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'INFLUENCE' BY LEE GRISHAM

Most people see coaching as a bunch of X's and O's, or wins and losses and many coaches will tell you that this is the bottom line. Just like in business, if the bottom line is not taken care of then the coach will be replaced. With the threat of being replaced looming, coaches place a premium on the bottom line.

If coaches can put aside the x's and o's for awhile and take care of their other, less notable, job responsibilities then the bottom line should take care of itself. Those responsibilities range from custodian to counselor to career planner to salesperson. On a daily basis, coaches discover there is more to coaching than x's and o's.

Coaches of successful programs know that if you exhibit a willingness to do whatever it takes to win, the players will do the same. When the coach shows up early to prepare for the practice, then the players get the sense that practice is important and will most often reflect that attitude. If a coach takes time to help their players excel in the classroom, then the player will start to believe that academics

matter. The coach has to create the sense of importance in order for the players to believe in it.

Once coaches realize that they are responsible for every phase of the program then decisions are based on what is best for the program. The parents and community realize that decisions are not going to be influenced by individuals, but what is best for the whole program. This creates the belief that the program comes first. In times of discontentment, there will be little validity paid to the accusations that the coach plays politics. The coach just looks out for the program.

As coaches, we influence the lives of our players and through our actions as well as words. With the influence we have on our players, we should strive to get them to believe in themselves and the program. We have to believe in our players, our sport, our school and our community. If we can truly believe in these things our players will begin to believe that these components matter for the good of the program. Remember, the players do not care how much you know till they know how much you care.

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Hall of Fame Coaches

BILL EVANS

I retired in 2001 after coaching for 44 years. Forty-three years at Leon High School and one year at Fair Oaks High School. I applied for the Boys Basketball coach at Fair Oaks at the age of twenty-two. As I was interviewed by the School Board they told me that I would be coaching girls also. I had never once thought about coaching girls. Not only was I the coach for boys and girls from seventh grade up, I also taught Science, General Business and was typing instructor and High School Principal. This was a very enjoyable and gratifying year. The following year Marquez and Jewett consolidated and I was hired to coach all sports with the exception of football and track. What a blessing it was for me the next 43 years! My volleyball teams were in the State Tournament 19 times, with nine State Championship wins. (Two coaches association Tournaments in Abilene). We were the first UIL State Champs in 1967 – Class B.



I am very proud of the following facts:

- 76 game winning streak 1986 – 1987
- 2 State Championships
- 29 consecutive years 1973 – 2001 never lost a district game
- 40-0 State Champs 1991
- 36 District Championships
- 35 Regional Tournament appearances
- 20 Regional Championships
- Numerous All-State Girls TGCA
- Listed in National Federations Record book as one of the winningest coaches in America
- Texas winningest coach in volleyball with a record of 1079 wins and 181 losses
- Over 800 wins in girls basketball
- Numerous District Championships in Girls basketball and regional appearances
- Several boys basketball championships and two regional championships in baseball
- I believe one of my greatest and most exciting feats was winning eight District Championships in four sports in two years

For the past 13 years I have served as minister of Marquez Baptist Church. I currently serve as president of Jewett Economic Development Corp., previously as Jewett City councilman and currently serve on the Leon School Board. I have a farm and I am in the cattle business.

After retiring from Leon, I assisted the volleyball program in Centerville for two years. The second year Centerville won B-District for the first time in their school history. For the past three years I have worked in the volleyball program in Normangee. The past two years Normangee played in the regional finals.

So, you can see I have been quite busy since retirement – doing something that I truly enjoy.

Hall of Fame Coaches

TERRI PLAGENS

Born in Huntsville, Texas, and raised in Houston, Terri Plagens knew since the 8th grade that she was called to be a teacher and a coach. After receiving her teaching certification from Sam Houston State University in 1978, Plagens experienced a baptism by fire in her first teaching assignment at Trinity High School where she coached varsity basketball, volleyball, and track in addition to 7th and 8th grade volleyball, basketball, and track. As the school's first female coach, Plagens rose to the challenge of successfully managing the enormity of her job as well as proving her competence to the traditional male establishment and to the school's competing athletes.

