**EWELL WADDELL**

**HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Class of 2016

Ewell “Judge” Waddell was born in 1907 and graduate from Marion High School in 1925. After High School, Judge Waddell continued his football career at Western Kentucky University. He played center on a single wing offense and was named a Little All American in 1933. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1934 with a Bachelor of Arts. He then continued his education at Xavier University and graduated with a Master’s in Education. While earning his Master’s degree, he taught and coached at Ludlow High School. After a winning career at Ludlow High, he came to Highlands in 1942. Coach Waddell and his wife Sara had sons Donald, William, and Phillip who each played at Highlands.

Coach Waddell was at Highlands for thirteen seasons from 1942 through 1954 as the head football coach. His teams compiled a record of 91 and 37. He also won five Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Championships. His team also won the Kentucky State Championship in 1943. While coaching at Highlands, he also was a teacher of many subjects, including U.S and World history, economics, and sociology. As well as being a teacher and coach, Ewell Waddell was also the Director of Athletics.

Coach Waddell retired from coaching at Highlands in 1954. He then took on the job of Superintendent of the Fort Thomas Schools System. He was the superintendent from 1955 through 1967 and made many challenging decisions and important changes to the school system.