

October 2, 2023

Dear Bill,

This is Mike Maloney. Just a brief ^{note} regarding Coach Bill Raphael and his posthumous selection into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

I ^{taught} was ^{by} Coach and later taught and coached with him at Madison St. Joseph. His 40+ year career is well known throughout the coaching ranks as evidenced by his induction into the MS Coaches Hall of Fame. This request is to further honor his legacy as one of the most influential Coaches & Teachers in the 20th Century.

He came to St. Joe after his service in WWII. Originally, he coached every sport and helped the school grow in recognition across the state. He sent players to Division I Universities and was the winning Coach in the historic victory by St. Joe in the Capitol Bowl over state and regional powerhouse, Murray. It was truly a David vs Goliath match at Memorial Stadium that St. Joe won on the last play of the game.

I know there are many deserving entrants into the Hall of Fame. Your consideration of Coach Bill Raphael will only add to that rich history.

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Thanks for all you have done to help make
the Sports Hall of Fame a proud showplace
in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Mike Maloney