

JOE SEWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Recognizing Elmore County's Outstanding Christian Athletes and Leaders

THIRD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MAY 1, 2007



Tonight's Speaker - **COACH PAT SULLIVAN**

35th Head Football Coach in Samford History

Pat Sullivan, a 1972 graduate of Auburn University, was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Tigers (1969-71). In addition to winning the Heisman Trophy in 1971, he was named an All-American and the SEC Player of the Year in 1970 and 1971. He helped lead Auburn to three post-season bowl appearances, and was named the MVP of the 1970 Gator Bowl and the 1971 Sugar Bowl.

Following his senior season, Sullivan was named the MVP of the 1972 Senior Bowl, and he played in the College All-Star Classic, taking on the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys.

Sullivan played professional football for five seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers.

While at UAB, Sullivan worked with the team's quarterbacks and was the offensive coordinator from 1999 to 2005. He served as the assistant head coach and running backs coach in 2006. He recruited and coached Darrell Hackney, the all-time leading passer in UAB history, and the third-leading passer in Conference USA history.

During Sullivan's time at UAB, the Blazers posted an overall record of 43-49, and the 2004 team earned the program's first bowl bid to the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

Sullivan was named the 1994 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year. He also earned the Top Newcomer Award from American Football Quarterly in 1995 after taking the program from a 2-8-1 record in 1992 to consecutive winning seasons in 1994 and 1995. His six-year record at TCU was 24-42-1.



Before becoming head coach at TCU, Sullivan spent six seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Auburn University. Sullivan coached the quarterbacks at Auburn, coaching three of the top passers in the program's history (Jeff Burger, Reggie Slack and Stan White). Sullivan, working under head coach Pat Dye, helped Auburn win three Southeastern Conference championships (1987, '88, '89) and post an overall record of 52-16-3.

Sullivan is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Sullivan and his wife, Jean, have three children, daughter Kim, and twins Kelly and Patrick.



JOHN SEWELL SCHOLARSHIP

John Sewell was a cousin of Joe Sewell who was dedicated to the game of baseball and a positive influence on young people. After a successful business career, John spent almost all of his available time working with young people. He admitted his greatest weakness in life by saying, "I just can't say no to a kid that wants to play ball. I'll do anything to help him."

In 2000, John went on a mission to find his cousin's famous bat. When it was found in Birmingham, John had the opportunity to hold it and make the connection to his famous cousin from years past.

John continued to coach and be a part of youth baseball until his death in 2003. He was a resident of Coosada. His wife Billie serves on the Board.

SENIOR HIGH AWARD FINALISTS



Chalankis Brown
Stanbope Elmore High School



Meagan Brown
Edgewood Academy



Jason Perry Bryant
Stanbope Elmore High School



David Bush
Stanbope Elmore High School



Jake Camp
New Life Christian Academy



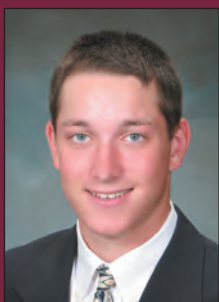
Andrew Barrett Corbman
Wetumpka High School



