

Idaho High School Activities Association

2007 "LEGENDS OF THE GAME"

The Idaho High School Activities Association is pleased to announce the 2007 "Legends of the Game" recipients. The award was established in 2001 to help preserve the heritage of Idaho high school sports by honoring great teams of the past. Eligible basketball "Legends" include girls teams from at least 20 years ago and boys teams from at least 30 years ago. Ceremonies honoring "Legends" recipients take place during halftime of the state 5A basketball championship games at the Idaho Center. The girls' ceremonies are slated for February 17 and the boys' ceremonies will take place on March 3.

Girls Basketball – Camas County – 1962

Camas County High School's 1962 basketball team, coached by Yogi Behrens, is the fifth team honored as the IHSAA girls basketball "Legends of the Game". Ten years before Title IX and an "official" girls state basketball tournament, the Lady Musers compiled an outstanding 44-0 record that stretched over three years. In 1962 they scored 655 points for a 46.8 point average while holding their opponents to an average of 17.6 points per game. This accomplishment becomes even more amazing when considering that, in 1962, tiny Camas County High School had a female enrollment of only thirty-two, twenty-two of whom played basketball.

Boys Basketball – Coeur d'Alene – 1949

Coeur d'Alene High School's 1949 basketball team has been chosen as the seventh IHSAA boys "Legends of the Game". Under the direction of coach Elmer Jordan and assistant coach Dale Reynolds, this talented group of Vikings enjoyed a 24-2 season that culminated in winning the Class A state championship. In a distinguished 23-year career at Coeur d'Alene, Coach Jordan, who passed away earlier this year, compiled an exemplary record of 398-180. He took the Vikings to the state tournament fourteen times, winning a second Class A state championship in 1963.

Leading the 1949 Vikings were all-state first team players Stan Wilcox and team captain Roger Lillibridge. Two other notable players, Don Monson and C.W. Totten, went on to enjoy successful coaching careers of their own.