Settle, long-time coach, honored

By ELIJAH D. HUMBLE

During his coaching career of almost 30 years, Evan Settle was known not only as the type of coach you wanted to play for, but the kind of teacher who commanded respect. He's also known for his deep dedication to Shelby County athletics and education, and tonight, the Shelby County Athletic Boosters Club will recognize his contributions with a half time ceremony at the Rockets' football

game.
"He was the type of educator and coach that you both feared and respected," said Park Wills, president of the boosters who played first base for Shelbyville High in the late '60s and early '70s. "He's one of the teachers who comes to mind when you think of the values that get you think of the values that get you through life."

Settle began his coaching career at Settle began his coaching career at the Henry Clay High School in Lexington right after he graduated college in 1934. He spent a few years there before moving over to Bedford High School in Trimble County. After a year there, he came to start his tenure at Shelbyville High in 1939, where he coached for a few years until he began a five-year stint in the Air Force. After that, he got down to business, coaching baseball, basketball and golf for the Red Devils. He retired from 28 years of coaching in 1972, before the city and county schools merged.

"And I've been playing golf and hunting ever since," he said.

And while his coaching teaching career has been highly respected, he is perhaps most noteworthy as the oldest living basketball player to have worn the big blue for legendary Coach Adolph Rupp

at the University of Kentucky.

"I've always said he was sarcastic, ill-tempered and he played favorites," said Settle, who was a freshmen during Rupp's first season. "I know that doesn't sound good, but you can't argue with his results."

Charlie Matthews, who was a guard for the Red Devils during the mid to late '60s, said Settle "was always late '60s, said Settle "was always strong on the fundamentals," and he didn't strictly play one style of ball and "adjusted to whatever situation



Coach Settle

Matthews played on the '67 team. that went to the state tournament, one of the six teams that Settle led to the Sweet Sixteen.

"Every little move wasn't dictated, so he let his players have some freedom," Matthews said.

Settle majored in English and social. science in college, but ended up in the math department. And as an algebra teacher, Settle dispelled the notion that many coaches aren't serious about

"As far as I'm concerned, he's one of the best teachers I ever had, Howard Streible, who kept statistics for the coach in the '50s. "He was serious, but funny too. You had to do.

what he told you."
Streible said Settle's tough nature may have gained respect over the years, but he did have his detractors.

"A lot of people didn't like him," he said. "He said it like it was and didn't

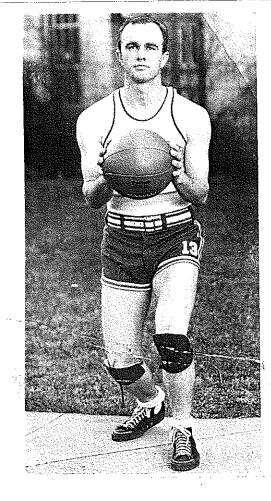
Tommy Hower, who played baseball and basketball for Settle in the mid '50s, agreed.

"He was a tough task master," he said. "But he was a good teacher and a good coach. What he taught me came in handy in college."

Wills recalled the times in the

classroom: when Settle got mad, he' would throw his algebra book over his head — without looking — into the trash can at the back of the room.

Matthews agreed that his demeanor



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often instilled fear in the students, saying you had to be sure your homework was done, and more importantly, that you could put it on the chalk board.

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"Teaching didn't appear to be just a job to him," Wills said, adding that Settle's name will be inscribed on a plaque honoring him as a "Friend of the Shelby County Athletic Boosters" in addition to his own plaque. "Ho would be seen as the second of the to his own plaque. "He would help you out by writing letters of recommendation and making calls. He knew the

making calls. He knew the college connections."

Wills, who went on to play baseball at Eastern Kentucky University, said there's no way to put a dollar figure on Settle's hours of dedication.

"He has continued to support athletics and youth after retirement," he said. "His dedication has affected

many people's lives who are now parents."

Settle has lived in the same house near West Middle, nouse near West Middle, which used to be Shelbyville High, for nearly 50 years. He and his wife Eloise have been married for 60 years, and he said she retired from the Wakefield-Scearce galleries the same time he did. After that, they got a motor home and hit the road. They continue to follow the Cats as well as other local teams around the country.

A man with such a long

history undoubtedly has many stories to tell, like the time his team scored 51 points in the fourth quarter, and lost. Or the time he told a baseball player to show the umpire the ball when he made a catch, just to be safe. The kid made a catch, and while she showed the umpire the ball, a runner tagged up and scored from third base.

