

Highlands High School Hall of Fame

Official Nomination Form



Mission Statement

Rich in tradition and focused on the future, Highlands Athletic Hall of Fame honors past individuals with exceptional achievement in Highlands Athletics while inspiring current students to pursue lifelong learning and to become productive members of the global community.

Instructions

All information on this form must be completed and supporting letters of recommendation received by March 15th for the candidate to be considered for the following year's class. The completed nomination form and support materials should be sent to: Highlands Hall of Fame Committee, c/o Dale Mueller, Athletic Director, 2400 Memorial Parkway, Fort Thomas, KY 41075. Once the nomination form is received by the Highlands High School Hall of Fame Committee, all action necessary to the selection process shall remain confidential. All information submitted shall be retained by the Highlands High School Hall of Fame Committee.

A completed nomination must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the nominator and not more than three individuals from the nominee's related high school career. In cases where other support material is difficult to obtain, additional letters may be in order to substantiate the individual's accomplishments or contributions. Letters of recommendation for other awards or honors should not be used as a substitute for this requirement. A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks and statistics are encouraged to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee. These materials should focus on high school accomplishments and contributions and be listed in chronological order.

A portrait-type photograph also should accompany this nomination. If the nominee is inducted into the Hall of Fame, the nominee or individual submitting the nomination shall furnish, at no cost to the Hall of Fame, an 8" x 10" color photograph of the nominee.

In completing the nomination materials, please observe the following: 1) All copies should be 8 ½ "x 11"; 2) nominators should sign their names on the form on page four; 3) do not use highlighters to point out specific facts; 4) please type all materials so that copy is legible; 5) do not use notebooks with plastic sheet protectors; 6) put names on all photos.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in the fall each year. Inductees (or listed relative) will be notified by May 31st of their selection.

General Criteria

The Highlands High School Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving, and promoting the heritage of sports at Highlands High School. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had superb accomplishments in athletics at Highlands High School. The Highlands High School Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate. Nominees should exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character.

The categories of athlete and coach are included on the nomination forms for expediency in understanding the primary areas in which an individual is to be considered for his or her achievements in Highlands High School Athletics. The grouping is for screening purposes only and to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required. Once nominees are inducted, they are not categorized, but all are recognized as members of the Highlands High School Hall of Fame.

To further explain, athletes would be former student participants who are being nominated for their achievements in interscholastic athletics. Coaches would be considered on the merits of their high school coaching achievements only. Longevity, without meaningful impact, does not constitute appropriate credentials for Hall of Fame consideration.

All athlete candidates for the Hall of Fame must be twenty (20) years post graduate of Highlands High School and coaches must be five (5) years retired from coaching in order to be considered for induction.

Nominations received for the Hall of Fame will be 1) approved and forwarded to the Selection Committee, 2) placed on "Hold" until the submission is properly/fully completed. Additional information and supporting documentation may be submitted to supplement prior nominations at any time.

All approved nominations will be maintained by the Selection Committee and may be considered for future Hall of Fame classes.



Hall of Fame Nominee

Name of Nominee: Ewell Edward Waddell
(first, middle, last)

Individual Submitting Nomination:

Name: William R. Waddell and Phillip D. Waddell

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Street Address: c/o McGuireWoods, LLP, 101 W. Main Street, Suite 9000

City, State, Zip Code: Norfolk, VA 23510

Signed: *WRWaddell*

Date: March 12, 2015

Nominee Information Sheet

Please check appropriate category:

Athlete

Coach

Name of Nominee: Ewell Edward Waddell
(first, middle, last)

Current Address: Deceased
(street address)

(city, state, zip)

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: September 1907

Graduation Year: _____ Date of Retirement: 1954
(coaches only)

If deceased:

Name of Spouse or Closest Living Relative: William R. Waddell and Phillip D. Waddell

Address: c/o McGuireWoods, 101 W. Main Street, Suite 9000, Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: 757.640.3722

Schools Attended:

Name of School	City and State	Year Graduated	Degree
Marion High School	Marion, KY	1925	N/A
College/University: Western KY University	Bowling Green, KY	1934	A.B.
Post Graduate School: Xavier University	Cincinnati, OH	1957	M. Educ.

Small Portrait-type photograph of nominee attached (to be used for news release, etc.)
(Attachment A)

Letters of recommendation attached (Attachments B-1 through B-4)

Newspaper and/or other supportive material attached (Attachments C-1 through C-10)

Athlete

Athletic Participation: (Please summarize athletic participation and accomplishments at Highlands High School. Give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc.)

N/A

Honors: (Give complete details of high school athletic honors, achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements.)

Post High School Accomplishments: (Professional, civic, and/or personal achievements)

Other information about this nominee that you would like the Hall of Fame to consider: (not previously listed)

(Additional text/information may be attached)

Coach

Career description as high school coach: (Please summarize coaching career and accomplishments at Highlands High School. Give complete details concerning specific performances, years, records, etc.)

Ewell Waddell came to Highlands after an early football career that included being named a Little All American at Western Kentucky University and a winning coaching career at Ludlow High. Coach Waddell was head football coach at Highlands for thirteen seasons from 1942 through 1954, and Director of Athletics for many of those years. In that time, his teams compiled a record of 91 and 37, won five Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Championships, and claimed the Kentucky State Championship for the 1943 season. All this was in an era before schools were classified by size, so in many cases Highlands was David facing Goliath, and winning.

Letters of recommendation from Coach Waddell's players and others are attached as follows:

1. Phillip Waddell (nomination letter), and March 10, 2016 addition
2. Homer Rice (1942-1944) and March 15, 2016 addition
3. Bill Wagner (1952-1954)
4. Ray Trout (1950-1952)
5. Milt Walz (1947-1950)
6. Fred W. Erschell (1945-1947)
7. Loyce Meadows, colleague
- 8/ John E. Deering, colleague

Coaching honors: (Give complete details of high school coaching honors, achievements, awards, and recognition received as a result of high school achievements, i.e. overall record, outstanding season, etc.)

The following awards and recognitions exemplify Coach Waddell's coaching success and the esteem in which he was held (supporting material is attached):

1. In 1943, the official publication of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association ("KHSAA") recognized the importance of Highlands having two players named to the All-Kentucky High School football first team. Several more Highlands players made the second and third All-Kentucky teams. In total number of players named to All-Kentucky teams, Highlands was second only to Louisville Male. (Attachment C-1)

2. The same publication devoted two pages to Highlands' 19-0 victory over Ashland in the traditional Stoll Field Charity game on Thanksgiving Day. This was the game that caused Highlands to be generally recognized as Kentucky State Champions in 1943. (Attachment C-2)

3. The *Highlander* was dedicated to Mr. Waddell twice, in 1952 and again in 1967. The 1952 tribute recognizes that in his "sincere efforts to produce good citizens, as well as good students, he has succeeded." (Attachment C-3)

4. The October 22, 1954 issue of *The Hilltopper* featured Mr. Waddell on the front page. The final paragraph of the article concludes "Highlands owes much to Ewell Waddell." (Attachment C-4)

5. In *Caketown, USA* by Craig M. Brown (1993), the author recounts the mid-years of Coach Waddell's career at Highlands in a chapter called "The Judge." He concludes with this:

"Today, when football is mentioned at Highlands ... many people think of State Champions ... I think instead of an elegant ... man who poured out compassion, integrity and decency ... and in doing so, I truly believe it made me a better person." (Attachment C-5)

6. Everywhere he went, Coach Waddell was revered, but this was especially evident among his players. An *In Memoriam* article in the KHSAA's magazine recounts a testimonial dinner in 1955 attended by 300, including friends and former players. (Attachment C-6)

7. Coach Waddell died suddenly in 1967. The Mayor and City Council of Ft. Thomas enacted a resolution noting his great contributions as "Superintendent, Teacher and Coach." (Attachment C-7)

8. In 2003, he was the Highlands honoree at the St. Luke Hospitals Champions Bowl. (Attachment C-8)

9. In 2005, a permanently endowed scholarship for Highlands student – athletes, was established by former players, assistants and friends. (Attachment C-9)

10. A caption honoring Coach Waddell appears in the *Plaza of Influence* of the American Football Coaches Association in Waco, Texas, honoring him for teaching "his players to be champions in football and life." (Attachment C-10)

11. The Highlands High School Hall of Fame is about the inductee's contributions to Highlands' athletics. Nevertheless, Coach Waddell's success in other contexts is evidence of how fortunate Highlands was and is, to enjoy his guidance and influence:

(a) At Western Kentucky, he was a Little All-American center and Team Captain, Captain of the basketball team, and President of his senior class.

