

## Hall of Fame Nomination

### **BEN PUMPHREY**

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## **Ben Pumphrey – information**

Following retirement in 1985 from full-time teaching and coaching:

- 1985-86 Harrison County Football and Track Assistant Coach
- 1986-87 Re-started football at Millersburg Military Institute
- 1987-92 Mason County coach in football and track
- 1992-93 Assisted at Montgomery County in football and track
- 1993-97 Assisted at Harrison County in football and track
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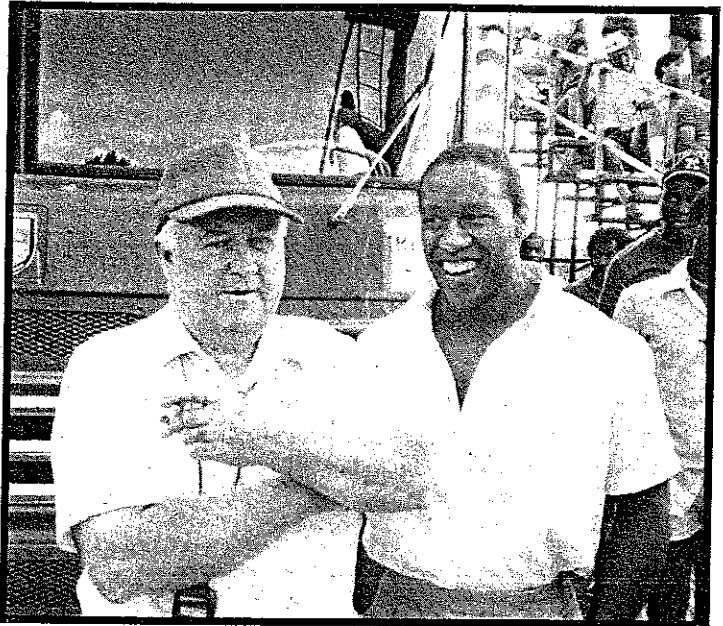
# BEN PUMPHREY -- A Look At A Legend

## Career Record:

| YEAR | SCHOOL       | WON | LOST | TIED |
|------|--------------|-----|------|------|
| 1959 | Paris        | 2   | 7    | 0    |
| 1960 | Paris        | 6   | 4    | 0    |
| 1961 | Paris        | 9   | 1    | 0    |
| 1962 | Paris        | 6   | 4    | 0    |
| 1963 | Paris        | 10  | 1    | 2    |
| 1964 | Paris        | 10  | 2    | 1    |
|      |              | (43 | 19   | 2)   |
| 1966 | Bellevue     | 6   | 5    | 0    |
| 1967 | Bellevue     | 6   | 3    | 2    |
|      |              | (12 | 8    | 2)   |
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| 1969 | Fleming Co.  | 6   | 6    | 0    |
| 1970 | Fleming Co.  | 7   | 4    | 0    |
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|      |              | (31 | 25   | 0)   |
| 1973 | Bath Co.     | 5   | 6    | 0    |
| 1974 | Bath Co.     | 2   | 7    | 2    |
|      |              | (7  | 13   | 2)   |
| 1975 | Nicholas Co. | 6   | 5    | 0    |
| 1976 | Nicholas Co. | 10  | 2    | 0    |
| 1977 | Nicholas Co. | 11  | 2    | 0    |
| 1978 | Nicholas Co. | 8   | 4    | 0    |
| 1979 | Nicholas Co. | 7   | 5    | 0    |
| 1980 | Nicholas Co. | 5   | 7    | 0    |
| 1981 | Nicholas Co. | 4   | 7    | 0    |
| 1982 | Nicholas Co. | 5   | 7    | 0    |
| 1983 | Nicholas Co. | 8   | 4    | 0    |
| 1984 | Nicholas Co. | 1   | 10   | 0    |
|      |              | (65 | 53   | 0)   |

