

Kansas Retired Jerseys

Tus Ackerman • 1923-25

The leading scorer in the 1923 Helms Foundation National Championship game, Tus Ackerman was also a 1924 first team All-American.

Ackerman, a member of the Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame, was named to the All-Missouri Valley team in 1924 and 1925.

In his three years with the Jayhawks, he led KU in scoring each year. He captained the 1925 team and produced 10.2 points per game.

Ackerman and the Jayhawks accumulated three conference championships in 1923, 1924 and 1925 and in that period lost only five games overall.

Ackerman's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 15, 2003.

Charlie B. Black • 1942-43, 1946-47

Charlie Black, nicknamed the "Hawk" for his defense, is a four-time All-Big Six player and the only four-time All-American in KU basketball history.

During his first year at KU, Black led the Jayhawks to a share of the Big Six Conference title.

After the 1943 season, Black spent the next two years fighting in World War II.

Black returned to Mt. Oread in 1946 and helped the Jayhawks to a 19-2 record and a return to the NCAA playoffs.

Among the all-time scoring leaders in KU history, Black led the Big Six in scoring in 1946.

Black's jersey was retired during the 1992 season. He died in December 1992 at the age of 71.

Charlie T. Black • 1922-24

Charlie Black, a two-time all-conference and All-American selection, helped the Jayhawks compile a 49-6 record in his three years at KU.

His main asset to the team came in the form of his intense defensive style.

Black contributed to KU's three Missouri Valley Championships and the 1922 and 1923 Helms Foundation National Championships.

After leaving Kansas, Black eventually made his way to the University of Nebraska. He was head coach of the Cornhuskers for six seasons, from 1927-32.

Black's jersey was one of seven Jayhawk jerseys retired during the 1992 season.

B.H. Born · 1952-54

In 1953, Born became the center of attention for the Jayhawks and established himself as one of the nation's best centers. He was selected All-American and first-team All-Big Seven.

That same year, Born was selected as the most outstanding performer in the NCAA Tournament, the first player ever to win the award from a non-championship team.

In Born's senior season, he was named to the All-Big Seven Team. He went on to play in the 1954 World Championships.

His jersey was retired on Feb. 15, 1992, in a ceremony honoring the 1952 NCAA title team.

Bill Bridges · 1959-61

A Hobbs, N.M., native, Bill Bridges earned All-American honors in 1961. In three years at Kansas, he earned three selections to the All-Big Eight Conference.

Bridges grabbed 1,000 rebounds in 78 games and averaged an amazing 13.9 rebounds per game as a center at Kansas from 1959-61. KU's postseason rebounding award bears Bridges' name.

Bridges' jersey was officially retired on December 9, 2004.

Wilt Chamberlain · 1957-58

Wilt Chamberlain's career averages of 29.9 points and 18.9 rebounds per game are easily the best in Jayhawk history and rank among the tops in the NCAA record books.

In his varsity debut, Chamberlain turned in a dominating performance, scoring a career-high 52 points and grabbing 31 rebounds. The 52 points scored by Chamberlain still stands as a KU record.

He was twice named a consensus first-team All-American and All-Big Seven member.

Chamberlain became the third Kansas player since 1952 to win the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award.

Chamberlain's average of 30.1 points per game in 1958 is the highest in Kansas history.

He became the first NBA player to ever win the Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards in the same season. During the 1962 season, Chamberlain recorded his 100-point game.

Chamberlain, who passed away on Oct. 12, 1999, was on hand Jan. 17, 1998 to see his jersey officially retired.

Nick Collison · 2000-03

A four-year standout power forward, Nick Collison is the Jayhawks' second all-time leading scorer, third all-time leading rebounder and second all-time leading shot blocker. He left KU ranked as the leading scorer and rebounder in Big 12 Conference history.

A native of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Collison was named the 2003 NABC National Player of the Year, a consensus first-team All-American in 2003 and the 2003 Big 12 Male Athlete of the Year.

Collison led the Jayhawks to back-to-back Final Fours his junior and senior seasons, including playing for the national championship in 2003. He was also a starter on the 2002 team, which became the first squad in the history of the Big 12 Conference to go undefeated in league play (16-0).

