



GCBLA:

Where Legends are Remembered

FIRST ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

of the

**GREATER COLUMBUS
BASKETBALL LEGENDS
ASSOCIATION**



Keynote Speaker
JIM CLEMONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013

**ANNUNCIATION GREEK
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
Columbus, Ohio**



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During the 1920's, the game of basketball had long been developed but there was no prospect of making a career out of the sport due to the disbanding of the most popular leagues and teams. The first professional league was disbanded in 1904 and the Original Celtics, "The Fathers of Basketball", were disbanded in 1928. Never the less, the YMCA kept basketball alive by spreading knowledge of the game across the USA and the rest of the world. Basketball soon grew in popularity and brought a sense of camaraderie to communities such as Columbus, Ohio. Thus, the Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association was founded on September 8, 2012 to provide recognition and support to former players, coaches, sports media personalities, and others who have significantly influenced the sport of basketball dating back to the 1920's.

The idea for the GCBLA was initially discussed during a conversation between, Skip Young, current president, and his friend, John "Pineapple" Louis, who thought it was necessary to record the history of the basketball legends from Franklin and surrounding counties. Skip shared this idea with other former players and they envisioned that the organization would emphasize the impact of basketball on the Ohio community, be responsible for telling their own story, and help the younger generation of athletes in their academic and athletic careers. Unfortunately, before Louis could witness the realization of this dream, he passed away from cancer. Unbeknownst to Skip, Dr. Wallace Chandler also had a similar vision and they came together, 20 years later, to form the GCBLA in honor of Louis and other influential basketball players who have since passed away.

The current executive board took it upon themselves to lead by example through their athletic and academic achievements. **Skip Young**, president, played basketball at Linden McKinley High School, The Florida State University, and was drafted by the Boston Celtics. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Social Welfare and is the current basketball coach at Florida A&M University Developmental Research School, where they have won three state titles and appeared in six state final fours in the past 10 years. Vice President, **Dr. Wallace Chandler**, played basketball at Central High school and the World Military Team. He then earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Ohio State University, and taught "Philosophy of Education" at Texas Southern University. **Dr. John Howard**, secretary/historian/archivist, played basketball for University High School, the University of Cincinnati, and the Harlem Globe Trotters. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Ohio State University and taught English at St. Johns River State College. Later, he founded the Mixed Gender Basketball Association, Inc. The treasurer, **Tom Bowman**, played basketball at Linden McKinley High School graduated with a BS from Ohio State University. He is also the owner of the Bowman Insurance Company. Sgt. at Arms, **Eddie Clark** played basketball at North High School and at Texas Southern University while **Chris Ralston** serves as corporate attorney and played at Linden McKinley High School and Stetson University.

The GCBLA will present a scholarship to one male and one female high school scholar athlete who excels in basketball.

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Thursday, August 22, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral / Columbus, Ohio

P R O G R A M M E

Welcome **Skip Young, GCBLA Pres. / Wallace Chandler, GCBLA V.P.**
Invocation **Rev. Bob Martin**

D I N N E R

Historical / Roll Call **GCBLA Officers**
Introduction of Keynote Speaker **Skip Young**
Keynote Address **Jim Clemons**
Special Recognition Awards **East HS 1951 Championship Team
Coach George Mills**

INDUCTIONS

Acknowledgements

Closing Remarks



GCBLA Mission

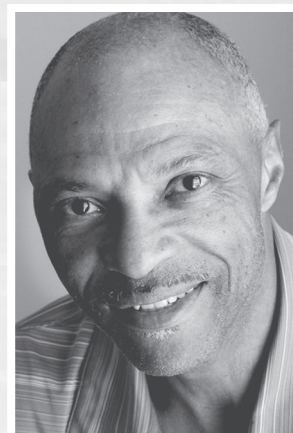
Provide recognition and support to former players, coaches,
sports media personalities, and others who have significantly influenced
the sport of basketball in the Greater Columbus Area.

GCBLA Vision

To acknowledge, promote, and disseminate the illustrious history and impact
that basketball as a sport had on the Greater Columbus Area, and to create a better
overall image of sports to current and future participants of basketball by
building community relations with charitable and educational leadership organizations.

