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Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission Announces
Coastal Bank & Trust Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024

Jacksonville, North Carolina – The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission staff and board of directors are happy to announce the class for the 2024 Coastal Bank & Trust Sports Hall of Fame. The Class of 2024 is Tony Marshburn and Jack Brown, Jr.. The Classes of 2023 and 2024 will be inducted on April 16, 2024. As previously announced, the Class of 2023 is Stephanie Rose, Amanda Duffy and the 1978-79 White Oak High School Baseball Teams (biographies for both classes are included). For tickets, nomination forms, and more information on the Hall of Fame, visit: <https://www.playjosc.com/hall-of-fame>

To honor those who have advanced sport in Onslow County, the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission created the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. From athletes to coaches to contributors,



the members of the Hall of Fame have been the heart of “everything athletic” in our community over the years. Organizers and supporters believed the rich sports history of our area should be memorialized and that an annual observance of those who have enhanced our lives with their performances and commitment should be undertaken.

The task of creating and operating the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame was specifically written into the bylaws and mission of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission. Part of the mission of the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission is to inspire the development of sports within our community. The honoring of those who have achieved significance in sport, is part of the mission to leave a positive impression on the athletes who may be honored in the future.

The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to preserving the history of sports for our area. It is to serve as a source of education and inspiration to all generations. The mission is achieved through nominations taken from the general public and the sporting community. Part of the criteria for selection requires that the honoree have played or trained in our area, including Jacksonville, Camp Lejeune or any part of Onslow County.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Commerce Center at 1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

Jack Brown, Jr. was born in Aberdeen, NC on March 25, 1962. He attended Pinecrest High School from 1978-1980 where he played varsity baseball as a catcher. He batted over .300 each season and helped lead his team to a 25-2 record and the 4-A State Championship in 1979.



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After high school, Jack served a three-year enlistment in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman from 1980-1983. He served another six years as a reservist. Jack returned to North Carolina and attended Pembroke State University from 1984-1986. While at Pembroke, Jack played baseball as a catcher and earned All-Conference honors and was named the Conference MVP in 1986. Upon graduation Jack accepted a job teaching at Dixon High School and a coaching position with the baseball team in 1987.

Jack took his talent to a higher level in 1988 accepting a position with the Western Carolina University baseball team as a pitching and catching coach. He held this position until 1990 when he would return to high school coaching at South Brunswick High School from 1990-1997. From 1997-2000 Jack took over the Brunswick County American Legion team where he was instrumental in revitalizing the program.

Jack returned to Dixon High School in 2001 as its baseball coach and began building the program into one of the best in the county and state. Brown stated "You have to find kids and develop them." The Bulldogs captured five consecutive 1-A Coastal Conference titles and then another in 2017. His teams made the state playoffs from 2007 through 2014. During those years, his teams made one 4th round appearance, two Eastern Region appearances, one Eastern Region Title and the State Runner-up in 2010. In addition, the Bulldogs have won four Touchstone Energy Baseball Classic titles.

The Jacksonville Daily News voted Brown Coach of the Year five times (2007, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2017). The North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association recognized Brown as Region 2 Coach of the Year in 2012 and in 2016 he received the Meritorious Service Award. Jack's teams have won 379 games (in 16 seasons at Dixon) under his leadership. His 2017 team shared the East Central 2-A Conference title with North Brunswick and advanced to the 2nd round of NCHSAA playoffs.

He teaches his players to take responsibility for their actions as much as he teaches them the game of baseball. Jack began American Junior Legion Baseball program in 2009 so kids would have a place to play during the summer and one of his rules was not to allow his hurlers to throw curveballs, just fastballs and changeups. Dixon area athletes continue to play summer ball to this day. Brown has been a licensed building contractor since the mid-90's and looks forward to continuing in that position now that he has hung up his cleats.

Amanda Duffy was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina on September 3, 1980. She attended Dixon High School from 1994-1998 where she played soccer, basketball and volleyball. During her time at Dixon, she was named All-Conference and All-Area in soccer in 1998 and the 1998 *Daily News* Offensive Player of



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the Year in 1998. She was a two-year varsity starter in basketball and volleyball and a four-year varsity starter in soccer and the school's all-time leading scorer. She scored 40 goals in her senior season alone. She was inducted into the Dixon High School Hall of Fame in 2013.

