

FOOTBALL

*Ivan Jones Stadium
Dedication Ceremony
September 3, 2004*

The Coach

- by Amy S. Fowble -

The ONE who knows the value
of giving it your BEST,
The one who always challenges
and puts you to the TEST,
The one who teaches "tough it out,"
don't give up until the end,
A mentor and a counselor too.



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Coach Ivan Jones
C/O Jim Donaldson
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August 26, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

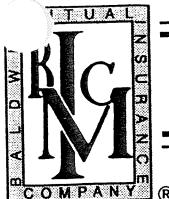
On behalf of the Session and congregation congratulations upon this occasion as the Foley community recognizes your legacy and your love for youth and competition on the gridiron.

We appreciate all that you have done as a faithful disciple of Christ Jesus, setting before youth and their parents the example of Jesus' way in this world. Your life-long witness has doubtless brought many others to know and serve our Lord. We join with the community in honoring your accomplishments.

May God continue to bless you and Julia. We appreciate your service to this congregation as a Deacon, knowing that those who receive your Stephen Ministry find you coaching them to excellence in life and faith.

Faithfully,

Jay Warthen, Pastor



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August 27, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley, Alabama 36535

Dear Coach Jones:

A letter is not enough to say thank you for all you have done for the members of our community. As a principal, educator, and coach you have served us with a passion for excellence.

Your ability to get the most out of each student and player is a remarkable trait which you possess. You are a true leader and God has blessed you with a unique leadership ability.

I have many great memories from my four years of football under you as head coach. I could write a book about those years and experiences and all of the wonderful successes we had as your team players.

Your leadership has had a very positive effect on my life. You taught me the value of hard work and extra effort and these traits have been big factors in my life. Many times I have recalled those fourth quarters and how you taught us to "never give up" and "give it our best".

Congratulations on your many successes. I am proud to be a member of your team.

August 23, 2004

Coach Jones,

It has been a great pleasure for me to be part of a committee that was successful in getting the football stadium named the **IVAN JONES STADIUM**. I cannot think of anyone who deserves that honor more than you.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that my teammates and I had the privilege of playing for, and being coached by, you. I will always appreciate the help you gave me when I first came to Foley. You made me feel welcome.

I enjoyed playing for you. The lessons you taught us as a team and as individuals have stayed with me. The fact that we learned never to quit trying has been most meaningful, as I have gone through life. Many times, things did not go as planned, but somehow your lesson of "never quit" kept coming back to me.

Let me say again I cannot think of anyone that deserves this honor more than you. When looking up at the scoreboard and seeing **IVAN JONES STADIUM**, all of your former players will know that we have had the privilege of knowing and playing for a great man.

Thank you again for being a part of my life.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John" or "John D. Jones".

8-25-04

Dear Coach Jones,

Thanks so much for being
a great coach for our
four sons. Lester, Herb, Tammy, Mike.
You were always fair to each
one. They all liked you and
always tried to do as you ask
them to do.

We think you deserve this
honor. You are a great
coach, and we think a
lot of you.

Thank so much for all you
do, in everything.

1338 North Decatur Road
Atlanta, GA 30306
September 3, 2004

Dear Coach,

What a great and deserved honor! This is as it should be but it doesn't tell the whole story about the countless young men (now older men) you touched along the way.

When I learned that I was named to play in the Alabama All-Star Game, I wanted you to be the first to know. At the time, my ego was way beyond where it should have been and your response was "I'm mighty particular for you; do you think these junior football players are being good citizens?" This wasn't what I was looking for but it pretty much taught me to focus on proper perspective for a given circumstance.

When my "storied" football career came to an end my freshman year at Georgia Tech, you told me "It's not the end of the world." You were right about that too.

Most of all, you were right about the virtues of hard work. I found that it does indeed make up for other deficiencies. I never thought anyone could work harder than I could.

Coach, thanks for the lessons and congratulations.

Warm regards


Anthony DeMarlo

9-1-04

Dear Coach Jones,

I just wanted to let you know that I'm one of many people happy to see the stadium dedicated in your name. That's quite an achievement for a persons' life, and you truly deserve the honor Enjoy it in good health!

It was a privilege to have played for you.

Yours truly,


Nathan Graham
Class of '58

Coach Jones is to me one of those larger than life figures. First, since I am now 52 years old and I was on the last team he coached, he must be as old as Moses. Second, since he had a great deal to do with delivering many a wayward rebellious teenaged young lad from the ditches of life, let alone the highways and byways, he again takes on a Moses resemblance. Many can make of me what they want, but I know myself very well and I was trouble with a capital T. My Granny said I just had a lot of life in me and she kept most people from beating me. My teammates will tell you Coach Jones knew what to do with that out of control energy in me he simply said, "Start lapping Melton." He followed that with, "Keep lapping Melton." It now reminds me of what I have learned about training a horse, lunge him first and when you have dissipated some of that energy you can get some meaningful training done. Again, as with horses, Coach did not concentrate on the problem but rather what he wanted to accomplish. And, accomplish he did over and over again, wayward kid after kid and year after year. Coach Jones is what we all know as a "winner." You bet he got real frustrated and even beside himself from time to time (we all get a lot of laughs out of remembering those times) but he never lost his temper, he never attacked your self worth and he remained kind and focused. No doubt that requires an extreme form of patience, inner control and focus. Disciplined in the truest sense of the word would be the right choice of personal character trait for Coach Ivan Jones; kind, disciplined, soft spoken, selfless, knowledgeable and focused; that might just about do it.

