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Profile: Louis Stout

Louis Stout, the first African American commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, played basketball in high school, was on Coach Joe B. Hall's team at Regis College in Denver, officiated high school and college baseball and softball, and coached at Lexington's Dunbar High School and Tates Creek High School. At Tates Creek, he was the first African American to coach at a predominantly white Kentucky high school.

After his retirement in 2002, Stout became involved with the Amateur Athletic Union, and was the organization's president at the time of his death in 2012. He is a member of the National Federation of High Schools' Hall of Fame, and others across Kentucky and the nation.

Stout wrote "Shadows of the Past" to help preserve the history of the Kentucky High School Athletic League and its member schools. KHSAL was the African American counterpart to KHSAA during segregation.



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