

# Beasley enshrined for career

John Beasley, former basketball star at the Lindon-Kildare High School and Texas A&M, will be enshrined along with four other Texas Basketball greats in the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Beasley was an All-State prep

performer and the Southwest Conference Player of the Year in 1966. He will be installed into the elite collection of Texas roundballers on Saturday, April 12 at Henderson County Junior College in Athens. Joining Beasley will be C. E. "Red"

Sledge of Dallas Technical High, 1931-33; Jim Bond of Pampa, 1952-54; Joe Fortenberry of Happy, Texas, who competed in the late

20's and finished in 1930 and O'Neal Weaver of Martins Mill High who terminated his high school career in 1949.

Beasley, an All-State performer in 1959-60, played on the State AA Championship team in 1960 earning All-Tournament honors in the playoff competition. As a sophomore at A&M he received Sophomore of the Year honors and the first of three All-SWC awards. During the 1966 season he averaged 30.6 points a game and went on to be named Player of the year in the SWC.

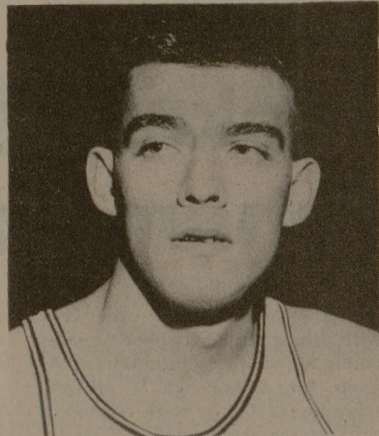
After an illustrious career at Aggie, Beasley played with the Phillips 66 Oilers and made the AAU All-American team. He then began a seven-year professional career spending four years with the Dallas Chapparals and three more with the Utah Stars of the ABA.

The two-year All-Pro was selected to play in the 1969 All Star game where he took the Most Valuable Player Award.

Beasley is currently employed by the Converse Rubber Company.

The Hall of Fame induction will be a homecoming of sorts for Beasley as the old bass fisherman himself, A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf, will handle the former A&M cager's induction ceremonies.

The five inductees will join 20 other Texas basketball immortals already enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Those already in the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame are: Jack S. Gray, Wills Point; Edwin Booth Price, Corsicana; Slater N. Martin, Houston, Jeff Davis; John O. (Preacher) Tompkins, Athens; Tucker Temple, Bowie; Buster Brannon, Athens; Whitey Baccus, Estelline; Mike Izquierdo, El Paso; Bobby Moers, Houston; Reagan; Max Williams, Avoca; W. W. (Doc) Sumner, Athens; Frank Carswell, San Antonio, Jeff Davis; Jewell McDowell, Amarillo; Leon Black, Martins Mill; Holly Brock, Beaumont; Raymond Alford, Beaumont; Placido Gomez, Houston; Jeff Davis; Marcus Freiberger, Greenville; Jay Arnette, Austin and Jan Loudermil, Big Spring.



JOHN BEASLEY

## Barnes gets cage honors from writers

DALLAS (AP) — Robert Barnes of San Augustine, who averaged 24 points and 17 rebounds per game, was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A All-State Basketball Team for the second straight year.

Barnes, 6-foot-3, was placed at an inside position along with Dale Cleveland, a 6-5 senior from Friona who averaged 21 points and 17 rebounds, and Ricky Fisher, a 6-6 senior for the New Boston team, which was a state tournament semifinalist. Fisher averaged 21.1 points and 14.4 rebounds.

Tim Wlack of Ganado and Jim Rosenbrock of George West rounded out the first team at the outside positions. Wlack, a 6-1 senior, averaged 24.1 points. Rosenbrock, a 6-2 senior, averaged 21.7 points.

Craig Williams, who scored 16 points for Dimmitt in its state 2A championship victory over Van Vleck, headed up the second team. The 6-0 senior averaged 14 points per game.

Williams was joined on the second team by 5-11 senior Charlie Johnson of Lindale, 6-3 senior Mike Tidwell of Northwest, 6-5 senior Paul Van Doorne of Socorro and 6-11 senior Doug Ekerorth of Laredo United. Johnson averaged 19 points per game, Tidwell 21.6 points, Van Doorne 23.3 points and Ekerorth 19.3 points.

Another member of the state championship Dimmitt team, 6-4 senior Steve Myatt, was named to the third team.