"As you can see, I'm not naming any names," he said. "I know who they are, and I know they know who they

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EVAN SETTLE

Perhaps the best known basketball figure in the Shelby County community is Coach Evan Settle. He retired in 1972 after 28 years of service for the Shelbyville High School Red Devils. He retired the following year from teaching.

His first involvement with sports, though, was with the Owenton basketball team, but not until after legal procedures made it possible. Settle lived in Crab Orchard where his father had a position with the bank. There was no gym there, thus no basketball. The nearest was in Owenton where Settle's grandfather lived. Legal action over the phone made his grandfather his guardian, enabling Settle to become a member of his first basketball team.

After graduation in 1930, he took his love for basketball to the University of Kentucky where he enrolled as a freshman when Adolph Rupp began his first of 40 years as coach of the Wildcats. Settle is probably the second oldest player of the Rupp era - turning 90 in October 2002.

He earned a "numeral" in basketball and football his freshman year when those teams were separate from the varsity squads. Settle also participated in baseball, golf and football at UK where he earned varsity letters.

During his sophomore year, the Wildcats basketball team won the first South Eastern Conference tournament ever played. UK lost most of its stars in 1933 but managed to play an undefeated season - 1934 probably the only one in school history. The team lost, however, in the first round of the SEC.

He had a baseball contract with the Cincinnati Reds Bartlesville, Okla., team but could not report in time due to graduation requirements. He believes baseball was his best sport and that was the end of what he considered his baseball dream.

Settle's first coaching job was with the old Henry Clay High School in eastern Shelby County where he spent three years. He coached one year in Bedford before accepting a position with Shelbyville High in

1938. After three years, he was called to active duty during World War II when he was a reserve 2nd Lieutenant. He retired as a major in the Air Force Reserves after five years.

When he returned in 1948, Shelbyville fans were delighted as Settle led his boys to a state tournament visit with 16 wins and six losses.

That trip was one of six to state competition for Settle. In 1951, he nabbed 15 victories and seven defeats. An 8-12 record took his team in 1953 when Charles "Skip" Connell was a sophomore member of the team. At 6'6", Connell was the tallest boy on a Shelbyville team until 1967. That year Settle had 21 victories and four losses for the best record of his career - with the help of the "Twin Towers" Bernard Brown and Herbert "Smitty" Johnson, both at 6'9-1/2".

Other chances at the state title during Settle's reign were '55, '56, and '58. Three sets of brothers were on the '58 squad: Swigerts, Chandlers and Ethingtons.

The most memorable basketball game for Settle made nationwide coverage. It was a 105-98 defeat to Fern Creek in 1963. Shelbyville scored 51 points in the final quarter and still lost the game. "We were so far behind that most of the crowd had gone home," Settle recalled, explaining that his boys trailed by 38 points. The score quickly changed when Jimmy "One R" Arington hit 13 of 14 shots and Paul "Duke" Schmidt intercepted five passes for goals.

Settle, who taught algebra, also coached baseball for 10 years, winning two Central Kentucky Conference championships. He was named Coach of the Year in 1970 and 1971.

During the summer months while employed by SHS, Settle also worked as golf professional at the Shelbyville Country Club, which opened his first year appeolege. He started there while coaching at Henry Clay High in 1934 and continued for about 20 years. He then regained his amateur status and proceeded to win several senior championship titles: 1974 in Standard, 1976 in Shelbyville, 1976 in Madisonville, and 1979 in Winchester. And in 1984, he won the Kentucky Open Championship for Over 70 at the Frankfort Country Club.

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November 9th, 1999 Tuesday

To: Dawhare's Nominating Committee Subject: Evan Settle - Teacher & Coach

Attention: Laura Beth Albright

Dear Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mr. Evan Settle for induction into the Hall Of Fame due to his many years of contribution to the development of high school students regarding academics and athletics.

Mr. Settle taught and coached basketball and baseball at Shelbyville High School for many years and is highly respected by our community and former students.

Recently, Mr. Settle was honored by the Shelby County Athletic Booster Club as a "Friend Of Athletics" for his service to the youth of Shelbyville and Shelby County.

Thank you for consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

H. Park Wills, Jr., President Shelby County Athletic Booster

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Coach Evan Settle

To whom it may concern:

Sincerely

As a member of the Dawhare's Hall of Fame, I would like to recommend Coach Evan Settles from Shelbyville High School to be considered for next year's nominee.

Coach Settles was an outstanding teacher in Math for 32 years. He coached basketball for 28 years, baseball for 3 years and golf for 3 years. His teams went to the State Tournament in basketball 6 times.

