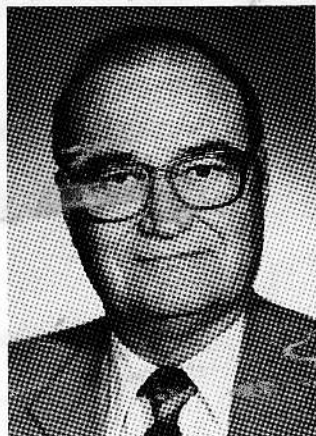

El Paso
Athletic
Hall of Fame

35th Annual
Awards
Banquet



Tomas Rivera Center
Student Union Building
University of Texas at El Paso
Third Floor East

Tuesday, May 8, 1990



Clay Cox / Posthumous

A much decorated war hero, a devoted husband and father, an involved coach and administrator but, above all else, a man you could rely on. Clay Cox was a straight shooter whose word was his bond and his legion of friends can attest to his basic fairness and his love of athletics. He was an outstanding athlete, earning 10 letters in four sports in Mangum, Oklahoma. He said little about his World War II experiences as a paratrooper and never mentioned his Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Presidential Citation, French Croix de Guerre and other decorations. When the war ended, he attended and was graduated from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma. He interrupted his teaching career to volunteer for military duty during the Korean Conflict and was discharged with the rank of Captain in March 1953. He returned to become Football Coach at Fabens and later was a highly successful coach at Bowie High School. He held administrative positions at Austin and

Irvin before becoming El Paso Independent School District Athletic Director in 1980. His administration was noted for expanding coaching staffs, gaining long-needed salary increases for coaches, improving facilities and equipment. He instituted new sports programs, including soccer and wrestling, and helped achieve a new level of professionalism for the district's coaching staffs. His death, quickly following his retirement in 1989, deprived El Paso of one of its true heroes.

Program

Welcome John McFall, Master of Ceremonies
 National Anthem Charles "Chico" Woodul
 Invocation Dr. John Edwin

A Moment of Silence for the Departed

Serving of Dinner

Purpose of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame President Tim Crenshaw

Presentation of 1989-90 Outstanding High School Athletes:

District 1-AAAAA Winners Presented by Jerry Millsapps

District 2-AAAAA Winners Presented by Ruth Meredith

Presentation of 1990 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Living Athlete Bert Cameron

Living Athlete Ted Kepple

Living Athlete Joe Valencia

Posthumous Award Clay Cox

Coach/Administrator Award Robert Osborne

Coach/Administrator Award Norman Phillips

Official Award Don O'Neill

Conclusion

Outstanding High School Athletes for 1989-90

District 1-AAAAA

Courtney Gentry, Austin High School

Jaime Valencia, Bowie High School

District 2-AAAAA

Helen Franco, Riverside High School

Eric Jack, Eastwood High School

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame is Proud to Announce its 1990:

Gold Medalist Awards

Valley-Montwood Banks
Gene Stogner Family
Texas Commerce Bank El Paso
Brokers El Paso Warehouse
MBank El Paso
First City Texas, El Paso
Red Mender/Club Morocco
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Kaerwer
El Paso Natural Gas Company
Sun West Bank

Silver Medalist Awards

L.O. and Marion Page
Casa Ford
de Bruyn-Rettig Advertising, Inc.
Rogers & Belding Insurance-
Real Estate

Bronze Medalist Awards

MBank El Paso-Vista Hills
Armando Menchaca, Mid-Town
Body & Glass
Border Industrial Motors Inc.
William H. Blizzard, Jr., D.D.S.
Dick Poe Chrysler-Plymouth-
Honda Inc.
El Paso Golf Hall of Fame
Sanitary Plumbing and Heating
Mr. and Mrs. George I. Kurita
Palms Mexico Insurance
Richard W. and Bobbie Fritz

