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KHSAA MEDIA NOTE:

STOUT TO BE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

Former KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout will become the eighth Kentuckian inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. Previous inductees were: Cliff Hagan (1988), Paul Hornung (1989), William Kean (1993), Geri Grigsby (1993), Garnis Martin (1994), S.T. Roach (1996), Charles Ruter (2001).

Groza, Baker Head 2006 Hall of Fame Class

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (March 22, 2006) — The late **Lou Groza**, a high school football and basketball star at Martins Ferry (Ohio) High School in the early 1940s before his stellar 20-year career with the Cleveland Browns, and **Terry Baker**, a three-sport star at Jefferson High School in Portland, Oregon, before he won the 1962 Heisman Trophy at Oregon State University, head a list of 12 individuals selected for induction into the 2006 class of the National High School Hall of Fame.

The 2006 Induction Ceremony of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame will be held June 29 at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida.

Other former high school athletes selected for the 2006 class are **Jon Sundvold**, one of the top high school and college basketball players in Missouri history during his days at Blue Springs High School and the University of Missouri, and **Blaine Lindgren**, an outstanding track high hurdler from Magna (Utah) Cyprus High School who later won a silver medal at the 1964 Summer Olympics.

These former outstanding high school athletes, along with three coaches, two contest officials, one administrator, one individual from the fine arts field and another who excelled in a number of areas will be inducted into the 24th class of the National High School Hall of Fame June 29 in Orlando, site of the 87th annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

The National High School Sports 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 326.

Nancy Cole, field hockey coach at Ward Melville High School in East Setauket, New York, is one of three coaches selected for the 2006 class. Cole is No. 3 all-time in victories in the sport of field hockey with a 518-76-41 record in 35 seasons. Cole spent most of her career at Centereach (New York) High School.

Other coaches in this year's class are **Duane Twait**, football coach from Emmetsburg (Iowa) High School who retired in 2002 with 339 victories and seven state championships, and **Irving Black**, who excelled in track and field as an athlete, coach, official and Masters athlete. Black will be honored for his 35-year tenure as track coach at New Britain (Connecticut) High School, where he won 656 meets and lost only 34 with 28 state championships.

Officials in this year's class are **Peter Webb**, who has dedicated more than 44 years to officiating at the state, national and international levels and who becomes the first inductee from Maine in the National High School Hall of Fame, and **Paul Ostyn**, who was a certified football official for 52 years in Idaho and was basketball and football rules interpreter for many years for the Idaho High School Activities Association.

Wayne Taylor, an athletic director and coach in Florida for more than 30 years, is the administrator in this year's class. Taylor served at several schools in the Miami area and was a founding member of the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Rich Edwards, who probably has contributed more to the national high school fine arts landscape than any other individual, is the Fine Arts selection for the 2006 class. Edwards, a professor at Baylor (Texas) University, has been an author and editor of the *Forensic Quarterly* published by the NFHS since 1980.

The final inductee in this year's class is **Louis Stout** of Kentucky. Stout was an accomplished athlete at Cynthiana (Kentucky) High School, coached basketball at Dunbar High School in Lexington, was an accomplished baseball and softball official, and then served more than 30 years with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, where he was the first African-American to serve as head of a state high school association.

The 12 individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school 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 member state associations.

Following are biographical sketches of the 2006 class of the National High School Hall of Fame:

ATHLETES

Terry Baker

Oregon

Hailing from the Pacific Northwest, Terry Baker first distinguished himself as a standout three-sport athlete at Portland (Oregon) Jefferson High School.

A four-year letterwinner in baseball, the 6-foot-2, 180-pound Baker led the Democrats to the 1959 Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) state championship. The winning pitcher in that title game, Baker batted .438 on the season and was named both first-team all-city and first-team all-state. A natural left-hander, Baker learned to throw and field right-handed when he inherited his older brothers' hand-me-down right-handed gloves.

Baker lettered three times in basketball, and led Jefferson to the Portland Interscholastic League city championship his senior year. He averaged 20 points as a junior and 18.8 as a senior, and was a two-time first-team all-state selection.

