

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 20th 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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