

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

All-American Red Heads Recognized at 2011 Induction

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March 11, 2011 – The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame will recognize the All-American Red Heads at its 2011 Induction Ceremony on June 11th in Knoxville, TN. As voted on by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors, the Red Heads will be honored for their contributions to the game in a display at the Hall entitled "Trailblazers of the Game". Voting is based on various factors, which include integrity, sportsmanship, record of performance, national and international recognition, and contributions to the game of women's basketball.

The All American Red Heads played for 50 years from 1936-1986, which is still the longest running women's professional team. C.M. "Ole" Olson started the team and coached them until 1948; Orwell Moore purchased the team and became the new head coach of the Red Heads. Throughout the years the All American Red Heads played in all 50 states as well as Mexico, Canada, and the Philippines. The team has been featured in national magazines such as Life, Look, Sports Illustrated and Women's Sports, and they were widely considered as the greatest women's basketball team in the world.

The Red Heads will join the Edmonton Grads and the Former Helms/Citizens Savings/Founders Bank as the only three groups recognized as "Trailblazer of the Game" by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The Edmonton Grads a basketball club founded by John Percy Page tallied a 502-20 record in 25 years of play. The Former Helms/Citizens Savings/Founders Bank was created in 1936 by Bill Schroeder and Paul Helms. The Foundation was established to select national championship teams and All-American teams in a number of college sports including women's basketball. 13 Helms Foundation members are also Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductees, including Lometa Odom who will be inducted this year.

The 2011 Induction will mark the 13th year of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and it will be the second year the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors will honor a special group that paved the way for the history of women's basketball. For more information about the 2011 Induction Ceremony please visit www.wbhof.com.

The mission of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is to "honor the past, celebrate the present, and promote the future" of women's basketball.

Discover the past, present and future of women's basketball at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the world's only hall of fame dedicated solely to the accomplishments of women's basketball.