

J. Fred Duckett

His voice rang out loudly and clearly at Rice for football, basketball and track & field events. He could be heard at the microphone in the Astrodome for the Astros, Oilers and the Blue Bonnet Bowl. He also announced for UofH, UT, TSU, HBU, TAMU, the Houston Marathon and many other venues. J. Fred was known as one of the foremost authorities on track & field in the area. He officiated, announced and coached. Because of his love and vast knowledge of track & field he worked with the U.S. Olympic Committee at three Olympic Games – 1976, 1984, and 1996. He also served on the board of the U.S. Olympic Festival when it was here in Houston.

Max Goldsmith

Max was born in Lewisville, Texas on April 14, 1923. He graduated from high school in May, 1940. Max enrolled in North Texas State Teachers College in September 1940. He joined the US Naval Reserve in October of 1942 and was called to active duty in the summer of 1943. After spending two years in the South Pacific, Max was discharged in January of 1946. He re-enrolled in NTSTC in mid-January.

Max married Elaine Witt in June of 1946. Elaine had been teaching home economics during Max's Navy years.

Max received his BS degree in the summer of 1947 and his Masters in summer of 1951.

In July of 1947, T.D. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools in Andrews, Texas, came to Denton looking for a home economics teacher and a young man to start a junior high athletics program in Andrews. At that moment, 20 happy and fruitful years began! The first of two sons, Gary, was born in August of 1951. Gary is a middle school principal in the Lewisville ISD. Max and Elaine's second son, Roger, was born in January, 1953, and is presently coaching girl's basketball at Hebron HS, in Lewisville ISD.

He helped lead North Texas track teams to Lone Star Conference championships in 1941 and 1946. He enjoyed a long and successful career as a high school track coach who was a three-time Coach of the Year in Texas and elected to the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Honor.

In March of 1967, the Goldsmith family chose to move back to Lewisville, leaving many fond memories and hopefully a handful of friends! Lewisville ISD's stadium is named in his honor.

Bill Melton

Melton is truly one of our Texas' and our nation's announcing legends. The litany of events he's announced speaks for itself:

- Texas Relays, 37 years
- four NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- NCAA Cross Country Championships

- three NCAA Regional Track and Field Championships
- four Big 12 Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- two Big Ten Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Big Ten Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships
- three Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships
- Southwest Conference Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Southwest Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships
- USA vs. USSR Indoor Track and Field Championships
- USA vs. USSR Junior Track and Field Championships
- USA Junior National Track and Field Championships
- Missouri Valley Conference; Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- two NAIA Regional Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Jesse Owens Track Classic, Ohio State University, six years
- Michael Johnson Track Classic, Baylor University, five years
- University of North Texas Track, 17 years
- Dallas Invitational Track and Field Championships
- Dallas Invitational Indoor Track and Field Championships
- UIL Class 4A, Region II Track and Field Championships, 33 years
- Jesuit-Shearer Relays
- Lancaster Meet of Champions
- Nat Haynes Relays
- Texas High School District, Regional and Regional Qualifiers Track and Field Meets
- USTAF Southwestern Chapter, "Track Official of the Year"
- Certified Master Track and Field Official.

In addition, Bill has also announced at the Olympics and for three Super Bowls, the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers, both Men's and Women's World Cup Soccer, the Cotton Bowl Classic for 32 years, SMU for 24 years and two Presidential Inaugurations.

Ted Nelson

One of the most respected track and field figures in the state of Texas during the past 40 years, Nelson spent his entire career as part of the Aggies program, spanning nearly a half century. He arrived in College Station as a freshman in 1961 after a decorated prep career at Andrews High School in Andrews, Texas. As a student-athlete at A&M, he owned or shared 13 school records, including the 440-yard dash, before becoming a graduate assistant in 1966. Nelson stayed in College Station as an assistant coach until taking over the men's and women's programs in 1990. During his 14 years as head coach he was named Big 12 Coach of the Year twice, and his Aggies earned 17 top-25 finishes at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

James Segrest

Segrest is a Texas track & field legend. From 1954, when he won the Class A state championship by himself (garnering 34 points for Bangs HS), to his retirement in the mid-1990s, the "One-Man Gang from Bangs" has achieved a small book's worth of accomplishments.

After success at Bangs, Segrest attended Abilene Christian where he helped set 5 world records from 1956-58 in the 440 and 800-yard relays. He also helped ACU capture an NAIA national championship in 1955. In 1958, Segrest competed in the 1st dual track meet between the Soviet Union and the United States.

As a high school coach, he guided Monahans to a state title in 1966. As a collegiate coach, he guided Odessa College to 11 NJCAA national titles in indoor and outdoor track and field (1973-1987), and he coached over 300 NJCAA All-Americans. In 1979, he was named Head Coach of the US team in the World University Games in Mexico City.

Segrest has been inducted into 4 Halls of Fame: Abilene Christian, NJCAA, Texas Sports, and Western Jr. Athletic Conference.