That is the leadership style and personal character traits Coach Jones modeled for me; but what did he actually teach me? First, in the game of football he taught me my stance. See, I was 6' 1" and around 145 lbs. by the seventh grade. Of course, there were always good players to trail behind so we had to both wait and earn a spot on the team. Coach placed me as a defensive end but with that now 6' 3" frame I needed a lot of that help we call coaching. Coach Jones gave me that personal attention on the practice field one day as he forced me to get lower and lower to the ground, feet shoulder width one halfway back and then lean as far forward as possible without falling. Then here came the application; pulling guards, tailbacks, fullbacks and option quarterbacks. As I gained the feel for that stance I was able to allow all that energy to build all the while getting lower and lower until my face would become red and the recoil in my legs was able to stop or at least force to the inside most of what was sent my way. Through a fluke I had one other advantage that was just coming into play by the early 70s. I had a problem with pimples becoming infected on my shoulders and chest aggravated by all the sweat, dirt and friction under my shoulder pads. I was told by a dermatologist I should consider giving up the game. Coach Jones found a set of shoulder pads for me that came a third of the way down my back and chest with a buckle in the front of the chest. This took a lot of the

actually pour his heart and sweat into? I retired as a Major, which is as high as one can go in twenty years in the Air Force reserves. I lived three years in Japan, flew C-130s all over the world several times, am a veteran of Desert Storm and today I am a Captain for American Airlines flying out of NY for the last 22 years. God has blessed me with a wonderful wife, four daughters and so far, four granddaughters. I believe "boundaries" produce freedom not the "I did it my way" mentality of today. Boundaries allow me to know what is expected of me and what I can expect from others; they are what a sound responsible community and nation is built upon. The game of football is all about boundaries, rules and selflessness. "I did it my way" was pretty much the motto of my generation and unfortunately reigns large in our society and world today. It teaches greed and self-centeredness. Coach Jones would not approve and neither does our heavenly Father and eternal Coach. While football rules and game plans, as well as every other type of manual man has ever written, needs continual updating and revision, God's manual is eternally sound and fully trustworthy. Coach Jones and the wonderful game of football were of great help in placing me on the narrow road where eternal meaning and purpose reigns supreme. With that game plan, life for me has been filled with purpose and abiding joy, and therein lies our hope for tomorrow.

Thank you Coach,

Jerry Melton
Class of 1970, home of the mighty Foley Lions

August 27, 2004

Coach Jones,

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate playing ball for you. When we came out of the locker room before each game, we knew we were as well prepared as any team could be. We just had to execute the plan. When we went through the "2 a days" in august and we thought you were trying to kill us, it was just to make ~~us~~ us better prepared for the 4th Quarter. It really paid off. Thanks for not going easy on us. It helped to make me more determined to succeed in life and business. Anything that has value is worth working hard enough to make sure we can attain it.

It makes me very proud to have played for you. Thanks for your friendship and your great leadership.

I congratulate you on this great honor. By

August 20, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

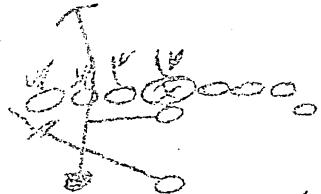
Thank you for all of your time that you gave to everyone that played sports for you. Thank you for the things that you did for me when I was under your guidance. To me some of those things may have not seemed necessary at the time but now I see that they were. I thank God for what you taught me about life. The main things I learned were to never quit what you start and to do the best that you can do at everything you do. I have wanted to change jobs many times over the years and I am so thankful that I have now been with Gulf Telephone Company for 36 years. (This goes back to the work ethic you taught so many of us)

I have so many fond memories of those good ole days and want to share a few with you. I remember skipping practice and having to run the line full of upper classmen. I made it to the end of that line and I stayed on the team. I also remember the fight at the Atmore game, we all hated to lose. I will *never* forget the trip back to Atmore to apologize in front of the whole school on behalf of our team. That I will never forget!!! Ha Ha!!!

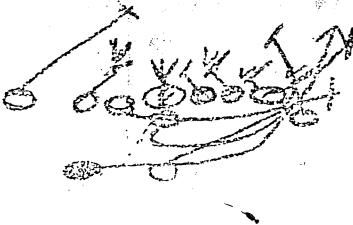
There are just so many things that you taught by what you said and did that have truly stayed with me until this day. I can't remember one thing that you taught me that I didn't need to know.