(b) In 2006, he was inducted into the Ludlow High School Hall of Fame, in recognition of his years there. Coach Owen Hauck credits Coach Waddell with initially "inspiring him to become a coach."

(c) After retiring from active coaching in 1955, Mr. Waddell became Superintendent of Schools in Ft. Thomas. During his administrative career, he was a member of the audit committee of the State Department of Education and of six other educational groups. In his role as administrator, he continued to champion the place of athletics in the overall curriculum of Highlands, be it the new gymnasium, a critical lighting upgrade, or long overdue irrigation for athletic fields.

Other information about this nominee that you would like the Hall of Fame to consider: (not previously listed)

Coach Waddell's legacy includes much more than his coaching success. His values were all about developing and bettering the lives of his players, using athletics as the vehicle, but extending far beyond. His vision was to inspire honest competition, without apology, but with true sportsmanship as the lodestar. His favorite quote was from legendary sports writer Grantland Rice: "For when the one great scorer comes to mark against your name, he writes – not that you won or lost – but how you played the game." That extraordinary combination – a man for whom competition and winning are passions but who recognizes the overarching moral imperatives of fairness and doing the right thing – was the essence of Coach Waddell.

A compelling example of this unusual combination was documented by well-known sportscaster Dick Bray in a broadcast after the big game against Ashland in 1943. Attached is a transcript of that broadcast in part (the entire transcript, edited by Mr. Bray himself, is attached as Attachment D):

"Along about six o'clock last nite, the telephone here at the Crosley news room was really buzzing ... it was a mixture of calls young and old voices all were asking ... do you know the score of the Highlands – Ashland game? Last Nite on the Pepsi-Cola Sports Parade I announced the score and a few details of the Fort Thomas team's victory, 19 to 0 ... there isn't a person in Kentucky, who is interested in football, who doesn't know the score by this time ... there's many who probably are not too familiar with the coach of the Highlands team ... we call him Judge Waddell ... unlike the famous baseball character whose hilarious antics made famous the name of Waddell on the diamond ... the Highlands school coaching Waddell is very quiet and a wonderful influence on a group of young men. Last year, at Highlands High school banquet for its football team I remember very well how the returning plyers pledged their support to the coach ... I had heard other high school teams do the same thing many times ... but there was a real sincerity about those kids from Fort Thomas. Coach Waddell is the type of man who would draw such respect from a high school boy ... the victory at Lexington yesterday, is the big thing the Highlands High school rooters will remember ... the members of the squad will remember the little and big things their coach, Judge Waddell, taught them ... Yes, a football victory is so important a game as the one yesterday is a great thing for a young man ... a loss wouldn't have hurt those Bluebird players for what they have learned under such careful handing ... while they all sing the praises of the boys when they win ... this time, they find their stocking of joy filled to overflowing .. and, tonight, I'd like to pay tribute to the coach of Highlands High .. Judge Waddell.

Rube Waddell would have rather gone fishing ... or followed a fire truck instead of pitching ball ... the coaching Waddell, from Fort Thomas, would rather coach boys how to play in the real American way".

We submit Ewell "Judge" Waddell, exemplifying everything good about HHS and Ft. Thomas, as a most fitting candidate for membership in the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

(Additional text/information may be attached)

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Small Portrait
- Attachment B-1 - Phillip Waddell (nomination letter and March 10, 2016 addition)
- Attachment B-2 - Homer Rice (letter of recommendation and March 15, 2016 addition)
- Attachment B-3 - Bill Wagner (letter of recommendation)
- Attachment B-4 - Ray Trout (letter of recommendation)
- Attachment B-5 - Milt Walz (letter of recommendation)
- Attachment B-6 - Fred W. Erschell (letter of recommendation)
- Attachment B-7 - Loyce Meadows (letter of recommendation)
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- Attachments C-1 - Kentucky High School Athletic Assoc. publication
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- Attachment D - Mr. Bray transcript

Teams of Distinction

In the rich tradition of athletics at Highlands High School, there are many teams that have achieved levels of success that are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate. These teams may be nominated by individuals or chosen to be recognized by the Hall of Fame selection committee. Teams of Distinction should be recognized for their quality of play, display of leadership, and overall level of achievement relative to Highlands High School success in their sport. Teams of Distinction considered for recognition at the Hall of Fame induction may occur ten (10) years after the year of achievement.

Team/Sport: _____

Year of Distinction: _____

Summary of Accomplishment:

(Additional text/information may be attached)

ATTACHMENT A

EWELL EDWARD WADDELL



ATTACHMENT B-1

Phillip D. Waddell, Esq.
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March 12, 2015

Selection Committee,
Highlands High School Hall of Fame
2400 Memorial Parkway
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Dear Reader;

It is my pleasure to support the nomination for the Highlands High School Hall of Fame, Ewell Edward Waddell, often best known to his students, friends, and colleagues as "Judge" or "Coach." I believe he would be the last to seek, but the first to deserve, the honor. I am his youngest son, and I, along with my brothers Don and Bill, of course, knew him as "Dad."

Growing up in a coach's household, one could expect to see "X's and O's" just about everywhere – Wheaties Boxes, scraps of paper, everywhere. The great Highlands players of the era were household names whose careers and endeavors were faithfully followed. But, as alluded to in the submitted *Hilltopper* article written by the students, he loved all of his players and students (and could say it without gritting his teeth.) He often wore a bemused expression around students...he was one of those rare individuals who actually loved teaching and really did love the kids. To say that Dad cared about his players, teachers, administrators and students, would be an understatement.

This care was manifested in his early coaching career by dedicated players, winning teams, championships and awards. Later, as an administrator, still coaching in his heart, Fort Thomas Highlands became, literally, "number one" in category after category. Athletics (which is the focus of this nomination) played a prominent and appropriate role during his administrative years. His Master's Thesis, well ahead of its time, argued that individuals involved in athletics achieved more in all aspects of education, scholarship and life skills. It is worth noting that the aged buildings now being replaced were built as then 'state of the art' facilities under his

administration: the "new gym," field lights and many other improvements gave foundational support to the great Highlands heritage.

Dad passed away in 1967 during the spring of my senior year, and I miss him to this day. I suppose Ewell Waddell was a very complex and accomplished individual and meant many things to many different people. But, what I remember is that he had a way of stating things very simply and in their simplicity those things become profound and enduring. I think the reason why is that they were honest and based in the permanence of not just good values but foundational ones. He was always teaching without it seeming intentional. For example, on telling him some great trouble, he might say "you must roll with the punches." I remember it like it was yesterday. Wrapped up in those few words to me were the values of persistence, perseverance, endurance and many others...from him somehow it was not an offhand remark...but a brief life lesson from one who lived by quiet example. Or, on telling him perhaps about some intent to violate good behavior, he might say "you must be a gentleman," something which sounds antiquated, now, I guess, but wrapped up in that declaration were many great values, somehow understood. I imagine his players felt this as well, and, because of him were able to discover the best about themselves.

It may be why, sixty to seventy years after his coaching career began at Highlands, a bunch of football players from the 1940's decided to honor him with an endowed scholarship to foster other great Highlands coaches and teachers. I suspect the reason why is for more than a state championship or good times remembered, although there are many. I think it is for the impartation of those great values and life lessons that sustained these men throughout their lives.

Very few people cross our life paths whose sole desire is to bring out the best in us, or, more to the point, to bring out the best that we did not know was there.

With best regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Phillip Waddell

Phillip D. Waddell

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ATTACHMENT B-1

March 4, 2016

Highlands Hall of Fame Committee
2400 Memorial Parkway
Fort Thomas, KY 41075

RE: Nomination of Ewell E. "Judge" Waddell

Dear Reader;

It was my privilege last year to nominate my father, Ewell E. Waddell, for the Highlands Hall of Fame. I understand he will be reconsidered this year. Thus, I thought it appropriate to briefly supplement my nominating letter as follows:

The recent passing of my beloved high school football coach, Owen Hauck, was an event which stirred up strong, good and powerful memories. Owen Hauck was, along with Homer Rice, the co-author of the great, and, for a long time, unbroken string of victorious Highlands teams, in addition to his genuinely great career after Highlands. He was a foundational positive influence on countless young men.

