

KC Hall of Fame 2018

BIO – Bob Bustin

Bob Bustin was born in 1935 in Kilgore and graduated from Kilgore High School in 1954 where he was a standout football player.

In high school, he was on the first KHS football team to win a district title.

At KHS, he was also named to the First Team All-District for both offense and defense.

After high school, Bob played football at KC from 1954-55 under head coach Jasper Flanakin and assistant coaches Solon Holt and Joe Turner.

During that season, the Rangers were 9-1, winning the Longhorn Conference Championship. Bob was named an Honorable Mention All-American and was named to the second team All-Longhorn Conference team, playing center for KC.

He was also awarded Most Outstanding Athlete in East Texas.

After KC, Bob played football at Baylor University, where unfortunately, a disabling knee injury ended his football career.

Bob graduated from Baylor University and has been a resident of Kilgore ever since as a successful businessperson, owning several companies including a supply and chemical company.

He has generously given his time and money to charitable causes all of his life. Bob served as president of the Baylor Letterman's Club and is a past president of KC's Ex-Students Association.

Bob served on the Kilgore City Council for 12 years, was a volunteer fireman and served on the board of the Roy H. Laird Hospital.

He also served on the board of the Kilgore Boys' Baseball Association for 35 years, 16 of which he served as the organization's president.

Bob also served as the state director of the Dixie League Baseball Association and served as vice president on the national board.

He chaired the committee to install a new gym floor in Masters Gymnasium, served on the KISD FFA Committee and sponsored and brought the first soccer team to Kilgore with his company (K-Tank Cleaning) as the sponsor.

He has been married to his wife, Sally, for 54 years. They have one son (Bobby) and wife Sherry, two grandchildren (Ryan and Bethany) and four great grandchildren.

Bob is also thankful that his sister, Mary Ann Baker, is here at the luncheon, traveling from North Carolina.

Today we are pleased to induct Bob Bustin into the KC Athletics Hall of Fame.