However, it was in football where Baker made his greatest impact. Playing quarterback and tailback in Jefferson's T-formation and single-wing multi-attack offense, he helped lead the squad to two OSAA state championships and to a combined 23-0 record his junior and senior seasons. Known as a great passer and runner, his statistics were somewhat tempered by the sheer talent in the same backfield, including 1995 National High School Hall of Fame inductee and future Dallas Cowboys standout Mel

Renfro. As a senior, Baker threw for 1,261 yards and rushed for another 438 as he helped the explosive Democrats average more than 46 points per game.

Following his illustrious high school career, Baker continued his education and football and basketball play at Oregon State University. In 1962, he was named Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year; College Football Player of the Year by the AP, UPI and The Sporting News; Maxwell Trophy winner; and as the first Heisman Trophy winner west of the Mississippi River.

Baker played professional football for the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League and for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. He is a founding partner of Tonkon Torp in Portland, where his area of law practice includes litigation, business and corporate finance.

Lou Groza

Ohio

Lou Groza, the late National Football League (NFL) Hall of Famer from the Cleveland Browns, began his athletic career as a standout, three-sport athlete at Martins Ferry (Ohio) High School. In leading the Martins Ferry High School football, basketball and baseball teams, Groza is widely considered the greatest athlete in the school's history.

On the football field, Groza was a unique player excelling on both the offensive and defensive lines, as well as handling all kicking duties for Martins Ferry. In 1941, he led the football team to a share of the state title after leading the basketball team to an outright state championship as a junior. Nicknamed the "Big Chief," Groza led the school to its only state championships in any sport.

Groza was chosen Associated Press all-Ohio first team in football and was all-Ohio in basketball. In the state basketball championship game, Groza scored 18 points and was chosen to the all-tournament team.

Groza then played briefly for Ohio State University before being called into military service for three years during World War II. Upon returning from the war, Groza signed with the Cleveland Browns of the American Football Conference (AFC).

During his career with the Browns, the team won eight league championships in the AFC and NFL, and Groza was the only player to participate on all eight championship teams. Among his many honors, Groza was a six-time All-NFL offensive tackle, appeared in nine Pro Bowls and in 1954, was named NFL Most Valuable Player.

At the time of his retirement, Groza held 10 NFL records and 24 Browns team records. His 1,608 career points long stood as the most in NFL history and his last-second field goal gave the Browns the NFL title in 1950. After suffering a back injury in 1960, Groza became a kicking specialist for the Browns, becoming known as Lou “The Toe” Groza. He was a kicker until the age of 43, and his 640 extra points and 233 field goals remain the most in Browns history.

Cementing his legacy, Groza was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1974 and annually the nation’s top collegiate kicker is given the Lou Groza Award. His uniform No. 76 was retired by the Browns.

Blaine Lindgren

Utah

For almost a half-century, Blaine Lindgren has embodied all that is good about athletics, throughout his home state of Utah, the nation and the world.

As a standout track athlete and all-state football player at Magna (Utah) Cyprus High School, Lindgren established himself as one of the state’s all-time greatest high school athletes. However, it was as a hurdler in track that he probably gained his greatest notoriety.

Despite the fact that he didn’t begin competing in the event until his junior year, the rangy Lindgren amazingly never lost a high school hurdles race. He skimmed the 120-yard high hurdles and

180-yard low hurdles to state titles both as a junior and senior, and in the process, set state records in both events.

Lindgren then enrolled at the University of Utah, where he was a record-setting four-time Skyline Conference 120-yard high hurdles champion and three-time 220-yard low hurdles champion. A two-time All-American in the high hurdles, Lindgren won the gold medal in the Pan Am Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1963. The following year, he won the silver medal at the 1964 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

As impressive as Lindgren's athletic resume is, his officiating accomplishments are perhaps even more exemplary. A tireless advocate for youth, Lindgren has officiated high school track and football for 33 years, including many state playoff games. Since the inception of Utah's Summer Games in 1986, Lindgren has assisted in directing the exploits of tens of thousands of medal-seeking Utah youths.