So, who provided that positive influence and foundation for them; who provided that influence and example, the leadership and support, for those who taught and fostered the great Highlands athletic tradition? Coach Waddell had his own superb record of great championships and achievements detailed in the initial nomination, but perhaps his greatest achievement was manifested in those who followed him. As far as I am aware, **he is the only coach who later succeeded to the administration of the entire school system as its Superintendent, in which capacity he hand-picked and mentored not only Coaches Rice and Hauck, but so many other coaches and teachers of the city's greatest asset, its children.**

I would ask that in 2016 you induct my father, Ewell E. "Judge" Waddell into the Highlands Hall of Fame. Your thoughtful and kind attention to the need to recognize a great man is very much appreciated. I am very grateful for this opportunity and for your consideration. With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip D. Waddell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the typed name.

Phillip D. Waddell



Lee and Howard Candler, Jr.
Advisory Committee
P. O. Box 422298
Atlanta, Georgia 30342
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Homer C. Rice, Chairman
Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT B-2

February 15, 2015

HIGHLANDS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

It is truly an honor to recommend Ewell "Judge" Waddell for the 2015 Class HHS Hall of Fame.

This man brought to Highlands High School and the City of Fort Thomas a type of Positive Leadership that captured the hearts of all students, teachers, administrators, parents and sports fans. His calm approach with the sense of integrity was always noted in his achievements.

Coach Waddell was hired as teacher and football coach in 1942. His teams immediately became winners. In his second year (1943) his team captured the Kentucky State Championship. This was only the second state championship in Highlands history following Coach Homer Jackson in 1930. I was fortunate to have played on his 1942, 1943, and 1944 teams. I learned firsthand how to compete not only in football, but as a student and leader.

He taught the most important item – Sportsmanship. This trait carried over to all his teams and gave Highlands the recognition not only as winners, but always doing it the Right Way. He stressed being a gentleman and that hard work can contribute to a lifetime of success and happiness. He also taught the importance of giving to others. His unselfishness was a mark always recognized.

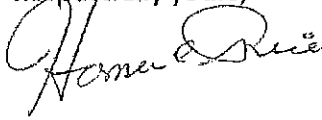
His classroom and football teams always gave their best due to his calm leadership. I remember several games in the lockerroom before we took the field. His message to his players was inspiring to bring the best of our efforts.

In the spring of 1954 I received a call from my coach. He had been named Superintendent of The Fort Thomas Schools. He asked me if I would be interested in becoming the Football Coach at Highlands. I was coaching in a high school in Tennessee (my 3rd year). I accepted his offer and became Highlands coach and teacher in 1954.

Coach Waddell had a profound influence upon my career choice. He impacted thousands of lives of young men and women as teacher, coach, and Superintendent. He was not only a true leader, but a friend to all who came into contact with this outstanding man. His mentoring of so many shaped our attitudes towards a successful life and career.

I cannot think of a better approach for this committee's first class than to honor this Great Man, Ewell "Judge" Waddell on the First Highlands Hall of Fame. He highly deserves this honor and I recommend him without any reservation.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Homer Rice". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Homer Rice

HOMER RICE
Atlanta, GA

ATTACHMENT B-2

March 15, 2016

TO THE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:

It is truly an honor to recommend Ewell "Judge" Waddell for the 2016 Class HHS Hall of Fame.

This man brought to Highlands High School and the City of Fort Thomas a type of Positive Leadership that captured the heart of all students, teachers, administrators, parents, and sport fans. His calm approach with the sense of integrity was always noted in his achievements.

Coach Waddell was hired as teacher and football coach in 1942. His teams immediately became winners. In his second year (1943) his team captured the Kentucky State Championship. This was only the second state championship in Highlands history following Coach Homer Jackson in 1930. From HSS's first football team to his stepping down in 1953, he was the most successful coach in our history. I was fortunate to have played on his 1942, 1943, and 1944 teams. I learned firsthand how to compete not only in football, but as a student and leader.

He taught the most important item-Sportsmanship. This trait carried over to all his teams and gave Highlands the recognition not only as winners, but always doing it the Right Way. He stressed being a gentleman and that hard work can contribute to a lifetime of success and happiness. He also taught the importance of giving to others. His unselfishness was a mark always recognized.

His classroom and football teams always gave their best due to his calm leadership. I remember several games in the locker room before we took the field. His message to his players was inspiring and to bring the best of our efforts.

In the spring of 1954 I received a call from my coach. He had been named Superintendent of the Fort Thomas schools. Becoming Superintendent of our

School System should be informative to all, the respect and confidence the school leaders had for him.

Coach Waddell had a profound influence upon my career choice. He impacted thousands of lives of young men and women as teacher, coach, and Superintendent. He was not only a true leader, but a friend to all who came into contact with this outstanding man. His mentoring of so many shaped the attitudes towards a successful life and career.

Perhaps his most accomplished achievement was the training he administered to his players to be able to not only survive, but serve in the military during World War II. We won the biggest victory in the history of mankind and Tom Brokaw (NBC) described us as the Greatest Generation.

I cannot think of a better approach for this committee to begin this year to honor a Great Man, Ewell "Judge" Waddell. He highly deserves this honor in his memory for you to select him without any reservation.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Homer Rice

Homer Rice

To: Selection Committee
HHS Hall of Fame
C/O Dale Mueller

From: Bill Wagner
HHS class of 1955

The purpose of this letter is to support Mr. Ewell "Judge" Waddell for the HHS Hall of Fame. I played football for him when I was a Junior in 1953 and recall him as a very kind and gentle man, as well as a great coach and teacher. I never heard him say an unkind word to anyone and he was always accessible if someone wanted to talk to him. In my senior year (1954) He introduced Homer Rice as our new coach, and even though Mr. Waddell stayed in the background, He still acted as a mentor for Homer. One incident I vividly recall from my senior year is as follows: He told the team the week before we played Dixie Heights that if we won he would take the entire team out for a steak dinner. Now they were 8 - 0 and ranked 2nd in the state. However, we did manage to beat them 28-27 on their field, and as soon as the season was over Mr. Waddell took the entire team to the Highland Country Club for a full steak dinner and paid for the whole meal. In summary, I certainly believe that Mr. Waddell would be a great addition to the HHS Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Bill Wagner

ATTACHMENT B-4

Raymond J. Trout
Class of 1953
(Co-captain of the Team of 1952)

March 12, 2015

Selection Committee
Highlands High School
Hall of Fame
2400 Memorial Parkway
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Readers:

I am nominating Coach Ewell Waddell to the Highlands High School Hall of Fame. He was more of a father figure than a football coach. I remember the Bellview game. I had started in all the previous games, but for some reason not this game. After the game started, he looked around and said "what are you doing standing here?.....get in there! " After the game he came to me and apologized, which wasn't necessary as a coach.

After all these years, tears come to my eyes when I remember this and my relationship with Coach Waddell.

Sincerely

/s/ Ray Trout

Raymond J. Trout
Class of 1953
(Co-captain of the Team of 1952)

Milt Walz
Class of 1953
(Co-captain of the Team of 1952)

March 10, 2016

ATTACHMENT B-5

Selection Committee
Highlands High School
Hall of Fame
2400 Memorial Parkway
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Dear Committee:

Who was Coach Waddell? First and foremost he was a true gentleman, a gentleman everyone respected. As a coach he was more concerned about the wellbeing of his players than of winning. He wanted no less than the best from his players and expected it. Every one of us who had the good fortune to play with him came away a better person, just for knowing him. Thanks Judge for everything.

Sincerely

/s/ Milt Walz

Milt Walz
Class of 1953
(Co-captain of the Team of 1952)

Fred W. Erschell
84 Shaw Lane
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

March 14, 2016

ATTACHMENT B-6

Selection Committee
Highlands High School
Hall of Fame
2400 Memorial Parkway
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Dear Committee:

With great pleasure, I present the name of Coach Ewell Waddell for membership in the Highlands Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Waddell had a great and positive influence upon Fort Thomas not only as an outstanding coach, but also equally in the classroom as a teacher at Highlands and throughout Fort Thomas as the School Superintendent before his sudden and untimely death. I had the great fortune to play under Coach Waddell as a benchwarmer as a sophomore, getting playing time as a junior and finally starting as a senior. His calm but positive manner no matter what the score, always let me know he had control.

