

February 14, 2010

Ohio High School Football Coaches Association
Hall of Fame Committee
c/o Jim Banne
Wyoming High School
106 Pendery Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this letter to recommend Herb J. Redding for induction into the Ohio High School Football Coach's Hall of Fame.

I played for Coach Redding from 1963-1966. In those years I learned so much more than football. In the forty plus years since I left Gibsonburg High School, Coach Redding has had an influence on my life in many ways.

I did not attend college right after high school, but with encouragement from Coach Redding and others, I attended Findlay College where I played football for 4 years.

I have been teaching for the past 39 years, along with coaching football for 21 years-18 years as the head football coach at Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic High School. It is a result of his exceptional leadership and friendship that I became a teacher and have been all this time.

My relationship with Coach Redding started as student-teacher and player-coach. He has moved easily into the dual role of mentor and lifetime friend. My relationship with Coach Redding is not unique. Coach Redding is an example of the type of person that should be held as an example of what a coach and educator should be.

Sincerely,

Richard Wonderly

Class of '66