Among his many recognitions, Lindgren was selected as one of the top 100 Utah athletes of the 20th century, and in 2002, was named by Sports Illustrated as one of Utah's Top 10 all-time greatest athletes. He is a member of several halls of fame and in 2002, carried the Olympic Torch for the Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Jon Sundvold

Missouri

As a high-scoring guard at Blue Springs (Missouri) High School, Jon Sundvold established himself as one of the Show-Me State's all-time great basketball players.

The 6-foot-2 Sundvold poured in 2,175 points during his three-year varsity career, and his 27.5 points-per-game career scoring average ranks sixth in state history. He was the Kansas City-area scoring leader both as a junior and a senior, when he averaged 29.7 and 32 points per game, respectively. The model of consistency, he led his team in scoring in 73 of the 79 games he played, and scored 30 or more

33 times. Also a highly skilled playmaker, Sundvold ranks second among Missouri high school three-year varsity players with 509 career assists.

In recognition of his prodigious basketball abilities, Sundvold was a three-time recipient of the team outstanding player award, and was named second-team all-state as a junior and first-team as a senior. A versatile athlete, Sundvold also was an all-district pole vaulter in track. Known for his character, work ethic and determination, Sundvold also excelled in the classroom and is considered to be a consummate role model.

Following graduation, Sundvold took his game to Columbia, Missouri, where he matriculated at the University of Missouri and became one of the Tigers' all-time cage greats. Teaming with 7-0 Steve Stipanovich in the middle, Sundvold helped lead Missouri to a 100-28 win-loss record and four consecutive Big Eight titles from 1980 to 1983. Sundvold finished his Mizzou career second in career scoring with 1,597 points, a 49-percent field-goal accuracy mark and 85 percent from the free-throw line.

Sundvold played nine years in the National Basketball Association with Seattle, San Antonio and Miami. Today, he works for an investment company in Columbia, and stays close to the game as a television basketball color analyst.

COACHES

Irving Black

Connecticut

It is doubtful that anyone has given more to the sport of track and field the past 60 years than Irving Black. Whether as a high school athlete, college athlete, high school coach, meet director, finish-line official or masters athlete, Black's accomplishments are second to none.

Black's journey in track and field began at Mt. Pleasant High School in Providence, Rhode Island, where he developed an expertise in the hammer throw. He was Providence city champion two times and won the state championship in 1948. He held the school record in the hammer throw from 1948 to 1974.

At Boston University, Black won the hammer throw at the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships, qualified for the Olympic trials and set the school record in the hammer throw and 35-pound weight throw.

In 1953, Black began a highly successful 35-year tenure as track and cross country coach at New Britain (Connecticut) High School. During that time, his teams won an amazing 656 meets, losing only 34 times, with two ties, and claimed 28 state open and class championships. His teams also won three New England championships and he coached 108 individual champions.

Black coached the New Britain cross country teams from 1962 to 1982, compiling a superb 315-27-1 record with three state class championships and two state open titles. Since his retirement from New Britain, Black has coached at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and currently at the age of 75 coaches the Trinity throwers.

Black's contributions to the sport as an official are equally impressive. He was meet director of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference state track meet from 1964 to 1984. He has officiated road races, cross country and track meets at the high school, college, world and Olympic levels since the mid-1970s. Black was an official at the 1996 and 2000 Summer Olympics, as well as three Pan American Games.

In addition to his coaching and officiating exploits, Black continued his athletic pursuits to the age of 50. He was U.S. National Masters champion in the hammer throw from 1971 to 1980, and he placed fourth in the world in 1975, third in 1977 and fifth in 1979.

In 1978, Black created a state-of-the-art, electronic photo-finish timing system that he took to competitions throughout the United States. Black also started a high school track meet in 1969 that

became one of the largest invitational meets in the Northeast and was renamed the Irv Black Invitational last year.

Among his honors, Black has been inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Nancy Cole

New York

Now in her second career as field hockey coach at Ward Melville High School in East Setauket, New York, Nancy Cole is the Empire State's all-time winningest coach with 518 victories in 35 years.