Collison was a first-round selection (12th pick overall) of the Seattle SuperSonics in the 2003 NBA Draft.

Collison's jersey was officially retired Nov. 25, 2003.

Paul Endacott · 1921-23

Paul Endacott, the 1923 National Player of the Year and a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, led Kansas to a pair of Helms Foundation National Championships in 1922 and 1923.

Endacott is a two-time all conference performer and a two-time All-American.

In 1923, Kansas posted an unblemished 16-0 Missouri Valley Conference record.

Phog Allen once called him, "the greatest player I have ever coached."

He was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., on April 20, 1972. Endacott's jersey was retired in a ceremony at halftime of the KU-Nebraska game on January 25, 1992.

Howard Engleman · 1939-41

Howard Engleman, the second Jayhawk to receive consensus first-team All-America honors, led KU to two Big Six conference championships and an appearance in the Final Four.

Engleman led Kansas in scoring in 1939 and 1941. His 16.1 points per game in 1941 was the highest average to date in Jayhawk history.

He was a 1940 NCAA All-Tournament team member after leading Kansas to the championship game, and was twice named to the All-Big Six team.

Engleman replaced Phog Allen as coach for half of the 1947 season when Allen was ordered to bed rest. The team finished with a 16-11 mark.

Engleman's jersey was officially retired on March 1, 2003.

Ray Evans · 1942-43, 1946-47

Ray Evans is one of the greatest two-sport athletes in NCAA history and holds the distinctive honor of being named All-American in both football and basketball.

He is a member of the Orange Bowl and College Football Halls of Fame.

After playing two seasons of football and basketball in 1942 and 1943, Evans' career was interrupted by World War II. Evans returned to KU for the 1946 and 1947 seasons.

The Ray Evans trophy honors a member of the current Jayhawk football team whose all-around excellence both on and off the field best exemplify the traits of the former KU star.

Evans was voted into the Kansas All Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

Evans, a four-time All-Big Six Conference selection in the 1940s, was on hand in Allen Fieldhouse in 1997 to see his jersey retired.

Max Falkenstien · 1946-2006

Kansas basketball and football broadcaster Max Falkenstien worked more than 650 football games and 1,750 men's basketball games for Kansas Athletics from 1946-2006.

A Lawrence native, Falkenstien was part of the radio broadcast for every men's basketball game played in historic Allen Fieldhouse from 1955 until 2006. He began his KU broadcasting career March 18, 1946, when KU played then-Oklahoma A&M in the NCAA Tournament, and it concluded March 17, 2006, with KU's loss in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

In 2004, Falkenstien was given the prestigious Curt Gowdy Award presented by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. He has also been honored by the College Football Hall of Fame, the KU Hall of Fame and the state of Kansas Hall of Fame. In 2001, *The Sporting News* named Falkenstien "the best college radio personality in the country."

The No. 60, for his years of service to KU, was officially retired on March 1, 2006.

Drew Gooden • 2000-02

Drew Gooden, a 2002 first-team All-American and the Big 12 Player of the Year, helped lead the Jayhawks to their first Final Four since 1993.

He was the runner-up for the 2002 Wooden Award, and he was named NABC Co-National Player of the Year, ESPN The Magazine Power Forward of the Year and Basketball America's Player of the Year.

Gooden ranks 12th on KU's all-time scoring list with 1,526 points, fifth in rebounding and third with 44 career double-doubles.

He became just the second player in Kansas history to record at least 1,500 points, 900 rebounds, 100 blocks and 100 steals in a career.

Gooden was drafted as the fourth overall pick in the 2002 NBA draft by the Memphis Grizzlies.

Gooden's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 18, 2003.

Gale Gordon • 1925-27

Gale Gordon was an important factor on the 1927 Jayhawk squad that won the conference championship for the fifth straight year.

Gordon was part of Kansas' 300th victory in 1925 when the Jayhawks beat Iowa State 33-11. During his career, KU only failed to win on five occasions.

He was twice named a first-team All-American in 1925 and 1926, and earned All-Missouri Valley Conference honors in 1926 and 1927.