Respectfully,

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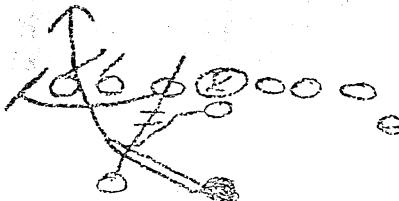


FB cut off Tackles
block - Follow T-head -



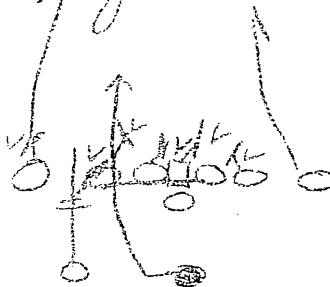
Power Bump to the 10
Sides - 20 yard run out
Ball to guard seal to
inside -

Block 1-2-3

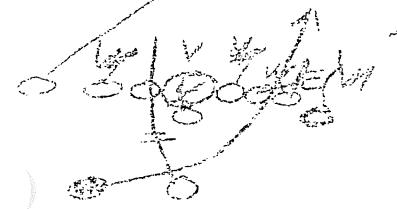


FB run at tail off
End -

41-42 Statute
on 5 now move to
left of center -



25-36 C B 3 End + T
Cross Block on 5 -
Block 1,2-3 off 6 -

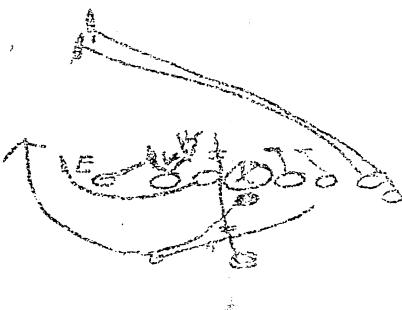
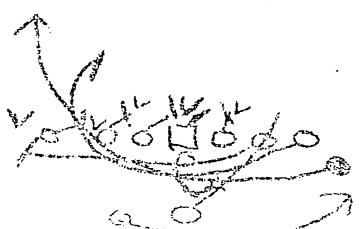


25-36 Belly - inside
guard pull (Kukertend)



5-36 W B TRAP
W/ Both Tackles + End -

17-18 C B Belly



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Coach Ivan Jones

September 3rd, 2004

Coach Jones, I do have a regret, and that is, I have not seen you in over 30 years. I moved after college and just in the last three years have moved back and am thrilled to see the movement to rename the stadium after you. I remember once you said "Kenny Stabler put Foley on the map", but I would say to you Sir, you put Foley on the map.

I had the honor of playing under your guidance and direction in both football, 4 years and baseball for 4 years. I also have the great memories and the distinction of being on and starting as a Foley Lion during your last season as Head Coach.

I graduated the following spring, in 1969, graduated four years later from Livingston University, married and have two daughters. My wife Connie and I live in Elberta now and are helping to look after Mom and Dad in our spare time. They had their 60th wedding anniversary in May.

I know every conversation, email and letter you will receive will be full of accolades and you deserve them all. I just want to thank you for what you did for me and how you helped mold my work ethic, drive, respect for others, and made me realize that with determination, practice, hard work and effort we could have success both on and off the field. You taught us character.

I would still run through that proverbial brick wall for you and I still find myself at times reaching up to grab a hand full of PRIDE when I go through a door way.

I respect you as a Coach and for the Man you are, and I feel rewarded by knowing you and having played for you. Your lessons were not just about Baseball or Football, you taught us lessons of life.

Thank you,
Donnie #22

Don Fuqua
26586 Frank Rd.
Elberta, Al. 36530

Class of 1969
Foley Lions

Jim Kelly
219 W. Satsuma Ave.
Foley, AL 36535
August 25, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

What a well-deserved honor it is to have the Foley High School stadium bear your name!

I would like to personally thank you for the relationship we have had over the last forty-five years. You and Mr. R. L. Smith gave me--a green kid right out of college--my first coaching opportunity. I thought after playing ball for four years in high school and another four years in college that I knew a little about sports. I soon discovered that I knew nothing. I owe all of my success in coaching to you and your dedication to your players, their parents and your community.

While living in the old Modern Hotel, I learned firsthand that you work seven hours a day and all year long. Whatever task needed doing, you were always available. Your dedication on and off the field will be with all of us for the rest of our lives. You taught your players to work hard, to never quit, to be honest, to be team players and to respect their teammates and teachers. You stressed to them to always do their best and encouraged them to attend church.

It always helps to know the players' parents and grandparents, which you did. Through these relationships you were able to get a lot of students to participate in athletics that may never have done so. You never gave up on a student and did your best to help them improve.

I will always remember you for these qualities and I know you have made a lasting impact on my family and me.

Congratulations again on this honor. I hope we will continue to participate in our favorite pastime: attending Foley High football games.

Your friend,
Jim Kelly

Marshall Underwood
4608 Brookmoor Drive, Mobile, AL. 36618

8/24/04

Dear Coach Jones,

I know that September 3rd. is going to be a very special night for you and for those whose lives you have influenced for good over the course of your life. I wish I could be in attendance but a previous commitment will require that Sandy and I be out of the State. However, I wanted at the least to have a word or two included in your scrapbook.

I think it is fair to say that the three or four years spent under your coaching were some of the most valuable of my upbringing. I would be hard-pressed to identify anyone outside my own family-circle who impacted my life more. You helped give my life focus when I was struggling to find it. You believed in me when it was hard for me to believe in myself. You were patient with me when I needed it most. And, yet, you inspired me to do better and to be better from year to year. In short, you were a real difference-maker in my life, and the differences you made were for the better.

