Idaho State Announces Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2004

Mel Morgan to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Pocatello, ID—Mel Morgan, longtime benefactor to the Idaho State University athletic department, has been named the recipient of the ISU Sports Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award. Morgan will receive his award with four former standout athletes who will be inducted into the Idaho State Sports Hall of Fame on September 11 at halftime of Idaho State’s football game with Cal Poly.

The four former greats being inducted into the class of 2004 are Tony Bolden (Track and Field, 1974-77), Kie Foreman (Tennis, 1954-57), Jay Paris (Football, Track, and Basketball, 1947-51), and Lori Heeter Thomas (Volleyball and Basketball, 1989-92). With the four new inductees, the total number of members in the Hall of Fame is 185.

The 2004 class will be inducted at halftime of the September 11 football game vs. Cal Poly. The ISU Hall of Fame is located in the ISU Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, adjacent to Holt Arena.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted in 2003 to honor significant members or contributors to the athletic department who might not have attended Idaho State University. In order to be eligible for selection to the Hall, a candidate must have attended Idaho State for at least one year and excelled in at least one intercollegiate sport. Preference is given to those who have been out of school for at least 10 years. Voting is restricted to Hall of Fame members who are on the Selection Committee.

In addition to the induction ceremony at the football game, several social gatherings will honor the inductees. There will be a reception on Friday, September 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the ISU Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center. A luncheon on Saturday at the Red Lion Hotel Pocatello will formally introduce the inductees.

Reservations are requested for the luncheon and can be made by calling the ISU Alumni Association at 208-282-3755. The following are the profiles of the 2004 inductees, as well as a complete list of Sports Hall of Fame members:

Mel Morgan (Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient): Mel Morgan has been a strong supporter of ISU athletics for over 50 years. He, along with friend Brick Thompson, were the founding members of the Bengal Foundation in 1946. Morgan was born and raised in Pocatello where he was a successful businessman, owning and operating Nate Morgan Jewelers. Morgan owned the company with his father, then his two brothers, and eventually with his son, Rick. Morgan’s business has always been a supporter and contributor of Idaho State Athletics, purchasing trophies and advertising ISU athletic events. Morgan is now retired and resides in Boise.

Tony Bolden (Track and Field, 1974-77): Tony Bolden excelled in the high hurdles for the Bengal track and field squad, winning back-to-back-to-back conference championships from 1975-1977. Bolden is just one of two athletes in ISU track and field history to have won three Big Sky Conference high hurdles titles. His winning mark in 1976, 14.04 seconds, is still fourth in ISU history 27 years later. He scored a school-record 30.5 points in 1977 to lead the Bengals to the team championship. Bolden scored a career conference meet total 68 points—the fifth highest in league history. Bolden ranks as one of the most versatile track and field athletes in ISU history, competing in six events during the 1977 conference championships to help lead the Bengals to the title.

Bolden currently resides in Sacramento, California.

Kie Foreman (Tennis, 1954-57): Kie Foreman was a member of ISU’s tennis team from 1983-84. He then was the assistant women’s tennis coach in 1985 and was named head men’s tennis coach in 1986. Foreman tallied an impressive 16-straight singles victories during the 1983 season, a record which still stands today. He also teamed with Eric Anderson in 1983 to set the all-time ISU single season record for doubles victories. The record stood until it was broken just last season. Foreman received the Sam Bennion Most Valuable Tennis Player Award in 1983, and was selected Big Sky Conference Player of the Week during the same season. Foreman has continued to excel in tennis, receiving a ranking of No. 14 in the Pacific Northwest Men’s Open Singles in 1990, and a No. 5 ranking in the world in men’s 40 USTPA.

Foreman currently resides in Marina, California, where he is the director of tennis at the beach and tennis club at Pebble Beach. He graduated from ISU in 1985 with degrees in health and physical education.

