

Paris To Honor Blanton Collier And Delza Maggard At Big Orange Preview

U.S. Representative for Kentucky's 6th congressional district, Congressman Ben Chandler will be on hand to make a special presentation to Blanton Collier's daughters and Delza Maggard's wife Dallas at 7 p.m at Blanton Collier Stadium Monday night, August 13th during the Big Orange Preview.

Blanton Collier Stadium, which is getting a big makeover, was named after the legendary Paris football coach. Collier coached the Greyhounds for 16 years and compiled a 73-50-10 record. He went on to coach at the collegiate level at the University of Kentucky from 1954-1961, became an assistant coach for the Cleveland Browns of the NFL, before becoming the Browns' head coach in 1963. While at UK, he had a record of 41-36-3. With the Browns, Collier's record was 76-34-2 and his 1964 Browns team won the NFL Championship. He stepped down after the 1970 season. Coach Collier's daughters Carolyn Ware Collier, Jane Collier Hansen and Kay Collier McLaughlin are expected to be at the ceremony.

In addition, family members of the late Delza Maggard will also be present as Congressman Chandler recognizes Delza, who put in a lot of hours for the youth in Paris as well as Greyhound Athletics.

It was also announced that there will be a very special presentation to former Paris High School graduate Jerry Derrickson from the Greyhound Football Foundation.

The Big Orange Preview will highlight the start of the fall sports season for the Paris Greyhounds and teams that will be recognized will be the football team, boys and girls soccer teams, golf team, cheerleaders, cross country, middle school football and middle school girls basketball. The PHS Marching Band will also perform.

The public is welcome to attend.