In 32 years at Centereach (New York) High School, Cole won 471 games, 30 league titles, 13 Suffolk County titles, 13 Long Island crowns and six state championships. After a one-year retirement, Cole assumed the coaching reins at Ward Melville in 2003, where she has compiled a 47-7-5 mark in three seasons. She added another Suffolk County title this past season and was chosen Long Island Newsday Coach of the Year.

Nationally, Cole's overall record of 518-76-41 ranks third, according to the National High School Sports Record Book published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

During her tenure, the 58-year-old Cole has coached six high school all-Americans, 15 NCAA all-Americans, four national team members and Olympian Tracey Fuchs, one of the top American field hockey players. For seven years, Cole guided the Long Island Empire State Games scholastic team to three gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

Among her numerous honors, Cole received the Honor Award from the New York State Coaches Association in 1995 and 2002.

In 2001, the Suffolk County Field Hockey Coaches Association established the Nancy Cole Award, given annually to an outstanding field hockey athlete. In 2002, Cole was inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame.

A graduate of Ithaca (New York) College, where she played field hockey, Cole was a member of the Executive Board and the High School All-American Selection Committee for the U.S. Field Hockey Association. She also was a member of the New York State Field Hockey Committee Executive Committee and president of the Suffolk County Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Duane Twait

Iowa

In a state blessed with a great tradition of high school football, Duane Twait was Iowa's most successful coach for 39 years before his retirement in 2002. Twait compiled an overall record of 339-63-2, a winning percentage of .842 which is the highest of any Iowa football coach with 35 years or more of experience.

After two years at Pender (Nebraska) High School, Twait moved to Iowa and coached eight years at Hartley High School, where he was 53-14-2 with five Sioux Valley Conference titles. He then moved to Emmetsburg High School, where he won 88 percent of his games over the next 29 years (280-40), including seven state championships and seven runner-up finishes. His teams at Emmetsburg qualified for the state playoffs 28 of 29 years.

Twait's mark of 28 playoff appearances ranks first in Iowa history, as well as his streak of 20 consecutive playoff appearances (1983-2002). His teams were 57-21 in playoff competition, which ranks second all-time in state history. Twait's teams won 12 Lakes Conference titles and 10 district championships.

In addition to coaching football, Twait also served as Emmetsburg's track coach from 1974 to 1984 and was the school's athletic director. Under his direction as athletic director, Emmetsburg also won six

state wrestling championships and the state baseball tournament one time. On the activities side, the school was known for excellent music, drama and speech programs under Twait's tutelage.

Twait was chosen district coach of the year by the Iowa Football Coaches Association on nine occasions. In 1997 and 2002, he was the IFCA's Class 2A Coach of the Year and in 2003 received the Outstanding Coach Award from the Iowa chapter of the National Football Foundation. Twait served on the board of directors as well as president of the IFCA and was inducted into the IFCA Hall of Fame in 1981.

In addition to his outstanding on-the-field exploits, Twait was a speaker at numerous football clinics during his 39-year coaching career. In addition to his home state, Twait spoke at clinics in Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Colorado.

Since his retirement, Twait has been a volunteer line coach for his son, Kevin, at Iowa Central Community College, which has been consistently ranked nationally among junior colleges. In addition, at Emmetsburg home games, Twait serves as a spotter for the public-address announcer. On September 17, 1996, the football field at Emmetsburg was renamed Duane Twait Field.

OFFICIALS

Paul Ostyn

Idaho

Paul Ostyn has exemplified all that is right in high school officiating in Idaho for 52 years. Not long after graduating from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington in 1950, Ostyn returned to his home state of Idaho and began a long and assorted career in public service. Among the many titles he has held are mayor, city councilman, coach, official, athletic director and employment recruiter. He now adds National High School Hall of Fame member to that list.

