

## Ted Abbott's HOF Induction Ceremony

**Where:** College Park High School Gymnasium

**When:** Sunday, February 24th, 2008

**Time:** 3:00-5:30PM

**Event:** Old Fashion School Assembly to  
Honor Coach Abbott

### Program Schedule:

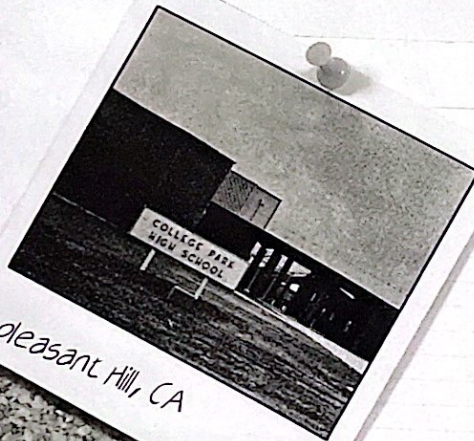
3:00 - Welcoming Remarks - Jerry Pollard

3:15 - Invocation - Jerry Cook

3:20 - Induction Ceremony - Tim Rhyan &  
Abbott Family & Ted Gilje  
Music & Dance - Jerry Pollard

4:00 - Unveiling of HOF Banner-Drum Roll

4:15 - Music - Coffee and Pie - Social Hour



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1. Music by "TRAMP" (Ted's Kids)

2. Coffee donated by Starbucks  
Pies donated by Marie Callender's.

3. Dancer's former CP student winners  
(lunch time champs). Swing and Foxtrot

4. Bronzed Hush Puppy's  
"Keep On Dancing" Award.

Ted Abbott was born in Arcola, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1927. His family moved to Santa Paula, California when coach was 7. The family moved again to Richmond when he was about 12 years old. His dream was to be a big league baseball player. As a standout catcher at Richmond High School, Ted was twice named to the ACAL All-League team and the East Bay All Stars. His battery mate was Ron Camb, also an outstanding ballplayer. They stayed together through Jr. High, High School, and played together SF State.

Ted spent afternoons at the San Francisco Seals Stadium, warming up the pitchers. He relished the contact with the pro ballplayers, their tall tales and watching their high level of skill and talent.

Ted was drafted by the San Francisco Seals, a Triple-A team in the Pacific Coast League. His defensive skills were legendary, but his hitting was not up to par with level of Triple-A baseball. Eventually Ted was cut. Once again, Deenie, his lovely wife, was there to support him.

Coach decided to join the Army and get the GI bill to pay for college. Ted continued to play baseball in the Army. He also started to box and found out he was very good. He honed his boxing skills in the Army and when he was released from active duty he decided to go to college at San Francisco State. Where he was appointed to be the S.F. State Valedictorian for his graduating class. He starred in baseball, and boxing at San Francisco State.

Ted's first teaching job was at Harry Ells Jr. High. When Harry Ells became a high school Ted became the varsity baseball and Jr. Varsity football coach. In 1960 College Park High School was opening up and needed an athletic director, Varsity Baseball Coach and Chairman of the PE Department.

- Varsity Baseball Coach - DVAL Coach of the Year
- Head of the PE Dept. - Very innovative PE programs
- Social Dance Unit and Contest. For 15 years CPHS had a first rate ballroom dance unit in which all the students, 9th - 12th grades participated.
- Athletic Director - Ted was dedicated to his craft and went to most of the boys athletic contests. His athletic programs spoke for themselves, where the character of the youth was developed, friendships fashioned and athletic success achieved.

In retirement, Coach Abbott gave full-time attention to his beautiful wife, their children and grandchildren. As energetically as he was at school, he gave the same dedication to the family. Ted is a beloved and revered father and grandfather.

The city of Pleasant Hill has had a litany of great high school programs, coaches & traditions of sports heroes and folklore. Ted Abbott is a significant part of this rich tradition.