I am very thankful for your concern, commitment, values and influence. You have been a tremendous asset to the city of Foley and the surrounding communities. And, nothing could be more appropriate than that your contributions be recognized as they are in the naming of the stadium.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Marshall
Marshall Underwood

AUGUST 28, 2004

DEAR COACH JONES,

WHAT A WELL DESERVED HONOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR CHARACTER, DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO SO MANY LIVES. I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION DEDICATING OUR FOOTBALL STADIUM IN YOUR NAME. HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE.

YOU PERSONALLY TOUCHED MY LIFE FROM THE FIRST MOMENT WE MET. HAVING JUST ARRIVED FROM ARGENTINA TO LIVE WITH MY GRANDPARENTS IN FOLEY, YOU TOOK A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MY WELFARE AND IN MY MIND BECAME MY SURROGATE PARENT. WHAT A GIFT TO A TEENAGE BOY NEEDING TO BELONG. THANK YOU.

AS PLAYERS YOU TAUGHT US ALL THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMITMENT, TEAM SPIRIT AND A WINNING ATTITUDE. SUCH ATTRIBUTES AS THESE HAVE SERVED US WELL AND BEEN ESSENTIAL IN THE LIVING OF OUR LIVES. THANK YOU.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT YOUR INTEREST IN US DID NOT STOP WITH OUR GRADUATIONS. IT IS ALWAYS SUCH A JOY TO SEE

THIS LETTER DOES NOT DO JUSTICE OR CONVEY ALL MY THOUGHTS AND PRAISE FOR YOU BUT IT WILL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW. IT IS WITH PRIDE THAT I CAN CALL YOU MY COACH, MY MENTOR AND MY FRIEND. PLEASE KNOW THAT I WILL BE PRESENT IN SPIRIT AT THE NAMING OF THE FHS STADIUM CEREMONY. THIS HONOR WILL BE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF YOUR INTEGRITY AND OF THE ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED IN OUR LIVES. THANK YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS COACH AND THANK YOU FROM ONE OF YOUR PLAYERS.

RESPECTFULLY,

Mike Cody
Class of 1964

Kenneth D. McLeod, DO, FACOFP
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Foley, AL 36535

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Fax - 251-943-7442

August 23, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

It is with great satisfaction that I congratulate you on the naming of our stadium after you. This is a much deserved and earned honor.

I thank you for being my coach and role model during those formative and impressionable years at Foley High School. Many times during my college training and during life your influence as my coach has carried me and inspired me to be a better man and has helped me to achieve and operate on a higher level and I thank you for all.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. McLeod, DO
Kenneth D. McLeod, DO, FACOFP

KDM/pkm

16875 County Road 32
Summerdale, Alabama 36580
August 22, 2004

Dear Coach Jones:

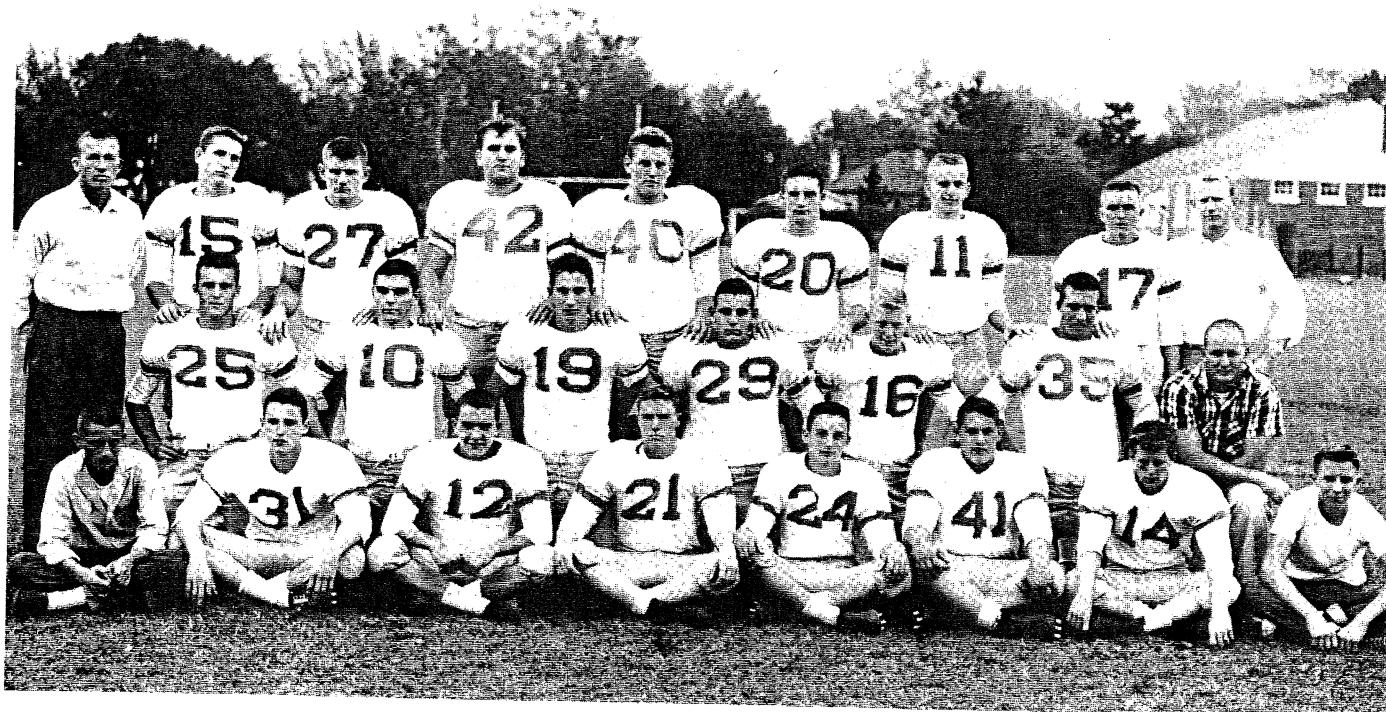
It would take pages to record all my memories of the high school years when you so strongly influenced me. Consolidating everything into a page or two is challenging.

