



MORGAN WOOTTEN

Late Selection Committee Chairman
McDonald's All American® Games

In January 2020, the McDonald's All American Games lost a champion with the passing of Morgan Wootten, a pioneer of the Games. It was his passion for coaching that paved the way for the McDonald's All American Games to recognize the best high school basketball talent in the country. Since 1978, Morgan championed emerging basketball stars and helped girls and boys realize their dreams.

Coaching Experience:

- Basketball coach at DeMatha High School, Hyattsville, Md. – 1956-2002

Career Records:

- **46-year coaching career record** of 1,274 – 192 with a remarkable 87% winning percentage. 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%

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"