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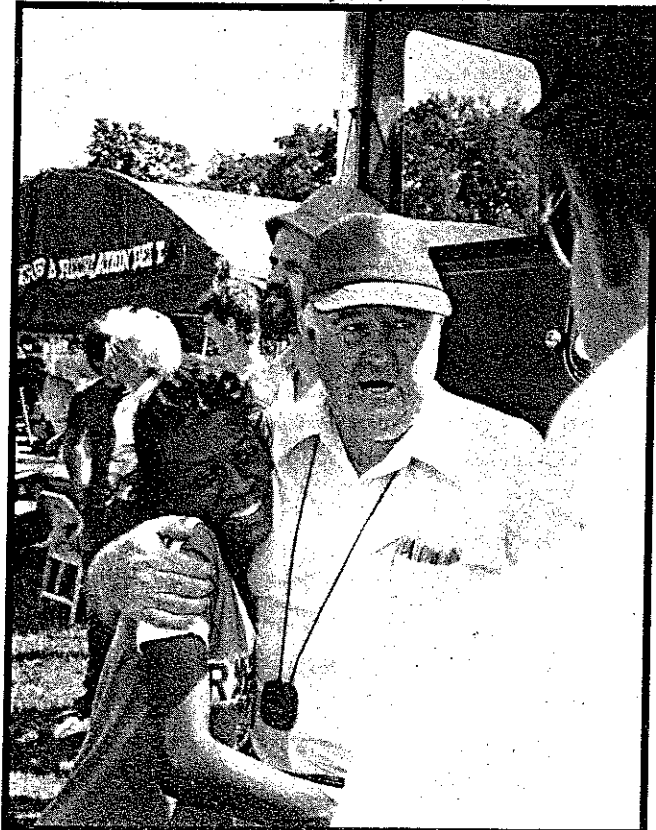
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UK Star Mark Logan And Pumphrey



Pumphrey And Sportswriter Bob White



Ben Gives Young Track Star A Hug



Ben With Friends At State Track Meet

Carlisle, Ky, 40311  
2-28-02

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Mr. Louis Stout, Commissioner  
Ky. High School Athletics Assn.  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Louis,  
Hall of Fame should be for better coaches and athletes than I.  
As a child, my nickname was "PoKy." I was a 145 pound senior tackle on  
an 18 man football squad. Male Hi's state champs beat us 26-0 at manual  
stadium + we beat Cynthiana 33-0 in 1940 (the 1st yr. on the hilltop) CARLISLE  
I was a radar bombardier on a B-29 (27 missions) in WW II. I got  
out of the Army at age 21. Never had a combat dream + wasn't scared to death.  
My plane was hit quite often, but I was never injured. My crew got to  
rendezvous with a sub to protect the Enola Gay when they bombed Hiroshima.

In April, 1950, I went to MM& as PMS+T to straighten out a very bad  
military department. Cap Rees decided to try to make a coach out of me and I  
assisted in Football, Basketball, Baseball, + Track for 3 years. We even made  
it to the state tournament in 1952. In 1954, I was in business in Carlisle,  
Coached Carlisle High School 2 games (26-19 over Paris + 18-14 over Stanford) and then  
in 1955 + 1956 helped Ed Wells with Carlisle and was very instrumental in  
Asbury Mc Guffey, Gayle, Ronnie, + Stanley Wilson playing for Carlisle. 1957-1958  
was back at MM& assisting Herman Bolin with basketball + baseball and  
coaching 6th, 7th, 8th, + 9th in football and track.

During those years, I was an assistant coach and made up my mind  
that whenever I became a coach in 1 sport, I would assist in the other sports  
and use the other coaches as assistants. I assisted Cap Rees, John Snedegow,  
Herman Bolin, Jeep Clark, Norman Passmore, Earl Redwine, John Cunningham,  
Mike Kenney, Owen Owens, Ray Graham, Bobby Jenkins, and Danny Simpson  
This led me to 10 district Baseball titles, 10 trips to Basketball Regionals, 2  
trips to the Basketball State Tournament, and lots of track trips that were  
very successful.

My best feeling is for those who helped me. Every assistant coach became very  
successful as a coach and administrator. I never had a student fail a math  
class of mine, in a later class, or in college. I am a motivator and my  
students became excellent teachers and coaches. One of my students caught  
her brother's vaulting pole while he learned to be a state champion vaulter  
and then competed enough to become Miss America (Heather French Henry)

MAR 01 2002

10-28-97

ROBERT K. ROTHFUSS  
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Dear Mr. Pumpfrey

This weekend we had a reunion of the UK track team in Corbin Ky. It reminded me of my high school track experience so I thought I would write you.

The reunion involved the teams coached by Press Whalan and Bob Johnson. This was the first time I met coach Johnson. I asked if he knew you and he said he did. I found out later he and his wife started teaching at MML but I did not know if he was there when you were.