I strongly recommend Ewell "Judge" Waddell the next member of the Highlands Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

/s/ Fred Erschell

Fred W. Erschell

LOYCE MEADOWS
504 Calumet Court
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

ATTACHMENT B-7

RECOMMENDATION FOR EWELL WADDELL
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

When asked to recommend Mr. Ewell Waddell for the second class of Highlands Athletic Hall of Fame, memories of my interview to teach Physical Education, Health and coach came to mind. He was Assistant Superintendent at the time and had a well known successful coaching career. He and Mr. Russell Bridges were present. They assured me if I took the job I would have a gym to use entirely for the girls program being as the new gym (finished in 1955) would be used for the boys program. Also, we would have everything that we needed for our program. As was the custom at the time, women in this position were not compensated for extra time. I took the job and after a few weeks into the school year he heard a lot of activity in the gym after school. He visited with us and seemed to be very pleased. Shortly, he asked me to meet with him. He thought it more fair if we were compensated as an assistant coach, I was very impressed by his sense of fairness and promote our program.

Later as he became Superintendent, he observed and encouraged our program. The conditions remained the same for the next 25 years until girls sports were recognized by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Due to his influence, Highlands girls sports were ready for a new era.

I have always been grateful for the encouragement he gave a very young teacher and coach.

It is an honor to recommend EWELL WADDELL to the Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loyce Meadows

Loyce Meadows

Faculty 1955 - 1987

Teacher, Coach, and Superintendent Ewell (Judge) Waddell is absolutely one of the finest men whom I have ever known. Whether these other men were friends or colleagues in my thirty-eight year career as a teacher or an adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati, or Thomas More College, or even those whom I knew in the United States Navy of the World War II era, he absolutely is one of the finest.

I met Mr. Waddell when I went to Highlands as a student teacher in 1949. I stayed twenty-five years as an English teacher and a principal of Highlands. When I was still a student teacher, Superintendent Russell Bridges hired me to replace a teacher who had been tragically killed in an automobile accident the week before. For an inexperienced young teacher, I had a difficult role to take. The faculty received me wholeheartedly, but Mr. Waddell, as I called him then and for a few more years, was right there as a mentor, a friend, and a colleague. He encouraged me and freely offered advice -- which I welcomed wholeheartedly. He remained my friend until he died in 1967.

Mr. Waddell was not only the foundation builder of our football program at Highlands in the 1940s and 1950s -- the years that were the beginning of the outstanding program we have had ever since -- he was an outstanding classroom teacher whom his students as well as his team members admired and respected. He had two assistant coaches who contributed to his successful teams: Howard Law and Bernie Sadosky. Mr. Waddell was the first in the line of coaches whom we admire and respect to this day. (There was one exception to this line of men, but he was there only two years.)

I have seen and known quite a few coaches in my life and career who felt they had to teach in order to coach. Judge Waddell was not only one of the finest coaches we have ever had at Highlands, he was also one of the finest history teachers I have known -- ever.

Judge was known among his fellow teachers as a very conscientious and caring person when it came to his students and his players. I recall the years of the early 1950s when he had football practice early in the morning and early evening because we believed then that heat and exhaustion might well be the cause of polio; therefore he did not expose his boys to that midday danger.

Another instance of his concern was David Cecil, for whom our stadium is named. He died of a football injury. Judge mourned that death as though David were one of his own sons. It certainly was not the fault of Judge Waddell, but that death stayed with him for years.

I'll end my praise of Coach Waddell with that which we called a humorous event. Before we had become a larger school, we won the NKAC which then led us to a post season event, the Recreation Bowl down state. Our part of the state was not highly regarded by "down staters" in the 1950s. We went to the Bowl and "slaughtered" the rival team to the point the referees asked Judge to pull out his first team players. He already had. Later after the game, the coach of the defeated team was awarded the Coach of the Year Award because of the "showing he had made against that Northern Kentucky coach." We joked with Judge and said he should have put us, the faculty, onto the field. Maybe then the other coach's team might have beaten Highlands.

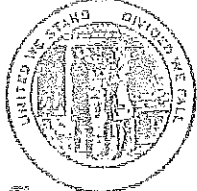
As I read over this commentary I am presenting on the behalf of this truly great professional, it might sound as if I am exaggerating the talent and abilities of Coach and Teacher Waddell. I assure you I am not exaggerating. He was exactly as I have presented him to you. He remains in my mind to this very day as one of the finest professionals I have ever known. If his colleagues were still with us, I know they would be saying exactly the same things about him. He was and remains one of the most highly respected school men ever.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Deering
John E. Deering – who was a part of the faculty of Highlands from 1949 to 1974. In many ways, I regret having left when I did. Nothing else has quite lived up to those twenty-five years at Highlands High School.



THE KENTUCKY



High School Athlete



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Daniel Boone's Grave
Frankfort, Ky.

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ATHLETE

Male, Ashland, Highlands, Land Two Men On All-State Team

Paducah, Manual, St. X, Hoptown, Harlan Have One On First Eleven

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Undeclared Male High of Louisville and Highlands of Ft. Thomas and Ashland, which lost only one game each in Kentucky, placed two men each on The Courier-Journal's 23rd annual All-Kentucky High School football team, selected by 49 coaches, sports editors, and writers from all sections of the Commonwealth.

Harlan, St. Xavier and Manual of Louisville, Hopkinsville, another undefeated team, and Paducah provided the other boys who achieved the highest individual honor among Kentucky high school gridirers.

Leading in the vote getting was Male's Abe Adams, perhaps the outstanding athlete of 1943. Abe was chosen by 35 of the 49 members of the Courier-Journal's All-State Board.

Running next to Abe were two of the other backs, J. C. Kentard of Ashland, who polled 23 votes and Norm Klein of Manual, with 17.

This year's all-State averages 160 pounds a man, just a fraction under 6 feet, 17 years old with an average of 2½ years of varsity experience.

The heaviest and tallest man on the team is Wallace Jones of Harlan, who just spring a year ago, was a member of the All-State basketball team, when the tournament was held in Louisville and Harlan went to the final before losing to Lafayette. Wallace is 195 pounds and 6 feet 4 inches.

The lightest is Don Feder of Highlands, a guard. The shortest is Norm Klein of Manual, who stands only 5 feet 6.

The make-up of the all-State follows closely the standing of the teams after a rigorous season of football. Male was considered the undefeated champion of the State, after disposing handily of Manual on Thanksgiving Day and Highlands took as strong a claim as any other to ranking second with its victory over Ashland in a charity game at Lexington on Turkey Day. Ashland had only that defeat and a tie game with Manual on its record and generally was rated among the top teams in the State. Hopkinsville, undefeated, played within its own territory and there wasn't a strong line of determining Hopkinsville's rank with teams of other sections.

Jones and Gene Detenber of St. Xavier clearly were the outstanding ends. Jones had 14 votes and Detenber 12, outdistancing Kent McElwain of Male and Charles Sarakatsannis of Newport easily.

Bob Ficker of Ashland and George Claiborne of Hopkinsville won their tackle positions in a close race with Lloyd McDermott of Covington and Wendell Vance of Male.

The only other tight race was Jim Howe's for the honor of being the fourth back. The Highlands ace won the place by only a vote from Eugene Willoughby of Paducah.

Difference between making the first, second and third teams were so slight that any coach would be willing to take either the second or third team and figure he had a mighty good chance of whipping the "varsity."

Considering the three teams, Male ranked above all other schools in placing men. Given 10 points for a place on the first team, five for the second and three

for the third, Male had 30 points. Highlands was second with 26 points, followed by Paducah 21, Ashland 20, Manual, 15, Harlan 13, Hopkinsville 13, St. Xavier 10, Covington 10, Danville 10, Newport 5, Hall 5, Dayton 5, Millersburg Military 3, Mayfield 3, Anchorage 3, Middleboro 3 and Somerset 3.

All told there were 135 players who received votes, 30 ends, 31 tackles, 23 guards, 11 centers and 40 back-field men.

HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Bill Creason, Mayfield; Jim Bohannon, Bowling Green; Reynolds Benson, Versailles; Jimmy Coleman, Manual; Roy Crouch, Irvine; Sam Curry, Ashland; Howard Droege, Highlands; Billy Griffin, Hopkinsville; Edward Gurnall, Erlanger; Bob Guter-muth, Manual; Paul Gilley, Benham; James Hellard, Versailles; J. C. Helton, Pineville; Odean James, Mayfield; James Hughes, Danville; Paul Murphy, Paducah; Harold Phillips, Manual; Eddie Shroat, Murray; Norman Sutherland, Versailles; Burnice Ramsdell, Lexington; Karl Vise, Dayton; Lyman Vogt, Male; Robert Walton, Lexington; Frank Wright, McKel.

TACKLES—Wayne Cantrell, Mayfield; David Beam, Lexington; Billy Ammerger, Paris; Franklin Baugh, Pineville; Oscar Disney, Benham; Edward Dunn, Corbin; Doc T. Ferrell, Madison; Loyd Hartman, Fulton; John Harris, Stanford; Jackie Howard, Pharrille; James Gardner, Manual; Russell Keesee, Raceland; J. T. Linn, Georgetown; Jim McFarland, Highlands; Billy May, Lexington; Herman Meadows, Newport; Winston Nunn, Glasgow; Roger Moody, Male; Norman Perkins, Erlanger; Donald Sparks, Dayton; King Blue, Harlan; Howard Townsend, Mayfield; J. P. Wilson, Manual; Ronny Wolf, Ludlow; Ears Young, St. Xavier.

GUARDS—Will Laogstaff, Paducah; Charles Barber, Ashland; Bobby Barlow, Georgetown; Jack Brown, Bell County; Maurice Bratzke, St. Xavier; Ebo Davenport, Bowling Green; William Dunn, Lexington; Jim Paris, Ludlow; Billy French, Bowling Green; Tom Gibson, Lexington; Bob Newport, Harlan; Dock McCarl, Somerset; Jack Smith, Bell County; Douglas Campbell, Dayton; Jimmy Brown, Ludlow; James Volner, Danville; Terry Eruck, Dixie Heights.

CENTERS—Ed Sannet, Covington; Charles Melton, Hopkinsville; Bill Jones, Owensboro; Bill Ogburn, St. Xavier; William Reynolds, Somerset; Richard Vonnahme, Male; Willard Mitchem, Evarts; Dick Pies, Highlands.

BACKS—Robert Anderson, Benham; Mark Adams, Stanford; Jerry Claiborne, Hopkinsville; Johnny Burnett, Mayfield; Morris Green, Mt. Sterling; Dutch Hartley, Versailles; Doyle Hendrickson, Bell County; Sammy Holtzclaw, Danville; Carol Jacobs, Lexington; Dick Henson, Bowling Green; Angie Kaufman, St. Xavier; Melvin Kennedy, Covington; Bobby Mayhugh, Male; Wilford McInturff, Pineville; William Murray, Dayton; E. C. Phillips, Dixie Heights; Rodger Parsons, Hall; Charles Parrish, Bowling Green; Tommy Robinson, Georgetown; Roger Roth, Highland; Wilbur Smith, Raceland; Jim Weiss, St. Xavier; Jake Thompson, Male; Robert Whitecell, Fulton; Dick Vermillion, Corbin; Clyde Tweed, Evarts; Paul Burdwell, Tompkinsville; Tommy Sparks, Hopkinsville.

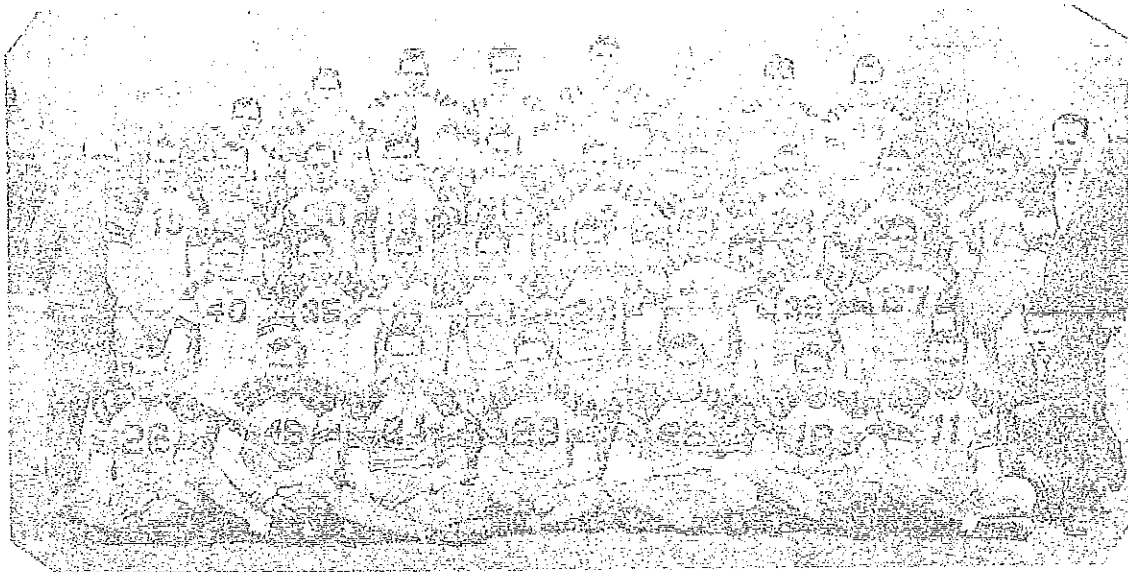
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Bluebirds Hammer Tomcats 19-0 In
Charity Game Before 8,000 Fans

Highland Bluebirds of Ft. Thomas



—Lexington Herald Photo.

THE BLUEBIRDS—Here are the Highlands high Bluebirds of Ft. Thomas, who clashed with the Ashland Tomcats in a Thanksgiving Day charity game on Stoll field, Lexington. In the front row, left to right, are Jerry Wight, back; Art Dreege, end; Ed Hoffman, end; Reaver Callahan, end; Bob McFarlan, center; Harold Crossland, end; Dick Sullivan, guard, and assistant coach Parale Sadashy; second row—Earle Cook, center; Tommy Smith, tackle; Randall Storms, end; Co-Capt. Don Reder, guard; Co-Capt. Roger Roth, back; Jim McFarlan, tackle; Dick Pies, center; Jimmie Howe, back; Homer Rice, back, and Head Coach Ewell (Judge) Waddell. Third row—Howard Law, assistant coach; Dick Quehl, back; Jack O'Connell, end; Bob Deirig, end; Gene Lehman, back; Bob Luecke, back; Roger Noff, guard; J. C. McFarland, guard; Bill Dawd, guard, and Bonnie Fennell, back. Rear row—Louis Sanders, back; Bill Grimme, back; Jack Bahlsman, tackle; John Patton, tackle; Bob Huhnheim, tackle; Adams, Bonnie Thain, tackle, and Jack Hogan, tackle.



