

## 2002 Hall of Fame Inductee

### **Thomas McConnell\***

*Class of 1935*

*\*Awarded posthumously*

Although Thomas McConnell left this world 32 years ago, he is still remembered by not only his family and friends, but by coaches, athletes and alumni from several area high schools.

McConnell was a football and baseball coach for Clayton and John Burroughs High Schools. He also served as an assistant coach in football, baseball, and basketball at Normandy High School.

Referred to as “one of the great people of sports in St. Louis,” McConnell has earned inductions into the Missouri Football Coaches Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. He served as President of the St. Louis Sports Officials Association and the St. Louis Coaches Association. McConnell dedicated his life to high school athletics.

McConnell’s coaching style was compared to the style of his former University City High School football coach and later colleague C.A. (Stub) Muhl. Both had well-drilled players who were “gentlemen with a ferocious desire to win the game and with a quiet acceptance of it when they did.” It was with this style that McConnell “turned out excellent teams year after year.”



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