Hall of Fame Past Honorees

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| 1955 — Andy Cohen* | 1971 — Don Haskins | 1978 — Wayne Vandenburg |
| 1955 — N.A. Ferguson* | 1972 — Chuck Hughes* | 1978 — Ray Sanchez |
| 1956 — Cliff Hill* | 1972 — C.D. Jarvis | 1978 — Margaret Osborne Du Pont |
| 1956 — Margaret Varner | 1972 — Paul Lopez | 1979 — D.W. Conway |
| 1957 — Luther Coblenz* | 1973 — Wayne Hansen* | 1980 — Tony Carvajal* |
| 1957 — Ken Heineman | 1973 — Bobby Goldfarb | 1980 — Jack Curtice* |
| 1958 — Dr. Sandy Esquivel* | 1973 — Dolph Quijano | 1980 — Ernest L. Keily |
| 1958 — Asa Porter* | 1973 — Gene Jordan | 1981 — Chris P. Fox* |
| 1959 — Jack Harden | 1973 — Harrison Kohl | 1981 — Roy Lown |
| 1959 — Mack Saxon * | 1974 — Nolan Richardson | 1981 — Ken George |
| 1960 — Judge Ballard Coldwell* | 1974 — Mary Hoover | 1981 — Ted Banks |
| 1960 — E.E. (Mannie) Ponsford* | 1974 — Charles (Red) Harris* | 1981 — Lawrence (Sag) Shea* |
| 1961 — Bob Osborn* | 1974 — Saul Kleinfeld* | 1982 — E.R. Bowman* |
| 1961 — Willie Shoemaker | 1974 — Bob Ingram | 1982 — Bill Cummins |
| 1962 — Syd Cohen* | 1974 — Raymond B. Ward, Sr.* | 1982 — Fred Kriss |
| 1962 — Carlos Edwards * | 1974 — Fred Wendt | 1982 — Vic Clark |
| 1963 — Mike Brumbelow* | 1975 — Lee Trevino | 1983 — Russell E. Ball* |
| 1963 — Dr. James Vance* | 1975 — Lee Floyd* | 1983 — John C. Birkhead* |
| 1964 — A.L. (Doc) Holm* | 1975 — Karen Linton | 1983 — Janis Blades Prieto |
| 1964 — Bob Laraba* | 1975 — Dr. John Edwin | 1983 — Jim Bowden |
| 1965 — W.J. (Chule) Milner* | 1975 — Robert Carson* | 1983 — Tee Casper* |
| 1965 — Javier Montes | 1975 — John Phelan | 1984 — Peggie Robertson Birkhead |
| 1966 — A.S. Valdespino* | 1976 — C.M. Hendricks* | 1984 — Larry Jessee |
| 1966 — Clyde Wafer* | 1976 — Billy Stevens | 1984 — Charles R. Smith |
| 1967 — Frank Redman | 1976 — Thad Steele* | 1984 — Jack McNutt* |
| 1967 — Charles H. Leavell, Sr.* | 1976 — Jim DeGroat* | 1984 — Albert C. Messer* |
| 1967 — Ross Moore* | 1976 — John McFall | 1985 — Bobby Joe Hill |
| 1967 — Jesse Whittenton | 1976 — Jim Paul | 1985 — Tom Chavez |
| 1968 — Don Maynard | 1976 — Chuck Whitlock | 1985 — Samuel L. Jenkins |
| 1968 — Harry Phillips* | 1977 — Oscar Villareal | 1985 — Gene Odell |
| 1968 — Nemo Herrera* | 1977 — Dick Shinaut | 1985 — Fenton E. Slaughter* |
| 1969 — George Ball | 1977 — Pete Melendez | 1985 — Camile Whitfield |
| 1969 — Mike Izquierdo | 1977 — Bobby Dobbs* | 1986 — C.B. (Stretch) Elliott |
| 1969 — Agatha Lee | 1977 — Dalton Hill* | 1986 — Robert E. Kolliner* |
| 1970 — Dale Waters | 1977 — Jud Milton | 1986 — Jack P. Morris |
| 1970 — Ben Collins | 1978 — Bob Arnold | 1986 — L.O. Page |
| 1971 — Paul Barry | 1978 — Harris Cantrell | 1986 — Frank Porth |
| 1971 — Vernus Carey* | 1978 — David L. Carrasco | 1986 — Gene Stogner |

1987 — J.D. Partridge
 1987 — Walter Driver
 1987 — Joe Hague
 1987 — Larry Stubing
 1987 — K.C. Brown
 1987 — James Malone
 1987 — Bill Macatee

1988 — John (Jack) Parks
 1988 — Santos (Kayo) Perez
 1988 — Dr. R.J. (Buddy) Shaeffer
 1988 — Dr. James G. Mason
 1988 — Miss Lydia Sierra
 1988 — Mrs. Marjorie Williamson
 1989 — Suleiman Nyambui

1989 — Gus Bailey*
 1989 — George Kurita
 1989 — Mary Jane McCutcheon
 1989 — Gerald Campbell
 1989 — James E. Rogers, Jr.
 1989 — James Forbes
 *deceased