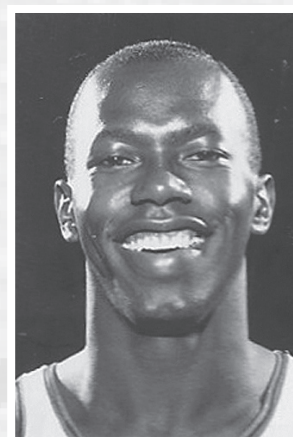
GCBLA Keynote Speaker **JIM CLEAMONS**

Jim graduated from Linden McKinley High School in 1967 where as team captain, he led the Panthers to their first OHSAA State Championship. He played collegiately at The Ohio State University garnering All-Big10 honors and was a team captain. Drafted in the NBA's 1st round (13th pick) by Los Angeles, Cleamons' pro career as a player spanned 9 years with the Lakers, Cleveland Cavaliers, New York Knicks and Washington Bullets. Jim was selected to the NBA All-Defensive Team (2nd team) in 1976. After his playing days "Clem" went into coaching, was assistant at Furman University, head coach at Youngstown State University and then back to the NBA where he has been head coach with the Dallas Mavericks and assistant coach with Chicago Bulls, LA Lakers and New Orleans Hornets. Jim has had much success in the NBA earning a championship ring as a player with the Lakers and multiple rings as assistant coach with the Bulls.



GCBLA Inductee **JIM DOUGHTY**

Jim graduated from Columbus North High School in 1959 where he played as a center/forward and earned All-City honors all 3 years of varsity basketball. His sophomore and junior years saw North amass a lofty 50-3 record. As a senior, Jim was co-captain of the Polar Bears and was named to the 2nd team Associated Press (AP) Ohio All-AA team. Doughty was a stand-out player for Ohio State where he returned to graduate in 1970. He played semi-pro basketball with the Columbus Comets and played professionally with the Harlem Globetrotters in 1963 and 1964. Jim has worked the last 30 years with the federal government and now resides in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.



GCBLA Inductee **DEAN LAMPROS**

Dean graduated from Eastmoor High School in 1962 where he played basketball for coach Bill Courtney. Dean was a versatile forward/guard who earned All-City honors as a Soph., Jr., and Sr., and as a Senior was the City League scoring leader, led the Warriors to the City League championship with a 16-1 record, named All-City 1st team, and named to the UPI All-Ohio 2nd team and the AP 3rd team. As a highly regarded recruit, he chose the University of Cincinnati and as a freshman, played for the 16-0 Bearcats. He played as a sophomore and started as a junior and as a senior the team advanced to the NCAA's Elite Eight. In 1970, Dean played on a US team in Greece that went 17-1 in international competition. Since graduation from UC, Dean has been awarded the Elis Island Medal of Honor and has earned a MBA Degree from Xavier University. He now resides in Lake Forest, Illinois.



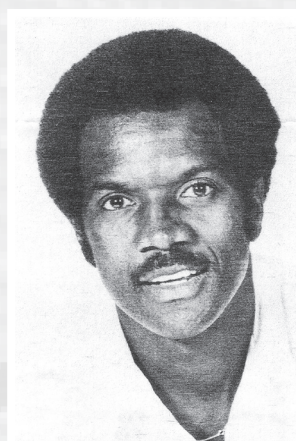
GCBLA Inductee **MEL NOWELL**

Mel graduated from Columbus East High School in 1958. At guard, Nowell was a high school star whose outside shooting and one-on-one skills were enough to rate him the #2 player in Ohio. Fielding numerous scholarship offers, Mel chose Ohio State where he played under Hall of Fame coach Fred Taylor and his shooting was key in OSU's run to the 1960 NCAA title where he was named to the All-Tournament team. Nowell helped OSU reach the national title game in '61 and '62. His professional career path saw him drafted in 1962 in the 12th round (90th pick) by the NBA's Chicago Zephyrs. He later played for the Wilkes-Barre Barons (EPBL) and then with the New Jersey Americans (ABA).