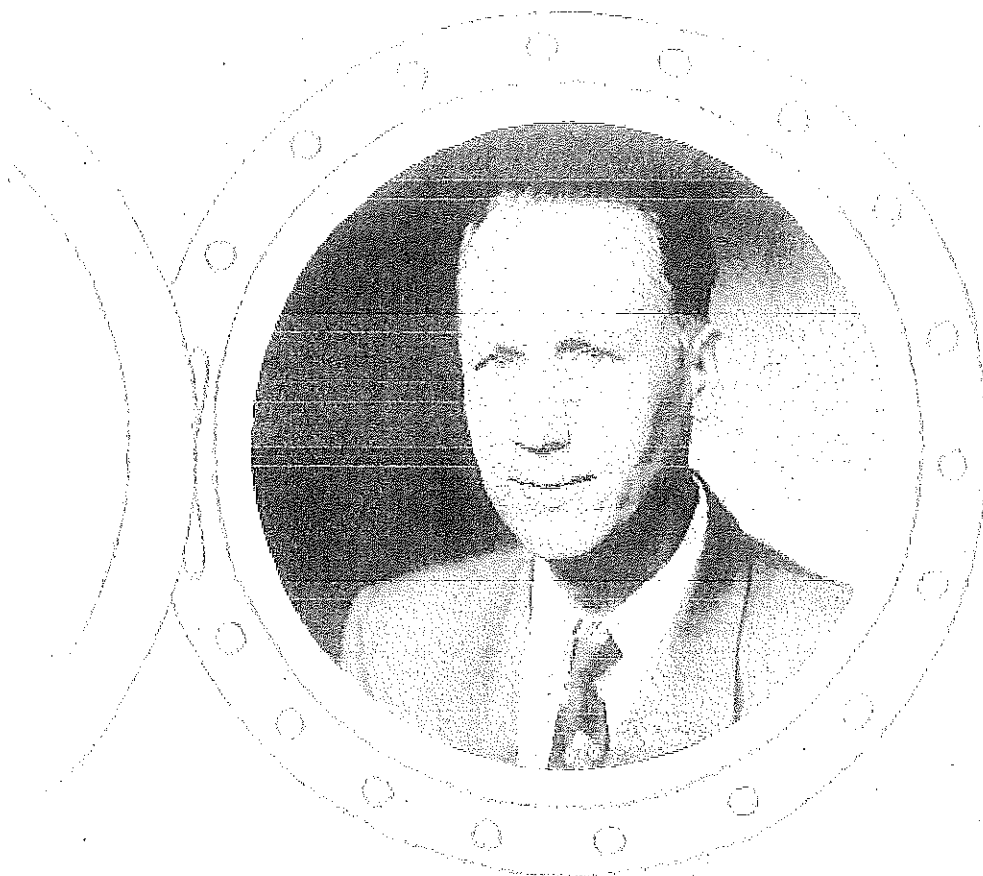
—Lexington Herald Photo

GRID ACTION—These two photos give graphic portrayals of the action on Stoll field Thanksgiving afternoon, when the Highlands Bluebirds (white jerseys) downed the Ashland Tomcats by 19-0. At the top, Emory Evans (23), Ashland's right halfback, is running into a snag for no gain. The tackler probably is a Highlands back. Closing in are Co-Capt. Don Roder (23) and Jim McFarlan, left tackle (11). On the ground is Art Droege, Highlands right end. Other Highlands players are Dick Pies, the stalwart center (39); Bob Kuhnheim (36) left tackle, and Bill Dowd (28) left guard. In the bottom picture Bob Luecke, Highlands wingback, is shown gaining 15 yards on a reverse play in the second quarter. The approaching Ashland players are Evans (23) and Bob Fidler (33). Droege (46), Highlands tackle, is heading for a defensive line backer.

Highlands	Pos.	Ashland
Hoffman	I.E.	Fidler
J. McFarlan	L.E.	Falk
Roder	L.G.	Barber
Pies	C.	Manley
Dowd	R.G.	Virgin
Kuhnheim	R.T.	Caithan
Droege	R.E.	Jarvis
Roth	Q.B.	Kash
Howe	H.B.	Kenard
Luecke	H.B.	Evans
Lehmann	F.B.	Curry
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Scoring: Touchdowns—Roth 2, Howe. Extra Points—Howe (pass from Roth).		
Officials: Stavely, referee; Lancaster, umpire; Hacksonsmith, head linesman; Ferrell, field judge.		

tackle; Adams, running back; and Jim McFarlan, left tackle.

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Dedication

Since he came here in 1942, Mr. Fwell Waddell has won our respect, not only as a coach, but as a teacher and as a friend. In his teams, as well as in his classes, he has put an emphasis not only on ability, but on sportsmanship. In his sincere efforts to produce good citizens, as well as good students, he has succeeded. So for his friendliness, sincerity, and ability as both coach and teacher, we here dedicate the 1952 HIGH-LANDER to Mr. Waddell.

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We the class of 1967 dedicate this annual to Mr. Ewell Waddell whose twenty-five years of devoted service to the Fort Thomas school system inspired and stimulated the minds and imaginations of both students and teachers. The actions and words of Mr. Waddell testify to the eloquence of his character; and the far-reaching influence he exerted in his teaching and leadership will have a lasting effect upon all who knew him.

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"A GENTLEMAN FIRST . . . A COACH SECOND"

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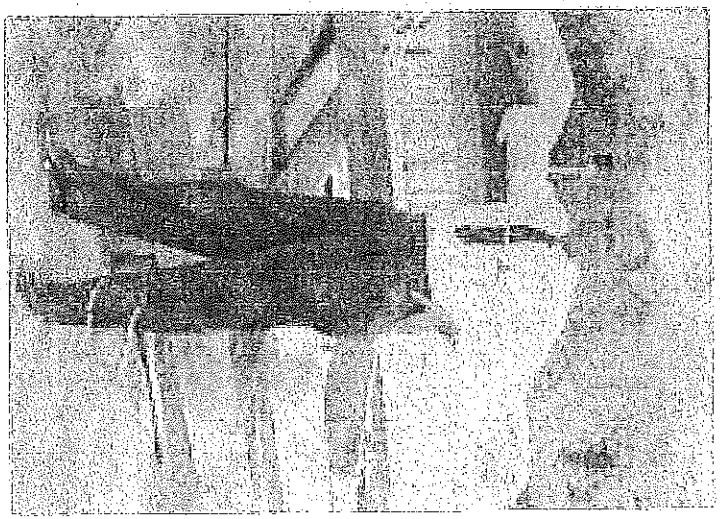
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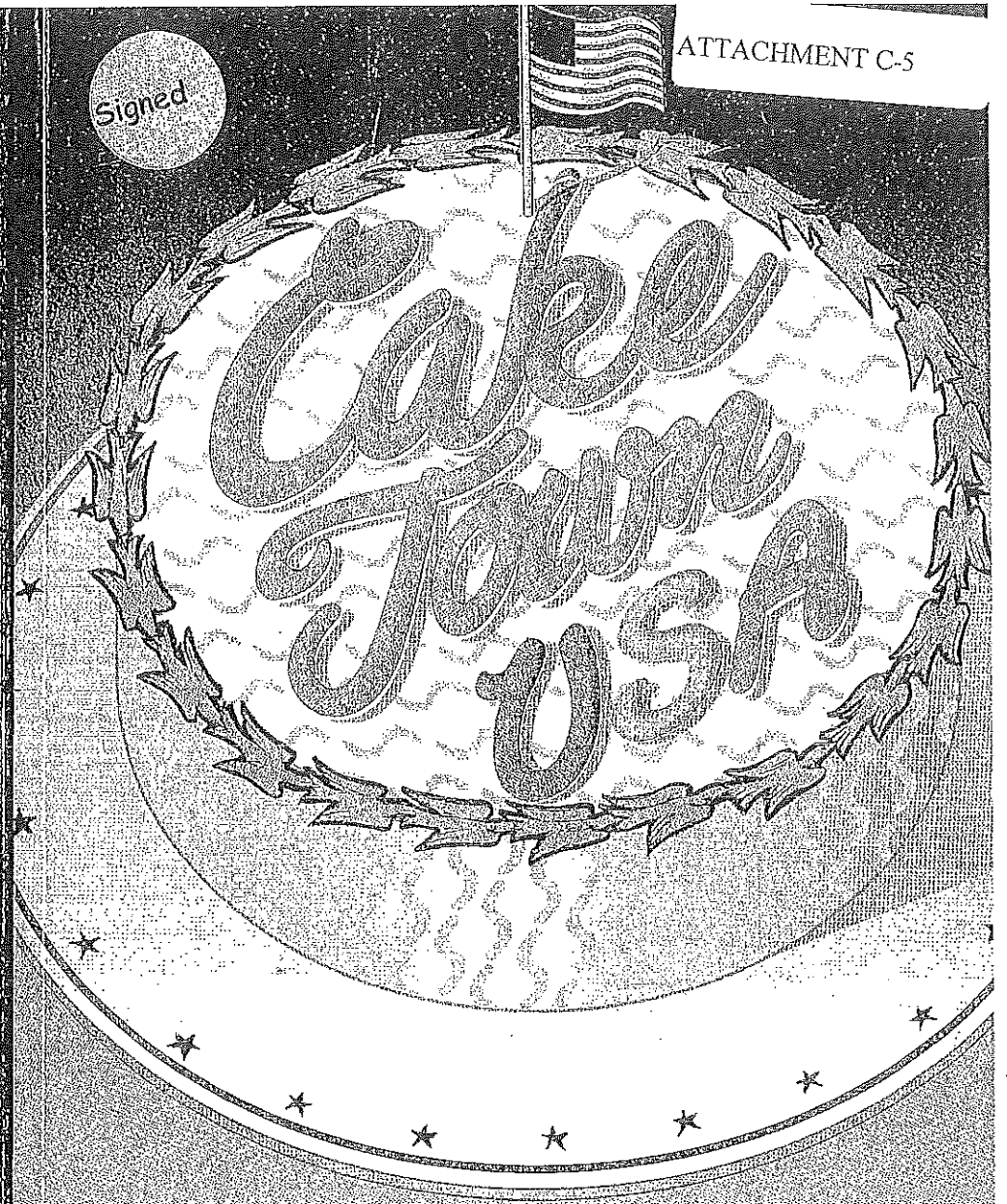


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Signed



An Almost Factual
Compendium of Remembrances
Craig M. Brown

knowing that I had seen him. Coach Waddell, respected by anyone who knew him, painting hallways to feed his family.

