

CLAIR FRANCIS BEE

Born at Parkesburg, West Virginia, March 2, 1900. Educated at Waynesburg College. Also attended Ohio State University.

Bee is the youngest coach to be honored in the list which ranks the greatest basketball coaches of all time. At the age of 42, Bee finds his name in the Hall of Fame of Basketball's greatest coaches. The noted authority on Basketball, Ralph Morgan, has listed Bee among the ten greatest coaches of all time.

Bee earned letters in football, baseball, basketball, tennis and wrestling, at college. He is one of the foremost students of the game of Basketball. He has conducted coaching schools for the past four years, and has directed over 500 Basketball clinics. He has written more than 150 articles on the sport, and has written five texts on Basketball.

Clair Bee's remarkable coaching record at Long Island University for the past nine years, 1934 to 1942, inclusive, stands at 230 wins, and 17 losses. His Long Island team of 1936 won 26 straight games without defeat, while his 1939 team went through a 24 game schedule without defeat. Bee's 1937 squad won 28 and lost 3, his 1941 quintet captured 26 contests and dropped 2, while his 1942 model completed the season with 25 victories and but 2 setbacks. His team of 1938 won 23 and lost 4, piling up a total of 1,519 points.

The Long Island hoop team annexed the National Invitation College Tournament in 1939, and in 1941. Bee's 1939 contingent was chosen for National Championship honors by Helms Athletic Foundation.

OSBORNE B. COWLES

Born at Brown Valley, Minnesota, August 25, 1899. Graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1922.

Like Clair Bee, Osborne is one of the younger coaches to be honored for all-time greatest honors. In fact, Osborne is but seven months older than Bee.

Cowles is regarded one of the greatest all-around athletes in Carleton College history. He was a star in football, baseball and basketball.

Following graduation from Carleton, Cowles coached at Rochester High School. That was in 1922-'23. His team won the State championship in football, and was a semi-finalist in the State Basketball Tournament. Cowles went to Iowa State as coach in 1923-'24. The following year saw him coaching at his Alma Mater, Carleton, where he remained until 1930. From there, Cowles went to River Falls Teachers College, Wisconsin.

Cowles took over the Head Basketball coaching assignment at Dartmouth College in 1936-'37. In his first year in the Eastern Intercollegiate League, Cowles' Dartmouth team captured second-place honors -- winning 8 games and losing 4. For the past five years, Dartmouth quintets, under the tutelage of Cowles, have won Eastern Intercollegiate League titles. His teams won 8 and lost 4 in '38, 10 and 2 in '39, 11 and 1 in '40, 10 and 2 in '41, and 11 and 2 in '42. No other Eastern coach has ever been able to match that record, and the Eastern Intercollegiate League has been operating since 1902. Cowles has fairly set the Eastern circuit afire with his brilliant coaching. Ralph Morgan also lists Cowles among the ten greatest coaches of all time. Splendid recognition for a coach who broke into the big-time just six years ago. Dartmouth was a finalist in the 1942 N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament, losing to Stanford.

CLARENCE SINCLAIR EDMUNDSON

Born at Moscow, Idaho, August 3, 1886. Graduate of University of Idaho, '10. Starred in Basketball and Track while at College. National A.A.U. 380 Yard Run champion in 1909. Member of American 800 Meters Run Olympic Games Team in 1912.

Began career as coach in 1912, at University of Idaho. Remained there until 1918. Also served as Idaho Graduate Manager in 1917-'18. Went to Texas A&M in 1918, spending a year there. Went to Washington in fall of 1919. Has been at the Jusky institution ever since then.