

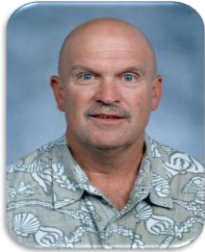


TIME OUT

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November 19-21, 2009



Scott Talton – A Pasadena ISD Legend

Scott Talton, former Head Coach at Dobie High School

and a member of the McDonald's Texas Invitational steering committee, died this past February.

He believed that education was very important in a young person's life and with 27 seasons and 500 career wins as Dobie's head coach, it was no wonder that Mr. Ben Meador tapped Scott to help organize the tournament. Scott personally talked to coaches across Texas encouraging them to enter the tournament, and, for some, it was his encouragement that made them come to the tournament. For the tournament's debut in 2003, Coach Talton was in charge of the bracket and games scheduling. The following year, along with Bob Ellis, they co-chaired the coaches/players dinner.

"He was one of the driving forces that got this thing going," Mr. Meador said. "He was the guy that helped introduce me to a lot of these coaches. He definitely was one of

the key figures in getting the Invitational started."

Through the years Coach Talton continued to make suggestions on how to improve the tournament, it was his idea to offer a laundry service to out of town teams. He wanted the Texas Invitational to be known as "The" premier high school basketball tournament in Texas and was dedicated to making this happen. Coach Talton was one of the rare individuals who touched the lives of so many by just being himself.

We would like to honor Scott Talton for all the amazing qualities that he exhibited in the past and for setting the standard of excellence for us to follow in the future. He will be greatly missed.

Donations may be made to the Scott Talton College Fund, c/o Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, 5953 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX 77505.



BOYS' GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TO BE TELEVISED



Tournament officials have announced that the Boys' gold division game to be played Saturday evening, November 21st will once again be televised live on KTBU-TV, Houston, channel 55. Todd Freed and Craig Roberts will be the announcers. Channel 55 has long been the home of the High School Sports Live show that is aired on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings in the Houston area market. Direct TV and Dish Network subscribers will be able to view the game. The gold division is extremely competitive and the two teams that advance to the championship game will be of state championship caliber.

BOYS

- Alief Elsik
- Alief Taylor
- Atascocita
- Austin Westlake*
- Bellaire*
- Channelview
- College Park
- Conroe
- Crosby*
- Dallas Hillcrest
- DeSoto
- Dickinson
- Duncanville
- Ft Bend Bush
- Ft Bend Hightower
- Ft Bend Marshall
- Galena Park
- Houston Chavez
- Houston Westside
- Humble
- Huntington, LA
- Katy Cinco Ranch
- Katy Seven Lakes
- Kempner
- Kingwood
- Kingwood Park
- Klein Collins
- La Porte
- Mansfield Summit
- Manvel*
- McAllen
- North Crowley
- Pasadena
- PISD Dobie
- PISD Memorial
- PISD Sam Rayburn
- PISD South Houston
- Pearland
- Pearland Dawson
- Richardson Berkner
- Richardson JJ Pearce
- San Antonio Madison
- San Antonio Taft
- San Antonio Warren
- Smithson Valley
- Spring
- Spring DeKaney
- West Monroe

GIRLS

- Bellaire
- Clear Brook
- Clear Creek
- Clear Lake*
- College Park
- Corpus Christi Ray
- Cypress Creek
- Cypress Fairbanks
- Cypress Falls*
- Dickinson
- El Paso Eastwood
- Hardin Jefferson
- Katy Cinco Ranch
- Klein Collins
- La Porte
- Mansfield Summit
- McAllen
- North Crowley
- North Shore
- Pasadena
- PISD Dobie
- PISD Memorial
- PISD Sam Rayburn
- PISD South Houston
- Pearland*
- Pearland Dawson*
- Richardson JJ Pearce
- San Antonio Jay*
- San Antonio Madison
- San Antonio Warren
- San Antonio Wagner*
- Tomball



*Teams that are new this year

Top Ranked Players at this Year's Tournament

BOYS

- Alief Elsik** – Kevin Brown, Amos Olatoya, Joshua Cleveland
Atascocita – Jamal Branch, Everett Pleasant
Bellaire – Tobi Oyedeji, Jamel Outler, Kene Anyigbo, Sheldon McClellan
Ft Bend Bush – Darius Richardson, Jordan Clark
College Park – Sam Ryan
DeSoto – Keith Davis
Dickinson – Dedrick Archie
Duncanville – Julian Washburn, Perry Jones
Kingwood – Tevin Svihovec
La Porte – Drew Parker, Randy Collins, Cedric Jones
SA Madison – Stephen Baird, Jamal Johnson
Ft Bend Marshall – Jason Carter
North Crowley – Kyan Anderson



Coaching Changes

Eric McDade will be the new head coach for **Duncanville** in 2009-10. For the past five years he has coached at Mansfield Timberview. He will replace Phil McNeely, who is retiring after a very successful 27-year career that includes 702 victories and three state championships.

Clear Brook girls' team will have a new coach in **Blair Redmon**, she will be replacing Sherman Chew.

To Out of Town Coaches

We are finalizing our contract discussions with area hotels and will be providing confirmation as to where your team will be staying. One stipulation in our contract is that any parent or fan who might want to make reservations at our hotel would be offered the same rate that we pay. You will recall that we provide six rooms for each team for a maximum of three nights. Each hotel does provide a complimentary breakfast meal.

Interesting Tidbit

Since the beginning of the Texas Invitational we have had 140 teams play in the tournament; 92 boys' teams and 48 girls' teams.

We have had 49 teams from outside the Houston/Pasadena area with 29 boys teams and 20 girls teams.

- Pearland** – Kevin Williams, Lante Phillips, Shai Fields
South Houston – Anthony Davis
Spring – Sebastian Douglas, Nevin Johnson
SA Taft – Dylan Elias
SA Warren – Sean Harris
Smithson Valley – Jamison Sterns, Luke Mergerson
Humble – DJ Southworth
Austin Westlake – Cody Doolin, Connor Kemper, Hagen Fell

GIRLS

- Bellaire** - Bianca Winslow
Katy Cinco Ranch – Demi Clinch, Kellie Rios
Clear Brook - Kiara Redmon
Clear Creek - Kaylin Dugie, Nyha Carter
College Park - Nicole Morgan, Priyanka Duvvuru
Cypress Creek – Zoe Tucker
Cypress Fairbanks – Chiney Ogwumike, Cassie Peoples, Aarika Reyna
Cypress Falls - Je'Lena Robertson
Dobie - Shadae Shepherd
SA Jay - Erica Donovan
Klein Collins - Veja Hamilton
SA Madison - Charlicia Harper
North Shore – Arielle Preston, Ashley Benjamin
PISD Memorial – Isis Wilson
Pearland – Jazmine Lanier
Tomball - Taylor Frank, Katy Gay
SA Wagner - Len'Nique Brown, Michelle Rodriguez



Any Questions?

If you have any questions please call **Rita Townsend** at **713.986.0527** or

email her at rtownsend@meador.com. Rita is our hardworking Executive Assistant for the McDonald's Texas Invitational.

For tournament information you may also visit our website at www.texasinvitational.com.

Also, if you would like us to cover any topic in these monthly newsletter updates, please let Rita know. We want to be sure you have all your questions answered.

Coaching Change At Your School?

There have been a number of coaching changes since the end of the school year. If you are a new coach, please let Rita Townsend know your email address and phone number at school.