I also met E D Plumer. He asked about you. I told him about the mile relay team you put together that beat Louisiana State - John Wagner, Jim Winters, me and the guy from Donville. I forgot his name but E D knew exactly who I was talking about.

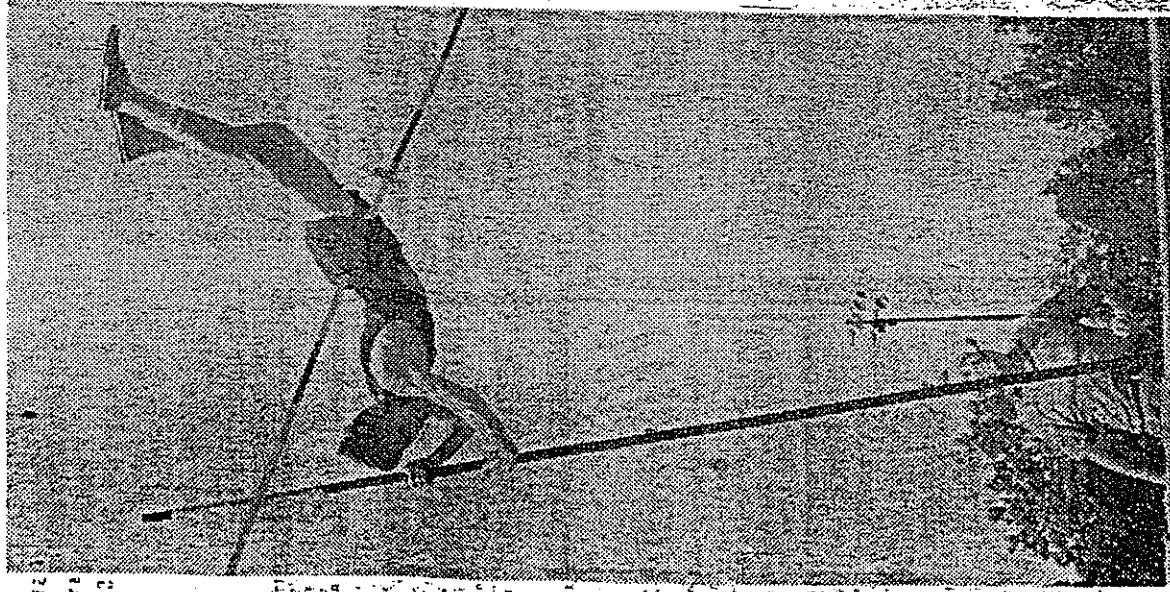
Lynn and I are happy and healthy. We have 4 boys. The oldest, 27, lives in New York and just got married. Kurt, 21, is in art school in Arroyo. Neal and Erik are still at home. Neal was the starting wide out on the Anderson 9th grade football team and Erik was 2nd string quarterback on the 10 year olds.

At the reunion Bob Johnson gave the old teams a pep talk and reminded us to live in the present not the past but at -

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# Kentucky Sports

# Confidence Key fo



Young Ben Pumphrey soars high to clear the 11-foot bar while polevaulting for Bellevue. That's his dad, Tiger coach Ben Pumphrey, watching from

BY TIM HAYES  
Kentucky Post Staff Writer

"I expected to win it all along with me and I figured he could win the pole vault. And when they lyin' if I said I didn't." The Tigers more than justified Pumphrey's pre-season confidence as they ran off with the state championship.

"We took on a killer schedule," he said. "We only won something like three track meets all year. The region, the Bellevue Relays and the state."

"I guess those are three pretty good track meets to win. They've all got trophies."

Bellevue had only three men off its 1966 squad who stayed with the team all year.

"Robbie Rothfuss, Jim Winters and Joe Tierney were the only boys from last year's team that we could count on all season," he said. "But that's three awfully good boys to start with."

"I figured Rothfuss could win the high jump and Winters could win the broad jump and Tierney could run the hurdles pretty well."

Pumphrey in his first year at the Bellevue helm,

had sized up the situation pretty well.

"I brought my son, Ben, along with me and I figured he could win the pole vault. And when they thought Ben, Robbie and Jim were all good enough to win it."

## Parade of Champs

The Tiger mentor had particular praise for the work of Rothfuss and Winters on the relay team. They were the only two seniors representing the Tigers at the state meet.