In the days that followed, we couldn't help meeting. The amazing thing to me was that he didn't mind at all, painting Highlands High school instead of addressing the United Nations on the subject of dignity under stress or the joint houses of Congress on dignity period.

There were two tragic instances that were to lead to the Judge leaving Highlands. The first was during the football season in our junior year. Vernon Zint, who played offensive tackle, was accidentally kicked in the throat during a game. Little was thought of it at the time. Vernon finished the season with the rest of us and the throat incident was forgotten.

But not for long.

Sometime during December, Vernon began feeling an irritation in his throat. The doctor diagnosed the irritation as cancer. If this were to have happened today, it wouldn't have been that alarming. Laser technology would have been put to work and Vernon would have gone on with his life.

But 1949 was the dark ages when it came to something like cancer. Vernon began to waste away and he was committed to a bed from which he would never arise. The following summer, toward the end, the Judge went to see him for the last time. By now the cancer had ravaged Vernon's mind as well as his body. When he finally recognized the man standing beside his bed as Coach Waddell, he hurled a string of obscenities at him before lapsing back into a coma. A week later, Vernon Zint was dead.

It was two years later, the season after our class had graduated, when the second instance occurred. Highlands was midway into what was to be its third outstanding season in a row when they played Campbell County High school. In the third quarter, with Campbell County thoroughly dismantled, the Judge put the reserves into the game. Among them was a junior linebacker and place kicker by the name of David Cecil.

After one or two series of plays, David came off the field, holding his head. It was another accidental kick, this time in the temple. As with Vernon Zint, the injury was treated lightly and the game went on. David even came to the canteen after the game to meet his girlfriend. He danced with her a few times then went home, complaining of a headache. That was about eleven o'clock, Friday night.

Sunday morning we heard on the news that David Cecil was dead.

At school Monday morning, Coach Waddell called the entire team, along with all the coaches into the study hall to explain what had happened. David had suffered a blood clot on the brain and had been operated on in the early morning hours of Saturday. The doctors were using an experimental technique of a stream of forced air to remove the clot without damaging the brain tissue. The technique was successful and David was moved from the operating room to intensive care to recover. But the blood clot returned. This time there was nothing the doctors could do, as the shock of another operation would have been too much for his system.

As Coach Waddell, his face chalk white, made his way through this explanation, the study hall was quiet as a tomb. The players stared either at their hands or at the wall in front of them without even the sound of a breath being taken.

Then the Judge began talking about David Cecil, the boy and his family. After only a few sentences, his voice cracked and he broke down. For moments, the team watched the Judge, his shoulders shaking. Then the entire room was in tears. Coach Waddell didn't try to continue, but did manage to say that he thought everyone should return to their classes. For a while the players remained in their seats. Then slowly, one at a time, they rose and filed from the study hall.

Two boys in three years was too much for the coach. He stayed on for two more years and had winning teams, but his heart wasn't in it. The town named the stadium after David Cecil and I think that reminder weighed as heavily on the Judge as did the memory. When he retired, he passed the torch on to another coach by the name of Homer Rice, who carried Highlands football to legendary heights.

Today, when football at Highlands high is mentioned, many people think of state champions, the high flying Bluebirds and years of undefeated teams. I think instead of an elegant, white haired man who poured out compassion, integrity and decency. I think about the Judge. And in doing so, I truly believe it makes me a better person.

ing the spotlight is a fact of life. Once more then we see that the sport channels and modulates the competitive impulse and does not simply stimulate or indulge it.

Finally, some consideration for the coaches are in order. A grade school boy obviously does not have the stability and maturity of a high school youngster. There may be times when the coach will be called upon to act as much more than a coach. He may have to wipe tears, answer questions, and solve personal problems. Flexibility and patience is the price one must pay for a child's love and respect. We all know it is worth it.

The grade school child is much more vulnerable to derision than his older high school brothers. Frequently with older boys derision is used to incite desire and drive. I would strongly recommend against this with grade school youngsters. Lowered self-esteem is corrosive for them. If discipline is necessary, a swat on his posterior parts is tolerated better, by far, by the youngster than derision.

For children of grade school age it is much more difficult to appreciate realistic factors in a situation than it is for adolescents. The inept or unskilled child finds it difficult to comprehend that his lack of skill may be a reason for not being used in a game. Here again, the coaches' empathy and compassion must be keener than it need be with older children. Find some way of using the inept youngster. I would go so far as to say that the sensitive and skilled coach can be of enormous help even to the child with a physical handicap (such as a victim of cerebral palsy) by finding a spot for him as equipment manager or statistics keeper or spotter. Here, however, be careful of condescension or pity. Kids cannot use either of these attitudes. What they can use is our skill and attention in finding a way of utilizing the healthy assets even severely damaged children possess.

One last word regarding the "star." When we see a particularly talented youngster, so many visions occur to us of how gratifying such talents can be. How many of us have relived our college days endowed with the skills of the youngster we are watching! Be careful! He may want to become a violinist. Do not let your chagrin show. Make sure the ambition to become a star is his, not yours. And by the way—I would have no objection to your passing this last on to parents.

In Memoriam



EWELL E. WADDELL

Ewell E. Waddell, Superintendent of Fort Thomas City Schools, suffered a fatal heart attack in his home on March 22. He was 59.

A native of Crittenden County, Mr. Waddell was graduated from Marion High School, received his A. E. degree from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, in 1934, and his master's degree in education from Xavier University, Cincinnati, in June, 1957. He became football coach and social studies teacher at Ludlow High School in 1934 and remained there until 1942 when he transferred to Highlands High School, Fort Thomas, with similar duties which he held until 1953.

During Mr. Waddell's tenure as coach, Highlands High School won 91 games and lost 37. His 1943 football team won the state championship. In the spring of 1955, about 200 former Highlands High lettermen plus 100 former athletes and friends of Mr. Waddell held a testimonial dinner in his honor and presented to him a plaque that stressed his coaching accomplishments.

Mr. Waddell was named assistant superintendent in 1955 and superintendent in 1956. He was a member of the audit committee of the State Department of Education and of six other educational groups.

Mr. Waddell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Dean Waddell, also a graduate of Marion High School; three sons, Donald (Fort Thomas), William (Richmond, Va.), and Phillip, at home, a high school senior; a brother, James O. Waddell (Hopkinsville), and four grandchildren.

Chairman Robert A. Raisbeck of the Fort Thomas Board of Education sent a memorial tribute honoring Mr. Waddell to to all school employees. He said:

"Seldom have the citizens of Fort Thomas been more greatly shocked or thrown into deeper gloom than this morning when news came that Mr. Waddell had a fatal heart attack.

"Kind, patient and faithful to his task, Mr. Waddell served efficiently and well as teacher, coach and in the last 11 years as superintendent of schools.

"Members of the board of education have lost a valued friend and employee, the faculty and entire staff a loyal counselor, the school children a devoted friend and the family a loving husband and father."

RESOLUTION N.O. R-6-67

A Resolution extending the sympathy of the Board of Council of the City of Fort Thomas, Campbell County, Kentucky, to the family of

EWELL E. WADDELL

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we note the sudden passing of Ewell E. Waddell, Superintendent of Schools, and

WHEREAS, He served our community as Superintendent, Teacher and Coach for twenty-five years, and


WHEREAS, in these capacities he contributed greatly to the education and development of our City, and

WHEREAS, he was loved and respected by all because of his warm understanding personality and gentlemanly characteristics and will be sorely missed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, that deepest sympathy be extended to the family.