Ostyn has worn many hats during his life, but his work as a high school official has been one of the constants. As a certified Idaho football official for 52 years, Ostyn was selected every year to officiate in the state football playoffs. He soon added other sports to his officiating repertoire, including basketball, baseball, softball and wrestling. He devoted many years to the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) as football and basketball rules interpreter, as well as the IHSAA Fourth District commissioner for football, basketball and baseball.

Promoting the professionalism of officials has been one of Ostyn's life goals, one he took to the national level in 1981 as a charter member of the NFHS Officials Association. He later served as the Association's second president and received a distinguished service award from the group in 1984. Eager to lend his expertise to younger officials, Ostyn has trained and mentored countless officials in Idaho, preparing them for every level of competition through clinics, classes and written publications.

Ostyn has also been active in athletics at the collegiate level, officiating football for 30 years, coaching baseball at the College of Southern Idaho and serving as the athletic director for the University of Idaho in Moscow. In addition, Ostyn spent a year playing professional baseball for a minor league team in Longview, Washington. Though his realm of experience in athletics is nearly unmatched, Ostyn is best known for the level of character and commitment he devotes to any task he undertakes.

Peter Webb

Maine

Peter Webb has dedicated more than 44 years to the betterment of high school officiating at the state, national and international levels. As Maine's first inductee into the National High School Hall of Fame, Webb has umpired more than 1,000 baseball games, officiated more than 2,000 basketball games and conducted more than 400 officiating clinics in 24 states and in Canada.

After teaching for four years, Webb became a principal for 22 years. Since his retirement in 1985, Webb has dedicated his time to the training of athletic officials in Maine, the United States, Canada and the world.

Webb became an International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) certified official 43 years ago. Since that time, he has served as an IAABO-certified rules interpreter/trainer for 37 consecutive years and an IAABO world seminar clinician/presenter for 21 years. Webb served on the IAABO Executive Committee for 13 years and was IAABO's worldwide president in 2001-02. In addition, he has been the IAABO worldwide coordinator of interpreters and trainers since 2004.

Webb spent 32 years officiating at the collegiate level, but has remained a continual supporter of high school athletics. He served on the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee from 1992 to 1996 and was then invited to serve as the liaison between the NFHS committee and IAABO, a position he has held since 1997. He is one of only two people on the NFHS National Faculty certified to train the trainers of basketball officials. He has received distinguished service awards from IAABO, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the NFHS Officials Association.

Though he has contributed to officiating worldwide, Webb has never neglected his home state of Maine, where he grew up in the small town of Houlton. He earned his undergraduate degree from Ricker College in Houlton in 1960 and his master's degree from the University of Maine in Orono in 1976. He served as the assistant commissioner of the Maine Basketball Commission for 13 years and as the commissioner for 16 years.

ADMINISTRATOR

Wayne Taylor

Florida

Wayne Taylor has contributed to high school athletics from an administrative position for more than 40 years. After graduating from Elon (North Carolina) College in 1959, Taylor relocated to Florida

where he worked as an athletic director, coach and business manager for 33 years. He then spent three years as the director of competition for the Miami Mega City Special Olympics, serving more than 3,000 special athletes, before his retirement in 1994. Since that time, Taylor has continued to serve interscholastic athletics with his knowledge and expertise on various committees at the state and national levels.

From 1966 to 1974, Taylor was athletic director and business manager at Miami Coral Park High School. He then served 16 years as director of athletics at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, and finished his career with one-year stints with the Dade County Public Schools and G. Holmes Braddock High School.

Taylor was a founding member of the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (FIAAA), serving on the 1977 organizing committee. He also is a charter member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). He has served on the boards of directors and as president of both organizations. In addition, Taylor was the first FIAAA representative to serve on the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Board of Directors, and he consistently served as the chairperson of the host committee each time the National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics was held in Florida. Taylor has frequently been sought out to speak at athletic directors conferences across the country.

Taylor has received nearly every athletic administrative award available, including the FIAAA National Recognition Award in 1982 and the FIAAA Meritorious Service Award in 2002. At the National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics in 1991, Taylor received the highest award given by the NIAAA — the Award of Merit. In 1998, Taylor was inducted into the FHSAA Hall of Fame.