I still wonder what it is that makes a man have such influence in a teenager's life. You had a magnetism that pulled us all to you that continues to this day. You made each of us feel important and never questioned our abilities to do whatever we chose to do. You planted commitment, determination, and persistence that have molded my adult life. For all this I am so grateful.

My favorite memories go back to those days when you would stay behind to wrap my ankles while the other players and coaches moved on out to the field. That time alone with you and the encouragement you gave psyched me up to the point that I thought I could make it on the college field. Unfortunately, my tendency toward injury didn't allow me to see my dreams to fruition, but there were the few moments of glory I would cling to through the years. While my football career ended with the Atmore/Foley experience in 1959, your encouragement continued.

Much more important than the moments of glory were the moments with you, Coach Jones, -- moments I shared through the years with my children. It seems that my story telling abilities outweighed my abilities on the football field, and the bedtime stories shared with Laura, Will, and Shane centered around two of my favorite characters -- my horse named Flame and Coach Jones. Whether at bedtime or in the middle of a watermelon patch encouraging the school boys helping me pitch and load, the famous sayings of Coach Jones would ring clear. "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" was one of the favorites.

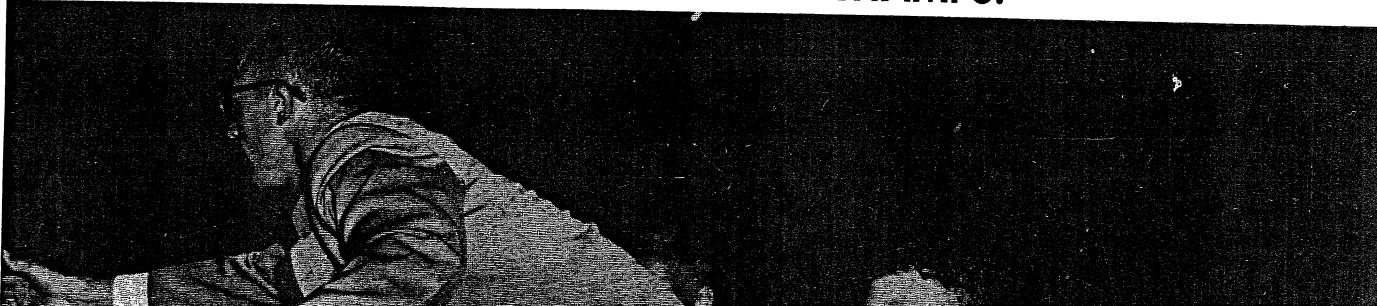
You have touched my life in a unique fashion. Because you touched mine, you have in turn influenced the rearing of my own family, and your legacy lives on. Thank you for taking time to encourage a country boy from Magnolia Springs, thank you for seeing potential in those of us who never made it to greatness on the field, and thank you for caring about us through all the years since high school. It will be special to be present as



FOLEY LIONS

Foley vs Vigor	-----	14 to 7	Foley vs Atmore	-----	21 to 7
Foley vs Semmes	-----	33 to 0	Foley vs Theodore	-----	6 to 0
Foley vs U. M. S.	-----	0 to 0	Foley vs Bay Minette	-----	21 to 14
Foley vs McGill	-----	40 to 0	Foley vs Baker	-----	38 to 0
Foley vs Robertsdale	-----	31 to 6	Foley vs Fairhope	-----	13 to 6

THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHAMPS!



August 21, 2004

Dear Coach,

Congratulations on the honor of our Foley High School football stadium being named the Ivan Jones Stadium. You are most deserving of this high respect. All of us who played football there on your teams have many fond memories of Friday nights celebrating victories after enjoying a good game.

You taught us to play hard as individuals and you then molded us into a team. I will always be proud of the 1960 season as our 9-1-0 record was far better than anyone expected.

You built us into an outstanding team over there on that practice field and I know much of my sweat is still over there in that soil.

I wish I could be at the dedi-

**DANIEL F. MASTREAN
8485 LIBERTY HALL DRIVE
MIDLAND, GA 31820**

August 20, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley, Al 36535

Dear Coach Jones:

Your accomplishments are legendary! Your accolades are abundant!
Naming the stadium Ivan Jones Stadium as a tribute to you is well deserved
and long overdue.

I count it as an extreme privilege to have played football and other sports
under your guidance. You have been a role model, both in sports and out for
countless young adults for as long as I have known you. You have been a
pillar of your community and your church. You have touched the lives of so
many people for such a long time and continue to do so today.

The city of Foley and the Baldwin County School System is extremely lucky
to have you and your accomplishments not just in sports but in all phases of
the community.

Congratulations on this honor!