Jay Paris (Football, Track, and Basketball, 1947-49): Jay Paris entered Idaho State University in the fall of 1947 when it was still Idaho State College. Paris was a multi-position athlete in football from 1947-49, receiving time at the quarterback, halfback, fullback, safety, and kicker positions. During his three seasons, Paris broke numerous ISU records. His accumulates on offense included most points scored in a game, most points scored in a season, longest run from scrimmage, longest pass play, longest punt, most extra points in a season, most rushing yards in a season, most rushing yards in a game, and most rushing carries in one game. Defensively, Paris set ISU records for most interceptions in a game, most interceptions in a season, most tackles in a game, and most tackles in a season.
He also held the longest interception return. In addition to football, Paris excelled in track and field at ISU from 1948-49. He also was the intramural light heavyweight boxing champion at ISU in 1948. Paris was also a member of ISU’s junior varsity basketball team in 1947. In 1950, Paris played professional baseball during the summer for the Chicago Cubs farm team before entering the United States Army in 1951. He was wounded in combat in Korea and received a disability discharge with honors as a First Lieutenant in 1954. Paris graduated from ISU in 1951.

Paris currently resides in Jerome, Idaho. Paris went on to teach and coach at Simi Valley High School for 30 years where he retired in 1994. He still remains active as a part-time coach for the boys and girls golf teams.

**Lori Heeter Thomas (Volleyball and Basketball, 1989-92):** Lori (Heeter) Thomas was a two-sport athlete at Idaho State, lettering in both volleyball and basketball from 1989-92. Thomas excelled both offensively and defensively in volleyball. She currently holds the all-time ISU career record for attack percentage at .310 and single-season attack percentage record at .371. She ranks sixth, seventh, and eighth in single match attack percentage. Thomas was named the Big Sky Conference’s Volleyball Newcomer of the Year in 1989 and was also named First Team All-Big Sky Conference in 1990. She received AVCA All Northwest Region honors in 1990. She also was named to the Big Sky All-Academic team in 1990. Thomas led the Bengals to a 45-10 record over her two years of service, including a Big Sky title in 1990 and trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Thomas also was a key member of ISU’s basketball teams from 1991-92. Her 71 blocks during the one season she spent with the Bengals ranks second for a single season all-time in ISU history. The mark also ranks her seventh on the all-time career blocks list. She tallied an ISU all-time record 10 blocks in a single game against Montana State.

Thomas currently resides in Overland Park, Kansas, where she is the director of human resources and championship event administrator at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). She graduated from ISU in 1992 with a degree in business administration.

**ISU Sports Hall of Fame Members (2004 Inductees in bold)**

Dave Abeyta, 1954-59, boxing
Gary Aizawa, 1961-64, football
Glenn Alford, 1967-98, sports information director
Jack Allain, 1956-57, basketball, track
Ray Allred, 1976-77, football
Peter Amanteilio, 1974-77, track
Jerry Armstrong, 1958-60, boxing
Chick Atkinson, 1936-38, football, track, basketball
J.B. Austin, 1974-78, track
Don Axtell, 1961-65, tennis
Dan Axtman, 1954-57, boxing
Arnie Bagley, 1979-83, wrestling, football
Rick Bauer, 1951-55, basketball, track
Samuel B. Beckham, 1952-54, basketball
Ed ‘Flea’ Bell, 1967-69, football, track
Jerry Bellon, 1947-49, football
John Berry, 1969-73, wrestling
Gary G. Bills, 1966-69, track,
James F. Blake, 1947-49, football
D.W. ‘Bud’ Bliss, 1922-24, football, track, wrestling
Kevin Bodily, 1952-54, wrestling, water polo