Gordon's three-year efforts were rewarded when he was named to the Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame.

Gordon's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 15, 2003.

Kirk Hinrich • 2000-03

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Hinrich had a stellar career at Kansas from 2000-03. He guided KU to back-to-back Final Fours in 2002 and 2003. The 2002 KU team is still the only team to go undefeated (16-0) in the history of the Big 12 Conference.

In 2003, KU won its second straight league regular-season title. Hinrich, who wore jersey number 10, ranks ninth on the Kansas career scoring list with 1,753 points. His 668 assists are fourth on the school list and his 206 steals are sixth.

Hinrich owns two of the top three single-season three-point field goal percentage marks in KU history – 50.5 percent in 2001 and 47.8 percent in 2002.

In 2003, Hinrich was selected to the Wooden All-American team and was a third-team Associated Press All-American. Also his senior season, he was on the Final Four all-tournament team and was the NCAA West Regional Most Outstanding Player. Hinrich was named All-Big 12 First Team both his junior and senior seasons. He was the seventh overall selection in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls. Additionally, he was a member of Team USA in the 2006 World Championships.

Hinrich had his jersey retired on March 1, 2009.

Raef LaFrentz • 1995-98

Raef LaFrentz, a two-time consensus first-team All-American and Big 12 Player of the Year, is also the third-leading scorer in Kansas history.

LaFrentz is one of three players in KU history to score 2,000 points, and his 1,186 career rebounds placed him second all-time for the Jayhawks.

Ranked among the top 10 in Jayhawk history for career field goals, field goal attempts, free throws, free throw attempts, field goal percentage and blocked shots, LaFrentz is the Kansas leader for career double-doubles at 56.

He played an integral part in helping KU win 35 games during the 1997-98 season.

LaFrentz was the third pick in the 1998 draft by the Denver Nuggets, and now plays for the Portland Trailblazers.

LaFrentz's jersey was officially retired on Feb. 16, 2003.

Clyde Lovellette • 1950-52

A native of Terre Haute, Ind., Lovellette became the fourth Jayhawk to be named a consensus first-team All-American, and was also named All-Big Seven in 1951 and 1952.

In 1952, he led the Jayhawks to their first NCAA crown. Lovellette became the only player to ever lead the nation in scoring and win the NCAA title in the same year.

In 1952, Lovellette and six Jayhawk teammates helped lead the United States to the gold medal at the Olympics in Helsinki, Finland. KU's Phog Allen was an assistant coach on the team.

Lovellette was elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in May 1988. His jersey was retired in a ceremony honoring the 1952 NCAA title team on February 15, 1992.

Danny Manning • 1985-88

College basketball's 1988 consensus player of the year, Danny Manning ended his brilliant career by leading the Jayhawks to the 1988 NCAA title.

He was named the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year and was second-team All-Big Eight in 1985.

Manning was a three-time Big Eight Player of the Year, two-time All-American and a winner of the Naismith and Wooden Awards.

Manning re-wrote the KU record books, becoming the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in Kansas history. He also owns the record for most points scored in a single season with 942 points his senior year.

He became the fourth Jayhawk to earn the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award.

His KU jersey was retired on December 1, 1992. Manning was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame Nov. 23, 2008.

Al Peterson • 1925-27

A Kansas City, Kan. native, Al Peterson garnered two first-team All-American selections during his Kansas career.

Peterson was a three-time All-Missouri Valley Conference member and helped lead the Jayhawks to three-straight conference crowns.

He saw the Jayhawks go three seasons with only five losses, achieve their 300th victory and win the conference championship for five straight years.

Peterson led Kansas in scoring in back-to-back seasons and averaged 10.3 points his final year.

He is a member of the Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame.

Peterson's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 15, 2003.

Paul Pierce · 1996-98

In three years at Kansas, Paul Pierce accumulated numerous honors and records. A 1998 consensus first-team All-American, Pierce was also a first-team All-Big 12 member.

He was a 1998 John Wooden Award finalist and a back-to-back Big 12 Tournament MVP.

Pierce is the seventh all-time leading scorer for KU and one of just seven players to score more than 700 points in a season.

