

Columbia adding 5 inductees to Hall

Former Roughnecks to be introduced at half during today's game.

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WEST COLUMBIA - Continuing to honor the past, the Columbia Roughneck athletic program will induct five more recipients into the Columbia Hall of Honor today.

The reception will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Columbia United Methodist Church, and then all five inductees - Eugene Maroul, Ken Boone, Roger Kees, Lilian Jones and Charlie Brown - will be introduced to the halftime crowd as the Roughnecks entertain the Palacios Sharks at Griggs Field at 7:30 p.m.

Kees

He attended Columbia High School from 1944-47 and lettered in football, basketball and track and field.

In football, Kees was a four-year letterman at defensive end. Kees also was the point guard for the Roughneck basketball team all four years.

He was a district champ in the 440-yard dash for four consecutive years and set the then-district record at the Boling Meet in 1947. He also represented the school at regional meets for four consecutive years in the 440.

The University of Houston offered Kees a track scholarship after graduation.

Boone

He was a student from 1955-59 and played football, baseball, basketball and track and field.

On the gridiron, Boone played on the 1957 state semi-finalist team and also was a member of the 1956 squad that went 10-0 and won a district title. He was a three-year starter for Columbia and earned two All-District nods along with two All-County selections. Boone also was an honorable mention All-State player.

In baseball, Boone played on the 1958 regional championship team and also was a member of the 1959 district championship team. He was a three-year starter, lettering all four years while making two All-District selections.

Boone played as a starter for the basketball team for four years and played on the 1958 district championship squad.

He also qualified for the regional track and field team for two years, lettering in both years.

At Rice University, Boone played football on a scholarship for a couple of seasons before moving on to Tulsa University, where he played football for two more seasons on another scholarship.

Boone also played baseball at Rice during his freshman season and played on the 1962 Missouri Valley Conference championship baseball team at Tulsa. After graduating from the University of Houston-Victoria with a masters in education, Boone became a captain in the Marine Corps. He was a helicopter pilot and was in Vietnam from 1967-68.

Maroul

He was a 1958 graduate of Columbia and participated in baseball, football and basketball. He played on the Roughneck baseball team for two years. In his senior season, the Necks won the region.

As a basketball player, Maroul was on the 10-0 district championship team in his senior season and was a teammate of Boone. He also played for the Roughneck varsity team for two seasons and played on the 1957 state semi-finalist team.

Maroul received a baseball scholarship from both Wharton Junior College and Sam Houston State. He served in the Army for two years and eventually graduated from Sam Houston State in 1968.

Maroul taught at Hill College from 1968-98 in economics and accounting. From 1996 to 2004, Maroul imported and retailed Czeck crystal and other glassware. He officially retired in 2004 and is engaged.

Jones

A life-long resident of West Columbia, Jones coached the Lady Necks basketball team to the state tournament in the 1940s. In 1948, she coached Mary Brand to the tennis state championship.

Jones has taught around the Brazoria County area, including West Columbia, and has been a member of the school board for C-BISD.

Brown

He was a basketball coach at the all-black high school in West Columbia and led the basketball team to state titles in 1948, 1950 and 1952.

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