Bubba Marriott
400 Isabella Avenue
Mississauga, ON L5B 2G2

August 18, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
PO Box 282
Foley, Alabama 36536

Dear Coach Jones:

I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your very special day. I am hoping to be there to help celebrate but in the event I am not able to attend the festivities I wanted to let you know that this is an honor that you most certainly deserve. You have had such a positive influence on so many young men during all of your years coaching at Foley.

I am grateful that I was one of the players in your early years at Foley. I would like to think that through your leadership those teams set a standard for future teams to look up to. The Lauders, Walkers, Christensens, Wirths, Mastreans, Underwoods, Taylors, Moores, Munds, Schultzs, and on and on all had the highest regard for your coaching ability but more than that your ability to get the very best out of each and every player you came in contact with.

Coach, enjoy the day. This is something that just had to happen and could not have happened to a finer man.

Regards,



Bubba Marriott



Anne McChesney May, CPA
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September 2, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley, Alabama

Dear Coach Jones:

I wanted to write to congratulate you on the naming of the stadium in your honor. There is no one more deserving. No one has made more contributions to the football and the other athletic programs at Foley High School. The years you spent coaching influenced so many lives in a positive way. You helped shape the character of all the players you coached.

I am lucky to have been able to play under you. The lessons I learned during those years had a significant influence on me and helped me so much in whatever success I have had in life. You had as much influence on my life as anyone. I want to thank you for everything you did for me, the other players and the Foley community. The community would not be the same if not for the influence you had on so many people.

I regret that I won't be able to come to the dedication. I know it will be a very special time for you, your family and so many of the people in the community.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Chastain, CPA

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September 3, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley High School
Foley, Alabama

Dear Coach Jones:

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the long-overdue naming of Foley Stadium in your honor. During my lifetime, no one has meant as much to athletics and to the development of young people in Foley as Coach Ivan Jones. This is much more than recognition of a coaching career (that was much too short). It is about a man who continues to shape the lives of young people in this community many years after leaving active coaching.

Through the years that I served as a manager of Foley football teams, to having you as a coach in Babe Ruth baseball, to working with you during my high school years on the radio broadcasts, you have earned the respect of your players, students, fellow coaches and teachers and members of the community. You have had such a tremendous positive influence on everyone with whom you have come in contact, and so many of us owe you a debt of gratitude for helping us grow into productive citizens. Your profound influence on the lives of so many will never be matched.

My only regret about this dedication is that my father did not live to see it. He was one of your biggest fans and supporters and lobbied for many years for this to happen.

Again, Coach, congratulations and many thanks for the innumerable contributions you have made to the lives of the people of South Baldwin County.

Sincerely,

W DODSON CREIGHTON MD INC.

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BRAWLEY, CA 92227

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August 17, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

I was not at all surprised that the Foly High School football stadium was renamed to the Ivan Jones Stadium. It was such an appropriate thing to do.

It has been forty years and I have not forgotten you. My son is an Ensign in the Navy and is on a destroyer in the Persian Gulf guarding the oilrigs. Last week I emailed my son the following sentence. "My high school football coach (Ivan Jones) use to tell us to "play heads up football" in tough games. In my opinion you are in a" heads up" environment."

I will never forget PRIDE was written on the wall of the dressing room, and we were reminded of this word frequently by you. In the past forty years I have taken PRIDE in my life trying to be the best father, husband, and medical doctor that I can be. My marriage ended in a divorce after 26 years, but it wasn't because of infidelity or that I did not try as hard as possible to make it go. I am very proud that my children have been successful thus far: my son is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and my daughter is a medical doctor doing her internship at the University of Albany Medical Center in New York. I am sure that the meaning of PRIDE that I learned from you helped me to take an interest in and motivate my children.

INTEGRITY and HUMILITY are other words that I learned from working with you. I will never forget when gifted Anthony De Marlo was running through the line and he turned around and waved good-bye to the other team. He was removed from the game and apologized to the team after the game was over.

When your mother died you took some of us seniors to her funeral. It was obvious the deep respect you had for your mother. My life has been so blessed to have had the opportunity to be coached by you. You had a profound effect in my subconscious mind as occasionally I dream about playing football in the Ivan Jones Stadium, trying to be good enough to make the team.

Look forward to seeing you at the IVAN JONES STADIUM.

August 16, 2004

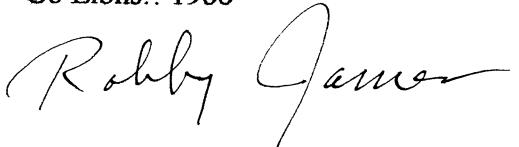
To Coach Jones:

I just wanted to write to say how happy I am for you and your family. You have meant so much to so many people for all the hard work and dedication you have given to Foley High School and the city of Foley. I am always so proud when people ask who my high school coach was, to say Coach Ivan Jones.

Coach, you taught me so much; things like hard work, never give up and how to respect others. I will always be indebted to you for any success I have had in my coaching career. You are a great teacher and one who I will always respect for all you have done for me. I have been around football all my life and I know there are not many coaches like you in our profession. You really care about your players and it is very evident even now, as you are still working to better young players.

I just want to say again, Thanks Coach, I love you. I hope to get back to Foley soon to watch a game at Coach IVAN JONES STADIUM.