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 1971 — Bert Williams
 1972 — Dick de Bruyn
 1973 — Frank Porth
 1974 — Ben Collins
 1975 — Don O'Neill
 1976 — John Thompson
 1977 — Maynard Haddad
 1978 — Harris Hatfield
 1979 — Billy Stevens

1980 — Dr. John (Pinky) Edwin
 1981 — Tee Casper*
 1982 — C.W. (Lucky) Leverett
 1983 — Jim Paul
 1984 — Steve DeGroat
 1985 — Ken George
 1986 — Richard Fritz
 1987 — Vince Carafano*
 1988 — Luis Flores, Jr.
 1989 — Peggie Birkhead

*deceased

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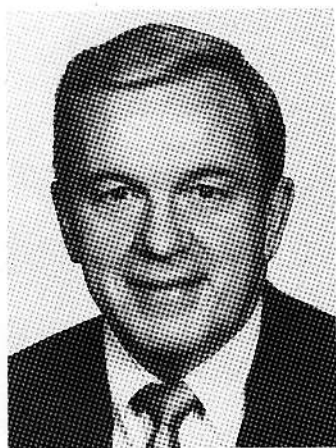
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1990 Hall of Fame Honorees



Bert Cameron/Living Athlete

Jamaica's loss is El Paso's gain. Bert Cameron, who has decided to make El Paso his home, is a three-time Olympic competitor who was a member of the Gold Medal winning 1600-meter relay team for his native Jamaica in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. But before that, he was a star runner for UT El Paso, where he set three NCAA records in the 400 meters. Bert placed sixth in the 400-meter finals in the 1988 Olympics after being injured while competing in the event in 1980 in Moscow and in 1984 in Los Angeles. Cameron, who was ranked first in the world for 400 meters in 1982 and 1983, won a Gold Medal in the 1983 World Championship Games and was first in the Commonwealth Games in 1982. He was a Silver Medalist in the Pan American Games in 1987 and has been named Jamaica's "Athlete of the Year" three times. He was awarded the Order of Distinction for Jamaica in 1987. He set National Collegiate Athletic Association records as a freshman, sophomore and senior in the 400 meters while a member of the University of Texas at El Paso track team from 1980-1983. He was a four-times champion in the Western Athletic Conference Competition from 1980-1983, both indoors and outdoors. Bert was graduated from UT El Paso last year with a degree in Physical Education. Bert is currently a teacher in the El Paso Independent School District as well as Assistant Sprint Coach for the Miners. Bert teaches by example: his most recent victory came in mid-April when he won the 400-meter run at the Miners' Open Track competition. Bert Cameron, the running machine, who continues to surpass in his new home at the Pass.



Don O'Neill/Official

Don O'Neill is a banker by vocation, but his interest is in officiating, and it's compounded by his devotion to be the best there is. Don, who is now the Senior Football Official in the Western Athletic Conference, has worked 102 college football games, and almost as many high school contests. He is a graduate of Ysleta High School where he played football, basketball and baseball, lettering two years in football and three years in baseball. He was honorary football co-captain in his senior year of 1951. Don began officiating at local high school games in 1961 and advanced to college work in 1977 with the WAC. He was assigned to the Division II College Championship game in 1980 and worked the 1982 Sun Bowl, 1986 Aloha Bowl and the 1989 Freedom Bowl. He is a past president of the Touchdown Club, El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, El Paso Football Officials Association and is a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association. He has worked for MBank (formerly the State National) for 30 years where he is a Senior Vice President and careful on draw plays.



