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### USA TRACK & FIELD - GEORGIA - 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME CLASS

Lead by Olympic Gold Medalists, Edith McGuire-Duvall and Antonio McKay

**Atlanta, Georgia – July 9, 2012** – Olympic Gold Medalists Edith McGuire-Duvall and Antonio McKay lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> class selected for the Georgia Track and Field Hall of Fame, USA Track and Field Georgia announced on Friday. The 2012 class will be inducted Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA at the USATF-Georgia Association Hall of Fame Awards Dinner & Gala.

“As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of inducting Georgia’s greatest track and field athletes and coaches into USATF-GA Hall of Fame, we have begun to realize the rich track and field legacy the state of Georgia has offered to our nation and the world. Along with USATF-GA’s Masters of Ceremonies, WSB-TV’s Chuck Dowdle, and the Weather Channel’s Paul Goodloe; this will truly be a celebration of Georgia track and field royalty. USATF-GA will begin a new day in its continued tradition of honoring those who have done so much for this amazing sport we serve. On this evening, we will celebrate Georgia’s track and field greats in the same fashion in which they trained to represent this great state and our nation. Each of these remarkable individuals has made unique contributions to our state through sport, and we all look forward to honoring them as they take their rightful place in the USATF Georgia Hall of Fame.”

#### 2012 USATF-Georgia Hall of Fame Class



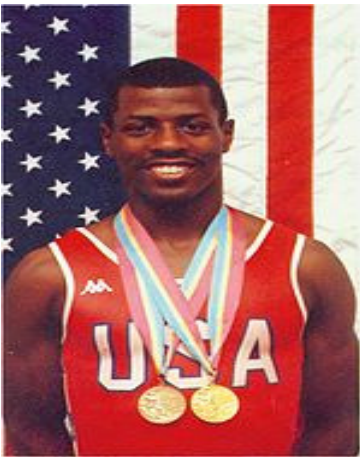
Edith McGuire-Duvall

**Edith Marie McGuire** (born June 3, 1944) - later known as **Edith McGuire Duvall**, is a former American sprinter. Born in Atlanta, McGuire ran for Tennessee State University. TSU had a very successful women's sprinting team in the 1960s, including triple Olympic champions Wilma Rudolph, Wyomia Tyus, and McGuire. Her specialty was the 200 M/220Y, in which she won four of her six national titles. In 1964, she was undefeated in her favorite event, and went to Tokyo as the main contender for the 200 M gold medal at the 1964 Summer Olympics. McGuire first competed in the 100M in Japan, and lost out in the final to team mate Tyus. But in the 200M final, she held off Poland's Irena Kirszenstein to take the Gold Medal. She added a third medal to her tally as a member of the American 4 x 100 M relay team, which placed second to Poland. Edith McGuire ended her athletics career in 1965, and became a teacher. At present, she owns a number of fast food restaurants in Oakland, California together with her husband Charles Duvall.



**James "Jimmy" Carnes**

**Jimmy Carnes** (born November 29, 1934) - one of the leading figures in the formation of The Athletics Congress/USA, as USATF was known when it began operations, Jimmy Carnes was TAC's first president (1980-1984) and worked closely with executive director Ollan Cassell as the sport moved from amateur to open rules. The founder of the Florida Track Club, whose members included Hall of Fame inductees Frank Shorter and Marty Liquori, Carnes later served as the Executive Director of the United States Track Coaches Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the United States Sports Academy. He is a member of the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (formerly USTCA). An American track and field athlete, coach and administrator and coach at the high school, college and international levels, Carnes compiled a 161–11 career dual meet record, highlighted by four college conference championships and six state high school championships. He was the head coach of the U.S. Olympic track & field team and the Florida Gators track and field team, the founder of the Florida Track Club, and a member of the U.S. Track & Field Hall of Fame.