She played soccer at East Carolina University (ECU) from 1998-2002, earning her B.S. in 2002 and later her M.S. in 2005. She was the first women's soccer player to be elected to the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame (2012). She graduated as ECU's all-time leader in points (83), goals (33), and second in assists (17). She was two-time All-Conference First Team. She led Conference USA in 2001 in goals (14), points (32) and shots (63). She was All-South Second Team in 2001 and 2002.

After college, she played soccer professionally from 2003-2006, three years in the US and one year in Sweden. She played for Raleigh Wings, Hampton Roads Piranhas, Central Florida Krush (USL-W League), and Danmarks IF in Sweden. After her playing days, Duffy has been an executive in several capacities. She spent six plus years as a league executive in the USL W-League. Louisville City FC general manager Djorn Buchholz hired Duffy to be vice president of operations in October 2014, the club's third full-time employee. She was subsequently promoted to general manager in December when Buchholz resigned, and was promoted again in November 2015 to president, where she was the only woman in the league to serve as a club president. During her tenure as president, the club set records in attendance and pushed for a new soccer-specific stadium.

The Nation Women's Soccer League (NWSL) hired Duffy in December 2016 to the new position of managing director of operations, granting her responsibility over growing the league's staff, improving league standards, and overseeing league policies and the league's partnership with part-owners A+E Networks. After the resignation of league commissioner Jeff Plush in March 2017, she also filled the league's administrative roles in lieu of a full-time replacement.

Her work with the NWSL led to AdWeek naming her one of the 35 most influential women in sports in 2017. She was promoted to president, the league's highest office, on January 15, 2019. She announced her intention to step down from the role in January 2020. On January 7, 2020, it was announced Duffy would become Executive Vice President of NWSL team Orlando Pride. She officially stepped down as president of the NWSL on February 14, 2020.

Tony Carrol Marshburn was born January 3, 1958 in Onslow County. Tony attended Onslow County Schools graduating in 1976 from Jacksonville Senior High School. Tony played baseball, basketball and football at Jacksonville Junior High School. Tony was a member of the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks



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Department's 1972 Junior Tarheel State Championship baseball team. Tony played junior varsity basketball his sophomore year and varsity basketball his junior and senior years at Jacksonville High School.

Tony then attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health and Physical Education in 1981. Tony began his coaching career at Southwest Junior/Senior High School in 1984. Tony would continue his coaching career over the next several years coaching at Northwood Pittsboro, Rosewood, and Southern Wayne High Schools. Tony returned to Onslow County where he coached White Oak High School for the next seven years. In 2001, Tony was hired to be the first and only head coach at Northside High School until his retirement in 2018.

Tony coached the Monarchs for 18 seasons making the state playoffs each year. His 2014-2018 teams were undefeated in conference play winning 40 straight games. His 2017 and 2018 teams won 59 straight games including the State 2-A Championship, played in Reynolds Coliseum, over North Surry 86-67. This was Northside's first state title in any sport. The streak came to an end in the State 3-A Championship game against Cox Mill, 65-63, at Reynolds Coliseum. His record at Northside was 354-100.

Northside was the Conference Champions seven times, Conference Tournament Champions nine times, Onslow County Christmas Classic Champions five times and East Coast Invitational Team Camp Champion in 2014.

Tony received the Daily News Area Coach of the Year in 2002-03, 2013-14, 2016-2017 and 2017-18. In 2017 Tony was also named North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, USA Today North Carolina Coach of the Year and East Central 2A Conference Coach of the Year. In 2018 Tony was named North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, Coastal 3A Conference Basketball Coach of the Year and was awarded the Harvey Reid North Carolina High School Athletic Association Male Coach of the Year.

Tony also gave much of his time assisting in various basketball camps as an instructor with some of the best college coaches: UNC-Chapel Hill (Dean Smith, Bill Gutheridge, Matt Doherty, Roy Williams and Hubert Davis); Campbell University (Bill Lee); Wake Forest (Dave Odum); High Point College (Jerry Steele), as well as the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department.