Devan Ellis
Holtville High School



Lauren Nicole Funderburk
Tallassee High School



Micah Derek Gentle
Tallassee High School



Chris Glover
Holtville High School



Jennifer Granlund
Stanbope Elmore High School



Mary Lawren Hill
Elmore County High School



Haley Itson
Prattville Christian Academy



Kelly McWhorter
Elmore County High School



Hannah Moore
Edgewood Academy



Anna Powers
Holtville High School



Taylor Lauren Saint
Wetumpka High School



Andrew Schmitt
Tallassee High School



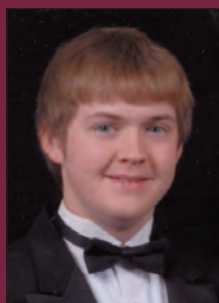
Heath Shaw
Elmore County High School



Russ Stokes
Tallassee High School



Jennifer Ashton Stubbs
Wetumpka High School



Mark Tatum
Prattville Christian Academy



Cody Todd
Holtville High School



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New Life Christian Academy



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Wetumpka High School



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Elmore County High School



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Edgewood Academy

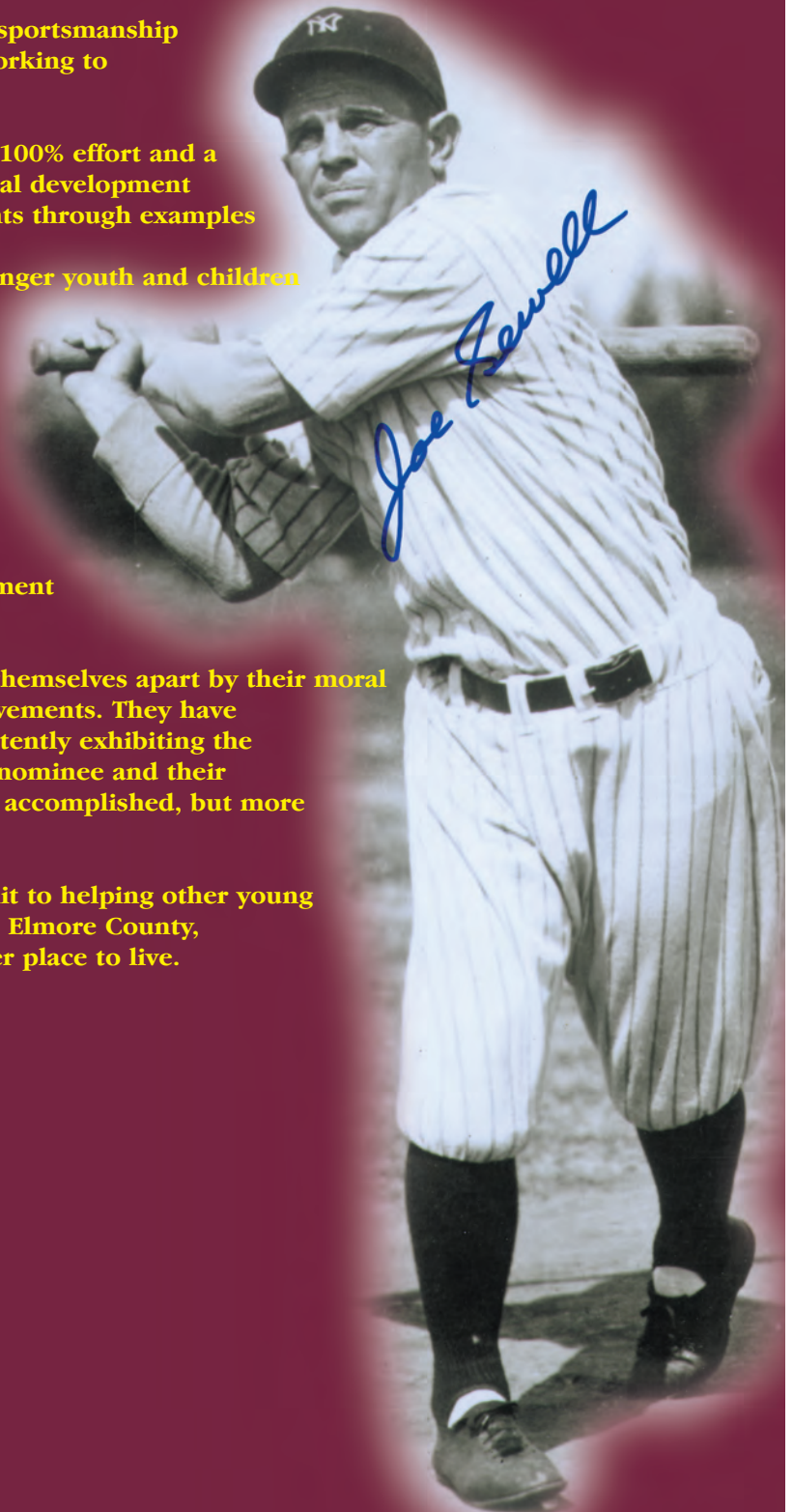
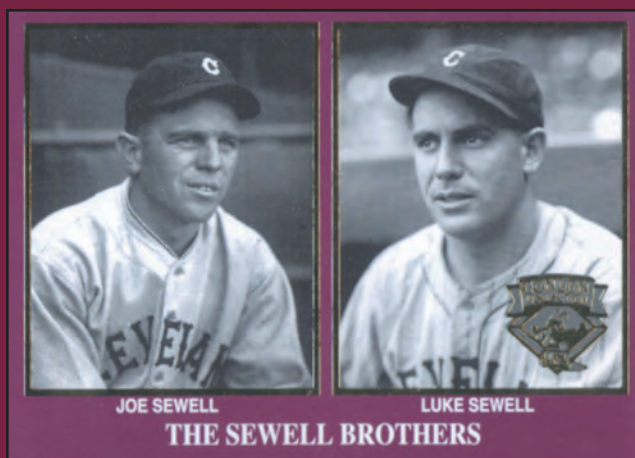
Purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award

