

## **MORGAN WOOTTEN FACT SHEET**

Selection Committee Chairman  
McDonald's All American Game®

### **Coaching Experience:**

Basketball coach at DeMatha High School, Hyattsville, Md., from 1956 to 2002 (retired)

### **Career Records:**

Career record of 1,274-192. (Note: With DeMatha's win on January 15, 2000, Wootten became the first basketball coach, at any level -- high school, college or pro -- to reach 1,200 wins)

Five national high school championships, the last in 1983-84

DeMatha has won 33 conference championships

1965 DeMatha team broke the 71-game winning streak of Lew Alcindor's (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) Power Memorial Academy (N.Y.) team

Coached DeMatha to No. 1 ranking in the Washington, D.C., area 22 of the last 44 years

Wootten just finished his 46-year coaching career (2001-2002 season) with a record of **1,274-192** – making his winning percentage a remarkable 87%

Has been involved in the McDonald's All American Game since its inception in 1978

### **Awards:**

John W. Bunn Award of Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame for contributions to basketball (1991)

First recipient of Walt Disney Award presented to top sports coach in the U.S. (1991)

Selected by ESPN/ABC as one of the "Top Coaches of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Former "Washingtonian of the Year" (1976)

*USA Today* National Coach of the Year (1984)

Charter member, Washington, D.C., Basketball Hall of Fame (1990)

Enshrined in National Basketball Hall of Fame (Oct. 13, 2000)

### **Of Interest:**

Only high school coach in history to have two former players –

Adrian Dantley and Kenny Carr -- on the same U.S. Olympic Team

Producer of instructional video, "Morgan Wootten on Basketball," and author of six books, including "A Coach For All Seasons"

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