

WELBY (PUD) HENNESY
"Knight of Old Glory"

Riding under the title of "Knight of Old Glory", Welby (Pud) Hennesy, started competing in jousting tournaments at the age of 12 and continued for over 20 years. In 1935 Pud won first place in both Amateur and Professional divisions at Marshall Hall. His achievement of taking 36 straight rings, 18 in each class, is to the best of our knowledge, a record that stands today. Two years later at Marshall Hall, Hennesy won the Maryland-Virginia Championship by spearing 21 straight rings.

In the 1930's Welby Hennesy took "first place" in Maryland jousting tournaments at Williamsport, Keedysville, Clear Spring, Granite, Pikesville, and Tilghmanton.

Mr. Hennesy's past performances were recognized in a full-page article in a local newspaper as well as a feature story in a local magazine, and on November 15, 1986, 72 year old Welby M. Hennesy was honored by being the "first" jousting to be inducted into the Washington County Sports Hall of Fame in Maryland.

If his title "Knight of Old Glory" sounds familiar, it is because upon retiring from jousting Mr. Hennesy gave his title and lance to present-day jousting, Ed Black, Jr., thereby helping to keep the sport of jousting in the public eye.

After considering "Pud" Welby's contributions to jousting, we hope you will agree that he deserves to join his father, Harry, and other outstanding jousting in the Jousting Hall of Fame.

Western Maryland Jousting Club

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