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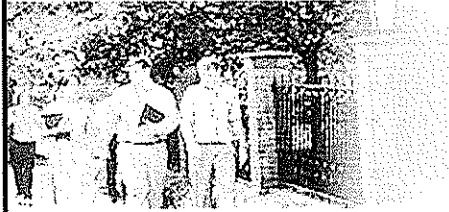
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Tom Hammond played football and basketball at Lafayette High School in Lexington. During his years as a starter, he helped the Generals to three Regional titles and a state runner-up finish on the gridiron, two Regional finals and an undefeated regular season on the court. His coaches were two legends of Kentucky High School sports: Roy Walton in football and Ralph Carlisle in basketball.

It was as a broadcaster however, that Hammond made his mark on Kentucky high school sports.

As Sports Director of WLEX-TV in Lexington for ten years, he pioneered highlights coverage of all high school sports. Area coaches were featured prominently in the many sports studio shows during his tenure. He also fine tuned his play by play skills with radio coverage of high school football and basketball games. For several years he was invited by the legendary Cawood Ledford to broadcast the Boy's State High School Basketball Tournament on WHAS.

In 1980, Hammond began broadcasting Southeastern Conference basketball games on a regional basis on what is now Jefferson Pilot Sports. Since the mid eighties, he has worked for NBC Sports, covering a wide variety of events including: summer and winter Olympics, a National Championship Orange Bowl game, NFL, NBA, Notre Dame football, and Thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown.

His professional honors include Sports Emmys and Thoroughbred racing's Eclipse Awards. He has been inducted into the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, the Lafayette High School Hall of Fame, and the University of Kentucky Hall of Distinguished Alumni. He has received the Englehard Award for coverage of Thoroughbred racing and was honored with the first A.B. Chandler Kentuckian Award in 1993.

Still mindful of the rewards of playing high school sports and the influence that experience played in his life, he continues to support all prep programs. Now in a position of national prominence, he provides recognition for the many contributions high schools make to the success of athletics all over the World.

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