Hutchinson inducted into the Kentucky Track Hall Of Fame

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CARLISLE — People of Nicholas County, a modern day pioneer walks among you. A cross-country pioneer as a matter of fact, but not of the kind we would normally associate with the term.

Enclosed in the trophy cases at Breckinridge and Trimble County High Schools there are two state championship trophies. There are two such trophies at Breckinridge, only one in Trimble. But the two that matter, to this story at least, are the ones dated 1953 and '54.

Chances are good that their shine has faded, black carbon may have developed, obscuring the names of the cross country runners for whom they were awarded.

But if there is a picture of those teams hanging dust covered behind a pane of thin glass, you may yet see a familiar face, albeit somewhat smoother, less complicated by lines and creases that developed from 30 years of pacing sidelines.

About two weeks ago during an awards ceremony for the state high school track championships, 38 years after he coached in Kentucky, Carlisle resident David Hutchinson was officially inducted into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame for Track.

As a cross country coach, Hutchinson became the first to win the state cross country championship when it was officially sanctioned by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. He won the title for two consecutive years under two different high schools.

The story of how he won them is the stuff of which every high school athlete dreams.

David Hutchinson

Hutchinson was just out of school when he landed the coaching job at Breckinridge. He was young, inexperienced, and hired to coach every sport the school offered — alone.

But the one thing Hutchinson said he recognized was the importance of conditioning. Not only did it provide him strong, durable athletes, but it also weeded out those who weren't nearly as committed to playing sports as they had first thought.

It was early fall 1952 when Hutchinson came into the Breckinridge County gymnasium to start the varsity basketball season. Waiting for him on the bleachers were 40 young boys, he said.

"I knew I couldn't coach 40 boys. Not alone. Some had to be cut. So, I let the boys do it themselves. I opened the back door and told them to follow me," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson didn't know much about coaching, but he knew how to run them, and clad in old torn shorts and t-shirts, two pair of socks, and heavy, hard farm boots, those young Breckinridge athletes ran...and ran...and ran.

A week and a half later, Hutchinson said, about 20 boys remained. But although desire among them was strong, this was still not a group one would call great. At least not at first glance.

"Breckinridge was much like most small Kentucky high schools. Most of the kids were rural farm boys. They knew more about plowing than they knew about sports and there I was, never coached a day in my life, trying teach them something," Hutchinson said.

It was about the same time that Hutchinson was developing a athletic team that in Lexington a Dr. Don Seaton promoted a state championship in cross country.

Seaton approached Hutchinson, as well as several other coaches outside of the urban schools in Jefferson and Fayette County, and made them an offer.

If they entered a team into the state cross country championships, he said, they would be treated to free seats at a University of Kentucky football game.

Breckinridge County never had a cross country team before, Hutchinson said. But, Hutchinson said, he felt the opportunity to see a college football game was something his team would enjoy so he set about choosing his best long distance runners to enter.

However, chances that the Breckinridge team would ever see Lexington dimmed when the school administration informed him they could not finance the Lexington trip.

Angered at the possibility of losing the opportunity to go, Hutchinson sat at the local restaurant in town, drinking coffee, and muttering quite loudly about not being able to finance a single overnight trip to Lexington.

Hutchinson's complaints, fortuntely, reached a sympathetic ear, a Louisville attorney by the name of Brown. They made an agreement. Hutchinson would take the boys to Lexington on his own financial resources and was to treat them to a steak dinner. When he returned, Brown would reimburse Hutchinson for the entire cost of the trip.

The cross country team had crossed one hurdle. They had made it to Lexington. But they had no uniforms, none of the equipment proper to a cross country team. Hutchinson's own connections in Lexington remedied the problem, he said.

"Back then, Memorial Coliseum was almost new. I knew the equipment manager, a man by the name of Buster Brown. I explained our situation and the next thing I knew, every one of the team was outfitted in sweat suits with a little UK stitched on them," Hutchinson said.

It was race time. The course at the Piccadome Golf Course, now known as the Campbell House Country Club golf course. Lexington cross country runners stretched, did calisthenics, all the things seasoned cross country runners did, Hutchinson said.

Next to them was little Breckinridge, clad in rough tennis shoes and University sweats, accompanied by a coach bewildered at what the team should do to prepare. He told them to run a little bit, line up when they were told and run when the gun went off.

Hutchinson watched them disappear, then turned to a Brother Bernard, coach of the team from Louisville St. Joseph, and asked him how to tell how his team was doing. It was about then the runners passed them on their first mile. Five members of the Breckinridge team were running in the top 10, he said.