Coach Settle has help tutor several students after his retirement and has always been ready to help those with their academic shortcomings.

An avid golfer and hunter, Coach Settles remains very active following the University of Kentucky Wildcats and is the oldest living player from Coach Rupp's era. Coach Settles can be seen at all Shelby Co. High School basketball and football games and even travels to watch Curtis Head from Marshall University punt for the Thundering Herd. Curtis's grandfather, the late Elmo Head, alsoplayed for the University of Kentucky and they were very close friends until his death.

Coach Settles is an outstanding gentleman and has served this great State not only as an Educator and Coach but as a great human being. I would like to see Coach Settles in the Hall of Fame, as he is approaching 84 years of age.

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November 11, 1999

Nominating Committee Dawhares Hall of Fame

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as a strong letter of support for the election of Evan Settle to the Dawhares Hall of Fame.

Mr. Settle was my teacher in high school and was also my basketball and baseball coach for six years. His coaching records in basketball and baseball speak for themselves. But often lost in his accomplishments are his achievements in the classroom. In fact, he was one of my three best teachers.

Although I have not seen the actual nomination, I'm sure that it adequately covers the long list of his contributions to athletics in Kentucky. Whether Kentuckians remember him during his playing days for Adolph Rupp at UK; as collegiate and high school basketball official in the 50s and 60s; a basketball and baseball coach from the 40s to the 70s; as a golf professional in the 50s and 60s; as a hunter for all of his adult life; or as fan of Kentucky high school and college sports; it is important to note that most fans in Kentucky over the age of forty remember him.

For decades Mr. Settle has been a great ambassador for Kentucky wherever his travels have taken him. His influence on the youth in this region has now impacted several generations. His impact on athletics in the state of Kentucky will last forever.

Respectfully,

Randy Head

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Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Attn.: Nominations 2280 Executive Drive Lexington, KY 40505

November 15, 1999

To The Nominating Committee:

I writing in regards to the nomination of Coach Evan Settle to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. I think that Coach Settle is very worthy of the Hall of Fame and I feel very privileged to be able to nominate him for this honor! Coach Settle is a very fine man who has contributed much to high school athletics. He continues to take interest in the schools in Shelby County, although he has reached the age of 87 and has been retired as a teacher and coach since 1972. This also followed the consolidation of the high schools in the county. He is still a great fan and is admired and loved by previous players and students alike. He is very deserving of this honor and I hope that the selection committee will recognize him and induct him into the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Evan Settle coached high basketball at Bedford, Kentucky for one year, Shelby County Henry Clay for three years and at Shelbyville High School from 1938-1972. His only break from coaching and teaching was the six years that he served in World War II. In addition to coaching the boys' basketball team at Shelbyville High School, he coached the golf and baseball teams. While coaching the boys' high school basketball team for TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS, he took six teams to the Boys State Tournament (1951, 1953, 1956, 1955, 1958, and 1967). In 1963 Coach Settle and his basketball team were playing Fern Creek. The team was behind thirty-eight points in the fourth quarter and most of the crowd had left. The Shelbyville Red Devils mounted a great comeback and scored fifty-one points in the fourth quarter. Alas, they lost the game to Fern Creek 105-98, but made national headlines in the process!

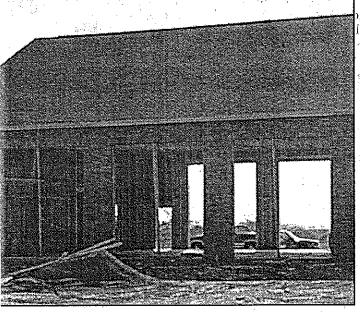
The most unusual baseball game coached by Evan Settle was the 1970 opening game of the District Tournament. Shelbyville played Oldham County on May 12, but finally won the game on May 14! On May 12 Shelbyville was behind 8-0 when it began raining in the fourth inning. The game was called and resumed on May 13. Shelbyville posted nine runs in the first inning before the rains came again at the end of the fifth. Shelbyville ended that day leading 9-8. Shelbyville and Coach Settle finally won the game on May 14! The 1970 baseball season was rather remarkable with Coach Settle's team scoring eighty-six points in their first three games to their opponents' fourteen. They finished the year with a season record of 16-1.

As you can see from the attached articles and letters, Coach Evan Settle is very loved and respected in the community of Shelby County. I could have contributed many more support letters than the three that I have enclosed! So many people would love to see him in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame and have been very happy to support this nomination. I hope that Coach Settle will be one of the inductees. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Laurabeth Albright

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loan from USDA Rural Development.

