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**Bob Hurley, David Clyde Headline
2009 National High School Hall of Fame Class**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (March 5, 2009) — **Bob Hurley**, one of the most successful coaches in high school basketball history from St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, and **David Clyde**, one of the most dominating pitchers in high school baseball history from Houston (Texas) Westchester High School, headline the 2009 class of the National High School Hall of Fame.

Hurley and Clyde are among 12 individuals who will be inducted in the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame July 1 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile in Chicago, Illinois. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be the closing event of the 90th annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

Dana Miroballi, who won 10 state cross country and track and field championships at Wheeling (Illinois) High School in the 1980s, and **Billy Bye**, who won an amazing 21 letters in six sports at Thief River Falls (Minnesota) High School and

Anoka (Minnesota) High School in the 1940s, join Clyde as former high school athletes in the 2009 class.

In addition to Hurley, the five coaches selected for induction into this year's class have led their teams to a combined total of 56 state championships. Other coaches in the 2009 class are **Dick Dullaghan**, who won seven of his eight state football championships at Indianapolis (Indiana) Ben Davis High School; **Catherine Lempesis**, who has won 15 state titles in cross country and track and field at four South Carolina high schools; **Harry Breland**, who recently retired after 824 victories and nine state baseball championships at Hattiesburg (Mississippi) Oak Grove High School; and **Guy Anderson**, who has won 822 games in 39 years at Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova, California.

Two administrators were selected for the 2009 class: **Clair Muscaro**, commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 14 years who served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal and state administrator at the high school level for 48 years, and **Ruth Rehn**, a leader in the development of girls sports programs at the state and national levels during her 34 years as assistant executive director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Selected in the Officials category for 2009 is **George Ford**, the top swimming and diving referee in Connecticut who is now in his 41st season as an official. The final inductee in this year's class in the fine arts category is Iowa's **Himie Voxman**, whose music compositions and arrangements can be found in virtually every high school band room in the United States.

The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials, administrators, fine arts coaches/directors and others for their extraordinary achievements and

accomplishments in high school sports and activity programs. This year's class increases the number in the Hall of Fame to 362, and this year's event will be the 27th induction ceremony.

The 12 individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

ATHLETES

Billy Bye

Although Billy Bye's high school career in Minnesota concluded almost 65 years ago, he perhaps is the most prolific and versatile athlete in the state's history. In four years at Thief River Falls High School and two years at Anoka High School (students in grades 7-12 were eligible for state competition), Bye earned 21 letters in six sports: ice hockey, golf, football, basketball, baseball, and track and field. On a spring day in his senior season, Bye won the district golf championship in the morning, played on the championship baseball team in the afternoon and qualified for regional competition in five track and field events in the evening. Bye played football at the

University of Minnesota in the late 1940s and was the team's leading scorer all four seasons. He then played in the Canadian Football League for three years before returning to Minnesota to teach, coach and launch a successful business career. He is now retired and lives in Arizona.

David Clyde

David Clyde was perhaps the most dominating pitcher in high school baseball history during his days at Houston Westchester High School from 1970 to 1973. Amazingly, Clyde's name still appears nine times (from 14 originally) in the National High School Sports Record Book published by the NFHS – 36 years after his high school career. His 842 strikeouts and 29 shutouts still remain the top career marks in high school baseball history. Clyde compiled a 53–13 record at Westchester, including an 18–0 mark as a senior with an 0.18 earned–run average. In his final six games of high school competition, Clyde gave up three hits and recorded three no–hitters. Twenty days after playing in the Texas University Interscholastic League baseball tournament, Clyde made his professional debut with the Texas Rangers before a sellout crowd in Arlington, Texas, and defeated the Minnesota Twins, 4–3. He played eight years with the Rangers and Cleveland Indians. He is in business in the Houston area today and volunteers his time to help young players through the Houston Miracle Baseball Association.

Dana Miroballi

In the 35–year history of Illinois High School Association girls sports competition, no other athlete has dominated the sports of cross country and track and

field like Dana Miroballi did at Prospect Heights MacArthur Junior High School and Wheeling High School in the 1980s. Miroballi won five consecutive state cross country titles, with the first coming as an eighth-grader at Prospect Heights. On the track, Miroballi won four consecutive 3,200-meter run titles, and she also claimed the 1,600-meter run championships as a junior and senior. Overall, she won 10 state championships as a high school student and two others as an eighth-grader competing against high school students. She later was a standout track and cross country athlete at Indiana University. Since 2004, Miroballi has worked as an attorney for the Office of Intelligence within the National Security Division at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

COACHES

Guy Anderson

Anderson is in his 40th season as baseball coach at Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova, California, with an overall record of 822-415-21. His 822 victories rank second all time in the state of California. Anderson's teams have won 15 league championships and five section championships in the California Interscholastic Federation Sac-Joaquin Section. He has been inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association and California Baseball Coaches Association halls of fame. In addition to coaching baseball, Anderson has served as assistant principal and athletic director at Cordova for the past 30 years.