Herb Sheaner

He became Track & Field and Cross Country Coach at Jesuit in 1955. This followed a track career at the University of Texas in the 1940s under the longhorns' legendary coach, Clyde Littlefield. "I loved to teach", says Sheaner, "and to see the kids improve and enjoy the sport."

In 1957, Coach Sheaner sought the first TCIL-sanctioned State Track & Field Championship Meet, an event Jesuit hosted and won. It was that year, recalls Sheaner; that Fred Schafer '57 became the top high school sprinter in Dallas and the first TCIL athlete to medal in the Texas Relays.

In 1958, Sheaner initiated the first fall Cross Country meet to be held in Dallas. Nine years later, Ken Shaw '67 won the UIL/TCIL combined state cross country championship meet.

Under his direction many other Jesuit athletes received individual state and national acclaim. Carl Pellegrini '61 not only set a new Texas high school distance record but was also the number one-ranked discus thrower in the nation setting 10 meet records in a row his senior year. In 1964, the Jesuit squad more than doubled the points of all other teams combined at the State Championship. Coach Sheaner inaugurated the Jesuit Relays in 1964, a meet that continues to attract wide attention and that, upon his retirement in 1975, was renamed the Jesuit-Sheaner Relays. The longest standing record at this prestigious relay is held by Mike Madigan '64 who set the Long Jump meet record with a jump of 24'5"

Six years before Sheaner retired, he recalls Eric Elkins '70 winning the Houston Astrodome Indoor High Hurdles, setting the world record for that distance and beating a field that included a future Southwest Conference hurdles champion. The coach smiles at the thought of so many successful track & field athletes he has coached, especially when he considers the remarks of the coach from Sunset in 1955: "He told me", says Sheaner, looking then to find suitable competition for his boys, "we could run against his B team".

In addition to coaching and establishing an insurance business, Sheaner has served as chairman of the board at Lakewood United Methodist Church, chaired the East Dallas YMCA Sustentation Drive, served as president of the Texas Tech University Dad's Association, and commander of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter of Ex-American Prisoners of War. He stays active as a Track & Field meet official throughout the state. Coach Sheaner and his wife, Gloria, have three children, Mike Sheaner, Kelly Secker, and Patti Hastings.

Coach Sheaner served in WWII and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge (where he was captured and placed in a German prison camp).

Tom Tellez

Coach Tellez spent 22 seasons as the head coach at the University of Houston. A member of the U.S. Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Tellez has produced some of the greatest track and field performers in the history of the sport, including four-time NCAA champion and nine-time Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Lewis, former NCAA and Olympic 200-meter Gold Medalist Joe DeLoach, two-time NCAA champion and Olympic Silver medalist Kirk Baptiste, three-time NCAA champion, Olympic Bronze Medalist Frank Rutherford, and Olympic Gold Medal winner and three-time NCAA champion and former world 100-meter record holder Leroy Burrell.

Among others, he also coached three-time NCAA heptathlon Jolanda Jones, three-time NCAA long jump champion and USA Olympic team member Carol Lewis, USA Olympic sprinter Jackie Washington and NCAA 200-meter champion Michelle Collins.

In 1997 and 1998, he was named the Conference USA men's indoor and outdoor track Coach-of-the-Year after leading the Cougars to four titles in their first two years in the league. He also was named the 1998 C-USA women's indoor and outdoor Coach-of-the-Year after leading the Lady Cougars to both titles.

He also led the Cougars to the 1977 and 1978 Southwest Conference indoor championships.

In addition to his success as UH's men's coach, Tellez also began the Lady Cougar program and led them to three Top 10 finishes at the NCAA Indoor Championships and eight Top 20 finishes at the NCAA Outdoor meet. Houston also won the 1983, 1984 and 1987 SWC indoor titles and the 1984 and 1990 SWC outdoor championships under his direction.

Tellez began Houston's coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Whittier College, in California. After a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, he was named the head coach at Buena Park High School in California.

In 1961, he became the head coach at Fullerton Junior College before becoming an assistant coach at UCLA in 1968, where he coached the likes of Dwight Stones, Mike Tully, Willie Banks and James Butts. In 1976, he was offered the chance to become the strength and conditioning coach for the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Landry. Instead, he opted to come to Houston and replace retiring track coach Johnny Morriss. In addition to his success at Houston, Tellez enjoyed tremendous success on the international

circuit as well. Between 1984 and 1996, six of the seven United States sprinters who won Olympic Gold Medals were coached by Tellez and seven of the USA's overall 13 medals were claimed by his athletes.

He was named the head coach for the 1991 U.S. national team that competed in the World Championships at Tokyo, Japan and was the head coach for the 1987 USA Pan American team.

He also served as an assistant coach for the 1980 and 1984 USA Olympic teams. He coached the throwing events in 1980 and the jumping events in 1984.

A former standout collegiate athlete in his own right, Tellez was a halfback and defensive back at Whittier College. He also was a sprinter for the school's track and field team while earning a B.S. degree in physical education in 1955. He earned a master's degree at Chapman College in 1962.

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