

Atlanta Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct First Five Members



Friday night (Sept. 14th) a special event will be held prior to the Atlanta Rabbits – Pleasant Grove Hawks football game at Rabbit Stadium. Atlanta's Pride in its Sports Tradition gets a huge boost when the newly established Atlanta Athletics Hall of Fame inducts its first five members as the Class of 2018. Reaching back more than a century the inductees are Major League baseball player Hub Northen, the Rabbits first coach for whom they were named, Ed Rabb, the football team's first star, Bear Allday, New England Patriots hall of famer Jimmie Lee Hunt and four-time state distance champion Sarah Haydel Carter. The families of the first four and Sarah will be presented plaques recognizing their induction. Black granite plaques are placed on the wall of the stadium entryway under the press box highlighting the careers of each of the five. A large sign in Atlanta School colors is set above the plaques. The events presentation will begin about 7 P.M. ahead of the 7:30 game kickoff. A supper for the inductee's families will be held in the High School cafeteria at 5 P.M.

The Hall of Fame will become the focal point of an Atlanta tradition that highlights a state football crown, a baseball state win and six track and field state championships. Few schools in Texas can match that athletic success. Each year the Hall will honor several outstanding Atlanta athletes who competed for Atlanta or Booker T. Washington high schools. A selection committee will screen nominees and make recommendations for 3 or four inductees each Fall.

To pay for the inscribed black granite plaques funds will be needed each year. The Hall of Fame is a tax exempt organization and donations and nominations can be made to Atlanta Athletics HOF at P.O. Box 637, Atlanta, TX 75551. The selection committee has worked hard to identify and honor these first five to enter the Hall of Fame. It is their hope that the Atlanta public will continue to support this endeavor and build through the years honoring the many great athletes who have competed for our town.