More than the prestigious posts he has held and the awards he has received, Taylor stands apart for his spirit of service to the profession of athletic administration. He has left a lasting legacy through the

professional organizations he helped to shape and through his willingness to go beyond what is expected in order to create opportunities for others.

FINE ARTS

Rich Edwards

Texas

Although his entire professional career has been spent working at the collegiate level, no one has contributed more to the world of high school speech and debate than Rich Edwards. Even more impressive is the fact that most of his contributions have been on a volunteer basis.

During a career of more than 30 years, Edwards has become a “national mentor” to the high school speech and debate community. His involvement with interscholastic speech and debate began in 1979 as a member of the NFHS Wording Committee for the national debate topic. The following year, he became editor of the *Forensic Quarterly* Summer issue and still serves as associate editor and author of three of the four annual issues of FQ, which provides high school debaters with their initial introduction to the annual debate resolution.

In 1984, Edwards joined the NFHS Speech Advisory Committee. Even though his official term on the committee ended, he still attends annually to serve as an advisor to the wording process. His software for tabulating debate and individual events tournaments, which is provided free of charge, is widely regarded as the best program available for hosting high school debate tournaments. Even as he has continually updated the program, Edwards has also been known to spend considerable time on the phone providing troubleshooting to tournament directors using the program.

Edwards has played an integral role in the Cross-Examination Debate Topic Selection Committee sponsored by the NFHS. He has served three terms on the Wording Committee and three terms as chair. Edwards has written countless study reports and his wisdom contributes greatly to the selection process.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Iowa, Edwards has equal influence at the collegiate level. His career has taken him from the University of Iowa to colleges and universities in Kentucky, Illinois, Nebraska, Georgia and Texas. Since 1989, Edwards has been associate professor of communication studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Edwards has authored hundreds of books and articles and made numerous presentations throughout his career. Since 1991, he has served as tournament director of the American Debate Association national tournament and has served in the same capacity for the Debate Division of the Texas Forensic Association state tournament and the Conference 5A University Interscholastic League state tournament since 1995.

OTHERS

Louis Stout

Kentucky

Officially, Louis Stout enters the National High School Hall of Fame in the “Others” category, but he could just as easily be inducted as an athlete, coach, official or administrator. His accomplishments in all of these categories were extraordinary.

As an athlete in Kentucky, Stout began his career at Banneker High School before enrolling at Cynthiana High School as a result of integration. In his three years at Cynthiana, Stout led the team in scoring and to the Kentucky state tournament all three years. In his senior season, Stout averaged 30.9 points and 24.0 rebounds per game and led the state in scoring. He was selected first-team all-conference, all-region and all-state, and his jersey was retired at the end of the season. He received national recognition as well, being named to the Dell Sports All-American team. He played in several all-star games, including the Kentucky/Indiana all-star game.

Stout then went on to star at Regis College in Denver, Colorado, where he led the team in scoring for four years and set several rebounding records, under the tutelage of Joe B. Hall, who later coached at the University of Kentucky.

Stout then joined the coaching ranks in 1965 as an assistant basketball coach at Lexington (Kentucky) Dunbar High School. He was later named head coach and coached his teams to two district tournament championships and twice finished as runner-up in the regional tournament.

While coaching, Stout also started an accomplished officiating career. His 26-year stint as a high school baseball and softball official earned him a reputation as one of the finest umpires in Kentucky. Stout also umpired at the collegiate level, working games for the Ohio Valley Conference and the Southeastern Conference. He was inducted into the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 1971, Stout was hired as an assistant commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and in 1994, he became the first African-American to serve as the executive director/commissioner of a state high school association. One of Stout's lasting legacies is his success in recruiting more minorities as high school coaches and officials.

At the national level, Stout served a term on the NFHS Board of Directors from 2000 to 2002 and served as chairman of the NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee from 1996 to 2002.

Since retirement, Stout has been involved with high school sports through a high school scoreboard radio show and television program. He also has written a book, *Shadows of the Past*, chronicling the history of African-American high school athletes in Kentucky.

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