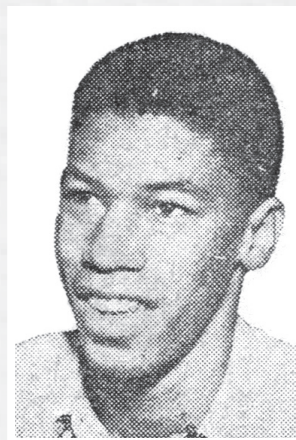
GCBLA Inductee **JOE ROBERTS**

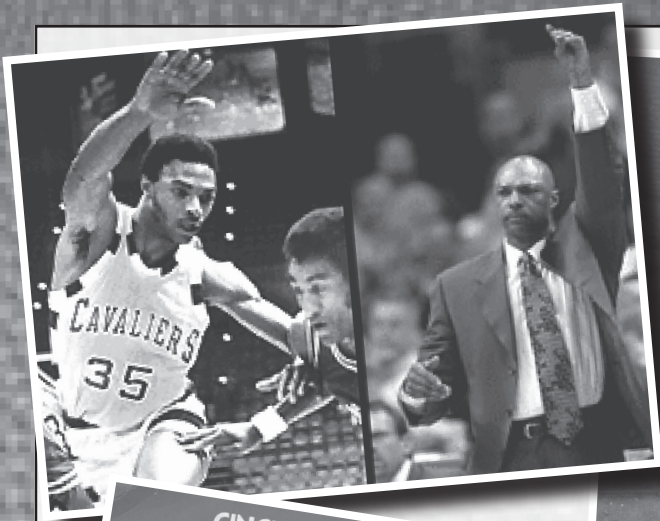
Joe moved to Columbus from the south and enrolled at Champion Jr. High where he excelled in the classroom then moved on to Columbus East High. Playing forward/center for the Tigers, in his junior year led the team to a 26-1 record, and a #1 state ranking. After graduating from East in 1956, Joe went on to play basketball for the Ohio State Buckeyes where he was a co-captain on the 25-3 NCAA National Championship team. He had a stint in semi-professional basketball as a player/coach with the Columbus Comets, advancing to runner-up in the league finals. Joe was the 21st overall player chosen in the 1960 NBA draft by the Syracuse Nationals. Joe Roberts now resides in Oakland, California and is currently broker/owner of Joe Roberts & Associates Realty and is also teacher/coach at Alameda County Juvenile Hall.



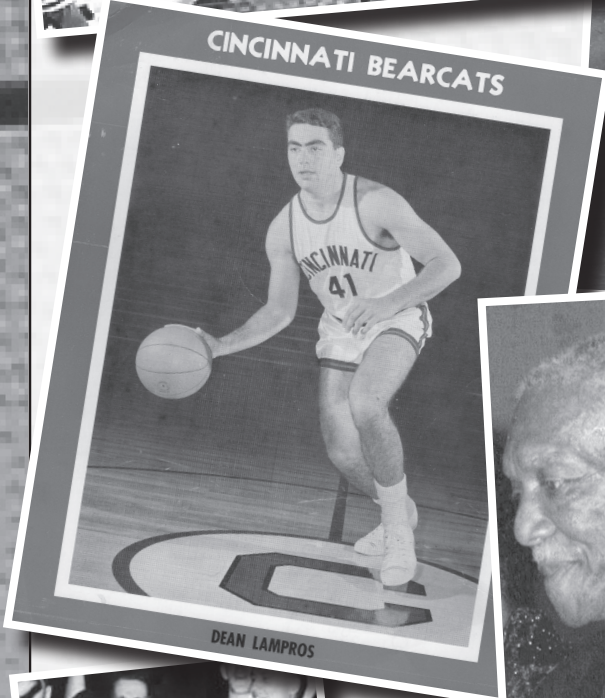
GCBLA Inductee **FRANK WADE**

Frank graduated from Columbus East High School in 1955 where he was a standout player for the Tigers in 1953, 54 and 55. He went on to play basketball at Bowling Green State University in 1956, 57, 58 and 59. While playing with the BG Falcons, he was rewarded for his excellence on the basketball court by being selected to the All-MAC (Mid American Conference) Basketball Team. Frank continued in the sport and played professionally in the NABL (North American Basketball League).



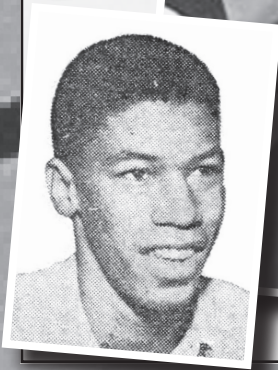
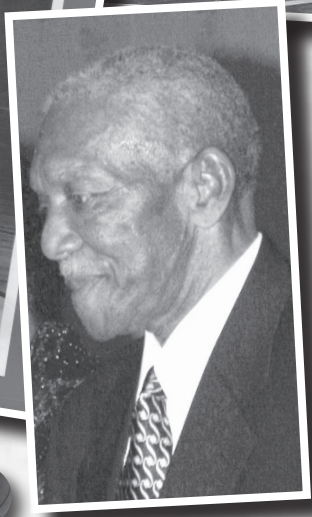