Harry Breland

Breland retired before the start of the 2008 baseball season at Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, concluding a remarkable 37-year career. Breland compiled a 824–223 record and led his teams to nine Mississippi High School Activities Association state championships in his career that started in 1971. Breland coached basketball for four years in Purvis, Mississippi, before starting the baseball program at Oak Grove in 1971. In addition to the nine state titles, his teams finished second twice and won 11 south state championships and 21 district titles. In 2005, the baseball field at Oak Grove High School was renamed Harry Breland Baseball Field.

Dick Dullaghan

Dullaghan had one of the best football coaching careers in Indiana history at three Indianapolis-area high schools before retiring in 2003. Dullaghan's 31 years as a head football coach included four years at Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (35–5 record), seven years at Carmel High School (64–12) and 20 years at Indianapolis Ben Davis High School (214–41). His overall record of 313–58 computes to a remarkable 84.3 winning percentage and includes six undefeated seasons. Dullaghan's teams claimed eight Indiana High School Athletic Association state championships – seven at Ben Davis and one at Carmel. Between his stints at Carmel and Ben Davis, Dullaghan spent three years as an assistant football coach at Purdue (Indiana) University and one year as offensive coordinator at the U.S. Military Academy. He was selected state coach of the year nine times by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

Bob Hurley

Hurley is concluding his 36th year as basketball coach at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, and in his previous 35 years, his teams have won the New

Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association state championship 24 times, including nine consecutive titles from 1983 to 1991. Hurley started the season with a career mark of 933–102, which means he has won nine of every 10 games he's coached for 36 years. He has coached five undefeated teams in four different decades (1974, 1989, 1996, 2004, 2008). More than 100 of Hurley's players have earned scholarships at the NCAA Divisions I or II levels, and five of his players have played in the National Basketball Association. Hurley has been selected national school coach of the year three times by USA Today and he received the first Naismith High School Coach of the Year Award last year.

Catherine Lempesis

Lempesis has enjoyed a highly successful 24-year career as a girls cross country and track and field coach at four South Carolina high schools. From 1978 to 1997, Lempesis coached girls cross country and track at Richland Northeast High School, Spring Valley High School and Ridge View High School – all in Columbia. She led Spring Valley to seven state cross country championships and eight state track and field titles. Her other state track title came at Ridge View in 1997. After an eight-year retirement, Lempesis returned to coaching in 2005 at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, South Carolina, where her 2008 girls cross country team was regional champion. In the early 1990s, Lempesis coached Monique Hennagan, gold medalist at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

ADMINISTRATORS

Clair Muscaro

Muscaro retired in July 2004 after an outstanding 48-year career as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, athletic director, principal and state administrator – all in Ohio. After teaching and coaching for 11 years, Muscaro became principal of Peninsula (Ohio) Woodridge High School in 1967 and served in that capacity for 17 years. He then was assistant commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for 5½ years before being named OHSAA commissioner in 1990. Among his accomplishments at the OHSAA, Muscaro initiated the elimination of tournament entry fees in 1992. In 1997, he started the OHSAA Foundation and initiated a scholar-athlete award program. He also established a reserve fund and a building fund while at the OHSAA.

Ruth Rehn

Rehn retired last year after overseeing the growth of girls sports programs for the South Dakota High School Activities Association for 34 years. Since she joined the association in 1974, basketball, volleyball and cross country have been added as girls sports throughout the state. She led the effort as South Dakota was the first state to advocate the use of a smaller basketball for girls, and she assisted in the development of cheer safety guidelines. Rehn was instrumental in developing officials associations in gymnastics, basketball, football, wrestling, volleyball, competitive cheer and competitive dance. She also was state chair for the South Dakota observance of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. At the national level, Rehn served on numerous NFHS committees, including Volleyball Rules, Equity and Records.

OFFICIAL

George Ford

Ford is in his 41st season as a high school swimming and diving official and is the sport's most respected and senior official in the state of Connecticut. The founding father of the Connecticut Swimming and Diving Officials Association, he remains the organization's secretary, recruiter, assigner, rules interpreter and head referee – even at the age of 79. Ford has served as head referee in more league championships, state championships and dual meets than any other official in the state. He has officiated more than 3,500 swim meets and assigned referees and judges for more than 30,000 meets. Ford has been an officials consultant for the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Board of Control for many years. Nationally, Ford served a term on the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, as well as the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association Board of Directors.

FINE ARTS

Himie Voxman

Voxman's credentials and career establish him as one of our nation's founders of modern instrumental music education. The Voxman Selected Studies editions can be found in virtually every high school's band room in the United States. Voxman's numerous compositions and arrangements are considered to be standard repertoire for high school music students, most notably woodwind performers. Voxman has served as a high school music adjudicator in Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and his service to high school students in Iowa spanned almost 50 years. In addition to his incredible contributions to high school music programs, Voxman was first an instructor and then a director at the University of Iowa School of Music from

1939 to 1980. Amazingly, at the age of 96, Voxman still continues to edit music for various publishers and maintains a private clarinet studio.

About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches nearly 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including almost 7½ million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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