From 1980 through 1984, Plagens worked at Kingwood Middle School teaching health and PE, and coaching 7th grade volleyball and 8th grade basketball. Following her four year term at KMS, she moved to Kingwood High School where she remained until 2006. At KHS, Plagens taught American history, and over the course of 22 years, coached freshman volleyball and basketball, and varsity softball and golf. For her ability to make history come alive for her students and her invaluable contributions to her fellow instructors, Plagens was awarded Kingwood High School's Teacher of the Year in 1995. In 2006, she was offered a position as Instructional Coach for Atascocita High School's social studies department, where she continues to coordinate instruction and oversee implementation of grading practices and district assessment.

In the early 1990s, compelled by her commitment to recognizing the efforts of female athletes, Plagens and Sandra Mader worked tirelessly at promoting softball's acceptance as a UIL sport. Their efforts were successful, and in 1993 Plagens' KHS team participated in the state tournament. They then worked on guidelines and procedures that allowed softball to be adopted by TGCA. Plagens and Mader then worked on getting the all star game added. Plagens and Mader were then selected as the all-star coaches in the state's first all-star game. A long-time member of TGCA, Plagens sat on the softball committee from 1993-2002 and served as regional director of TGCA from 2000-2002. During this time, Plagens also shared her coaching expertise through speaking engagements at several summer clinics.

Although she had no female coaches as role models, Plagens has been an inspiration and role model to the many athletes whom she has coached over the years. She has been fearless in her efforts to take on challenges, and in her determination to focus on the positive. By believing in her athletes, she taught them to believe in themselves. And while Plagens loves coaching, she sees herself as a teacher, first, affirming that "the better teacher you are, the better coach you are." This applies to her students, as well, and Plagens unfailingly reminds them: "The better student you are, the better athlete you are." A gifted and inspirational coach, Plagens truly believes that teaching and coaching is a calling, and she attributes her success both on and off the field to her love for what she does and to the support of close friends and family.



Hall of Fame Coaches

JOE LOMBARD

Joe Lombard has been a varsity girls coach for 30 years, coaching only at Nazareth and Canyon. His teams have never missed the playoffs, and his record is 1000 wins and 92 losses. He has accumulated 14 state championships which is a UIL girls and boys record. His girls teams have won in four classifications, and he also lead the Nazareth boys team to the state finals twice. In 2003 his state championship team was selected as the USA Today National Champion and Coach Lombard was selected as the USA Today and the WBCA National High School Coach of the Year. He served as president of the TABC in 2006 and was inducted into the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007.

Coach Lombard also received the UIL Excellence Award in 2003 and was named Canyon's Citizen of the Year. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Harley Redin Coaching Award from Wayland Baptist University. Over 90 of his high school players have received college scholarships. His 2008 team won the 3A State Championship this past March, and the final game was his 1000th win. Joe's wife Babs teaches Language Arts at Canyon Junior High. He has two children, Lindy who coaches at Colleyville Heritage and Tate who coaches at Crawford.



Margaret McKown and Sports Writer of the Year Awards



Margaret McKown
Distinguished
Service Award

LARRY TIDWELL
Lamar University

Sports Writer
of the Year

GABRIEL BROOKS
Longview
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2008 TGCA Honor Awards Luncheon

All coaches attending the 2008 TGCA Summer Clinic are encouraged to make plans to attend the Honor Awards Luncheon to be held at the Arlington Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and will include a meal plus the program (there will be a \$2.50 charge for credit card use). The program will be used to recognize individuals and coaches reaching milestones in their professions.

Awards will be presented to the following honors:

- 1) Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award - Larry Tidwell
- 2) Sportswriter of the Year - Gabriel Brooks, Longview News-Journal
- 3) Class of 2008 Hall of Fame - Billy Evans, Joe Lombard, & Terri Plagens
- 4) Coaches of the Year 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A (Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field, and Sub-Varsity)
- 5) Member Coaches who have Won State Championships (Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field, Soccer, and Golf).
- 6) Career Victory Plaques
- 7) Outgoing Board of Directors
- 8) Outgoing President

2007-08 Basketball Athletes and Coaches of the Year

TGCA Would Like to Congratulate the following 2007-08 Basketball Athletes and Coaches:

1A-2A-3A Athlete-of-the-Year:

