



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Steve Shondell Selected for National High School Hall of Fame Legendary Former Muncie Burriss Coach Among 11 Nationally to Get the Nod

Steve Shondell, who coached Muncie Burriss to a record 21 volleyball state championships including 13 consecutive, is one of 11 individuals who will be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 2 in Providence, RI.

The legendary mentor is one of five coaches in the group to be honored in the 2017 Hall of Fame class which is headlined by former New York Yankees star Bobby Richardson of South Carolina and record-setting softball pitcher Lisa Fernandez of California. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is the closing event to the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Shondell completed a 34-year career as Burriss coach in 2009 before taking over as Ball State University's women's coach in 2010. During his run at Burriss, he guided the Owls to a 1,183-95 record and his .926 career winning percentage is the highest of any volleyball coach in the nation with at least 1,000 career victories.

During his Burriss career which spanned from 1976-2009, Shondell coached the Owls to a record 21 IHSAA state championships including 13 consecutive from 1997-2009 and eight crowns during Indiana's single class state tournament format.

Burriss was 21-1 in state championship matches under his leadership, won an incredible 89 consecutive tournament matches between 1997-2009 and set another record winning 102 consecutive sets in tournament action.

Shondell coached seven undefeated Burriss teams, four mythical national championship teams and four more that were named national runner-up. Eleven of his players also won the prestigious IHSAA Mental Attitude Award for scholarship, leadership, mental attitude and athletic ability.

He was inducted into the Indiana Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1996, the Ball State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005 and the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

Shondell becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> individual and fifth coach from the state of Indiana to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame. Others that have been inducted from Indiana and year of induction include:

### **Athletes (7)**

Larry Bird (1995)  
Terry Dischinger (1995)  
Rick Mount (1986)  
LaTaunya Pollard (2005)  
Oscar Robertson (1983)  
Robert "Fuzzy" Vandivier (1986)  
John Wooden (1991)

### **Coaches (5)**

John Campbell (1989)  
Dick Dullaghan (2009)  
Chuck Koeppen (2013)  
Ken Schreiber (1999)  
Steve Shondell (2017)

### **Official (1)**

Robert Marcinek (1996)

### **Other (1)**

Dave Krider (1997)



The 2017 Hall of Fame Class was chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

[Read the March 1 announcement from the NFHS.](#)

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