Go Lions!! 1968

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robby James". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Robby" on the top line and "James" on the bottom line, slightly overlapping.

Robby James-41

August 20, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

Words cannot express the sincere deep appreciation that I have for you and the gratitude that I feel for the impact you have had on my life!

You have been and will forever be a positive role model and catalyst for our world.

Thank you for taking an interest in helping me and instilling within me a solid foundation build on your values.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Tom Provost #51
Class of 1970

*Charles S. Houser
101 River Route- Magnolia Springs, Al. 36555*

August 14, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
% Jim Donaldson
807 W. Magnolia Avenue
Foley, Al. 36535

Dear Coach,

CONGRATULATIONS ON HAVING THE STADIUM NAMED FOR YOU!

It's hard for me to believe that's it's been 34+ years since I had you as a teacher and coach, but I can honestly say that the years that I spent in sports, and more specifically the time I spent playing sports for you were some of the most fun and the formative times of my life. Playing sports, and having you as my coach, helped me throughout my life more than I can adequately describe.

You helped me with my self esteem, by always having something positive to say about whatever I was doing, even when I certainly didn't deserve it. Specifically, I recall you referring to me as your "little Big Man" on the field, because you said that even though I was small, I had a "big heart". That has stuck with me all these years, and has brought back many great memories. You helped me overcome obstacles and adversities by helping me "get back up" whenever I had setbacks, which were numerous. You helped me set my goals higher than I would have on my own, and always made me feel like I could achieve them.

I guess what I'm trying to say, coach, is that you meant and mean an awful lot to me, and countless others. I'm not talking about just sports, but in most every way. I am proud that I had the opportunity to know you in the classroom, and have you as a coach on the field of sports. You represent all the good connotations of the term "coach", and have continued to do so with your retirement.

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Coach Jones:

If there was ever an icon of sports + education
in Foley, you're the guy!!

Your influence has been broad + lasting.

I was certainly not one of your finest athletes,
but whether you knew it or not, I was one of
your best students. Along with my parents,
you helped me learn the value of hard work,
practice + personal discipline. You influenced
my life in ways I probably don't fully
appreciate.

On behalf of your past students + athletes,

August 14, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones' Scrapbook Letter
% Jim Donaldson
807 W. Magnolia Ave.
Foley, Al 36535

Coach Jones,

I heard that the Foley High School Stadium was to be renamed the Ivan Jones Stadium. The news was received with great pleasure and I wanted to throw my two cents in to commemorate the occasion.

Since I played on your first and worst team in 1956, I wanted you to know that I followed with great interest the tremendous teams you fielded after we left. I guess you learned from our mistakes but, I have to say, at least we won the County Championship!

John Grisham wrote a book called *Bleachers*, which I read earlier this year. It reminded me of my high school football days and the teammates of my day. It was, however, really about a coach and what he meant to his players. It reminded me, in very rough terms, of you. In fact, I even forwarded it to my friends, Bubba Marriott, Dan Mastrean, Marvin Pixton and Don Moore so they could reflect back on not only our football team but the influence our coach had on us. Of course, Bubba, Dan and Marvin continued their football careers as we went forward into the world while Don and I pursued other endeavors.

Some of us also had the distinct pleasure of having you as a basketball coach and a classroom teacher. That was just a bonus.

Anyway, congratulations on the honor that the residents of Foley have bestowed upon you. It is deserved for the many Friday night thrills you have provided them over the years and for the lives you have helped to shape!

Sincerely

4084 County Road 16
Jones, AL 36749
August 12, 2004

Ivan Jones Stadium Committee
807 W. Magnolia Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

I am writing concerning the letter we received from you about Coach Jones. I have heard many nice things about Coach Jones from Willie as well as the school in Foley and many of you. Willie had lots of good memories from that time in his life. He always carried us by the school when we planned a trip to the beach.

When Willie was fifty-seven years old, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This disease has progressed very fast and for the past two years Willie has been in a nursing home. He doesn't speak nor does he recognize his family.

Please convey to Coach Jones the reason Willie cannot be there. I know if his health permitted this is one ceremony he would definitely attend.

Sincerely,

Joyce Lawrence

Coach Jones,

Success in life can be found in many ways, and you have found the success that you truly deserve. You have touched the lives of many in a very positive way. You made every player you coached feel valued, appreciated, and an asset to the team. I will always be thankful for your sincerity and kindness and grateful for the experience of learning by your example.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne".

Wayne Chisenhall,
Class of '63

Randy Davis
P. O. Box 3335
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

August 11, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones' Scrapbook Letter
C/o Jim Donaldson
807 West Magnolia Ave.
Foley, AL 36535

Dear Coach Jones,

Congratulations on the naming of the football stadium. It is an honor that is well deserved by making the Ivan Jones name immortal in a community that you have loved and dedicated your life.

I played football and basketball under your direction. However, it is not those two sports where you began your influence on my life. In 1966, when I was 3, you taught me to swim in the wading pool at Max Griffin Park. For several summers thereafter you taught me in swimming several times. I also thank you for the times that you spent on the baseball diamond with myself and many other boys giving us batting practice with the old pitching machine in the middle of the heat of summer.