It is hereby ordered that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council and a copy hereof be given to the family and the Board of Education as token of the respect and esteem of the people of this community.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

Adopted: April 3, 1967

ATTEST:


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Highlands High School
2003 Honoree

EWELL "JUDGE" WADDELL

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Ft. Thomas School System As A
Teacher, Coach And Administrator

1942-1967

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Attention: Mary Pitcairn
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*The Ewell
"Judge" Waddell
Endowed Scholarship Fund*

*"A permanent memory of a gentle man,
encouraging young student-athletes to
follow his path."*

Biography

Well E. "Judge" Waddell was born in 1907 in the small Western Kentucky town of Marion. He graduated from what is now Western Kentucky University, after a career that was academically excellent and athletically extraordinary. He played the vital center position on a single wing offense, and was named a Little All American in 1933. After a winning career at Ludlow High, he came to Highlands in 1942.

During his twelve years as a classroom teacher, he taught many subjects, including U.S. and World history, economics and sociology.

He was head football coach from 1942 through 1954. Those thirteen teams compiled a record of 91 and 37, won six conference titles and claimed two Kentucky State Championships. This was during a time when there were no school classifications, a time when Highlands was a relative David competing with Goliaths, and yet winning.



An intense rivalry existed in those days between Covington Holmes and Highlands. Nevertheless, Judge Waddell became a good friend of the Holmes coach, Tom Ellis. At the height of that rivalry, Tom said " 'Judge' Waddell is a gentleman first and a coach second. He is the finest fellow that I have run into in the coaching profession. He is my best friend in Northern Kentucky."

In 1954 he gave the reins to Homer Rice, who played on one of his state championship teams, and prepared to take on the job of Superintendent of the Ft. Thomas School system. He successfully led the School through the change-filled and challenging years of 1955 through 1967, and died suddenly after a twenty-five year career in Ft. Thomas. His sons Don, Bill and Phill all played for Highlands.

The Scholarship

Funding for the Scholarships will be drawn from the earnings of a permanent endowment built from the contributions of former students, athletes and faculty. The endowment fund is managed by The Northern Kentucky Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, a well-respected local community foundation.

Scholarship awards will be determined by an Advisory Committee made up of people who know and love the Highlands tradition. They will be selecting "student-athletes" who have demonstrated athleticism, character and intellect, and intend to pursue a career in education.

Your gift will help remember a great man, and help encourage the teachers, coaches and mentors so important to the next generation. To make a contribution, please see back for more information.

COACH "JUDGE" WADDELL

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

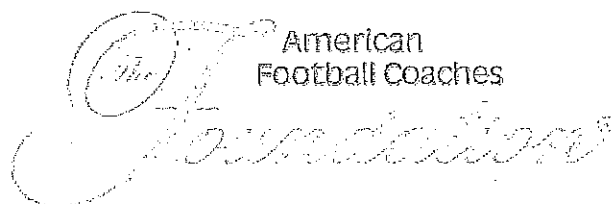
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A man of integrity: Taught his players
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Homer Rice

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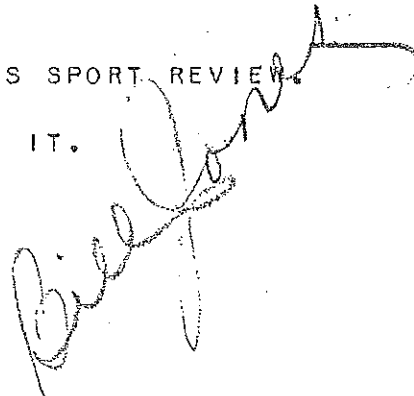
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JUDGE :

HERE'S A COPY OF DICK BRAY'S SPORT REVIEW.
THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE IT.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Jones", is written over the typed text of the letter.

ALONG ABOUT SIX O'CLOCK LAST NITE, THE ~~RED~~ TELEPHONE
HERE AT THE CROSLEY NEWS ROOM WAS REALLY BUZZING.....IT WAS A
MIXTURE OF ^{calls} ~~young~~ AND OLD VOICES ~~ALL~~ ALL WERE ASKING.....DO
YOU KNOW THE SCORE OF THE HIGHLANDS - ASHLAND GAME?

GIL KINGSBURY, OF THE CROSLEY NEWS ROOM STAFF, WHO WROTE
SPORTS ON THE KENTUCKY POST FOR MANY YEARS, GRABBED THE PHONE AND
CALLED LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, THE SCENE OF THE GAME, SPONSORED BY THE
SHRINERS.

^{Last nite}
ON THE PEPSI-COLA SPORTS PARADE I ANNOUNCED THE SCORE
AND A FEW DE-TAILS OF THE FORTHOMAS TEAM'S VICTORY, 19 TO 0.....THERE
IS'NT A PERSON IN KENTUCKY, WHO IS INTERESTED IN FOOT BALL, WHO ~~KNOWS~~
DOES'NT KNOW THE SCORE BY THIS TIME.....THERE'S MANY WHO PROBABLY
ARE NOW TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE COACH OF THE HIGHLANDS TEAM....WE CALL
HIM JUDGE WADDELL.....UNLIKE THE FAMOUS BASE BALL CHARACTER WHOSE
^{hilarious} ANTICS MADE FAMOUS THE NAME OF WADDELL ON THE DIAMOND....THE HI
SCHOOL COACHING WADDELL IS VERY QUIET AND A WONDERFUL INFLUENCE ON
A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN.

I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET COACH WADDELL. HE HAD COME TO LUDLOW, KENTUCKY, TO ASSIST HIS SCHOOL CHUM, TED HORNBACK, IN DIRECTING THE DESTINIES OF THE LUDLOW TEAMS.....2 BOYS FROM WESTERN STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE IN BOWLING GREEN.....A SCHOOL THAT HAS PRODUCED SOME GREAT ATHLETES, UNDER THE GUIDING HAND OF ED DIDDLE, FORMER GREAT PLAYER ON THE FAMOUS CENTER COLLEGE TEAM THAT BEAT HARVARD, 6 TO 0.

LAST YEAR, AT HIGHLANDS HI SCHOOL BANQUET FOR IT'S FOOT BALL TEAM I REMEMBER VERY WELL HOW THE RETURNING PLAYERS PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE COACH.....I HAD HEARD OTHER HI SCHOOL TEAMS DO THE SAME THING MANY TIMES...BUT THERE WAS A REAL SINCERITY ABOUT THOSE KIDS FROM FORT THOMAS.

COACH WADDELL IS THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WOULD DRAW SUCH RESPECT FROM A HI SCHOOL BOY.....THE VICTORY AT LEXINGTON YESTERDAY, IS THE BIG THING THE HIGHLANDS HI SCHOOL ROOTERS WILL REMEMBER...THE MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD WILL REMEMBER THE LITTLE AND BIG THINGS THEIR COACH, JUDGE WADDELL, TAUGHT THEM.....YES, A FOOT BALL

VICTORY IN SO IMPORTANT A GAME AS THE ONE YESTERDAY IS A GREAT THING
FOR A YOUNG MAN.....A LOSS WOULD'NT HAVE HURT THOSE BLUEBIRD
PLAYERS FOR WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED UNDER SUCH CAREFUL HANDLING....
WHILE THEY ALL SING THE PRAISES OF THE BOYS WHEN THEY WIN....GIVE
THE COACH THE DEVIL WHEN THEY LOSE.....HIGHLANDS HAS BEEN A SCHOOL
THAT COULD BE CALLED A COACH'S PARADISE...FOR THEY ONLY ASK FOR
SINCERE EFFORT...IN A CLEAN, DIGNIFIED MANNER.....THIS TIME, THEY
FIND THEIR STOCKING OF JOY FILLED TO OVERFLOWING....AND, TONITE,
I'D LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE COACH OF HIGHLSNDS HI...JUDGE
WADDELL.

RUBE WADDELL WOULD HAVE RATHER GONE FISHING.. OR FOLLOWED A
FIRE TRUCK INSTEAD OF PITCHING BALL.....THE ~~EXX~~ COACHING WADDELL,
FROM FORT THOMAS, WOULD RATHER COACH BOYS HOW TO PLAY IN THE REAL
AMERICAN WAY.