He ranks among KU's leaders in free throws made, free throw attempts, rebounding and steals after just three years at KU.

Pierce was the 10th overall draft pick in 1998 by the Boston Celtics.

Pierce's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 25, 2003.

Fred Pralle · 1936-38

Kansas' first consensus All-American, Fred Pralle accumulated three Big Six conference championships for KU in 1936, 1937 and 1938.

He was named to the All-Big Six team three times. Pralle led the Jayhawks in scoring in back-to-back years with 10.9 points per game his final year.

Pralle captained the 1938 Kansas team that went 18-2 and won nine straight games to finish the season.

He was a member of the 1936 Kansas team that was one win away from competing in the Olympics for the United States.

His efforts at Kansas earned him a spot in the KU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Pralle's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 15, 2003.

David Robisch · 1969-71

A Springfield, Ill. native, Robisch earned the Helms Foundation All-American honor following the 1969-70 and 1970-71 seasons. He was also named an All-Big Eight conference honoree in 1969, '70, and '71.

His most productive season was his junior year, when he averaged 26.5 points per game. His 689 points in 1969-70 still ranks eighth on the KU single-season list. He ended his career with a 21.1 scoring average.

Robisch was also an All-Big Eight pitcher for the KU baseball team in 1969, posting four wins and a team-leading 55 strikeouts in 56 innings.

Robisch's jersey was officially retired on February 27, 2005.

Bud Stallworth · 1970-72

One of only three players in school history to earn All-American honors on the floor and academically, Stallworth was named the 1972 Big Eight Conference Player of the Year.

Stallworth was a two-time all-league selection and was named Academic All-American in 1971 and All-American the following season.

He ended his career with an 18.1 scoring average and his 50 points against Missouri in 1972 ranks second on the KU single-game scoring list.

Stallworth's jersey was officially retired on January 31, 2005.

Darnell Valentine · 1978-81

A three-time Academic All-American in 1979, '80, and '81, Valentine was also named an All-American following his senior season in 1981. He is the only player to be named first-team all-conference four times.

Valentine still ranks first in free throws made with 541 and first in steals with 336. A Wichita, Kan., native, Valentine ranks fifth on the school career scoring with 1,821 points.

A four-time team most valuable player, Valentine ranks fifth on the career assists list with 609. He is one of three players in Kansas history to earn All-American honors both on the floor and academically.

His jersey was officially retired January 1, 2005.

Jacque Vaughn · 1994-97

The all-time Kansas and Big Eight assists leader with 804, Jacque Vaughn earned second-team All-American honors his senior year.

He is a two-time first-team GTE Academic All-American and the 1997 Academic All-American of the Year.

Vaughn garnered two All-Big Eight selections and was the 1996 Big Eight Player of the Year. He also received the Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholar-Athlete Award.

Vaughn ranks among KU's all-time leaders in career 10-assist games at 18, in consecutive career games started at 100 and in most career steals in conference action at 93.

The Cedric Hunter assist award was renamed to include Vaughn's name in 1997 at the conclusion of his senior year.

Vaughn's jersey was officially retired on Dec. 21, 2002.

Walter Wesley · 1964-66

A two-time All-American in 1965 and 1966, Walter Wesley was also a two-time All-Big Eight selection following his junior and senior seasons.

Wesley's career average of 19.3 points per game ranks in the top 10 on the KU list. He averaged over 20 points in junior and senior seasons.

Wesley's jersey was officially retired on December 18, 2004.

Jo Jo White · 1966-69

A two-time All-American selection in 1968 and 1969 and a three-time All-Big Eight member, Jo Jo White was also KU's Most Valuable Player for three straight seasons.

White scored 1,286 career points, and he led Kansas in scoring in 1968 after accumulating 459 points.

His four years at KU saw the Jayhawks win two conference championships, three Big Eight Holiday Tournaments, make two NCAA tournament appearances and become the runner-up in the NIT.

He was a member of the United States Olympic Basketball Team and played 11 seasons in the NBA.

White left his mark with the Celtics, for whom his number 10 jersey is retired.

White's jersey was officially retired on Jan. 27, 2003.