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Ironton Fighting Tiger Hall of Fame Inductions

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Welcome	Rick McKnight Secretary/Treasurer HOFC
Explanation: Hall of Fame	Mark LaFon Athletic Director/Chairman HOFC
Master of Ceremony	Jason Philyaw
Blazer Presentations	
Blazer Presentation	Ralph Snead presented by Mike Burcham
Blazer Presentation	Mark Snyder presented by Mike Burcham
Blazer Presentation	Justin Collins presented by Bill Washburn
Blazer Presentation	Danny Pride presented by Rick McKnight
Blazer Presentation	Anissa Campbell presented by Tim Thomas
Closing Remarks	Jason Philyaw

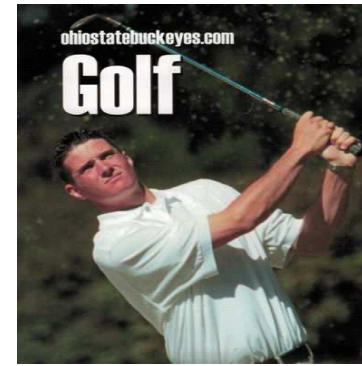


Anissa Campbell

The first female to be elected to the Hall of Fame is former track star Anissa Campbell. At Ironton, Anissa won three straight 100-meter dash state championships. She also won the 200 meters her senior year, was fourth in the long jump and anchored the winning 4-by-100 meter relay team along with Christiana Saxton, Kristen Roach and Shawnta Allen.

Her performance at the state meet in her senior year helped Ironton finished as state runners-up as a team. Anissa holds Ironton's 100-meter dash record with a sizzling 11.81-second time.

During her time at the University of Tennessee from 1995-98, Anissa was a member of the 4-by-100 meter relay team that placed in the NCAA national meet, thus earning All-American honors.



Justin Collins

Justin Collins is the most decorated golfer former Ohio State University coach Jim Brown ever recruited . He played for OSU from 1999-2004.

Collins led Ironton to four straight Division II state golf tournament appearances. Those appearances resulted in three consecutive State Championships and one runner-up(1995-1998). Collins was a four time first team All State performer in Golf. His play in the State Tournament was exceptional finishing 4th his freshman year, 2nd his sophomore year, 1st his junior year and tied for 1st(lost playoff) his senior year.

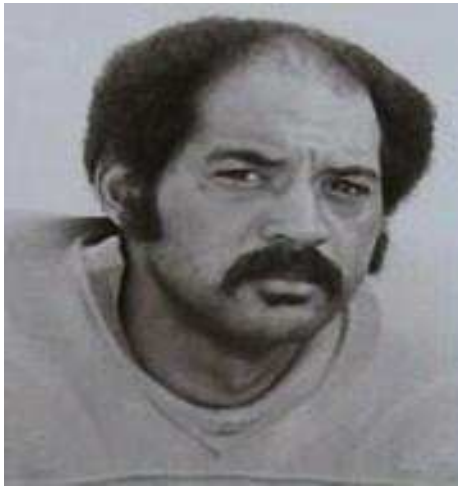
In 1997, his junior year, Collins was an individual medalist and set the Ohio High School Tournament scoring record; a record that still stands today. Collins was the only person other than Jack Nicklaus to win three Ohio Junior Championships. He was also selected as a high school All-American in Golf his senior year.

Justin performed well on the national level by qualifying and playing in two USGA Jr. Open Championships, AJGA Boys Championships and winning the prestigious Optimist International Tournament.

An all-around athlete, Collins lettered in varsity basketball. An excellent three point shooter, his senior year he averaged 19 points and 6 rebounds per game. He was named to the All Southeastern Ohio District Team.

Although recruited by colleges all across the country including military academies, his heart was with the Buckeyes. After accepting the Jack Nicklaus Scholarship, Justin became a standout at the Ohio State University. Ranked 11th nationally at Ohio State University he was their Captain for three years.

Justin is currently the head golf pro at the top ranked Pete Dye Golf Club, Bridgeport, WV.



Dan Pride

Dan Pride was a two-sport star in football and basketball at Ironton. He was a high school teammate of another future NFL player Coy Bacon.

Dan Pride played college football at Jackson State and Tennessee State before being a 10th round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers. He was released in training camp and then signed with the Chicago Bears. He worked his way up the depth charts and became a starting linebacker along side future Hall of Famer Dick Butkus. However, a knee injury in the fourth game on the 1968 season ended his season prematurely. The Bears finished 1-13, the worst record in the franchise's history.

Dan Pride went to work in California and when the World Football League announced its formation, Dan took a two-week vacation and tried out for the Southern California Sun and made the team. He played the inaugural 1974 season but opted not to play the next season. The league folded before the end of its second year.

Dan Pride taught and coached for 30 years in California. He returned to Ironton in 2008 where he has helped coach football and girls' basketball.



Ralph Snead

Ralph Snead is considered one of the finest all-around athletes to play at Ironton and was one of its best-ever basketball players. Able to go left or right, Ralph used his speed and quickness to drive off defenders and pull up for long jump shots. He scored 45 points in a game against Lancaster in 1958 in what was a school record, decades before the 3-point line. Ralph was a third team All-Ohio Class AA selection and played in the North/South All-Star Game with legends Jerry Lucas, Mel Nowell and John Havlicek.

There were only two classifications in Ohio during that period of time. Ralph attended Ohio University and led the team in scoring as a freshman. He set the single game scoring record in the Bobcats' old basketball arena but joined the Army the next year. In the service, Ralph was often flown to other military bases to play in tournament. He scored 45 points in a game against the William and Mary freshmen team. Ralph had several professional offers but declined.



Mark Snyder

Mark Snyder was an All-Ohio quarterback and safety for Ironton and helped the Fighting Tigers to the Division III state runner-up in football in 1982. Mark played at several colleges before stopping at Marshall in 1988 where he set a school record with 10 interceptions in one season, helped the Herd to the NCAA Div. I-AA national championship game and was named a I-AA All-American.

Mark began his coaching career as a graduate assistant in 1989 at Central Florida, served as an assistant to Jim Tressel at Youngstown State from 1991-96, coached defensive ends at Minnesota from 1996-2000, and was linebacker coach and defensive coordinator at Ohio State from 2001-04 including the 2002 national championship season.

Mark was named the head coach at Marshall from 2005-09 where he posted a 22-37 record. He was the defensive coordinator at South Florida from 2010-11 and took a similar job at Texas A&M in 2012. His defense was pivotal in the 2012 upset of No. 1-ranked Alabama.

The 2013-2014 Hall of Fame Committee Members:

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The Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the following people who helped contribute to the success of our induction ceremony:

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We would also like to thank you for attending the reception and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's induction ceremony.