Other third team members are 6-1 senior Tommy Thorn from Denver City, 6-1 junior Darwin McKinley of Bowie, 6-3 junior Williams from Lindale and 6-6 junior Ronnie Proctor of Freer.

## Pro officials overlook 'radical' Bill Walton

The professional sports establishment bent to accommodate Joe Namath, Alex Karras and other individualists. But it may be a different matter whether it and Bill Walton can live together.

More and more, Walton has become a spokesman for causes many would view as part of the radical left. Now he has appeared at a news conference to condemn the FBI and urge "the people of the world to stand with us in our rejection of the United States government."

There is no reason why Walton cannot make such statements. He has the full protection of the Constitution in doing so.

But there is every reason why such actions make it increasingly unlikely that Walton will ever fulfill the vision one basketball team has had: a superstar who brings championships.

For one thing, there is a clause in most athletes' contracts that prohibits them from saying anything detrimental about their team or their league. Just how Walton might have damaged the Portland Trailblazers of the National Basketball Association is a matter of interpretation. But professional football was able to force Namath to sell a bar because it alleged that gamblers drank there, thus creating a detrimental image for the sport.

"This is a hard thing to swallow all at once," Lawrence Weinberg, president of the Portland team, said of Walton's statement. "We'll all have to sit back and try to digest what has happened."

Over a period of months Walton has done things his employers would rather he didn't: espouse radical causes, refuse to take pain-killing drugs, condemn capitalism, become a vegetarian. And he became close friends with Jack Scott, the sports critic who allegedly has had contact with fugitive newspaper heiress Patty Hearst and with who Walton appeared at a news conference Wednesday.

It was almost a year ago that Walton signed a contract worth a reported \$2 million after Portland made him the first selection in the NBA's college draft. His signing was

heralded as the beginning of the end of Portland's losing ways.

It did not happen that way. Walton, known to be an individualist, turned out to be more of one than anybody in Portland bargained for. His performance on the court during the half season that he played was not the work of a miracle man. The team still lost more than it won; it again failed to make the playoffs.

All the while, Walton was not viewed the same way as others who created a stir because they were different. He was not flamboyant, as Namath is. He was not suspended for betting on games, as Karras was, or berated because he refused to talk to reporters.

Now Bill Walton and his team — indeed, Walton and sports — stand farther apart than ever. It is difficult to believe that both can remain where they are and still be partners at game time.

## Legion post to sponsor C-S team

Members of the newly formed College Station American Legion Post met Wednesday in the lobby of the Bank of A&M and voiced approval of District Commander Bob Long's idea to sponsor an American Legion baseball team in College Station.

The American Legion summer baseball program is open to high school aged young men who will compete with similar teams sponsored by other American Legion posts in the surrounding area.

Details concerning this summer baseball program will be discussed at the post's next meeting to be held Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby of the Bank of A&M.

Veterans in the College Station area wishing to support this program are invited to attend.

Also under consideration at the meeting will be applications for membership, and officers will be elected.

## Houston Aeros defeat Cleveland

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Howe scored three goals including two in a runaway third period to lead the Houston Aeros to an 8-5 World Hockey Association victory over Cleveland Thursday night in the first game of their playoff series.

The victory gives Houston a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Division playoff. The second game will be played Saturday in Houston before the series moves to Cleveland for games Sunday and Tuesday.

The Aeros, defending WHA champions, emerged from a brutal first period with a 3-2 lead on power goals by Mark Howe and Frank Hughes and a go-ahead goal at 15:52 by rookie Terry Ruskowski.

The aggressive Crusaders took only 18 seconds to score their first goal on Houston's rookie goalie Ron Grahame.

Cleveland's Jim Harrison, scored on a breakaway for the first goal and Tom Edur scored Cleveland's second goal at 5:53.

The two teams exchanged goals in the second period with Paul Shmyr scoring for Cleveland and Ted Taylor scoring for Houston at 19:23. Murray Hall put Houston ahead for good 44 seconds deep into the third period. Hall took a pass from behind the net and slammed past Cleveland goalie Gerry Shevers.

Mark Howe then followed with his second and third goals and Hughes got his second goal to put the game out of reach. Gerry Pinder and Shmyr scored for Cleveland in the loosely played third period.

A total of 56 minutes in penalties was called in the ruggedly played game, including two five-minute fighting penalties.

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