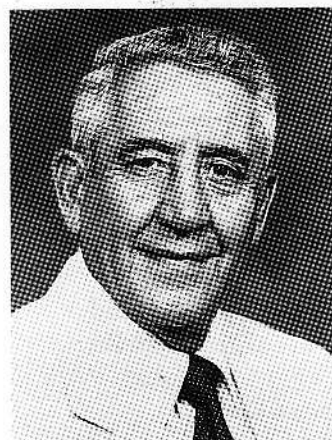
Bob Osborne/Coach

Bob Osborne has been having a ball most of his life, but it's usually with a tennis ball, football, or most likely, a baseball. Osborne has achieved remarkable records as head baseball coach at Burges High School since 1969. He gave the Mustangs their first District crown in the school's history with his 1972 baseball team, which went undefeated in district play and won 20 straight games before losing to eventual State Champion Lubbock Monterey. He had play-off teams in 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 as Burges won five District and four Bidistrict titles in the '70s. The record continued in the '80s with playoff berths in 1982, 1983, 1985 and 1986. The 1983 team was undefeated and faced Bel Air in the state quarterfinals before an overflow crowd at Dudley Field. The Mustangs won and took their place as a Final Four Team, a feat accomplished by only two other El Paso high school teams. Osborne has been president of the El Paso Coaches Association and director of the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. A native El Pasoan, his baseball career started at Ysleta High School and continued at the University of Texas. Prior to devoting most of his time to baseball, he was the head wrestling coach and head football coach for seven seasons at Burges. Bob Osborne, a dedicated coach who knows a diamond can also be a man's best friend.



Ted U. Kepple / Living Athlete

Ted Kepple has bumped heads (and other parts of the anatomy) with some of football's greatest stars and coaches, but he has remained the same enthusiastic, self-effacing man who was graduated from Jeannette, Pennsylvania, High School in the early 1950s. Consider these men who have known and worked with Kepple: Biggie Munn, Duffy Daugherty, Dan Devine, Bob Devaney, Bill Yeoman, Chuck Fairbanks, Frank Kush, Earl Morrell, Cotton Davidson, Fuzzy Thurston, Willie Davis, Forrest Gregg — the list goes on. Kepple was awarded a football scholarship to Michigan State University after winning eight high school letters in football, wrestling, track and field. The Pennsylvania All-State Player lettered two years for the Spartans and played on the school's undefeated 1952 National Championship team. He was also a starter on the 1953 team, which lost only once in 10 games, tied for the Big 10 Championship and defeated UCLA in the 1954 Rose Bowl. Kepple served with the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss during the Korean War and played football with the Fort Bliss Falcons, who were chosen the Armed Forces' most outstanding team for that era. Following his honorable discharge at Fort Bliss, he was employed by the El Paso Independent School District as teacher and coach, and is credited with instituting wrestling in El Paso high schools. He is now director of instructional resources, health and physical education. Kepple — a hands-on educator who has learned from the best and ranks with the best.



Joe I. Valencia / Living Athlete

Joe Valencia was an outstanding college football player who used speed, guile and a rugged physique to become a standout. And the same traits served him well during World War II when he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Joe was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. But the injury failed to prevent him from continuing with the Airborne. He amassed various campaign medals for his actions during his three years of service, including the Combat Infantryman's Badge. When he returned from military action, he quickly got into grid battles at Texas College of Mines, now UT El Paso. And Joe had the fundamentals. The native El Pasoan had played both basketball (an All-City and All-District Selection) and football (All-District) at Bowie High School before joining the Army. At TCM he quickly found his old skills and became a starting guard. He was named Most Valuable Player on the 1946 team and was a major factor in the Miners' victory over West Virginia in the 1949 Sun Bowl Game. After graduation, he became a teacher and football, tennis and track coach at Jefferson High School. Attesting to his ability was his selection as the District's Tennis Coach of the Year in 1957. But his first love was football. He was named head football coach for the Silver Foxes and served in that capacity until his departure in 1969 when he decided to try his luck as an insurance agent with State Farm. He has had a highly successful business career, again attesting to his intelligence, friendliness and the desire to get the job done.



Norman Lee Phillips / Coach

Norm Phillips started coaching as soon as he could blow a whistle, or at least as soon as he could yell: "ready, set, go." He has been involved in coaching track and field for five decades and has taught and trained literally hundreds of outstanding athletes, including the first 70-foot shot putter in Texas, the legendary Olympic Champion Randy Matson. For eight of the past nine years, Phillips' Irvin High School boys track team has won the District Championship and his athletes have set new records in every individual competitive event. His expertise in coaching is known throughout the Southwest. He was a football, track and field standout at Borger High School and attended West Texas State on a football scholarship. He was a member of the 1950 West Texas team that won the Border Conference and defeated the University of Cincinnati in the annual Sun Bowl. Following graduation, he coached at Plainview for one year before beginning an 11-year stay at Pampa where he developed Matson among other State Champions. He came to Irvin in 1965 and has taken a team member to State Competition in 11 of 16 events, including six State Champions. He has won the District track and field meet eight of the last 10 years at Irvin and finished no lower than third only once in 25 years. Norman Phillips always seems to be ready, set and go, go, go.