

Meet the other coach Bradley

Son joins father at Loganville High helm

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Bradley and Bradley sounds like a law firm, but it's actually a father-and-son basketball coaching combination at Loganville High.

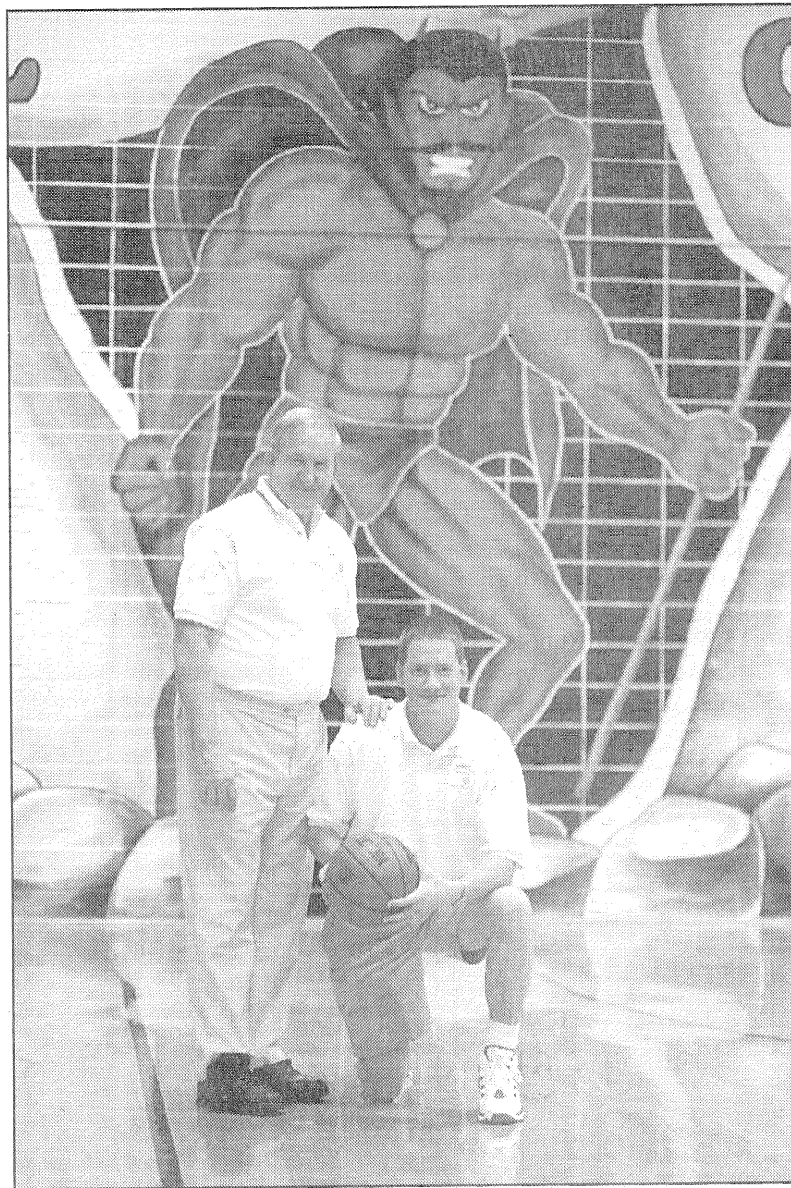
The father, Ron, is a Georgia basketball coaching legend and the son, William, is the first-year girls varsity coach for the Red Devils. Ron has the Loganville boys eighth in AA, with a 16-2 record, while the Loganville girls have been near the top 10.

William learned a lot from his father but has a different approach to coaching.

"He doesn't always coach like his daddy," Ron said, smiling. "He has his own style, and I try to learn from it. We think he's an outstanding coach and it's a pleasure to watch coaches that take a lot of pride in what they do and work hard at it.

"It's just a joy to watch his teams play. They play with a lot of intensity and do a lot of things that we'd like to teach our teams."

Coach Ron Bradley, with more than 1,000 victories in 38 years of coaching and three state titles, will be inducted into the Georgia



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Dad 'n' lad: Ron Bradley (left), a Georgia basketball coaching legend, has the Loganville High boys eighth in AA with a 16-2 record. And son William is coaching the varsity girls, who have been near the top 10.

Sports Hall of fame Feb. 15.

"It's a fantastic honor, not only for coach Bradley, but for thousands of youngsters and others who have accomplished the things

the hall of fame wanted to recognize," Ron Bradley said. "I'm certainly aware that no one man stands alone."

Coach Bradley enjoys coaching

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with William as much as when he coaching him at George Walton Academy.

"We've had a lot of fun. Bill played for me in high school," Ron Bradley said. "He's come here and done a great job with our girls. It's just a joy to watch him work. He's a professional and he knows how to coach." Last season William Bradley was an assistant to his father.

"I hadn't coached in five years until I got here. The reason I came was to watch, not just the coaching but the other stuff. It's not just Xs and Os, but the other things. I played for him, but when you play you don't pay attention to all that other stuff. Now I get chance to see it all."

Ron Bradley came to Loganville to turn the boys program around. The Devils had just one winning season in 37 years. In his two years, Loganville has a 47-9 record.

"The thing that challenged me to come to Loganville, was when Coy Baker and some of the board members talked about coming to Loganville, he said, 'Coach, we haven't had but but one winning team in 37 years and it was 13-12, and before I die I would like to see a good basketball team here at Loganville High.'

"I think that was the thing that immediately challenged me to want to come. I told my wife, 'Let's go. There's got to be some young people who want to succeed. We've got to find those young people.' And I think we have found them, and we've just had a great time here."