"Jim Winters was the best liner running on anybody's relay team in the state," he said. "Then Rothfuss, too. He was almost as good as Jim."

"When you've got two boys that good, you're going to be hard to beat."

Pumphrey said the state championship was the goal of the team all year. "We played over our heads in a lot of meets during the season and we got beat. But the boys were getting the competition and were ready for the state meet," he said.

Among the meets in which Bellevue participated were the Mansfield Relays, the Mason-Dixon Games, the Cavalier Relays, the Male-Manual Relays and the Miami Relays.

"Everybody worked hard for the championship and we wanted it," said Pumphrey, emphasizing the desire of his team.

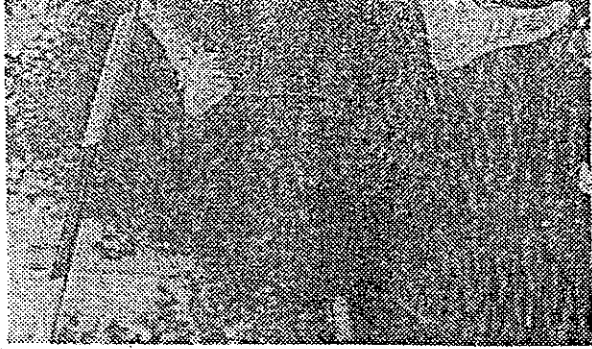
"This team didn't have a leader; they were all leaders. That's what made us such a good team."

"Everybody put the team first," continued Pumphrey. "And they were the kind of boys who came up with the big one when they had to."

In the state meet, Winters won the long jump and Rothfuss won the high jump and the triple jump.

Joe Tierney, a junior, took fifth in the high hurdles, second in the lows and anchored the 880-relay team.

Freshman Dwayne Clemens took the region in the 880-yard run and finished sixth in the state meet. Dennis Wall, another freshman, rounded out the 880 relay team, while junior Patry Maline and Jim Riddle teamed with Rothfuss and Winters on the



Robbie Rothfuss, one of two won four first-place medals, the high jump. His winning jump

mile relay team. Young Ben Pumphrey, a junior, was second in the state in the pole vault. "We'll lose Rothfuss and

## Biographical sketch - Coach Ben Humphrey

I had a real good high school coach, Joe Ed Johnson, from Georgetown. I only got to play high school football for 1 yr. In 1940, I was a 16 yr. old 141 lb left tackle and defensive halfback for Carlisle High School. Our biggest game was at Manial Stadium against Male High Schools' state champions - a 26-0 loss. We had 18 players and four of them were in the 8th grade.

I got into coaching by accident. On April 1, 1950, I went to MMI as PMS + T and Cap Rees had me coach spring football practice. From that, I coached freshman (jr. hi) sports at MMI and assisted John Suedegar and Herman Boling in basketball + baseball + Cap Rees in track.

A. F. Dawahare was one of my first students and I think I got my head on right at MMI and learned what was important. I became a math teacher first and a coach who was a teacher. I was very fortunate to find places that needed me to coach and teach and assistant coaches who were going the direction I wanted to go.

My coaching records have been published over and over and my athletes have performed very well. I never had a student fail one of my classes or fail a math class in high school or college after he had taken one of my classes. My math students are teaching in many schools and colleges at this time. They are also coaching at many schools and colleges.

Every assistant coach I ever hired became very successful as a head coach, principal, or superintendent. They shared all of my success as it happened. I would like to share it with them in accepting this honor that is being bestowed on me as a result of their hard work and loyalty.



## Page 2 - Ben Humphrey - Biography

In the summer of 1950, Earl Bryant gave me an "A" in "Coaching advanced Football" & Adolph Kupp gave me an "A" in "Coaching advanced Basketball". My best friend in these classes was Jerry Claiborne. It took a long time for a "nobody" to get a head coaching job, but opportunity finally knocked.

At Paris High School, Bernie Correll, Paul Patrick, & Bill Woodall were my assistants. Bernie coached Bourbon Co., Harrodsburg, & Paris and Paul and Bill became principals. Jeep Clark let me assist him in Basketball at Paris.

At Dunbar, I was the track coach, but Norman Passmore, Bill Conners, Charlie Figgs, and Louis Stout looked after me and kept me going right.

At Bellevue, Ed Souderbach and David Grimm were my assistants - Ed has spelled as Coach, principal, & Superintendent and David is one of the best coaches in Cincinnati and a super track official.

