



MORGAN WOOTTEN

Selection Committee Chairman
McDonald's All American® Games

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 1983-1984
- DeMatha won 33 conference championships with Wootten as the coach
- 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 his 46 years
- Wootten 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 with the McDonald's All American Games 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 basketball 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"