DESTINI HUGHES
Kennedale High School
Coach Vance Hughes

1A-2A-3A Coach-of-the-Year

JOE LOMBARD
Canyon High School

4A-5A Athlete-of-the-Year

NNEKA OGWUMIKE
Cy-Fair High School
Coach Ann Roubique

4A-5A Coach-of-the-Year

LARRY GOAD
DeSoto High School

2007-08 Softball All-State Committee

Conference	Region	Name	School	Phone	E-mail
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2007-08 Softball Committee

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2008 Track & Field State Tournament - Hotel

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Ticket Prices for the UIL State Track & Field Meet:

Adult.....	\$10.00 a session
Student.....	\$5.00 a session
All Tournament Sessions 1-4.....	\$25.00
Tournament Session 3-4.....	\$15.00
Coach Tournament.....	\$15.00

2008 TGCA Summer Clinic

Arlington Convention Center - July 7-11, 2008

Start making plans now to attend the 2008 Summer Clinic in Arlington.

REGISTRATION

Current Members

A registration form for the 2008-09 school year and for the 2008 Summer Clinic was mailed to current TGCA members in late January. This registration form was mailed to your home address. Please contact the TGCA office if your home address has changed.

Non-Current Members

If you have let your membership lapse or you are a new member to TGCA, you may request a membership form by calling Lisa at 512-708-1333 or by emailing her at lisa@austintgca.com.

Online Registration

On-line registration is now available for the 2008-09 membership and summer clinic on the TGCA website. It is easy and quick! Immediate registration is available by using a VISA or MASTERCARD. On-line registration is also available for those wishing to pay with a check or money order. Once your on-line information is submitted, a form letter will be generated for you to print and send in with your payment. Membership will be activated once payment is received.

On-Site Registration

Registration will also be available on-site at the 2008 Summer Clinic.

No \$40 "memberships only" will be processed at clinic.
On-site registration will be for those attending clinic ONLY.

HOTELS

Discounted hotel rates are available for those attending the 2008 Summer Clinic. A housing link is available on the TGCA website for reservations. DO NOT call the hotels directly as you will not be given the discounted rate.

The following hotels will offer discounted rates:

Baymont Inn and Suites
Crowne Plaza Suites
Hilton Arlington
LaQuinta Inn & Suites North
Sheraton (formerly Wyndham)
Sleep Inn
Wingate by Wyndham

See "**Summer Clinic**" on the TGCA website to reserve your rooms.

Important Dates and Announcements - 2007-08 School Year

COPE Training

The UIL has a new policy for COPE training. COPE will no longer be offered at TABC, TGCA or THSCA clinics. Check with your athletic director or call the UIL office at 512-471-5883 if you have any questions.

Academic All-State Nominations

Academic All-State Soccer nominations must be submitted to the TGCA office by noon on Monday, April 7th.

Academic All-State Golf nominations must be submitted to the TGCA by noon on Monday, April 28th.

These nomination forms are available under "forms" on the TGCA website.

Certificates

The Basketball Academic All-State & All-State certificates were mailed to your school through the school principal on March 24th.

If you do not receive your student athletes certificates or need a correction to a certificate, please call our office at 512-708-1333.

LaQuinta - Official Hotel of TGCA

Coaches, teams and fans can receive preferred rates through the La Quinta toll-free central reservations number 1-800-531-5900. This rate will also apply to reservations made directly with LaQuinta hotels, as well as, via the internet at www.lq.com using the corporate/promotional code of TGCA. These rates are good for both business and leisure travel, seven days a week, for standard and king bedded room types coast to coast.



April

- 4 Soccer - Regional semi-finals, 5A
- 5 Soccer - Regional playoff deadline, 4A & 5A
- 5 Track & Field - District certification deadline, 1A
- 7 Soccer - TGCA Deadline for Soccer Academic All State nomination forms. **(Noon)**
- 7-9 Track & Field - Last week for district meets, 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A.
- 7-9 Golf & Tennis - Last week for district meets, all conferences.
- 9 Track & Field - Area certification deadline 1A.
- 10-12 Soccer - State Tournament
- 21-26 Golf & Tennis - Regional meets (No 3A regional spring meet athletic activities may be held on Thursday, April 24).
Track & Field - Regional meets (No 3A regional spring meet athletic activities may be held on Thursday, April 24).
- 22 Softball - District Certification deadline
- 26 Softball - Bi-district deadline.
- 28 Golf - TGCA - Deadline for Golf Academic All-State Nominations. **(Noon)**

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