**Antonio McKay, Sr.**

**Antonio McKay, Sr.** (born September 2, 1964) - After running collegiately at Tech, Antonio continued to train under Georgia Tech coaches Buddy Fowlkes and Grover Hinsdale. Beginning his professional track career, McKay won the gold medal in the 400m at the 1996 Goodwill Games in Moscow (44.98) and the 1987 IAAF Indoor World Championships (45.98).<sup>[7]</sup> Also in 1987, Antonio McKay broke the indoor world record in the 300m dash with a time of 32.51. In 1988, McKay ran in the preliminary heats for the gold winning 4x400m relay team, for his efforts he received a gold medal. He continued to consistently perform on the national and international level until 1991, winning three gold medals in the 400m at the USA Indoor Championship in addition to a gold medal in the 1989 IAAF Indoor World Championships.<sup>[9]</sup> After receiving a free other medals for his efforts in the 400m, Antonio McKay officially retired in 1994. Antonio McKay is married to wife Trina McKay. Two of his children, Antonio McKay Jr. and Antonietta McKay, both have run track for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. In addition, he currently works as the sprinting coach in Atlanta, GA.



**Douglas "Buddy" Fowlkes**

**Douglas "Buddy" Fowlkes** - was the head track & field coach at Georgia Tech for nearly three decades (1965-1992). Fowlkes' list of accomplishments include three Olympic medalists, two World Record holders, 10 NCAA national champions, 50 All Americans, 77 Atlantic Coast Conference champions and 126 All-ACC selections. Fowlkes made a name for himself at Georgia Tech as an athlete before earning his reputation as a coach. He remains one of only two athletes to ever win high point honors in three SEC track & field championship meets (Harvey Glance, now the head coach at Auburn, is the other). He set SEC all-time individual high-point honors that stood for 33 years and won the SEC long jump title three times. Returning to his alma mater as head track & field coach, Fowlkes repeated his pattern of success. He was named ACC coach of the year twice, and he was honored as the 1985 NCAA Indoor Southeast Coach of the Year. He coached national champions, world record holders, and Olympic Gold Medalists. Among his accomplished students was former world record holder and Olympic Gold Medalist Antonio McKay. In addition to serving as Georgia Tech's long-time track & field coach, Fowlkes also served the city of Atlanta as a member first of the city's board of aldermen and later as a member of city council. He was instrumental in bringing the 1996 Olympics to Atlanta.



**Edward "Ed" Hamm**

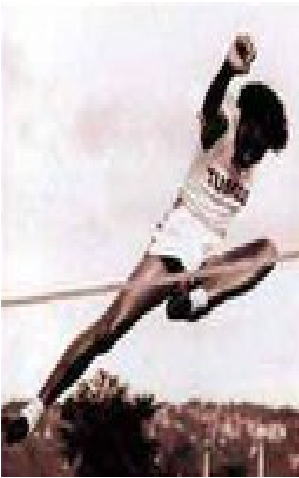
**Edward ("Ed") Hamm** (born 13 April 1906 in Lonoke, Arkansas) an American athlete, who won the gold medal in the long jump at the 1928 Summer Olympics held in Amsterdam, Netherlands. There he set a world record in the long jump, becoming the first Arkansan to win a gold medal. The *Atlanta Journal* called him "the South's first world champion in any sport." In his high school junior year Hamm set a world high school record of 24'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (7.38 M), which qualified him for the Olympic trials in Boston, Massachusetts. To pay for his trip, he borrowed \$100 from Little Rock (Pulaski County) coach Earl Quigley. He failed to qualify for the Olympics, but the next year he went to Little Rock, regularly bringing Quigley two to five dollars until he repaid the money. At Georgia Tech, Hamm won the Southeast Conference championship (now the Southeastern Conference) in 100M/Y- and 200M/220Y and the long jump three years straight. In 1928, he broke the SEC record in the long jump with a leap of 25'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", won the National Intercollegiate meet, and broke the world record in the 1928 Olympic trials with a jump of 25'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". On July 31, at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, Holland, Hamm broke the Olympic record and won a gold medal with a leap of 25'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". After the Olympics, he was part of a track and field team that toured England and Germany. He won the long jump in every meet. Hamm graduated from Georgia Tech in 1928, served as the school's track coach for a few years, and then spent the rest of his life in private business, much of it as an executive with Coca Cola on the West Coast and in Alaska. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1971, and the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1996, and now into the USA Track and Field-Georgia Hall of Fame.



