

Five who scored

Announcing the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame selections



Wagenaar-Miller



Johnson



Agness



Flom



Jones

The five 2007 inductees into the Lawrence University Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame cut across a wide range of sports and generations of Viking athletics.

Vince Jones '41, Fred Flom '63, Rich Agness '67, Marty Johnson '88, and Becky Wagenaar-Miller '96 will be inducted at the Blue and White Dinner on October 26 and will also be honored at halftime of the Fall Festival football game on October 27.

Becky Wagenaar-Miller '96

Becky Wagenaar broke new ground for Lawrence swimming, as she became the first woman to compete at the NCAA Division III Championships and went on to earn All-America honors three times.

The native of Woodstock, Ill., also won six individual Midwest Conference championships and was a part of eight title-winning relay teams. She set six school records and swam on relays that broke five school records. She also

set the conference record in the 50-yard freestyle and swam on three relay teams that set league marks. In addition, she made three consecutive trips to the NCAA.

A force in the Midwest Conference, she won five league titles and capped her career by winning the 50 freestyle, her third title in that event, at the MWC Championships in 1996.

Wagenaar lives in Silver Spring, Md., and works as a scientific review administrator in the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health.

Marty Johnson '88

Marty Johnson, a defensive back for the football Vikings, was a three-time All-American and three-time All-Midwest Conference selection. Johnson, who also lettered four times in track and earned another letter in basketball, still holds Lawrence's record with 24 interceptions.

A native of Green Bay, he was a Pizza Hut second-team All-American in 1985 and 1987 and earned honorable

mention on the Associated Press All-America team in 1986. He was a first-team all-conference selection during his final three seasons.

Johnson picked off a season-high eight passes in 1985 and again in 1987. His 0.9 interceptions per game in both of those seasons ranked him in the top eight in the nation. He returned two interceptions for touchdowns and that still stands as the school record, as does his mark of 344 interception return yards.

Johnson, who primarily played cornerback during his career, was part of a stellar defensive unit that was consistently ranked as one of the best in the nation.

He also lettered four times in track and field and participated in sprints, jumps, and throwing the javelin. A multiple winner at various meets, he also placed twice in the MWC Championships.

Johnson, who also played basketball as a junior, lives in Omro and is the owner of AFR Inspection Service.

Sports

Rich Agness '67

Rich Agness followed a standout athletic career at Lawrence by coaching at his alma mater for nearly two decades.

Agness starred in both wrestling and football for the Vikings.

As a wrestler, the Northlake, Ill., native compiled an impressive 47-5-1 record at 177 pounds and was the school's career wins leader when he graduated. His .896 winning percentage still ranks second all-time. He finished second in his weight class three consecutive years at the Midwest Conference Championships.

Agness was a stalwart at defensive end for the football team and was the team's co-captain in 1966. He helped Lawrence win the 1966 conference championship, the Vikings' first league title in 15 seasons.

He returned to his alma mater in 1974 to join the coaching staff. He was an assistant football coach for 11 seasons and then served as the head coach for another eight. He also served as the baseball coach for seven seasons and spent another five coaching the wrestling squad.

Agness finished with a 34-38-1 record and only Ron Roberts, Bernie Heselton, and Mark Catlin have won more football games at Lawrence. The Vikings compiled a record of 111-53-1 and won five league championships during his coaching tenure.

The most successful baseball coach in Lawrence history, Agness coached the Vikings from 1975-81 and compiled a record of 95-86-1 for a school-record .525 winning percentage. His baseball teams put together five consecutive winning seasons from 1977-81, and three of Lawrence's four MWC baseball titles came under his guidance. The Vikings took the crown in 1977, 1979, and 1980, and Lawrence made its only NCAA Division III Tournament appearances in the West

Regional in 1977 and 1979.

Upon his return to Lawrence in 1974, Agness took over the reins of the wrestling program. He coached six national qualifiers and a pair of league champions in his five seasons.

Agness, who also served as dean of students during his time at Lawrence, works as a potter and lives in Neenah.

Fred Flom '63

A diverse athlete during his time at Lawrence, Fred Flom participated in three sports.

A native of Menasha, he played both running back and defensive back and earned All-Midwest Conference honors at both positions. A first-team all-conference defensive back in 1962, he earned second-team honors at running back in 1961 and received honorable mention as a back in 1960.

As co-captain of the 1962 team, Flom helped the Vikings to a 6-2 record that matched the team's best record in eight years. He scored a touchdown or had an interception, or both, in every one of Lawrence's wins in 1962. He even returned an interception for a touchdown in a win over Beloit College.

Flom played three years of varsity basketball, despite a knee injury curtailing his sophomore season. A starter for head coach Don Boya '50, he was a swingman while being teamed with the high-scoring Joel Ungrodt '64.

He also played two years of tennis, earning a letter as a senior and playing on the freshman team during his first year at Lawrence.

Flom, who splits his time between Dallas, Texas, and Waupaca, is a retired American Airlines pilot. He served in the United States Air Force and was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. He flew 80 missions before being shot down in August 1966 and was a prisoner of war until 1973.

Vince Jones '41

Vince Jones was truly a man among boys during his athletic days at Lawrence. The 6-foot-2, 300-pound Jones used his size to bull his way to All-Midwest Conference football honors three times, and he was a powerful thrower for the track and field team.

Playing in an era when a 200-pound lineman was a rarity, Jones was a mammoth presence on the football field. Playing tackle on both offense and defense, he opened huge holes for the backs in Bernie Heselton's single-wing attack and generally caused havoc in the opposing team's backfield. He also is remembered for intercepting a pass and returning it for a touchdown in Lawrence's 18-8 upset of Carleton College in 1939.

As co-captain of the 1940 squad, Jones was a first-team all-conference selection in 1938 and 1940 and received honorable mention in 1939. He was a key player in helping Lawrence secure the 1938 MWC title and drew interest from teams in the National Football League. The Detroit Lions offered him a \$1,200 contract, but Jones was forced to turn it down due to a medical condition.

On the cinders of Whiting Field, Jones also was a standout. He won titles in the shot put at the MWC Championships in 1940 and 1941. Jones also captured titles in the shot put and discus at the prestigious Wisconsin Collegiate Invitational and Beloit College Relays, setting meet records at both events. He set the school record in the shot put with a toss of 48-6 in 1940.

Jones spent the bulk of his career in sales at American Can before his death in 1972. ■