

**GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
ANNOUNCES 46TH INDUCTION CLASS**

*Class Includes Legends From Coaching, Basketball,  
Track & Field, Golf and Football*

The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame's 46th Induction Class includes two female pioneers, arguably baseball's greatest home run hitter, one of football's best place kickers, a Peach State high school coaching legend, and one of Georgia's most celebrated professional golfers.

The 2003 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held February 7-8 at the Macon City Auditorium in Macon, Georgia.

The Class of 2003, that includes Gayle Barron, Kevin Butler, Wallace "Country" Childs, Josh Gibson, Anne Paradise Hansford, and DeWitt Weaver, will be officially inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 8th.

The ceremony will take place at the Macon City Auditorium in downtown Macon at 7:30 p.m.

- Gayle Barron - female winner of the Boston Marathon in 1978, five-time winner of the Peachtree Road Race (Female Division), three-time winner of the Atlanta Marathon, times of under 3 hours in each of 23 different marathons, and ranked 4th in the world among female marathon competitors.
- Kevin Butler – UGA place kicker (1981-1984), named to All-Century team by the Walter Camp Football Foundation and Sports Illustrated. Played 13 years in the NFL. Ended career with 1,208 points.
- Wallace Childs – Basketball coach with over 512 wins in 21□ years of coaching at Irwinville HS, Blackshear HS, Bacon County HS, Glennville HS, and Atkinson Co. HS. Captured state titles in 1947, 1950, 1951 and 1955.
- Josh Gibson – “the black Babe Ruth” credited with 962 home runs in his□ 17-year career. Lifetime batting average of .354. Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Anne Paradise Hansford – All-American basketball player□ 1947-1949. Played professional basketball in international tournaments. Known as the best female basketball player in 1930's-1940's.
- DeWitt Weaver - seven time winner of the Georgia PGA Championship and captured four Georgia Open titles. Named Georgia PGA Player of the Year in 1980 and 1981. Captured two PGA Tour victories and one on the Senior PGA Tour. Currently competes on the Senior PGA Tour.

“We are extremely excited about the Class of 2003,” said Executive Director John Shafer. “This group represents several generations of excellence in sports for the State of Georgia. Each inductee exhibits the dedication, determination and commitment it takes to be the best. We are proud to have them as members of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum.”

2003 will mark the third time Macon has hosted the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum’s Induction Gala. The other two years were 1999, in coordination with the facilities Grand Opening, and in 2002.

Single tickets to the Ceremony are \$125 and a table of eight is \$1,000. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, please call (478) 752-1585, ext. 101 or 109.