At Bath Co., Gary Ramey, Wendell Moore, & Lonnie Vice were my assistants and Juban Rees Cunningham let me assist him in basketball. Gary Ramey built Bath into a powerhouse, Wendell and Lonnie became principals and Wendell took Bath to the final 4 in baseball. Ramey also became a principal.

At Fleming Co., Mike Mincey, Ted Purcell, Tom Atkinson, & Don Hardin were my assistants. Mike just retired as A.D. at Morehead, Ted coached Fleming with much success, Tom coached at 4 schools as head coach & retired as a Federal Probation Officer, & Don runs most of what goes on in Morehead.

At Nicholas Co., David McMillan, Bobby Jenkins, Robbie Barr, Mike Kenney, and Greg Letcher were my assistants. Bobby just retired from Harrison Co., Robbie is principal at Harrison Co., Mike retired from Nicholas Co., Greg is still coaching at Nicholas Co., and David has been very successful as principal at Nicholas, assistant sust. at Bourbon, & now schoolmaster at m m l.

Page 3 - Ben Pumphrey - autobiography

After retiring in 1985, I assisted Ray Graham at Harrison, assisted Cary Barr at MMS, assisted Aveny Owen at Montgomery Co., and coached & taught 5 yrs. at Mason Co.

My assistants at Mason Co. were Cary Barr, Robbie Barr, Mike Stanley and My son, Ben.

Mike Stanley has stayed on at Mason Co., Jim Mc Kee & Mark Allen Crain came to Montgomery Co. with me. They are coaching Scott Co. & Paris.

### Finale

As an athlete, I could not have made any team I've coached. Without the help of those other coaches, my won-lost record would be very different.

While we are at it, let's be thankful for Ted Sanford, Joe Billy Mansfield, Tom Millo, Billy Wise, and Louis Stout - and let's thank the Sawahare family for their support of high school athletics.

You have honored me and been good to me, & I sincerely hope that I have returned some of it.

Thanks,

Ben Pumphrey

## Awards

- 1963 CJ Class A Coach of yr.  
1988 Ky Track & CC Hall of Fame  
2002 Ky Football Coaches Assn  
1985 Happy Chandler Award  
1986 10th Region Basketball Hall of Fame  
1992 Paris Greyhound Hall of Fame  
1991 EKC Coach of the yr. (Mason Co)  
1984 Honored by Woodford Co.  
1987 Ky H.S. Coaches Assn  
~~2002~~ 2002 Ky Football Coaches Assn 100 wins award  
~~1992~~

## Head Coaching Positions

- 1959-1965 (6 yrs) Paris football & track asst. in Basketball  
1965-1966 (1 yr) Dunbar track asst in football  
1966-1968 (2 yrs) Football & track Bellevue  
1968-1973 (5 yrs) Fleming Co. football & track  
1973-1975 (2 yrs) Bath Co. football & track asst. Basketball  
1975-1985 (10 yrs) Nicholas Co. football & track asst Basketball  
1986-1991 (5 yrs) Mason Co. football & track  
1991-1992 (1 yr) Montgomery Co. track asst football  
2001-2002 (1 yr) Oneida Baptist & MMA track

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Other Page should be autobiography

## Biographical Sketch - Coach Ben Pumphrey

I made sure I left every school in better shape than I found it. I left good Coaches and athletes who continued to improve.

The next 2 years after I left mms, they had undefeated and untied football teams until the playoffs with many players going to College.

After I left Paris, they won 4 state championships in football and 2 state championships in track. Many of them played in College + Coached.

My Dunbar kids were super at all the Lexington schools.

Kids I left at Bellevue won state championships in football and track and many became Coaches. Ronnie Welch, my Bellevue quarterback, is still on Highlands football staff.

Kids + Coaches I left at Fleming have had great success. Maxine Graham set the Girls' Long Jump record. If I mention other names, I'll probably slight someone.

Coaches + athletes left at Bath Co. had great success in all sports. Bruce Jones became all OVC point guard at Eastern. Others excelled.

Coaches + athletes left at Nicholas Co. have kept the program on a high plane. Mike + Barbara Kenney won a state Basketball Championships and our athletes are coaching all over.

Mason Co. has continued to thrive with Mike Stanley and Ashley Cline on their staff. They are very strong in Basketball, Football, and Track.