The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes, who by their actions have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership in athletics. Approximately 28 high school seniors from across Elmore County are nominated for this award. One boy and one girl will be selected as the overall Joe Sewell Award recipient. Each will receive a \$1,000 John Sewell Scholarship. Their high school coaches and administrators nominate the students. Approximately 20 ninth graders are also nominated and receive a certificate. The nominees for the award are recognized for:

- Setting a Christian example of moral fitness and good sportsmanship
- Accepting their God-given gift of athletic ability and working to maximize their athletic potential
- Athletic achievement
- Achieving an academic performance level reflective of 100% effort and a recognition of the importance of education in their total development
- Obtaining the respect of their teammates and opponents through examples of character and perseverance
- Being a positive role model for their peers and for younger youth and children
- Giving 100% effort in practice and competition
- A willingness to make personal sacrifices for the good of their team
- Providing Christian leadership both in and out of the athletic arena
- Consistent church attendance, involvement and leadership
- Involvement in Christian activities and in organizations which promote Christian ideals
- Participation in student organizations, student government and other school activities

The nominees of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award have set themselves apart by their moral character, Christian example and excellence in their achievements. They have earned their nomination through hard work and by consistently exhibiting the qualities on which the award is based. We commend each nominee and their parents, families, coaches and teachers for what they have accomplished, but more importantly, for how they have gone about it.

Now we ask our nominees to "pass it forward" and commit to helping other young people be men and women of character and thereby make Elmore County, the State of Alabama, and indeed our great country a better place to live.



PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

2006 BOY'S AWARD



Chaz Worthy
Elmore County High School -
Football, Basketball, Baseball

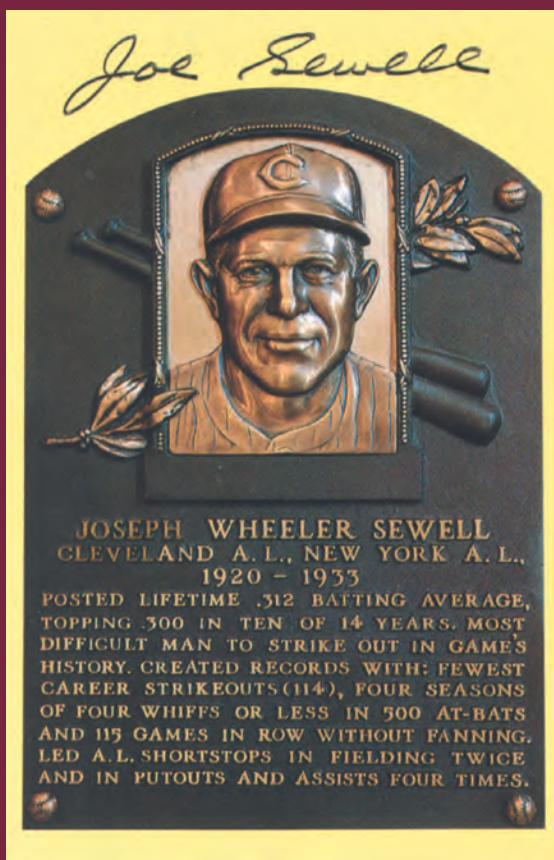
**Chaz Worthy is now attending
Huntingdon College.**

2006 GIRL'S AWARD



Ashley Hicks
Stanhope Elmore High School -
Cheerleader

**Ashley Hicks is now attending
the University of Alabama.**



2005 BOY'S AWARD



Josh Cain
Edgewood Academy - Football,
Basketball, Track

**Josh Cain is now attending
Jacksonville State University.**



2005 GIRL'S AWARD



Heather Finklea
Elmore County High School -
Softball, Basketball

**Heather Finklea is now
attending the University of
Alabama at Birmingham.**

NINTH GRADE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Prattville Christian Academy

Cody Adair
Kaitlyn Phillips

Holtville High School

Casey Antley
Daniel J. Godwin
Allison Terrell

Tallassee High School

Amy Bianchi
Dollie Gill
John Woodall

Wetumpka High School

Ryan Cook
Katie McLaughlin
John Thatcher Pinkston



Stanhope Elmore High School

Bethany Cox
DeMarcus Milliner
Terrica Wright

Elmore County High School

Christina Hart
Shiloh Luster
Andrew Stanley

Edgewood Academy

Taylor Davis
Jessica Flournoy
Chase Thornton

New Life Christian Academy

Hunter DeBusk
Jessica Jenkins
Nikki McAdams

Joe Sewell still holds the record for The Hardest Player to Strike-Out in Baseball

Joe Sewell was born in Elmore County's Titus community in 1898. Most die-hard baseball fans know of the legendary Joe Sewell. However he stood in the shadows of some of baseball's giants in the game – Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and many others. He played for the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees in his career from 1920 to 1933. Sewell was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977 and died in Mobile in 1990.

