

Sherrill Sipes

Sherrill Sipes graduated from Flaget High School in Louisville in the spring of 1953.

Football:

The first time Sherrill touched the football as a varsity player, he received a kick off on the one yard line and ran it back 99 yards for a touchdown, exhibiting the speed that was to become his hallmark. This occurred during the first game of the season of his junior year against Evansville Reitz.

In his senior year (1952), Sipes, along with Paul Hornung, led Flaget to the State Championship in Football. Due to an injury, he missed one game that year but still managed to set a record for touchdowns, scoring 23 in 9 games. He credits Coach Paulie Miller, Hornung, and great blocking by the line and fullbacks for the success during "our magical year."

Sherrill was named All-city and All-state in Football by the Louisville Courier Journal, for both his junior and senior years.

Basketball:

As a guard, co-captain and leading scorer of the basketball team, Sipes helped Flaget to a 28 and 4 record during his senior year. Flaget went to the Kentucky State Tournament, after winning the 7th Region. Sherrill was named All-City and All-State in Basketball by the Louisville Courier-Journal in his senior year.

Track:

Sipes won the 100 and 220 yard sprints in the Kentucky State Championship Meet during his senior year. The event was held at old Stoll Field in Lexington, which at that time was the University of Kentucky's home field. Sherrill recalls that "It rained most of the day and the races were run in 6 inches of water on a cinder track." During his senior year, Sipes never lost a race in a track meet.

Baseball:

Sipes played outfield and shortstop. He was a good hitter and the team leader in stolen bases during his junior and senior years. He was never thrown out stealing a base.

Sipes credits his coaches at Flaget for much of his success: Football, Paulie Miller; Basketball, Jim Huter; Track, Owen Weiss.

After graduating from Flaget, Sherrill accepted a football scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. Sherrill and Paul Hornung, in their junior year, became the only two Kentuckians to start in the Notre Dame backfield together.

Sipes graduated from Notre Dame in 1957, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce. He entered into the building services business, where he became highly successful. He is currently semi-retired and acts as a consultant to several west-coast companies.

Sipes now lives in Manhattan Beach California with his wife of 41 years, Judy, and has a daughter, Stacy, nearby. His ties to Kentucky continue as he has many family members living here, including his 94 year-old mother, Elizabeth.

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Sincerely,

Sherill Sipes