

2012 Hall of Fame



Bill Seamon
Owensville HS, Missouri

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Halfway through the BCA's annual convention, the executive committee closes its doors and makes a hard decision, which coaches will be the next Hall of Fame inductees. It's all worth it though, when the committee members break the news to the newest Hall of Fame coaches.

"Never in your wildest dreams," Bill Seamon said, sitting down and wiping tears from his eyes. "Wow, what an honor."

Seconds ago, Bob Colburn, BCA executive secretary, pulled Seamon away to tell him that he would be inducted into the Hall of Fame at next year's convention. There was laughter, embraces, and tears as Seamon was congratulated by his fellow baseball coaches.

"It's not why you coach... I've got to gather my thoughts," Seamon said, still recovering from the shock. "But you don't coach to be in the Hall of Fame, you don't coach to gain recognition for yourself, but for the kids."

Seamon, retired head baseball coach at Owensville High School in Owensville, Mo. and executive director of the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association, has been coaching for 31 years and has been involved with the BCA from the very beginning.

"It was very small, but the big thing about the BCA that is important, immediately that first year out there at Indianapolis, all of sudden I felt like I had family," he said. "Immediately I realized it's a big world out there, but we're all little fish and if we come together we're strong. I was very honored to be part of that origin."

Currently, Seamon is working on getting his book available for coaches everywhere. The book, titled *The Coach's Playbook: How to Develop a Philosophy to Coach Baseball*, has been three year's work and provides an overview of the art of baseball coaching.

"When I retired I wanted to come up with something to help young coaches, something that I could help the intermediate coach that has been there for 10 years, and maybe a trick or two that the old guy can learn," he said.

Seamon wants to help these coaches by teaching them how to develop a philosophy for coaching, rather than just telling them how to coach.

The book covers a range of topics, including the basics and technical side of coaching, balancing home life and coach life, his own play book and even help for coaches that are experiencing the “mid-life crisis of coaching.”

Seamon also emphasizes why it is important for coaches to be a part of coaching associations.

“Go to clinics at the BCA, go to clinics at your state association because you never will learn this game,” he said. “In the glossary of the book I list the BCA, the address, phone number, how to become a member, and I list every high school association and contact and every activities association and a contact. There's always a way to get a hold of someone to become a member. I'm a firm believer.”

Seamon hopes to have the book available around February 1st. The book is self-published and will be available through Amazon and Seamon's own website at a discounted price.