"I remember he looked at me and said if my team finished as well as they were showing then, we could win the state. Next thing I was bellowing at the top of my breath, yelling at them to pour it on. Without ever even conceiving of the idea, we had actually gone out and won the whole thing," Hutchinson said.

Before then, Breckinridge County had never won a state championship in anything. Suddenly there was a trophy, a celebration, and a job offer to Hutchinson from Trimble County.

Once again, Hutchinson was the sole coach of everything. And when the boys lined up to play, he opened the back doors of the gymnasium and said "Follow me".

But this time around, Hutchinson said, he was smarter and he knew what to do. He entered the new Trimble County cross country team in two invitational tournaments and won them both.

"It was then I almost made my worst mistake. A reporter from the Trimble County Democrat asked me what I thought the team would do. I looked at him, feeling a bit too cocky and confident, and boasted that the team would win the state. And that's what the headline read that week. 'Hutchinson said will win state'," Hutchinson said.

There was nothing else left to do. Trimble County won the state, in the meantime making three runners all-state. It has, so far, been the only state championship trophy Trimble County owns, Hutchinson said.

The headline in the Trimble paper underlined Hutchinson's beast.

In his last year at Trimble, his team came in state runner-up, beaten by Brother Bernard's St Joseph cross country team.

"That's why I was inducted. I coached three years in Kentucky and walked away with three major trophies.

"Looking back at that first trophy at Breckinridge, we had no idea how significant that trophy was. Its been only in hindsight that we've realized its importance, as we've grown older and look back at that moment. As dull as our reaction might have been in 1953, every year since it has only got better. I would never trade its memory," he said.

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Babe Ruth results

Nicholas Babe Ruth Baseball

The Dodgers and Angels had a battle in the rain Wednesday night. It looked as if the Angels were going to run away with it as they led 6 to 1 after 4 1/2 innings of play. As the light drizzle became became harder in the bottom of the sixth the pitching for the Angels gave up 4 walks and a hit batter to allow the Dodgers to take over the lead 8-6. After a small meeting between the coaches and umpires, it was decided to finish the last inning at a later date.

Pitching for the Angels began with Israel Stacy who gave up only 3 hits before being relieved by Sam Fulton in the 6th, then by Mike Booth. They collected 6 hits from D. Dryden, M. Booth, W. Berry and I. Stacy with 3.

John Brown started on the mound for the Dodgers. He was relieved by Aubry Fryman in the 3rd. The Dodgers 5 hits came from C. Buckler, J. Brown with 2 and A. Fryman with 2.

In Friday nights games the Blue Jays rolled over the Tigers by a score of 11-2. Bradley Burden was on the mound for the Blue Jays. He walked only 3 batters and allowed 3 hits. The Blue Jays were put on base with walks 12 times but they also pounded out 7 hits. Getting these hits were B. Bussell, B. Smoot, B. Burden, J. Ring, R. Reed and T. Cook with 2.

James Kenney was the starting pitcher for the Tigers but the 13 year-old had difficulty finding the strike zone and gave the ball up in the second to Chris Kelley. The Tigers also used Duane Kenney and David Tincher who retired the last 2 batters in the 7th inning. The 2 hits came from D. Tincher, S. Kenney, and D. Kenney.

The first game Saturday, June 6, was a long one. Several time outs and pitching changes caused the game to take longer than the usual two hours. The Angels led the game handily up until the top of the 6th inning when the Tigers put together 3 hits and 3 walks and a few misjudged plays to score 8 runs and take the lead by 2 with a score of 14-12. Mike Booth started on the mound for the Angles but couldn't find his control and was relieved by Sam Fulton in the 2nd. Fulton pitched a good game but in the 6th the Tigers had their rally to take the lead. Travis Burns relieved Fulton but gave the ball to Israel Stacy, who came in to finish the inning. In the bottom of the 6th the Angels managed to put on their own little rally by scoring 3 runs and gained a one point lead again. Mike Booth returned to mound for the 7th inning trying successfully to keep the Tigers from scoring the one run needed to catch up.

Shane Kenney was the starting pitcher for the Tigers. He was relieved by David Tincher in the 3rd. Tincher gave the ball to Duane Kenney in the 5th and he finished on the mound.

Ten hits for the Angles were by: S. Fulton, M. Booth, B. Simpson, T. Burns and two a pice from I. Stacy, T. Sexton and Ben Day.

Eight hits for the Tigers were made by C. Kelly, S. Kenney, D. Kenney, A. Willis, K. Smoot, C. Hunter, and two by D. Tincher.

