

DeBerry Elected To College Football HOF

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Fisher DeBerry, who spent nine years as an assistant coach at Appalachian State University, has been elected to the College Football Hall Of Fame.

DeBerry, who worked under the late Jim Brakefield at ASU from 1971-1979, is the winningest coach in Air Force history. He led the academy to 169 wins and 12 post-season berths during his 23-year stay from 1984-2006. DeBerry, who had a career record of 169-109-1 at Air Force, was a conference coach of the year three times, and was named National Coach of the Year in 1985. He also produced 16 All-America and 11-Academic All-America players.

DeBerry left ASU in 1980. He was hired by Ken Hatfield as quarterbacks coach at Air Force that season. He was promoted to quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator in 1981, and he held that position until Hatfield left for the head-coaching job at University of Arkansas in 1984. A graduate of Wofford College in 1960, DeBerry will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on December 6 at The National Football Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner, which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Joining DeBerry at those induction ceremonies will be fellow inductees: wide receiver Carlos Alvarez of Florida, defensive tackle Doug English of Texas, fullback Bill Enyart of Oregon State, defensive tackle Marty Lyons of Alabama, cornerback Deion Sanders of Florida State, defensive back Jake Scott of Georgia, offensive guard Will Shields of Nebraska, quarterback Sandy Stephens of Minnesota, linebacker Darryl Talley of West Virginia, running back Clendon Thomas of Oklahoma, defensive lineman Rob Waldrop of Arizona, and wide receiver Gene Washington of Michigan State.