**Anthony Bolden, 1974-77, track and field**
Mary ‘Charly’ Bond, 1977-80, basketball
Ron Boone, 1965-68, basketball, track
Larry D. Brackenbury, 1951-55, football, baseball
John W. Briggs, 1964-67, track
Ernie Brooks, 1935-37, football, track
Wally Buono, 1968-71, football
Bruce Burnett, 1970-74, wrestling
Lawrence Butler, 1978-79, basketball
Craig Byington, 1971-74, track
I.J. ‘Babe’ Caccia, 1936-38, football, wrestling
John C. Caccia, 1970-72, wrestling
Michael Calley, 1984-87, football
Walt Carte, 1936-38, football, basketball
Bob Conley, 1952-55, track
Doran ‘Bus’ Connor, 1952-55, football, basketball, baseball
Jeff Cook, 1974-78, basketball
Dennis Critchfield, 1954-57, track
Arthur M. Crump, 1977-80, basketball
Dewey Cunningham, 1950-51, basketball

Gary Cutright, 1964-67, swimming

Case deBruijn, 1978-81, football
Gerald Dellinger, 1934-36, football, basketball
Dennis DeWitt, 1956-61, track
Harry Dickson, 1946-49, football
Stacy Dragila, 1992-95, track and field
Sue Doucette, 1980-83, track
Jerry C. Dunne, 1967-70, football, track
Tim Dunne, 1966-69, track
Bobby Dye, 1958, 60-62, basketball,
Dale Dykman, 1940-42, basketball, football, track

Ralph Leif Erickson, 1924-25, baseball, basketball, football
Hal Espy, 1956-60, boxing

Marlin Felton, 1950-54, football, track
Timothy Fisher, 1969-72, wrestling
Ev Fopma, 1971-73, basketball
Kie Foreman, 1954-57, tennis
Chuck Forrestal, 1958-61
Len ‘Buddy’ Frazier, 1964-66, basketball, track
Gilbert French, 1931-33, football, track

Dr. Laurence E. Gale, 1956-60, football
Greta Garver (Hannemann), 1987-91, women’s basketball
Dr. R.R. ‘Paddy’ Garver, 1949-51, boxing
Howard ‘Howdy’ Greaves, 1938-42, basketball

Ronald ‘Hoot’ Hale, 1931-34, basketball
Dale Hammond, 1947, boxing
Leroy Harris, 1966-69, football, wrestling
Sherwood Dunn Hauck, 1928-29, wrestling
Steve Hayes, 1974-77, basketball
Billy Haynes, 1956-59, boxing
Mike Heberlein, 1968-71, football, tennis
Pat Herrington, 1979-82, track
Robert W. Hilliard, 1947-49, football
Boyd W. Hodson, 1925-26, football, track, basketball
Merril Hoge, 1983-86, football
Rod C. Hohnhorst, football, track
Tom Hofmann, 1970-74, football
Donn Holston, 1982-87, men’s basketball
Milton W. ‘Dubby’ Holt, 1936-38, football, track
Bill Horrocks, 1953-57, basketball, track, baseball
Wiley Howell, 1938-40, football, boxing, wrestling
Ralph Hutchinson, 1920-28, football, basketball, baseball coach

Bill Ingram, 1966-68, football, baseball
Tom Jewell, 1958-60, football
Linda (Johnson) Barbour, 1975-79, track, volleyball, basketball
Jerald Jones, 1972-76, track, cross country
Lamont Jones, 1949-52, football

Larry Kent, 1951-55, football
Susie Ketchum Johnson, 1988-92, volleyball, basketball
Vic Kobe, 1952-54, boxing
Jim Koetter, 1959-61, football, track
George Kom, 1958-59, football, track
Charles ‘Chuck’ Koval 1952-55, basketball, track
Steve Kuharski, 1966-68, football, basketball

Ralph ‘Mutt’ Lacey, 1934-36, football, track
Bernard ‘Jake’ LaRue, 1947-49, football, track, basketball
Carl Lawson, 1970-74, track
Dale Leatham, 1954-58, boxing, football
Bobby Leute, 1931-33, football, basketball
Larry Lewis, 1967-70, track
Marvin Lewis, 1977-80, football
Phil Luckey, 1960-65, cross country, track

