

Lenora man inducted into Community College's Lettermen's Hall of Fame

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Memories came flooding back for Steve Berry of Lenora on the weekend of Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13 when his 1975 Coffeyville Community College football team was inducted into the CCC Lettermen's Club's Hall of Fame.

It was head coach Dick Foster's first team at Coffeyville and they exceeded all expectations. They finished the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record.

The team was invited to compete in the Wool Bowl against an extremely tough New Mexico Military Institute. The Red Ravens defeated the Broncos 28-7 to complete a perfect 11-0 season. Although Coffeyville finished second in the national polls, many still believe they were the best team in the nation.

When he arrived in Coffeyville in February of 1975, coach Foster promised the fans, boosters and supporters that he and his staff would bring back championship football, players and coaches that every Red Raven fan would be proud of.

"I was fortunate that I knew where the good players in Kansas were from coaching at KU," said Foster, who was an assistant at the University of Kansas for four seasons prior to coming to Coffeyville.

"I never thought I was a great coach but I was a good recruiter and motivator and I always thought you could win with character and intelligent players and maybe not have the same talent and still be successful."

Steve Berry, a 6'5", 205 pound defensive tackle, was named "Player of the Week" that season following a 20-14 win over Hutchinson Community College. It was a game coach Foster called their toughest game of the year.

At the conclusion of their perfect season, several Coffeyville players were named All-American, including Berry who received honorable mention on defense.

Steve also received the Wayne Hittle Memorial Award at the end of the 1975 season. It is awarded annually to the "Outstanding CCC Lineman of the Year".

Coach Foster knew what he was doing when he recruited Steve Berry from Lenora High School. The hard working Berry was an all-conference fullback and linebacker for the Wildcats. Defensively, he had several games his senior year with over 30 tackles and was a steady ground gainer from his fullback spot.

"Seeing old friends and renewing the friendships was great," Steve said of the Hall of Fame induction reunion, which was attended by 29 former members of the honored team.

Steve worked hard during the summer on his father's custom wheat combining crew that moved north from Oklahoma to



Lenora's Steve Berry, right, visits with Coffeyville Community College Athletic Director Jeff Leiker, left, and former 1975 teammate Kyle Dickehut during the CCC football team's Hall of Fame induction. Dickehut received credit for getting 29 members of the team back together. - Photo courtesy of Steve Berry

the Canadian border and, in the evenings, he went into a vigorous running program along with weight lifting to improve his strength.

Steve calls all of his coaches from grade school on up "super great and tremendous influences on me."

Through his coaches' guidance and football battles, which included three-a-day practices, Steve learned the lessons of life that have guided him during his successful career as a farmer-rancher in the Lenora area.

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Stardust League Standings as of Nov. 5

1. FSBT 1- 36.5 wins, 11.5 losses
 2. The PC's- 27.5 wins, 20.5 losses
 3. Team 1- 18 wins, 30 losses
 4. FSBT 2- 14 wins, 34 losses
- High Line: Peggy Sevier-177, Bev Miller-174, Janet Manning-172, FSBT 1-335, The PC's- 328, Team 1-266.
High Line Handicap: Peggy Sevier-222, Janet Manning-221, Sandra Horesky-218, FSBT 1-422, The PC's-414, Team 1-406.
High Series: Bev Miller-510, Peggy Sevier-475, Janet Manning-461, FSBT 1-971, The PC's-915, Team 1-737.
High Series Handicap: Bev Miller-624, Peggy Sevier-610, Janet Manning-608, FSBT 1-1232, The PC's-1173, Team 1-1157.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of Nov. 5

1. Nelsons Bros.- 30 wins, 18 losses
 2. BEB & Assoc.- 29.5 wins, 18.5 losses
 3. Logan Gals- 27 wins, 21 losses
 4. Geezeretts- 25 wins, 23 losses
 5. Animal Health- 24 wins, 24 losses
- High Line: Kathleen Berlier-192, Evah Dougherty-162, Carol Ross-153, BEB & Assoc.-466, BEB & Assoc.-414, Logan Gals-385.
High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-252, Evah Dougherty-235, Carol Ross-225, BEB & Assoc.-642, Logan Gals-623, Geezeretts-605.
High Series: Kathleen Berlier-470, Evah Dougherty-433, Sharron Smith-416, BEB & Assoc.-1264, Logan Gals-1085, Geezeretts-1025.
High Series Handicap: Evah Dougherty-652, Kathleen Berlier-650, Charlene Hildebrand-585, Logan Gals-1799, BEB & Assoc.-1792, Nelson Bros.-1691.

Tuesday Housewife League Standings as of Nov. 6

1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 28 wins, 20 losses
 2. Moffet's- 27 wins, 21 losses
 3. BEB & Assoc.- 21 wins, 27 losses
 4. Amateurs- 20 wins, 28 losses
- High Line: Sharron Smith-159, Carol Ross-152, Joy Johnson-144, BEB & Assoc.-397.
High Line Handicap: Carol Ross-219, Joy Johnson-218, Sharron Smith-214, Amateurs-606.
High Series: Sharron Smith-415, Joy Johnson-414, Carol Ross-398, BEB & Assoc.-1147.
High Series Handicap: Joy Johnson-636, Carol Ross-599, Sharron Smith-580, Amateurs-1718.

Inter-City League Standings as of Nov. 8

1. Bailey Electric- 53.5 wins, 45.5 losses
 2. BLD's- 52.5 wins, 46.5 losses
 3. Hawks Depot- 47.5 wins, 51.5 losses
 4. Heartland Partners- 46.5 wins, 52.5 losses
 5. Jett SS- 46 wins, 53 losses
- High Line: Bill LaSalle-199, Barb Burk-197, Mark Bailey-189, Rusty Miller-185, Bailey Electric-644.
High Line Handicap: Barb Burk-255, Bill LaSalle-248, Chris Davis-232, Mark Bailey-232, Jett SS-859.
High Series: Bill LaSalle-528, Barb Burk-504, Rusty Miller-498, Luke Bailey-492, Bailey Electric-1827.
High Series Handicap: Barb Burk-678, Bill LaSalle-675, Luke Bailey-633, Abe Burk-627, Jett SS-2438.

Tuesday Night Mens League Standings as of Nov. 6

1. WF & BR- 42.5 wins, 27.5 losses
 2. AB & BB- 39 wins, 31 losses
 3. RM & DC- 32.5 wins, 30.5 losses
 4. BL & JE- 34.5 wins, 35.5 losses
 5. MH & CR- 31.5 wins, 38.5 losses
- High Line: Bill LaSalle-182, Rusty Miller-177, Barb Burk-173, BL & JE-320.
High Line Handicap: Barb Burk-231, Al Burk-228, Craig Rogers-224, AB & BB-433.
High Series: Rusty Miller-519, Bill LaSalle-491, Barb Burk-490, AB & BB-895.
High Series Handicap: Barb Burk-664, Craig Rogers-633, Bill LaSalle-614, AB & BB-1264.

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