Joe Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records, records which most fans of the game say will never be broken. He holds the lifetime record for fewest strikeouts at bat during his 14 year pro career – 114 in 7,132 games. Sewell holds the single season record for fewest strikeouts at bat of just three strikeouts in 640 games in 1930 and 1932. A left handed hitter who threw right handed, Sewell was a speedy shortstop who led the American League in fielding twice and putouts and led the league four times in assists.

When it came to hitting, no one matched Joe Sewell. Few rookies then and even in today's modern era faced a tougher assignment or more pressure than Sewell did in 1920. While Sewell was playing his first professional season in New Orleans right out of college (Alabama), Cleveland Indians hero Ray Chapman was killed by a Carl Mays' pitch in August. When Chapman's replacement was hurt on Labor Day, the kid from Alabama got the call and was thrust into one of the most heated pennant races ever in the American League. "Little Joe" as he was called (5'7"), proved equal to the task, batting .329 for the rest of the season in helping the Cleveland Indians to their first American League Championship pennant.

From September 13, 1922 to April 30, 1930, he played 1,103 straight games – a major league record at that time, and only surpassed by his teammate, the great Lou Gehrig. He and his younger brother, Luke Sewell, are still ranked 8th on baseball's Most Career Hits list for brothers. Sewell used a 40-ounce bat called "Black Betsy" during his entire career. That bat rests now in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Museum in Birmingham.

But for all of his athletic feats, it is the character of the man that this award seeks to emulate as well. Joe Sewell was known as a quiet man of character and conviction. During the depression, Joe was known on several occasions throughout the years to bring baseballs, gloves and bats to the kids of Elmore County. He loved the game and wanted other poor kids from the South to have a chance to learn the game and the sportsmanship that accompanied it.

After retirement he spent several years coaching for the Yankees. He later was a scout for the Indians. He was head baseball coach at his alma mater, the University of Alabama, for several years leading the Tide to an SEC title in 1968. Alabama's baseball stadium is named for him.

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Program
Third Annual
Joe Sewell Memorial Awards Banquet

Wetumpka Civic Center
May 1, 2007

Keynote Speaker - *Coach Pat Sullivan*, Samford University, Heisman Trophy Winner 1971

Emcee - *Rep. Barry Mask*, Past Chairman and Co-Founder Sewell Award, Board Member

Call to Order & Welcome - *Kelly Lee*, Chairman, Joe Sewell Memorial Award

Instructions for Dinner - *Barry Mask*

Invocation - "*Coach*" *Mark Jackson*, Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church

Dinner

Overview of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarship - *Barry Mask*

The Nomination and Selection Process - *Butch Ruttan*, Chairman Selection Committee

Remarks from Chaz Worthy, Elmore County High School -
2006 Male Joe Sewell Memorial Award Recipient

Remarks from Ashley Hicks, Stanhope Elmore High School -
2006 Female Joe Sewell Memorial Award Recipient

Recognition of Freshman Nominees

Introduction of Senior Finalists - *Barry Mask*

Introduction of Coach Sullivan - *Jimmy Monk*, CEO PrimeSouth Bank, Banquet Sponsor

Senior Category Award Winners

Girls Leadership Award - Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

Boys Leadership Award - Millbrook Men's Club

Girls Academic Award - Montgomery Kiwanis Club/Alabama National Fair

Boys Academic Award - GKN Westland Aerospace, Inc.

Girls Church, Community and Character Award - Alabama Power Company

Boys Church, Community and Character Award - Morris & McAnnally, LLC

Girls Athletic Award - Neptune Technology Group

Boys Athletic Award - River Bank & Trust

Girls Overall Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner - Bright House Networks

Boys Overall Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner - Wetumpka Lions Club

Adjourning remarks - *Barry Mask*

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This award and tonight's program were made possible by these sponsors who believe in the youth of Elmore County and the need to recognize and reward our young people who are excelling. Please remember them and thank them for hitting a home run for our kids.

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