At Montgomery Co., those athletes excelled in basketball and football. Ryan Steger, Ryan Owens, + Clemons took them very far.

At Harrison Co., all the kids I coached became part of a very successful high school sports program.

NO CUPBOARD WAS LEFT BARE!

Biographical sketch Ben Pumphrey Birthdate 2-23-24

I lettered 1 year in football at Carlisle H.S. (1940) I've umpired baseball and coached football & track as a head coach or assistant coach for 45 years. I've assisted basketball at m m I (John Smedley, Herman Boring, Cary Barr) Paris (Oep Clark) Bath Co. (Julian Cunningham) + Nicholas Co (Mike Kinney) I've been an assistant BB Coach in 10th Region Tournament 10 times and hope I had something to do with their success in getting there.

Coaches do not play. They guide kids and communities into interscholastic athletics. Some give the wrong guidance. I hope I've guided them in the right direction. My teams have competed against the best teams in Kentucky for 50 years with great success. Their sportsmanship and character has allowed them to be well known. My assistant coaches and students have done most of the work to generate this success.

I've never gone after a job anyone else wanted. I always looked for places where I could make a difference. I went to m m I when they had a problem with military discipline; they had won 2 football games in 8 years when I went there; Dunbar wanted freshman football and track; Bellvue had to play all the tough people in Northern Ky.; Fleming Co. had a horrible football & track program; Bath Co. had a horrible football program. Nicholas Co. was very weak in football and track. At each of these places, the teams improved, my assistants carried them to higher achievements than I had, and they have maintained these levels since I left. Mason Co., after my retirement, has done the same thing.

The coach does NOT play! The student performs. That student needs proper direction. If I mentioned teams and people, I'd leave someone out and that is not my intent. Those teams and people earned many honors for me that I could never repay them for. My first student at m m I was A. F. Dawahare. My most famous student is Heather French Henry; to my thinking, the prettiest woman in the world.

Sauie Stout coached with me at Dunbar. Members of your board of control have had a lot to do with my selection. Thanks to all of you.

(Condense these and use them any way you see fit.)

Sincerely yours,

Ben Pumphrey

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| 1971 | Fleming Co.  | 8    | 3    | 0    |
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|      |              | (31) | (25) | (0)  |
| 1973 | Bath Co.     | 5    | 6    | 0    |
| 1974 | Bath Co.     | 2    | 7    | 2    |
|      |              | (7)  | (13) | (2)  |
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Tracks I've built & coached on

m m 1 - 440 yd gravel track - 1957  
 Paris - 390 yd asphalt track - 1964  
 Dunbar - 220 yd asphalt track - 1966 Carey & Adams  
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Back to Back State Track Championships at Bellevue  
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## Biographical Sketch - Coach Ben Pumpfrey

My next birthday will be my 80th. God has blessed me with a wonderful life. In 1940, as a 16 yr. old 141 pound tackle on an 18 player football team at Carlisle High School (4 of those 18 were in the 8th grade), I played on a team that beat Lancaster 13-0, Georgetown 18-0, Nicholasville 27-0, Cynthiaana 33-0, + Winchester 14-0. Our big game was a 26-0 loss to Louisville Male's state champions at Manual Stadium. Our coaches were Joe Johnson of Georgetown and Donald Fair of Moorehead. Don Fair was also my math teacher. My math teacher at the University of Kentucky was Doctor Sally Pence. Those coaches and teachers prepared me to be the person I was as a coach and teacher.

During World War II, I was a radar navigator - bombardier on a B-29. I was the youngest member of my crew, two of whom are still living. We flew 27 combat missions with the 99th Squadron of the 9th group of the 313th wing of the 20th Air Force. At age 21, I was back from the war + back in school. Our squadron lost a lot of planes (shot down) + we lost our bombardier on our first mission (to enemy fire). I had no idea of teaching or coaching at that time.

The same power that guided me through school and the war probably shaped my life. I have tried to pay attention to situations, what they required, and how to handle them from the time I went to MMS in 1950 as PMS + J. This path led to Paris High School, Lexington Dunbar, Bellevue, Fleming County, Bath County, Nicholas County, Mason County, Harrison County, and Montgomery County. At each stop, I had very strong people helping me as administrators, assistants, and players (students).



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- Yes, I will individually participate in the golf outing.
- Yes, I will be participating with guests (listed bellow).
- No, I will not be able to participate.

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