



## **FIVE NAMED FOR INDUCTION TO MBCA HALL OF FAME**

The Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association has named five men who will be inducted into the MBCA Hall of Fame on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the MBCA Hall of Fame is to give special recognition to the people of Minnesota who have made significant contributions to promote high school basketball in the state via their achievements and service.

The 2017 inductees are:

- **Don, “Skip,” Dolan** – Annandale
- **Terry Knothe** – St. Charles
- **Kerry Linbo** – Byron
- **Ray Ross** – Minneapolis Washburn
- **Ron Vorwald** – Worthington

The induction ceremonies will be held at the MBCA Hall of Fame Luncheon on **Saturday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. Ticket information is available on the MBCA website: <http://www.mshsca.org/boysbasketball>

“**Skip**” **Dolan** was head coach at Mentor, MN for three years before accepting a teaching and coaching position in 1981 at Annandale where he has taught and coached for the past 36 years. He was offensive coordinator in basketball as an assistant for over 200 wins before taking over the head position where he has a career record of 330 – 193. During his tenure at the helm, the Cardinals have won 10 Wright County Conference Championships and made six State Tournament appearances 2003-04; 2012-13 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); 2013-14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); 2014-15; 2015-16 (4<sup>th</sup> Place); 2016-17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). Coach Dolan was named 2014 MBCA Class AA Coach of the Year. He has been selected MBCA Section 5AA Coach of the Year five times. In 2017-18 he will be serving in his 87<sup>th</sup> coaching position as either a Head Coach or Offensive Coordinator of a varsity sport. He has led his squads to Wright County Conference Championships in four different sports as a head coach. ”Skip” was honored by Annandale Community Education as Coach of the Year in 2007. In addition to his success on the court, Coach Dolan has also had tremendous success as a 27 year head coach in softball, leading the Cardinals to multiple Conference and Section titles and four State Tournament trips.

**Terry Knothe’s** coaching career spans 38 years- starting as an Assistant Coach at St. Charles in 1979. After a 2 year stint as an assistant coach, Terry assumed the reins of the Saints program in 1981 and the 2017-18 season will be his 37<sup>th</sup> season as the leader of the Saints basketball program. Under his tutelage and leadership, the Saints have earned nine Three River Conference and three Sub- Section titles. Coach Knothe has been recognized by his peers as Section 1 AA Coach of the Year and Three Rivers Conference Coach of the Year multiple times. After leading the Saints to a 27-3 record, Terry was named 2016 MBCA Class AA Coach of the Year. He is a member of the 500 wins club and enters the 2017-18

season with an overall record of 500-371 as a head coach. In addition to coaching basketball, Coach Knothe has also served as Head Boys and Girls Golf Coach with his squads earning 16 Conference titles. Terry serves on the MBCA Executive Board as a Section Representative, and served as a coach in the MBCA All Star Series.

**Kerry Linbo** spent the first eight years of his coaching career at Neillsville, WI where he coached baseball, basketball, and football including 7 seasons as Head Basketball Coach. In 1985, he accepted a teaching/coaching position at Byron; again coaching three sports including Head Basketball Coach. During his 31 year tenure at Byron, his teams won six Hiawatha Valley Conference Championships and a Section 1AA title resulting in a State Tournament appearance in 2013. Linbo-led Bears teams won over 22 games eight different times with the 2003 team going 28-2. Kerry is a member of the 500 wins club with an overall record of 517-308. Coach Linbo has been recognized by his peers as the recipient of four Section 1AA Coach of the Year awards. In addition to coaching basketball, Coach Linbo was also a member of the Byron football coaching staff and was honored as a recipient of the Butch Nash Award as Assistant Coach of the Year in 2000. Kerry also served as the Activities Director at Byron High School. He retired from teaching and coaching at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year.

**Ray Ross** began his teaching and coaching career at Minneapolis Washburn in the fall of 1928, two years after the school opened. Ray protested that basketball wasn't his strongest suit but agreed to take the Head Basketball Coaching job on a "trial basis," which ended up lasting for 31 years. From 1931-1956, Washburn exhibited the best won-loss record in the city in at that time was arguably the toughest league in the state. Coach Ross' Millers squads won five City and Twin Cities championships, five District titles, and Region championships with State Tournament appearances in 1941, 1946, and 1955. The 1955 Millers owned a 23 game winning streak and finished the season as State Champions in what at that time was an eight team field. Coach Ross also led the 1955 Millers to the State Baseball Championship. It is estimated that he led the Millers to 400+ victories on the hardwood. He coached baseball with great success for 30 years and served as head football coach from 1942-44. Ray was the recipient of multiple honors for his teaching and coaching prowess, including but not limited to; WCCO Champ of the Week, WCCO Good Neighbor Award, 1960 Minneapolis School Administration Award for contributions to Minneapolis high school sports, Coach Ross passed away in 1976.

**Ron Vorwald** began his coaching career as an assistant coach in football, basketball, and track at Fort Dodge, Iowa. After six years in Iowa, he accepted a position as a PE teacher and an assistant coach in football, basketball, and track at Worthington in 1983. In 1989, he was offered and accepted the position as Head Basketball Coach and continued to serve for the next 24 seasons until his retirement in 2013. During the course of those 24 seasons, he led the Trojans to 364 wins, five Southwest Conference crowns, and Section titles with State Tournament Appearances in 1994, 1999, and 2011. He finished his career with an overall mark of 364-212. Coach Vorwald was recognized by his peers as Section Coach of the Year three times and was named MBCA Class AA Coach of the Year in 2011. Ron served as an MBCA Section Representative for 17 years, also served as an Executive Board officer and MBCA President, and coached in the MBCA All Star Series. Coach Vorwald's coaching career also includes serving as an assistant coach in football, 17 years, and six years coaching track for the Trojans. Ron retired from his teaching and coaching position at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year.