BILL HERRMANN

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Class of 2018

Coach Wilbur “Bill” Herrmann was born in 1935 and graduated from Highlands High School in 1953. After graduation Bill began an engineering degree at the University of Cincinnati, but later decided he wanted to be a teacher and coach. Bill finished his degree at the University of Kentucky and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in 1958. He then went on to teach at Highlands High School where he spent his entire 30+ year career with the Bluebirds.

Coach Herrmann coached four different sports at Highlands from 1959-1983. He is most widely known for his time spent as the head football coach, as he compiled an outstanding record of 81 wins and just 18 losses in eight seasons. He led the Birds to three state football titles in 1977, 1981, and 1982 and was a part of two other state football championships as an assistant. Among other honors, Coach Herrmann was chosen to lead the East squad in the Kentucky East-West All-Star game and was a presenter at the Kellogg’s National Coach of the Year Clinic in 1982.

His 25-year coaching career also included basketball, track, and baseball. Coach Herrmann served as varsity baseball coach for four seasons and guided the Birds to a regional championship in 1965 advancing to the state semi-finals beating top ranked Madison Central 8-2 in the opening round. This was the first Highlands squad to win a game in the State Baseball Tournament.

Coach Herrmann lives in Fort Thomas with his wife of 57 years, Virginia, and was fortunate enough to have been able to coach his two sons, Mike and Gregory.