

Ed Wells played football and was a member of the track & field cross country team at Morehead State from 1953- 1956. He was the captain of the track team that won the Ohio Valley Conference in 1955 and 1956.

A native of Millersburg, Kentucky, Ed was a top sprinter in 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, 220-yard low hurdles, and relays. In football, Ed lettered all four years and led the team in rushing during his junior and senior year.

After graduating from Morehead State University, Ed went on to be a top national track & field official. In addition to being inducted into the Morehead State University Hall of Fame in 2005, he has also been inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame. Ed continued his interest in track & field and football by becoming an administrator and coach at Clearwater High School. He led the Clearwater Tornadoes to over 100 victories and refinished the track four times during his reign at CHS.

Ed was an institution in Clearwater. Everyone knew Coach Wells if it was heard said by any resident of the local area in the 1960s. Ed Wells was also known around the state where he would officiate countless events over the years in the Sunshine State Games, Florida State University relays, University of Florida relays, and five state finals in basketball.

In 1992, the prefix Ed Wells, Jr, was added to the Annual Kiwanis Invitational Track and Field now known as Ed Wells, Jr. Invitational.

Ed, along with his wife D, officiated the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Trials, as well as the, 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ed cared deeply about the people around him and that was reflected in his actions. Ed was known for his generous spirit on Thanksgiving when he would buy a load of turkeys to be cooked at Young's Pit Barbecue and hand-delivered them to workers in Clearwater High School's cafeteria. To save them having to cook for themselves or prepare food on their day off. He would do the same at Christmas, by purchasing hams.

If he was alive today, this tradition Ed started would still continue. Ed, unfortunately passed away in 2006. He is remembered daily by his

family, friends, and community for the contributions and kindness he displayed.

Ed had an “old school” fair approach and his signature saying can still echo in the ears of all that knew him. So, Ed “YOU DARN DEVIL” we all miss you dearly and I know you would be so proud and humble to receive this award. Thank you.