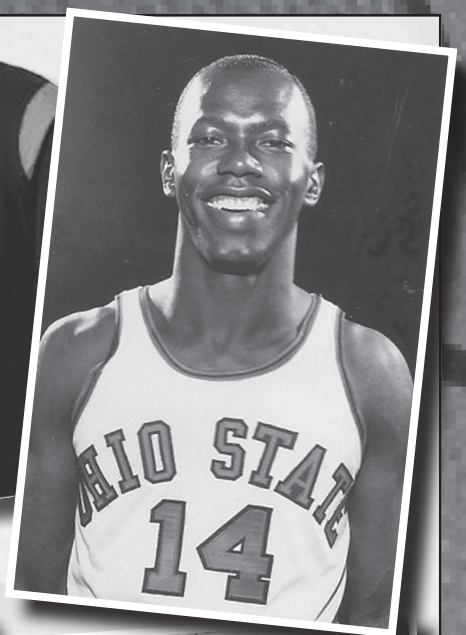
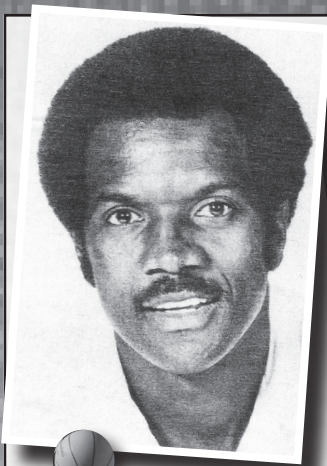
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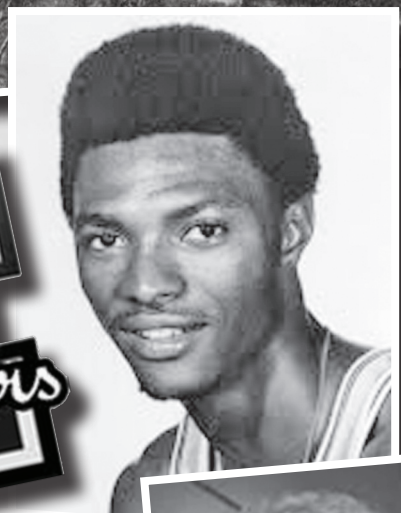
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Lampros Leads Warriors To Their Finest Year


By JOHNNY STEWART
Citizen-Journal Sports Writer

Eastmoor's bid for a possible share of its first City League basketball championship is an equally significant, accredited to a number of factors by Coach Bill Courtney. And the Warrior chief believes in giving credit where credit is due . . . especially to Dean Lampros, his jack-of-many-trades and whom he terms "a whole basketball player."

THE SOMEWHAT unassuming, ring-leader for a team that's lost but once in 15 games has a pocketful of credentials to bear out this claim: The team's leading scorer with 332 points, or 22.1 a game. The No. 1 field goal percentage shooter, finding the range on 123 of 239 attempts, an average of 51.4. Leading rebounder with 340 retrievals, or 22.7 a game. Those are a few of the major intems in which the 6-2 captain has excelled, not to forget the fact he's found time to set up 34 two-pointers with his timely assists.

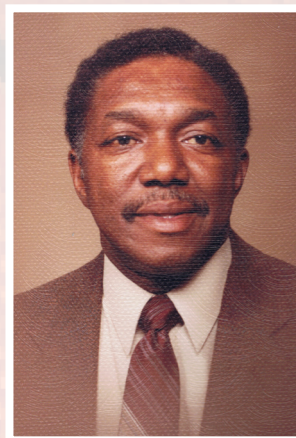
"A 'REMARKABLE' leader," Courtney points out, ranking

Eastmoor, Linden Continue Hot Duel




GCBLA Special Recognition **GEORGE MILLS**

In 1968 when George Mills was selected to become the head basketball coach at Linden McKinley High School, history was made. He was the first African American to reach the level of head basketball coach at a Columbus Public School. George served in that capacity from 1968 thru 1974. George was a lover of basketball as he had played basketball in high school and had spent the majority of his time in the service in special services, entertaining the troops in France and Spain playing ball. After the service, he enrolled in West Virginia State College where he played varsity basketball and served as team captain.



Rest In Peace Coach Mills!



GCBLA Special Recognition **EAST HIGH 1951 STATE CHAMPIONS**

In 1951 when the East High Tigers took to the court, it was a display of complete and total dominance. Team after team failed to find the key to unlock the grip that the orange and black had on high school basketball in Columbus and the state of Ohio. After winning their first state title, East High was now in position to establish a model that was to be repeated in future years and was especially evident in the late 1960's. To date, East has won 5 State Titles and was rapidly running out of space to hang the banner collection. Key to the success of the 1951 team



was due greatly to the talents and chemistry of the starting five players plus the first man off the bench. The talent rotation was such that East enjoyed a "starting six" in the person of Roland Harris, Dick Linson, Bill Truss, Rommie Watkins, Fred Andrews and Bernie Granger. These Tigers were for real!