

Brady's Brittenham earns Hall of Fame honor

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LINCOLN—Brady native Dean Brittenham is among 13 athletes, five coaches, two contributors and two officials to be selected for induction into the 2011 Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame in September.

Brittenham, a 1949 Brady High School graduate, was an all-state football and basketball player. He led the Eagles to a six-man state football title, a state track title in 1948 and a runner-up finish at state basketball in 1949.

Brittenham earned a scholarship to play basketball for the University of Nebraska before an injury ended his playing days.

He earned a bachelor's degree from NU in 1957, a master's from the University of Colorado in 1958 and did more advanced degree work at UNL from 1967-69.

In his early years, Brittenham coached track and cross country at the University of Kansas and Occidental College in Los Angeles. He later was an assistant cross country and track coach at UNL and started the first off-season football program in cooperation with coach Bob Devaney.

After UNL, Brittenham moved to the University of Colorado as assistant football coach where he was in charge of recruiting, speed and conditioning. He was also head track and cross country coach there.

After retiring from coaching, Brittenham served as a consultant on flexibility, speed and conditioning for several professional football teams.

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