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Frank Shores had the heart of a champion

—By Steve Hudson

Frank Shores, a 1970 graduate of Coalgate High School, will be inducted into the 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame on May 28.

Frank rushed for over 3,100 yards in 1968 and 1969 and was one of the top running backs in Oklahoma during those years. He was the leader on teams that went 18-4-1 during those seasons.

“Paco” came out of nowhere after playing wingback as a sophomore where he had few opportunities. It didn’t take long for him to make a major impact as he rushed for 104 yards on 23 carries against Allen in his junior debut.

He followed that up with 174 yards on 28 carries in a Wildcat 28-0 victory over Wetumka. Next up was rival Atoka, and Frank carried 33 times and gained 117 yards while scoring three touchdowns and all 20 points against a tough Wampus Cat defense.

The Wildcats went to 5-0 the next week with a 14-0 triumph at Madill, the two-time defending district champ. Shores cracked the 100-yard mark for the fourth week in a row on 21 totes.

Coalgate went to 6-0 with a 52-0 blowout of Antlers. Shores went for 261 yards and was honored as the Tulsa World Back of the Week for his heroics.



Frank Shores with his coach, Donald Mike Mayer.

Coalgate's perfect season was derailed with an 8-8 tie at state

power Tulsa Cascia Hall. However, Shores kept his rushing prowess by going over the century mark again. After a blowout of Valliant, the Wildcats traveled to Idabel and dominated the larger class team with Shores gaining 133 yards and two touchdowns.

The season finale was at Tishomingo. With the district title on the line, Shores was at his best. He rushed for 231 yards, scored four touchdowns, and set a Coalgate record that stands to this day with a 99-yard rushing TD. The Tulsa World named Frank the State Back of the Week for the second time.

This completed the first undefeated season in Coalgate history since the 1939 team went 8-0-2.

The Wildcats pulled off one of the biggest upsets in school annals by destroying 10-0 #4 ranked Hartshorne on the road 20-7 with Shores going for 136 yards on 24 rumblings.

The season came to a bitter end in the state quarterfinals when the purple and white lost to Okmulgee Dunbar 13-12. Shores finished with 1,796 yards and scored 130 points in a tremendous individual campaign.

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Coalgate drug bust leads to two arrests

A Coalgate couple were arrested and face multiple drug charges following the execution of a search warrant at their home on Low Street on Saturday, March 12.

Jonathan Dean Orr, 34, and Misty Dawn Orr, 37, each has been charged with felony trafficking in illegal drugs—methamphetamine, maintaining a place for keeping/selling controlled substance, and child endangerment. They also are charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers executing the search warrant seized 63 items from the residence “that were of evidentiary value,” according to deputy David Young’s probable cause affidavit.

Coal County Sheriff Bryan Jump said the items consisted of illegal drugs, various drug paraphernalia, \$680 cash, and electronic devices.

“We’ve been working on this for quite some time, and the hard work finally paid off,” Jump stated. “More or less, all the pieces fell together at one time and we acted on it. Deputy Young gained the information we needed for the warrant.”

“There may be more arrests to come out of this,” he added.

Sheriff Bryan Jump, Undersheriff Bobby Hatton, deputies Jeff Wortman and Anthony Garvin, and Coalgate police officers Jerry Ward and Ryan Hudson assisted Young in the execution of the warrant.

Young’s affidavit states that seven baggies

containing a crystal-like substance were found in a shop building sitting next to the residence. The baggies weighed 31.2 grams and field tested positive for methamphetamine. A quantity greater than 20 grams constitutes trafficking.

According to the affidavit, Jonathan Orr admitted that the substance was his and that he had been selling it to pay bills. Orr told Young that he buys meth “from an outside source and sells it from his home, and has been for a long period of time.”

The affidavit states that several items of drug paraphernalia as well as a “large amount” of narcotics were found in the house.

Several small bottles containing a crystal-like substance were found in a female underwear drawer in the couple’s bedroom. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine.