The second game on Saturday was not nearly as long as the Blue Jays defeated the struggling Dodgers 6-1. Pitching for the Blue Jays were Brad Bussell and Todd Cook who came to the mound in the 7th inning after Bussell lost his strike zone and walked four straight. The Blue Jays collected hits from M. Dodgers 6-1. Pitching for the French, B. Bussell, J. Ring, T. Cook and two from catcher Brian Smoot. The Dodgers only managed to get two hits, one each from J. Brown and A. Fryman.

Jockey International Sewing Service Awards

Jockey International Inc. sewing plant service awards for 25 years of service Janie Corbin (center), Tim Brown plant manger (left), and Mary Byrd supervisor (right).

Jockey International Inc. sewing plant service awards for 15 years of service from left to right: Doris Payne Donnita Hughes Patsy Story and Tina Girtner.

Jockey International Inc. sewing plant service awards for 5 years of service was presented to Lisa Dale (center), Tim Brown Plant Manager (left), and Mary Ruth Gray supervisor (right).

Jockey International Inc. sewing plant awards for 30 years of service to Sue Booth (center), Tim Brown plant manager (left), and Mary Byrd supervisor (right).

Jockey International Inc. sewing plant service awards for 20 years of service from left to right: Abe Sharp, Wilma Getz and Wayne Livingood. Not pictured Anna May Ishmael, Peggy Burton, and Janice Warmouth.

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ORDINANCE NO. _9_ 1992

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF CARLISLE, KENTUCKY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1992 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1993 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING OF CITY GOVERNMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CARLISLE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, a budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CARLISLE,

SECTION 1: The City of Carlisle hereby adopts the following budget for 12 months ending June 30, 1993 as follows:

Resources Available	GENERAL FUND	UTILITY FUND
Fund Balance Carried Forward	$100,844	$ 837,232
Estimated Revenues		
Property Taxes	90,000	
Licenses and Permits	173,100	
Intergovernmental Revenues	91,850	
Charge for Services		1,479,904
Other		141,800
Total Estimated Revenues	$354,950	$1,821,704
Total Resources Available for Appropriation	$455,594	$2,658,736
General Government	$183,234	
Police	239,242	
Fire	47,011	
Streets	140,121	
Planning and Zoning	3,000	
Gas		$ 946,298
Water		946,238
Sewer		345,533
Other (Transfer)		198,000
Total Appropriations	$612,908	$2,454,209
Excess of Resources over Appropriations	(157,312)	4,527
Inter Fund Transfers	198,000	-----
Estimated Fund Balance End of Fiscal Year	$ 688	$ 4,527

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be of effect on July 1, 1992 (first day of fiscal year).

Franklin R. Hughes, Mayor

ATTEST: Mary E. Tharp, City Clerk

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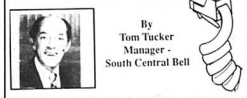

By Tom Tucker Manager - South Central Bell

The Partnership for Kentucky School Reform and business: leading the quest for better education

Businesses like South Central Bell are leading the way to help education reform work in Kentucky.

Involving businesses and their employees in the quest for better education is a major focus of the Partnership for Kentucky School Reform. "Many Kentucky employers are developing programs making them active partners with their local schools," said Carolyn Snyder, Coordinator of the Partnership. "We are seeing very creative plans calling for employers and employees alike to be involved with schools in new and exciting ways."

Some businesses' innovative education activities include:
•Providing top-level support.
•Supporting employee activities in their community schools.
•Sharing skills and resources with local schools.

The Partnership for Kentucky School Reform works hand-in-hand with South Central Bell and other Kentucky businesses on these and many other education support programs.

The Partnership is composed of 50 Kentucky leaders from both the public and private sectors. Formed in March of 1991 and sponsored by the National Business Roundtable, the Partnership is designed to promote understanding and implementation of the history-making Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA).

The Partnership is involved in a wide variety of KERA-supporting activities, from encouraging Kentucky General Assembly funding of ecuation reform to sponsoring a traveling KERA bus exhibit. The Partnership has also created a KERA Resource Center to organize and disseminate information on education reform. All of the Partnership's activities are designed to involve more Kentuckians, parents and non-parents alike, in the education of our state's children.

"The process of reform is not something that was over the year KERA passed," said David Hornbeck, noted education consultant and a key figure in drafting KERA. "That was only the beginning. The challenge is to keep people involved, committed and engaged in a really meaningful way over the long haul. We must be focused on creating communities in which people agree that one of the most important things in their community life is the vitality, the dynamics of their schools and the connection between school and community."

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