Buck MacGillivray, 1956-59, track
Mike Machurek, 1980-81, football
Dr. Theodore Maheras, 1948-50, boxing
Woodie Marcus, 1960, boxing
Debbie Masak (Jenkins), 1987-90, volleyball
John McCarthy, 1965-66, football
Robert ‘Bobby’ McCullom, 1954-57, boxing
Mike M. McMurtry, 1954-56, boxing
Ben Miller, 1963-66, track
John Miller, 1960-64, football, baseball
Ray Millward, 1968-70, wrestling, football,
Stacey Ann Mortensen, 1989-91, basketball

Dr. Lewis G. ‘Blinky’ Neal, 1952-55, boxing
Ed Norby, 1910-22, football, basketball, track, tennis, baseball

Cyril Okamoto, 1957, boxing
Harry Oliphant, 1967-68, wrestling
Tom O’Riordan, 1957-61, track, cross country
Tina Ostroot, 1980-82, track, cross country

Don Papenberg, 1959-60, football

Jay Paris, 1947-49, football, track, basketball
Marcy Payne-Morrison, 1984-88, track
Stephanie Pepmer, 1988-92, basketball
Cal Percy, 1967-71, swimming, water polo
Ken Peterson, 1954-58, football
Richard H. ‘Dick’ Petitt, 1950-54, track
Felix Plastino, 1923-24, football
Earl R. Pond, 1946-49, football
Steve Proniewych, 1968-73, baseball, football
Clarence ‘Buddy’ Rausch, 1958-59, boxing
Willis A. ‘Tuffy’ Reynolds, 1934-36, football
Pete Richardson, 1948-49, football
Ronald Rall, 1954-58, boxing
Ginger Reid, 1973-77, basketball, softball
Dr. Brand D. Robinson, 1975-79, basketball
Les Roh, 1953-56, basketball

John Roman, 1970-74, football
Roger Rouse, 1955-57, boxing

Ed Sanders, 1951-52, boxing, football
Ben Sanford, 1961-63, football
Billy Satterfield, 1967-69, baseball, football
Art Scott, 1961-65, track, cross country
Rick Scribner, 1975-76, football
Dr. Leno Seppi, 1948-50, football
Bill Shaw, 1961-64, football

Walter ‘Cy’ Shepardson, 1957-59, boxing
Robert ‘Dutch’ Sherman, 1946-48, basketball, football
Debbie Shively-Hadley, 1984-87, volleyball
Gail Siemen, 1956-58, basketball, baseball
Lyle Smith, 1933-35, football, basketball
Margaret Smith-Raitt, 1984-87, volleyball
Bill Snapp, 1979-82, football

Carlton I. Tanaka, 1968-69, wrestling, football
William ‘Spud’ Tatro, 1926-27, football, track, baseball

Lori (Heeter) Thomas, 1989-92, volleyball, basketball
Ed Thompson, 1976-77, basketball
F.G. ‘Brick’ Thompson, 1928-29, track
Tom Toner, 1968-72, football
Paul Tripp, 1953-59, football
Otto Tronowski, 1936-38, football
Dick Tullock, 1973-78, track
Ray W. Turner, 1939-40, basketball, football
Wendell Twitchell, 1933-36, football, boxing, wrestling

John M. Vesser, 1941-67, football coach, athletic director

Dave Wagnon, 1964-66, basketball
Jim Wagstaff, 1955-58, football
Homer Watkins, Jr., 1958-60, basketball
Ellsworth ‘Spider’ Webb, 1952-54, boxing, football
Amber Welty, 1987-90, track and field
Tom West, faculty athletic representative
Jim Wharton, 1967-71, track
Guy Wicks, 1931-41, football and basketball coach
Paul D. Wilson, 1976-77, track & field
Lynne Wingle-Colvin, 1983-84, track

Rick Yeates, 1964-68, wrestling
Nick Ysursa, 1970-74, baseball, basketball

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients
Sam Bennion, 2003
Mel Morgan, 2004