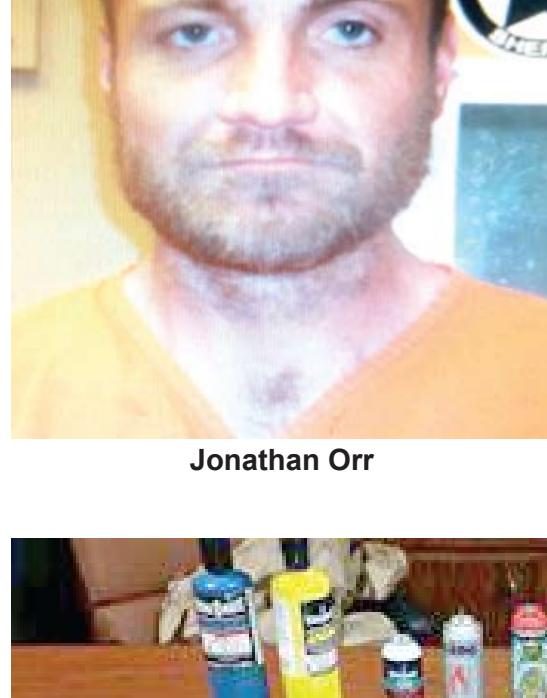
Misty Orr told Young that the substance belonged to her and that it was for her personal use, according to the affidavit.

Drug trafficking carries a penalty of four years to life in the state penitentiary and a fine of \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Young’s affidavit states that four children were in the Orr home during the search warrant and later were released to a family member.

During their initial court appearances on Monday afternoon without legal representation, the Court entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of each party. They are being held on \$250,000 bond each and are scheduled for a March 17 preliminary hearing conference.

Jonathan Orr is in custody in the Coal County jail. Misty Orr is being held in Atoka



Jonathan Orr



Misty Orr



Illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, cash and electronic devices were seized at a Coalgate residence on March 12 during a search warrant served by the Coal County Sheriff's Office.

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1969 rolled around, and the Wildcats — despite losing several outstanding seniors in Phillip Cody who played at OSU, the “Baby Bull” Tommy Loudermilk and outstanding linebacker Bill Larecy — were ranked in the top ten. They fulfilled that promise going 8-2, losing only to undefeated Tulsa Cascia Hall and 7-3 Class A Idabel.

Shores was injured for a few games and still gained over 1,400 yards his senior season.

Coalgate lost 14-10 to #2 state ranked and 10-0 Talihina in a game that Frank was unable to play because of a shoulder injury. That concluded a two-year run as good as any running back in the history of Coalgate football.

Quotes from some of Frank's former teammates

I was very fortunate to play with some great teammates and Frank was truly one of them. He exemplified great character, both on and off the field, always willing to go that extra mile in anything that he did. Frank had great endurance and determination and he simply wasn't going to be denied. He didn't need a very big opening to get him started and he was extremely hard to tackle in open space and always a threat to be a game changer. Frank is certainly very deserving to be elected to the HOF and I'm very honored that he was my teammate.

—Phillip Cody

It was my sophomore year and my first practice against him. He was the talk of the football world in Oklahoma, having run for over 1,700 yards his junior year and now he was back for his senior season.

The first play he took the handoff and headed off tackle (ex-players know it as I formation, 36 Power) and I had him measured, targeted, and squared up to make a textbook tackle. It was a strange feeling to wrap my arms around nothing but air... I had never seen anyone so quick in all my high school days.

Frank was amazing to watch. He not only had speed and quickness, but he could find even the tiniest hole to run through. It was a pleasure to watch him run because every time he touched the football there was a chance that he would score.

Injuries derailed “Paco” his senior year, but he still rushed over for over 1,400 yards. His

junior year, Frank was injured and was limited in the Okmulgee Dunbar game where we lost the only game of the season 13-12 in 1969.

Congratulations Frank, nobody ever did it any better as a “Wildcat.”