**Paul Koshewa**

**Paul Koshewa** - Paul graduated from Centre College in 1946. Like many of the young men of his era, his academic and athletic career was interrupted by military service. Prior to his enlistment in the Air Force, Paul was a standout on the football field and on the track, receiving two varsity letters in each sport. He earned a reputation as a tough-as-nails guard who was able to open holes for the backs against much bigger opponents. While we honor Paul today primarily for his athletic excellence as a Praying Colonel, it is worth noting that Paul is one of the most distinguished coaches ever to coach in Georgia. His track and cross country teams at Westminster High School in Atlanta won 10 state championships, and in 1988 he was named National Boys Track Coach of the year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. His accomplishments as a coach have earned him a place in five different Halls of Fame prior the USATF-GA Hall of Fame honor.

## Alice B. Coachman Recipient



**Alice B. Coachman**

Born in Albany, the fifth of Fred and Evelyn Coachman's ten children, Coachman grew up in the segregated South. Barred from public sports facilities because of her race, Coachman used whatever materials she could piece together to practice jumping. Coping with a society that discouraged women from being involved in sports, Coachman struggled to develop as an athlete. Coachman was also successful in the classroom, graduating from Tuskegee in 1946 with a degree in dressmaking. She also received a B.A. in home economics from Albany State College (later Albany State University) in 1949. During the early 1940s Coachman collected a host of national titles. As a senior at Tuskegee Institute High School, she won the AAU nationals in the high jump and the 50-meter dash. During her college career at Tuskegee, she won national championships in the 50-meter dash, the 100-meter dash, the 400-meter relay, and the high jump. She also played on the Tuskegee women's basketball team, which won three championships. She was the only African American on each of the five All-American teams to which she was named. Although she was clearly an athlete of Olympic caliber, World War II (1941-45) forced the cancellation of the games that would have been held during her college career. When Coachman finally got the chance to compete in the Olympics, in the 1948 London games, she qualified easily despite a back injury. She defeated her closest competitor, the British high jumper Dorothy Tyler, on the first jump of the finals, setting a record of 5 feet 6 1/8 inches. King George VI personally presented the gold medal to her.

## About USATF-Georgia Hall of Fame

The USATF-Georgia Association Hall of Fame was established in 2011 to recognize the outstanding achievements of individuals in the sport of athletics, born in the state of Georgia or while living within the geographic boundaries of the Georgia Association.

Over the past year, the USATF Georgia Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee received over thirty-five candidates in the categories of open and masters athletes, coaches, officials and individual contributors, who, based on outstanding achievement or contribution, were certified eligible to be inducted into the USA Track and Field-Georgia Hall of Fame. Headed by one of Georgia's most sought after sports historians, Hawthorne Wesley, the Selection Committee reviewed and selected twelve finalists that we placed before the public and association vote in June 2012.

The Board of Selectors comprised of Mr. Wesley; Sean Robison, Sr., Hall of Fame Committee Chair; Ian Dube, Georgia Association President, Sonja Robinson, Hall of Fame Committee Member, Lynn W. Hampton, Hall of Fame Committee Member, Kevin Graham, Phidippides - Atlanta, and Olympians, Dr. Mel Pender and Mr. Kevin Young, reviewed public and association voting and selected five members to be inducted into the USATF-Georgia Hall of Fame.

## About the USATF- Georgia Awards Dinner & Gala

The USA Track and Field – Georgia Association Awards Dinner & Gala will be hosted by WSB-TV's Sports Anchor, **Chuck Dowdle** and the Weather Channel's **Paul Goodloe**. The induction celebration and gala will be held Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel, 265 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta GA 30303. The evening, poignantly themed "A Hey Day in the Red Clay- A Georgia Olympian Evening" will begin with an Olympian autograph and book signings during the USATF-GA "Walk of Fame," USATF-GA "Silent Auction," an induction ceremony, dinner, and dancing. The Walk of Fame and Silent Auction will begin at 5:00pm and dinner will begin at 6:00pm. **Tickets - \$50.00/per person and \$500.00/per table. Tickets are available for purchase on-line at [USATFGA.org](http://USATFGA.org).**

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