

Bill Smith shares 2012 Meineke Bowl Legends honors with Darrell Royal, Hayden Fry, Ty Detmer

Bill Smith, UH Class of 1965, four-year football letterman and retired head coach of Houston's Aldine High School, was selected along with Ty Detmer, Hayden Fry, and Darrell Royal as the Meineke Car Care Bowl's 2012 Class of Gridiron Legends as individuals who made a significant contribution to Texas football. Introductions were made at the Houston Texans-San Francisco Giants preseason game and they will be presented at Meineke's (Texas) Bowl game in December.

Bill, who played halfback under Coach Bill Yeoman, totaled over 230 wins during his 29-year career as Aldine Senior High Head Coach. In 1990 he led the Aldine Mustangs to both a Texas State Championship and the ESPN National Championship — one of many playoff appearances. Following his retirement in 2003, Aldine ISD renamed its I-45 North Stadium the William A. (Bill) Smith Stadium for his service to the school and the community.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas Committee's 2012 class of Gridiron Legends presented by Wrangler Jeans and Cavender's Boot City, is headlined by a pair of College Football Hall of Fame coaches in legendary Texas coach Darrell Royal and long-time SMU, North Texas and Iowa head coach Hayden Fry. Between them, they combined to win 416 games



This photo of Bill Smith was flashed up on the Reliant Stadium Scoreboard during introductions of the Meineke Car Care Bowl 21012 Class of Gridiron Legends at the Houston Texans-San Francisco Giants preseason game.

in a combined 60 years on the sidelines. 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer rounds out the trio of college greats, while legendary Aldine High School head coach Bill Smith represents the Texas high school community.

“Each year, it seems like there is no way to top the previous class of Gridiron Legends, but this year's group has raised the bar once again,” said Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas executive director Heather Houston.

“Coach Royal is without question one of the greatest icons in all of Texas football, and Coach Fry is one of the all-time greats in his own right. When you add a Heisman Trophy winner and one of the most successful high school coaches in Texas history, this year's Gridiron Legends class is a truly special one.”