

Robinson Leads The Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame Class for 2012

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Les Robinson, who guided the basketball team to its first-ever 20-win season and then led the Department of Athletics as its director, leads a list of five who make up The Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame's Class of 2012. Also entering the Hall are baseball pitchers Brian Wiley and Jim Scott, football running back Travis Jervey and middle distance runner Mike

Cason.

The five will be enshrined during a banquet on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Holliday Alumni Center on campus. This year's induction class increases the membership of the Hall of Fame to 166 individuals. The Hall, which originated in 1977, is located in the lobby of McAlister Field House on campus.

Les Robinson (Honorary)

Les Robinson guided Citadel basketball teams from 1974-85 and led the Bulldogs to their first-ever 20-win season in 1979, earning recognition by the NCAA as the second-most improved team in America. He also directed teams that won a record 23 consecutive games in McAlister Field House and was voted Southern Conference Coach of the Year. Robinson served as Director of Athletics from 2000-08 and was recognized as the 2007 Southeast Region's AstroTurf Athletics Director of the Year. Facility improvements included the revitalization of Johnson Hagood Stadium and Willson Field, and under his tenure the Altman Athletic Center and Inouye Marksmanship Center opened. He spent six years as a member of the prestigious NCAA Men's Basketball Committee and was recognized by The Citadel Alumni Association in 2006 as a Lifetime Honorary Alumnus.

Mike Cason '90 (Track and Field)

A seven-time All-Southern Conference selection who earned eight letters, Mike Cason garnered The Brigadier Foundation President's Award for the 1989-90 school year, the first track and field/cross country athlete to achieve the honor in modern times. Holding the rank of Cadet

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Regimental Public Relations Officer and team captain in 1990, Cason was the 1989 and 1990 SoCon indoor 800m champion and the 1989 and 1990 SoCon outdoor 800m champion. He was a member of the squad that held the school mark in the outdoor distance medley relay, indoor 4x800m relay and outdoor 4x1500m relay. Cason continues to hold the second-fastest indoor 800m time in school history and the third-fastest outdoor 800m time and remains a member of one of the three fastest indoor 4x800m relay teams in school history. Cason was a member of the second-fastest outdoor 4x800m relay team and third-best indoor 4x800m relay teams in school history.

Travis Jervey '95 (Football)

A local product from Wando High School, Travis Jervey waited his turn to play after backing up All-American Everette Sands for three seasons, but when his time came he had six 100-yard rushing games in 1994 and his 224 yards against VMI is the fourth-best effort in school history. His 96-yard run on the opening play in the 1994 Oyster Bowl against VMI in Norfolk, Va., remains the longest running play in school history. In 1994, he gained 1,171 yards, good for fifth in school history, and no one has rushed for more yards since. Jervey averaged 7.7 yards per carry that season – tops in school history – and had 12 touchdowns. He ranked third in the SoCon in rushing and sixth in scoring in 1994 and was named second team All-Southern Conference by both the coaches and media. For his career, Jervey rushed for 1,490 yards. He played professionally for nine years with the Green Bay Packers, San Francisco 49ers and the Atlanta Falcons and is the first Citadel player ever to win a Super Bowl ring (1996). He earned Pro Bowl honors in 1997.

Jim Scott '69 (Baseball)

A hard-throwing left-hander who played for Coach Chal Port, Jim Scott appeared in 40 games from 1967-69, posted a 15-8 overall mark and recorded 14 complete games with five shutouts. Scott allowed just 43 earned runs in 199.1 innings for a career ERA of 1.94. He led the Southern Conference in ERA in 1967 with a 1.76 (12 earned runs in 61.0 innings) while earning all-conference accolades and continues to rank among the school's top 10 in complete games (14), shutouts (5) and ERA (1.94). After graduation, he joined the US Air Force where he eventually became a fighter pilot and the Commander of the 507th Tactical Air Control Center at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter

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who later flew missions in Operation Desert Storm. Col. Scott was named Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies for the AFROTC unit at The Citadel and Assistant Commandant. He is the founder and current president of the Diamond Dogs Club, an association that raises funds for the baseball team.

Brian Wiley '98 (Baseball)

The 1999 Southern Conference Pitcher of the Year, Brian Wiley led the Bulldogs to the 1999 regular-season title and tournament crowns and NCAA Regional appearances in 1998 and 1999. Earning second team All-America honors from CoSIDA and third team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball, Wiley, a Gold Star student who graduated in 3½ years, finished with the school career record for games started (53), innings pitched (316.1) and strikeouts (431), which also established a SoCon record. He led the nation in strikeouts per nine innings in 1998 with an average of 14.1, a mark that ranked tied for fifth in SoCon history and tied for first in school history. His 159 strikeouts during the 1998 season ranked second in league history. In addition to being named All-Southern Conference in 1999, Wiley was named the 1999 SoCon Preseason Player of the Year by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball.

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