Mrs. Clyde Wafer
Dinner	
The 1986 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame	President Richard Fritz
Special Award to Granville (Bill) Green	Mr. Fritz
Presentation to 1986 Outstanding Male and Female High School Athletes:	
El Paso Independent School District — Clay Cox, Athletic Director	
Ysleta Independent School District — Ms. Ruth Meredith, Athletic Director	
Presentation of 1986 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees:	
Posthumous Award	Robert E. Kolliner
Coach/Administrator Award	Frank Porth
Coach/Administrator Award	Gene Stogner
Athlete's Award	Carlton (Stretch) Elliott
Athlete's Award	Jack Morris
Athlete's Award	L.O. Page
Conclusion	

A TIME TO REMEMBER

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame honors six athletes inducted 30 years ago for their athletic achievements and whose skills and exploits merit remembrance.

Who can forget the tennis heights scaled by Margaret Varner, the unique football skills of Ken Heineman, or the track and basketball talents of Sandy Esquivel?

Posthumous awards in those years went to Cliff Hill in 1956, Luther Coblentz in 1957 and in 1958 to Asa Porter.

Unfortunately, Dr. Sandy Esquivel passed away several years ago, but Margaret Varner Bloss and Ken Heineman are alive and well in El Paso.

These great athletes and their achievements continue to bring honor to El Paso.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1956 — John Phelan	1966 — G.M. (Bill) Green	1976 — John Thompson
1957 — John Phelan	1967 — Jim Bowden	1977 — Maynard Haddad
1958 — John Phelan	1968 — Jim DeGroat	1978 — Harris Hatfield
1959 — Bob Ingram	1969 — Bob Goldfarb	1979 — Billy Stevens
1960 — Chuck Whitlock	1970 — Bill Woodul	1980 — Dr. "Pinky" Edwin
1961 — Harry Phillips	1971 — Bert Williams	1981 — Tee Casper
1962 — Vernus Carey	1972 — Dick de Bruyn	1982 — "Lucky" Leverett
1963 — Thad Steele	1973 — Frank Porth	1983 — Jim Paul
1964 — John McFall	1974 — Ben Collins	1984 — Steve DeGroat
1965 — Frank Redman	1975 — Don O'Neill	1985 — Ken George

PAST HONOREES LIVING AWARDS

1955 — Andy Cohen	1973 — Bobby Goldfarb	1978 — David L. Carrasco
1956 — Margaret Varner	1973 — Dolph Quijano	1978 — Wayne Vandenburg
1957 — Ken Heineman	1973 — Gene Jordan	1978 — Ray Sanchez
1958 — Dr. Sandy Esquivel*	1973 — Harrison Kohl	1978 — Margaret Osborne Du Pont
1959 — Jack Harden	1974 — Nolan Richardson	1979 — D.W. Conway
1960 — E.E. (Mannie) Ponsford*	1974 — Mary Hoover	1980 — Jack Curtice*
1961 — Willie Shoemaker	1974 — Charles (Red) Harris	1980 — Ernest L. Keily
1962 — Syd Cohen	1974 — Saul Kleinfeld	1981 — Chris P. Fox*
1963 — Mike Brumbelow*	1974 — Bob Ingram	1981 — Roy Lown
1964 — A.L. (Doc) Holm*	1974 — Fred Wendt	1981 — Ken George
1965 — Javier Montes	1975 — Lee Trevino	1981 — Ted Banks
1966 — Clyde Wafer*	1975 — Karen Linton	1982 — Bill Cummins
1967 — Frank Redman	1975 — Dr. John Edwin	1982 — Fred Kriss
1967 — Ross Moore*	1975 — Robert Carson*	1982 — Vic Clark
1967 — Jesse Whittenton	1975 — John Phelan	1983 — Russell E. Ball
1968 — Don Maynard	1976 — Billy Stevens	1983 — Janis Blades Prieto
1968 — Harry Phillips*	1976 — Thad Steele	1983 — Jim Bowden
1968 — Nemo Herrera*	1976 — Jim DeGroat*	1983 — Tee Casper
1969 — George Ball	1976 — John McFall	1984 — Peggie Robertson Birkhead
1969 — Mike Izquierdo	1976 — Jim Paul	1984 — Larry Jessee
1969 — Agatha Lee	1976 — Chuck Whitlock	1984 — Charles R. Smith
1970 — Dale Waters	1977 — Oscar Villareal	1984 — Jack McNutt
1970 — Ben Collins	1977 — Dick Shinaut	1985 — Bobby Joe Hill
1971 — Paul Barry	1977 — Pete Melendez	1985 — Tom Chavez
1971 — Vernus Carey	1977 — Bobby Dobbs*	1985 — Samuel L. Jenkins
1971 — Don Haskins	1977 — Dalton Hill*	1985 — Gene Odell
1972 — C.D. Jarvis	1977 — Jud Milton	1985 — Camile Whitfield
1972 — Paul Lopez	1978 — Bob Arnold	
1973 — Wayne Hansen	1978 — Harris Cantrell	

* Now deceased.

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

1955 — N.A. Ferguson	1963 — Dr. James Vance	1976 — C.M. Hendricks
1956 — Cliff Hill	1964 — Bob Laraba	1980 — Tony Carvajal
1957 — Luther Coblentz	1965 — W.J. (Chule) Milner	1981 — Lawrence (Sag) Shea
1958 — Asa Porter	1966 — A.S. Valdespino	1982 — E.R. Bowman
1959 — Mack Saxon	1967 — Charles H. Leavell, Sr.	1983 — John C. Birkhead
1960 — Judge Ballard Coldwell	1972 — Chuck Hughes	1984 — Albert C. Messer
1961 — Bob Osborn	1974 — Raymond B. Ward, Sr.	1985 — Fenton E. Slaughter
1962 — Carlos Edwards	1975 — Lee Floyd	

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