

Reginald Grace to enter Southern Lab hall of fame

East Iberville resident, Reginald Grace, Sr. is one of thirteen former athletes and coaches who will be inducted into the Southern University Laboratory School Hall of Fame. Grace led his team to the LHSAA High School Class A Top Twenty State Championship in 1971. He was voted Outstanding Class A Player of the Year, All Top Twenty Team, All State, All District and a member of the All Louisiana, All Mississippi prep team.

The induction ceremony will be held April 29 at the North Baton Rouge Community Center in Baton Rouge, La. Other inductees are coach Carl Porter and his son, football standout, Tracey Porter. They will be joined by Myra Combs (track), Ulysses Jones (basketball), Leonard "Piggy Pot" McKinnis (football), Scott Lewis (football), Willi Brister (football), Ernest Sterling (football), George McKee (football), Aronji Johnson (basketball), Myrtle Perkins Keller (basketball), and Pierre Perkins (football and track).

Grace also lettered in football and baseball while attending Southern Lab. He was also inducted into the Northwestern State University Graduate N Club Hall of Fame in February 2003. At Northwestern, Grace received several honors in basketball including NAIA All American Honorable Mention, All Gulf South Conference, All NAJA, District 30 Team, All Opponent Team, Millerville



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State NAIA National Tournament and he was featured in Street and Smith Magazine.

Grace's son, Kyle, was an all district player this past football season for the kittens and he is also a member of the school's 2005 State Championship Basketball Team.

Reginald is employed at the State Department of Education and is married to the former Rhonda Johnson of Brusly. They have two other children, Reginald, Jr., who attends Southeastern University in Hammond and DeShay, a freshman at Brusly High School.

State Tourney's Outstanding Player Signs NSU Contract

Decorated and widely sought Reginald Grace of Southern Lab High School in Baton Rouge is Northwestern State University's first basketball recruit for the 1971-72 season.

NSU head coach Tynes Hildebrand climaxed an intense recruiting effort by signing the 6-7, 220-pound postman to a scholarship early this week.

Grace led Southern Lab to a 21-1 record this season and the Class A state championship, averaging 23 points and 21 rebounds per game. He scored 19 points and grabbed 21 rebounds in an 86-82 title win over Sterlington.

He was selected the outstanding player in the state tournament and eventually earned a third team berth on the all-prep team. Approximately 15 colleges attempted to recruit Grace, including Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Creighton and Idaho.

"We're especially proud to get an athlete and youngster of Reginald's caliber," said Hildebrand. "His basketball is ahead of him."

Grace, 17, also plays baseball. He's a first baseman and is presently hitting .343 after eight games. Southern Lab leads District 7A in baseball.

He started last fall as a defensive end on Southern Lab's district champion football team.

According to Hildebrand, Grace plans to double in basketball and baseball at Northwestern. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Grace and an above-average student.



FIRST RECRUIT— Reginald Grace of Southern Lab High in Baton Rouge, the most valuable player in this year's Class A senior boys state tournament, is Northwestern State University's first basketball recruit for the 1971-72 season. Grace, who led his team to the state championship, signs his scholarship papers in this picture. He's flanked by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Grace, and NSU head coach Tynes Hildebrand. Grace had scholarship offers from 15 colleges.

Reginald Grace Southern Laboratory School Basketball

The Southern Laboratory Basketball team won the LIALO District, Double A Championship, in 1970. Reginald was the starting on that team.

In 1971, the first year of integration, the Southern Lab Kittens, went on to win the LHSAA High School Class A State Championship. During that year, Grace was voted Outstanding State Class A , and Player of the Year. Other distinguished honors awarded to Grace included All State, All District, and a member of the All Louisiana, All Mississippi and Prep Squad teams. During this time the team was lead under the direction of the late, legendary coach Larney Owens, who went on to be named Coach of the Year, in that same year.

The glory days continued for the Southern Lab Kittens for years to come. During the decades of the seventies, eighties, nineties, and two thousands, the Southern Lab Basketball men's teams went on to win several more championships, under the legendary great, late Joel Hawkins, who still holds the record today for the most wins in high school basketball for the state of Louisiana.

Prep Stars Kick Off



WEST FORCES — West Coach O. A. Johnson of Webster is shown with two of his high school stars, Louis Dunbar (22) and Con Flourney, as they ready for Tuesday night's East-West All-Star basketball game at the Istrouma High School gym. The West will be seeking its third straight victory in the 20th rendition of the cage feature held in conjunction with the Louisiana High School Coaches' Association clinic this week at LSU. The West won last season's game, 100-95. —Advocate photo by Larry Odem



EAST COACH, CAGER — Coach Larney Owens of Southern Lab is shown with one of his prep stars, Reginald Grace, who will participate in Tuesday night's East-West All-Star cage game at the Istrouma High School gym. Owens led his Southern quint to the state Class A cage championship last season and was named to head this year's East All-Star quint. Grace was a spark in the Southern attack with a 23.5 scoring average. He is a 6-7, 220-pound center. —Advocate photo by Larry Odem

East Cagers Have 14 Men Ready for West's Dunbar

By **JOE PLANAS**
Advocate Sports Writer

The East's basketball coaches agree on at least one thing for Tuesday's All-Star game with the West:

The Easterners might need 14 men—the roster plus two coaches—to take care of that wizard of the West, Louis Dunbar.

When asked who would be assigned the 6-9, 195-pound giant from the dictionary team,

Watson, a 6-5, 215-pounder who injured himself at Southern University the other day. Watson's rebounding and accurate shooting had been tabbed to help the East's plight in getting around and away from Dunbar.

Also missing the game will be DeLaSalle's Tony Belleau, who is playing legion ball, and Brother Martin's Gabe Williams. Masson of Brother Martin could be just the boy the East needs to trouble Dunbar

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drove to be a key player in the game if a blister on his foot responds to treatment.

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Basketball Rosters

1971 WEST ALL-STAR BASKETBALL ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	High School
Leon Dunbar	6-9	195	C	Webster
Robert Evans	6-7	180	F	Webster
Charles Davis	6-6	175	F	Webster
Larry Smith	6-5	170	F	Webster
Henry Ray	6-4	165	F	Webster
Don Weeks	6-3	160	F	Webster
Timmy Lewis	6-2	155	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	6-1	150	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	6-0	145	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-11	140	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-10	135	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-9	130	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-8	125	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-7	120	F	Webster
Tommy Lewis	5-6	115	F	Webster
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