

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Herb Conley

**Address of Nominee OR Family Representative if Deceased**

2949 Hackworth Street  
Ashland, Kentucky 41101  
United States

**Email Address of Person Listed above**

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**Name of Person Making Nomination**

Mark Maynard

**Address of Person Making Nomination**

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**Nomination Category**

- Coach

**Is this nominee deceased?**

No

**Birthdate (REQUIRED)**

08/31/1941

**Gender**

Male

**Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as described in policy 2(c)**

No

**Coached at which schools?**

Ashland Paul Blazer (1968-1976) as head coach. Assistant: Ashland (1966-1967), Hopkinsville (1964-65)

**Year of Retirement from Coaching?**

1976

## **Pull Down to Select Coach Competition Region (1-16) in Kentucky**

16

### **Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.**

Herb Conley epitomizes Ashland Tomcat football as a legendary player and coach. He played on the last undefeated Tomcat team in 1958 and guided the Tomcats to a 70-33-2 record in his eight seasons as head coach. He was also an assistant coach on the 1967 championship team. Coach Conley led Ashland to a 14-1 season in 1975 when it won the Class AAAA At-Large state championship before losing to St. Xavier in the overall championship game. The Tomcats were 11-2 in 1972 and finished as state runner-up. Coach Conley is so admired that a statue was erected and sits in a prominent place in Putnam Stadium. He is beloved in this town. He was an assistant principal at the high school and the principal at the middle school following his outstanding coaching career. Coach Conley played college football at Eastern Kentucky for the great Roy Kidd.

### **Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Screening or Selection Committees to consider.**

Herb Conley was more than a football coach at Ashland. He was a mold of young men, most who steadfastly stand behind him today as one of the most important figures in their lives. As previously mentioned, he had a statue of him erected in Putnam Stadium in 2014. Nobody else, living or dead, has had that honor.

In 1975, the Tomcats became the first team to fly to a game. They traveled to Paducah for the state at-large championship and won 13-7 for a 14th consecutive victory.

Coach Conley had many Coach of the Year awards regionally but was also the C-J Coach of the Year statewide in 1975.

He was an All-State running back in 1958 on a 10-0-1 team that won the Recreation Bowl. It was the year before the playoffs started.

Coach Conley's teams were 9-6 in three playoff seasons (the years before everybody made it to the playoffs).

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