Tony could not have coached this long if it was not for the support of his wife Kathy. Tony suffered a heart attack during the 2012 season and Kathy was there to support and care for Tony. They both made health a top priority. Tony was blessed to have some great assistant coaches such as Rick Hammond, Al Hobbs, Scott Barton, Patrick Clark, Seneca Hill, Kendrick Pollack and D.C. Mitchell. He was proud to have had dedicated players, who looked at Tony not just as a coach, but a mentor and a father figure. Players



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comments were that he taught life lessons, he was unselfish, he would go out of his way to provide them with what they needed to be successful in life and he prepared them for every game.

Stephanie Rose was born on December 7, 1990 in Jacksonville NC. She attended White Oak High School from 2006-2009. She competed in soccer, cross country, and track. Her honors and awards were many, including the following: 2009 North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, three-time NCHSAA All-State Team and All-Region Team from 2007-2009, four-time All-Conference honoree 2006-2009, 3A/4A MEC Conference Player of the Year 2008-2009, Jacksonville Daily News All-Area Team 2006-2009, Jacksonville Daily News Offensive Player of the Year 2008-2009, MVP of the 2009 NC vs SC Clash of the Carolinas All-Star Game, and was featured in *Sports Illustrated* "Faces in the Crowd" for women's soccer - 8/18/2009.

She and her teammates would win four straight 3-A girl's soccer titles, defeating Southwest Guilford 6-1 in 2006; Charlotte Catholic 3-2 in 2007; T.C. Roberson 4-0 in 2008 and Kings Mountain 5-0 in 2009. Rose would earn MVP award in 2008 and 2009. In the 2009 championship game Rose would score two goals and assist on two others. The team was unbeaten in 22 starts and outscored their opponents 45-0 in six playoff games. She ranked #3 in goals scored for her career with 203 (47, 51, 49, and 56).

Rose also had an outstanding career in track at White Oak capturing the following awards in NCHSAA 3-A Regional Meets: 2006 2nd in the 4X800 and 3rd in the 800 meter;

2007 1st in the 800 meter, 4X200, 4X400 and 2nd in the 4X800; 2008 1st in the 4X200, 4X800, and 4th in the 4 X400. In the NCHSAA 3A State Meets: 2006 2nd in the 4X800, and 10th in the 800 meter; 2007 3rd in the 4X200, 4th in the 4X800 and 7th in the 4X400 and 800 meter; 2008 3rd 4X200, 6th 4X800 and 14th 4X400; 2009 2nd 4X400 relay.

Rose played for the OCSA 90 Coastal Crew where she and her team was semi-finalist in U16 NCYSA State Cup and finalist in U14, U15 and U17 NCYSA State Cup. They were a finalist in the 2007 Orange Classic U17 and CESA Classic U17 Championship and in 2008 they were US Club Soccer Region E Regional Champions and U17 National Champions.

Rose would take her talents to UNC-Wilmington in 2009. She would play soccer for the Seahawks from 2009-2012. In 2009 she was: All-Colonial Athletic Association All-Rookie Team, All-Colonial Athletic Association 2nd Team, led the team in scoring (18) and goals scored (7) and her team won the CAA Women's Soccer Champions (first in school history). In 2010 she was: 3rd team honoree All-Colonial Athletic Association and led the team in points (20), goals (8) and assists (4). In 2011 she was: All-Colonial Athletic Association 3rd team and led team in goals (5) and points (10). In 2012 she was NSCAA



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All-Mid-Atlantic Region and NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Scholar All-Region 1st Team, All-Colonial Athletic Association 1st team, led the CAA in goals (14) and points (40) while ranking 2nd in assists (12). She ranked among the top 35 players in the nation in points and established the programs single-season mark for assists.

Rose signed a one-year contract in 2013 to play professionally with the HJK Helsinki team, a member of the highest division of women's soccer in Finland. She became a member of the pre-season FC Kansas City Team (National Women's Soccer League) in 2014.

The **White Oak High School baseball teams** won 52 consecutive games between **1978-79**. This record still stands as a state record for baseball. In 1978 they went 23-0, winning the 3A State Championship. They were 22-0 and once again State Champions in 1979. The team was coached by Tom McGirt and featured Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame members Louis Meadows and Chuckie Canady. Nine other players also played collegiately and six of those professionally from this group.

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