—Tony Davenport

I was just amazed at his mental and physical toughness. At Atoka our junior season we had about a 90-yard drive and Coach Mayer ran Frank every carry.

We were down to about the Atoka 20 and Frank had just been lit up and was gasping for air when Coach called his number again. I stepped up and said give the damn ball to Loudermilk this time; and Frank said, “No, I got this.” He ended up scoring and carried the ball like 15 times on the drive. Incredible!!!!

—Steve Hudson

Coach Mayer thought that Frank was too small to play tailback in the I formation. However, Shores proved that he could do it. Frank always gave credit to the offensive line and fullback Tommy Loudermilk and halfback Fred Larecy for their blocking abilities.

As for all the guys that I have played ball with at CHS, I have always been blessed with friends for life. Frank was definitely one of those guys and I am happy for his selection to the Hall of Fame.

—James Prince

The boy took a beating. Frank was as tough as anyone pound for pound his last two years of high school football. He was a STUD!!!!

—Eddie Anglin

When I hear the name Frank Shores, I see a young man on a football field that could run — and I mean RUN. On that field not many could stay up with him. Also, he ran smart by letting his blockers do their job.

Did I tell you that he could run? You might stop him by boxing him in, but then 205 lb.

Tommy Loudermilk was between you and Frank. And the “BABY BULL” would put the hurt on you.

CONGRATULATIONS, Frank!! Well done and deserving of the Athletic Hall of Fame for the Wildcats.

—James McLellan

WOW!!! What an amazing athlete!

—Fred Larecy

Frank Shores' story (as relayed to Melva Thomas)

My brother David and I came to Oklahoma around 1963 to live with our grandparents. Dad had just retired out of the Marine Corps after 20 years. David and I went one year at Ashland School. Ashland closed the following year and

we were sent to Coalgate.

I wanted to play sports so I spoke with my grandparents about it. They laid down some rules: if I got all my chores completed daily and kept my grades up, it would be ok. Then they added one more thing to the list: I was always told whether it was work or play, if it's worth doing, do it right and do it 100% all the time, and I had better apply that to sports as well.

I started playing sports — baseball and football — in the 7th grade. I played catcher and enjoyed it, but I wanted more of a total team effort. Baseball is a great sport, but it's really just pitcher and catcher. Not sure what year it was when I gave up baseball and played just football.

When I started playing football, I began to feel as if I was part of a team, a team that must work together to accomplish a goal. The more we worked out, the better it was for us to function as a unit.

We had a couple of different coaches in the 7th and 8th grade (Coach Hatch, Coach Mitchell and Coach Wills). Coach Gene Davis came along during my 10th grade as an assistant to Coach Donald Mike Mayer. I played wingback my sophomore year and safety on defense.

In my junior year, Coach Mayer told me he was moving me to tailback. Needless to say, I was more than thrilled.

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Frank Shores served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1976 to 1983. This photo was taken in 1979 at Camp Schurab, Okinawa.



FRANK SHORES (#20 carrying the football) was one of Oklahoma's top running backs in 1968 and 1969. This photo was shot at a Wildcat game against Tulsa Cascia Hall in 1969. Shores recalls that the game was played at Coalgate.

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Later on, the thought of that position and what goes with it sunk in. It was quite an honor and responsibility.

I wasn't the fastest on the field. I was one of the smallest, and I wondered what Coach saw in me, but I kept the attitude my grandparents asked of me: 100% every game, every practice, every play. Whether you win or lose and you can honestly say you gave it your all.

We played with our hearts. We gave it our all on the field and it paid off. I felt I needed to put out more than 100% to make up for what my teammates had to do. I had an offense line that was second to none. These linemen had an attitude they could move a truck — and in most cases they did. They opened holes in the line you could run a car through. Then I had a quarterback, fullback and wingback. I had plenty of help getting past the line and then some.

My teammates deserve a lot of credit for what I accomplished in two years at Coalgate High School. I was just trying to be equal to them as to what they could accomplish on the field. I felt I must work harder for the hard effort that each one of them had to endure.