Cowherd said the current county fire station on Seventh Street won't be used when the new station is finished. The department had talked for years about renovating the station, but when the flood of 1997 brought five feet of standing water into the firehouse, renovation seemed pointless.

At 17,000 square feet, the new station will be much larger than the Seventh Street station, Cowherd said, and will accommodate growth in the future.

"We didn't want something we'd grow out of before we got settled," he said.

Settle, Craig honored by UK as 'teachers who made a difference'

Special to the Sentinel-News

The University of Kentucky College of Education had a reception last month to honor "Teachers Who Made a Difference." Among the close to 60 teachers were Evan Settle and Dorothy Craig, retired teachers who live in Shelbyville.

They were both nominated for the honor by Dr. Kenneth Gravett, a 1961 graduate of Shelbyville High

School who is now a physician in Shelbyville.

Settle graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1934 and received his master's degree in 1939. His first teaching job was at Henry Clay School in eastern Shelby County where he spent three years. He taught for one year in Bedford before coming to the former Shelbyville High School where he taught 28 years.

His major was in English with a minor in social science. However, he taught mostly math during his tenure at SHS where he was baseball coach three years, golf coach two years and basketball coach all 28 years. He had six teams make it to the Sweet Sixteen basketball tournament, one baseball team to go to state finals and two golf teams to compete on the state level.

Gravett played basketball and baseball for Settle but his classroom experience is what remains vivid in his mind. "He demanded the most from his students," Gravett said. "Once I got into chemistry and math in college, there was not a day (that) went by that I didn't rely on the algebra background he supplied me in high school. I was certainly prepared."

Mrs. Craig graduated from University of Kentucky in 1943 and became the home demonstration agent for Shelby County the following year. She moved to the classroom in 1954 when she became the home economics

teacher at Simpsonville High School.

She spent 28 years teaching either home ec or science for both the Shelbyville and Shelby County school systems. The past 13 years, she has enjoyed returning to the classroom as a substitute teacher.

Gravett laughed and said Mrs. Craig taught "classes I wasn't particularly fond of but she instilled in us a sense of value. I probably remember more of how she taught us to act and conduct ourselves than I do of her textbook work. She certainly knew how to reach all of us."

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Evan Settle

Evan Settle attended Crab Orchard High School until he moved to Owenton High School in 1930 for his senior year when he played basketball.

After graduation, he entered the University of Kentucky where he was a starter on the freshman team. This was the first year of Coach Rupp's tenure at Kentucky.

After earning a "numeral" in football, he went out for the freshman basketball team. Freshmen were not eligible for the varsity team so they had their own team and schedule. About 85 players participated in the tryouts. They were cut to 15 and played a limited schedule.

Settle was on the varsity squad his sophomore year but earned his varsity letter his junior and senior years. He played in the first S.E.C. tournament ever played (in 1933) and also the second one in 1934. Both were played in Atlanta. Kentucky won the first but lost the second to Florida in a major upset. This was before the NCAA tournaments were started.

Settle also earned varsity letters in golf (2) and baseball (2).

After graduating in 1934, he turned down an offer from the Cincinnati Reds for a baseball contract in Class D baseball for an \$85 a month basketball-coaching job at Henry Clay High School in Shelby County. He coached there for three years, winning one district championship. Then coached one year at Bedford High.

He went to Shelbyville High where he spent 28 years and won 7 trips to the state tournament from the Eighth Region. During those 28 years, he also coached the golf team (three years) and the baseball team (three years).

Those 28 years were interrupted by a 5-1/2 year stint in the Air Force from which he retired as Major. He retired from coaching in 1971 and from teaching in 1973.

He is thought to be the oldest of Coach Rupp's players living at 91 years old.

Honors received by Settle:

- 1. Coach of the Year in 1971 as coach of C.K.C. championship in baseball at Shelbyville High School.
- 2. Trophy from S.H.S. in 1971 for Outstanding Service to the School.
- 3. Trophy from Shelby County Boosters Club in recognition of Outstanding Service to High School Athletics in Shelby County.
- 4. Favorite Teacher title from S.H.S. senior class of 1955.
- 5. Gift of a Waterford crystal bowl from the Class of 1955 at their reunion in 2003 as (still) their Favorite Teacher.
- 6. Plaque in 2003 from Kentucky High School Athletic Association for years of Outstanding Service to High School Athletics.
- 7. Former S.H.S. gymnasium named Evan Settle Gym in 2002 to mark Settle's contribution to athletics and in commemoration of his 90th birthday.

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