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FIVE TO ENTER IHSBCA BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Five outstanding baseball people will be inducted into the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at a ceremony to be held on Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel in Indianapolis at Keystone. The induction activities will be part of the annual baseball clinic awards banquet sponsored by the IHSBCA and Jostens. One of the five inductees is Brian Dudley of Wapahani High School who has coached at Wapahani for 25 years and won 532 games. Brian also served as the President of the IHSBCA and has been very active in several national high school groups. Also to be inducted into the Hall of Fame are Mike Frame current coach at Huntington University, Andy Benes of Evansville the #1 pick of the 1988 draft who spent 14 years in the major leagues. In addition, Max Schumacher president and chairman of the board of the Indianapolis Indians and John Oliver of Plymouth will be inducted on the 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Coach Dudley graduated from Wapahani High School and then from Ball State University. He returned to guide the Wapahani Raider's baseball program for the past 25 years. During his tenure the Raiders have won 10 Sectional, 5 Regional, a Semi-State, and 19 conference titles. He has had 18 players achieve all-state honors, and 11 have been in the annual North/South All-Star series, as well as many who have went on to rewarding collegiate careers.

Coach Dudley has also been very active in national groups including the BCA and ABCA. In 2004 he was honored as one of eight National District Coaches of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Most recently in 2008 he was one of the finalist for National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools.

Dudley is only the third member to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame from Delaware County. Previous inductees have been in 1988 Gene Bottorff and in 1989 Lowell "Odie" Barnett.

The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Indianapolis on Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.