Our defense was also second to none. We didn't want anyone to score on us. When the other team scored, you can bet they had to work extra hard. We never did just roll over give it to them. When we hit someone on the field, he went down and you would hear it.

We all enjoyed playing football. We had the greatest coaches that Coalgate High School has ever had. It was an honor and a privilege to play for Coach Mayer and Coach Davis. We didn't win state in the two years I was tailback, but it wasn't from lack of effort. What we did in the 1968 season and 1969 season hasn't been done since. Just a bunch of guys (city boys and country boys) pulling

together for one common goal. It was a total team effort by ALL. Everyone worked hard, everyone gave for one common goal, and that was to win.

The honor that has been given to me is truly special. I'm very grateful to receive it. When I played, I never dreamed or gave it a thought that I would be running up yards or anything else. I just wanted to be as good as my teammates.

We as young men learned what it was to win and lose on the field. Our coaches were hard on us, but they were fair. They knew what it would take to even get a good season, let alone a chance at state. They worked us for hours — and when we figured it was almost over for the day, we did more. At the time we didn't understand why, but it sank in about the third or fourth game.

We found that we played better the fourth quarter than the first. We were in such great shape compared to other teams. It was another key item that helped for those two years. Coach Mayer and Coach Davis had a unique way of getting someone to put out more. When you figured you had given your all, these two coaches would get you to reach down deep inside yourself and do more. You always seemed to find plenty of stamina to finish the job.

I still believe to this day that you can accomplish more with just two coaches than a dozen. The 1968 and 1969 seasons prove it. When you use more than two, you have too many chefs stirring the pot, too many different ways of doing something. Everyone wants to achieve the same goal, but each person teaches it differently and that causes problems. If there are only two coaches, it takes the confusion out of the equation.

After high school, my first marriage ended up in a divorce. About a year later I met Nancy and her son Nick, and a year and a half later we were married on August 16, 1976.

Nancy showed me what

Legislative briefing set for Friday

The second Coal County legislative briefing for the current session of the Oklahoma Legislature will be held Friday, March 18, beginning at noon, at the Brandin' Iron restaurant in Coalgate. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

State Sen. Josh Brecheen and Rep. Donnie Condit hold these informal meetings to keep the public informed on current issues affecting Coal County and the state of Oklahoma. One or both legislators are present at each meeting.

The remaining briefings are scheduled for Friday, April 15, and Friday, May 20.

real love and devotion are. Her unwavering love still shows to this day. I can't begin to imagine a life without her. She has been my beacon for life and love of family. She is the best thing that has happened to me. She has stuck with me through all the problems that life has given us.

The Marine Corps sent me overseas in 1979 and again in 1982, and Nancy was right there waiting for me when I returned. During my time in the Marine Corps I wasn't home very much. We seemed to always be training in the field or on maneuvers somewhere in the states or overseas and Nancy had to face a lot of family problems on her own. She was more than willing to do her part, so that I didn't worry as much about her and the family while I was gone.

Even though I worried, I did get to a point where I didn't worry as much. This coming August we will be married 40 years and my love for her has only gotten stronger. God has given me what I asked for in life, and with Nancy at my side it's been a great life. We have a daughter, Natasha, and two boys, Kevin and Nick.

My time in the Marine Corps started in August 1976. I spent three years in the infantry as a grunt (0311 MOS) and with TOW Missile Systems (0351 MOS and 0352 MOS). I became a Sgt. (E-5) and squad leader for a new unit in the Corps. The new weapon was used to take tanks out on the battlefield. I ended up in one of the three companies being formed for the first time. We developed the guidelines and deployment of the weapon, and I was in charge of the squad for some time.

I reenlisted in 1979 and transferred into the air wing. I spent time training on jet engines and was assigned to VMA (AW) 242 and VMA (AW)

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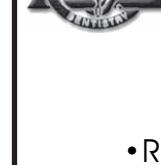
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