You were the principal at the Foley Middle School when I was in the 7th and 8th grades. My older brother would drop me off at school very early in the morning. You and I were the only ones on campus for while. At that time you were recalling and collecting articles for a writer who was writing a book about Kenny Stabler. I loved the stories you could tell about previous football seasons and was amazed at the detail you remembered about each game. To remember all those plays, times on the clock, down situations and players' names proves your passion for Foley High School Football.

Thank you for your contributions to Foley Schools, the City of Foley, to the youth of Foley and to me.

Coach Jones,

I want to take a couple minutes of my time to thank you for the endless hours you dedicated to coaching not only me, but many more. You were always so inspired, this trait was passed down to every player you came into contact with.

I became a coach later in life and found out just how difficult it can be. I also passed on to my players what had been passed on to me by you, which were honesty, integrity, and how to play to your fullest potential.

Coach you not only inspired me but many others through your teachings. For that I thank you.

's Game With Foley!

Knocks Crusaders Tonight



—Press Staff Photo

SEEK UPSET OVER McGill

Foley High places its hope for an upset triumph over McGill Institute Friday night at Foley on the performances of the trio of gridders shown above with Coach Ivan Jones. The three footballers, who have attracted much attention from several Southeastern Conference schools, are halfback Bobby Lauder, left, halfback Ray Christenson, and 185-pound tackle Billy Walker. Lauder has tallied 84 points and Christenson 82 as Foley dopped seven of its first eight games, losing only to Vigor. McGill, despite a less impressive 5-2-1 mark, is a solid favorite because of its tougher schedule. One of the largest crowds ever to see a football game in Foley is expected.

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley High School
Foley, ALA.

Aug 24, 2004

Dear Coach

Sometimes it takes a long time before someone learns to appreciate certain things in life - sometimes one never does. I do know than the years I found out many things you taught me thru High school that I did not even realize until some years later! EFFORT, HARD WORK, SACRIFICE and "never give up" attitude to name a few. I remember you encouraging me even while I was still at Summerville school, allowing me to come down for spring training and actually getting me to thinking I could become an athlete! All the things I learned seemed to later apply to life it self and not just a game of ball - you was responsible for me earning a college scholarship

August 23,2004

Dear Coach Jones:

Congratulations on your dedication!

It is only fitting that the many local people are formally recognizing the leadership and inspiration you have shown for so many years and how much you mean to so many people. You were the best at getting the most out of the God-given talents of so many young athletics (with names like Heltons, Reed, Stabler, Sute, Gibson, DeMarlo etc ad nausea). Having been there in small but observable way I know that nothing great comes out of FHS or life without work and sweat; you sure gave us a lot of both.

What would FHS in the early 60's have been without you?

Two back to back State Championships!

I have lived now for 34 years in northeast Georgia. Occasionally some of these 'crackers' will ask how it was to grow up in south Alabama. My response is always been about a great small town named "Foley" and:
1. I was privileged to have played on a State championship team....
2. With a bunch of smart guys and one everyone knows as the "Snake"....
3. And for a football Coach named Ivan Jones who was a Lombardi of high school coaches.

Such bolstering always led to the next question: "What was so great about the man?"

My answer was and still is:

-He didn't allow cussing (or water breaks).
-He would stop the bus on Friday road games so his 2 Catholic boys (Dick Sute and me) could get their fish.
-He made us run the prior year's single-wing plays of our biggest rival (UMS) for the first games of my senior year so that on the night of the big show, Ladd Stadium, we "potato pickers across the bay" could switch to the Split T.

Final Score: 34-0.

That's how brilliant, strategic and yes sneaky our Coach was.

You are a special person Coach.

Aug. 24, 2004

DEAR COACH JONES,

THIS LETTER IS LONG OVERDUE AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOU IN PERSON. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT TEACHER, COACH AND FRIEND. YOU WERE AND ARE MY ROLE MODEL.

YOU TOOK A RAG-TAG BUNCH OF COUNTRY BOYS AND MOVED US INTO STATE CHAMPIONS. NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE. 'WOW!' OVER THE YEARS I'VE I HAVE COME TO REALIZE HOW YOU DID THAT GREAT FEAT. I CAN SUM IT UP IN TWO WORDS — DEDICATION & VALUES. THESE ARE WHAT YOU LIVE BY.

I USED THE VALUES YOU TAUGHT TO RAISE MY FOUR CHILDREN. LET ME TELL

AND CRISTI OWNS A CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY. I AM VERY PROUD OF THEM
AND YOU SHOULD BE TOO. AFTER ALL
YOU HELPED RAISE THEM.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY
HEART FOR TEACHING, COACHING AND LOVING
ME. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

Teddy Gibson
TEDDY GIBSON
CLASS OF 1963

J.R. SUTE
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DAPHNE, AL 36526
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August 25, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones' Scrapbook Letter
C/o Jim Donaldson
807 W. Magnolia Ave.
Foley, AL 36535

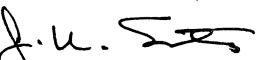
Hey Coach,

I'm sure many of your former players will write in with vivid memories of their exploits during the games in which they played. I don't remember much about the games except dirt and sky. I don't remember the cheers, just grunts and cuss words.

I do remember the practices. They were tough. I remember how big Kenny Helton and Jay Crosby were and how hard Don foster ran. I remember how hard Ronnie Helton's elbows were and how tough Otis Reed was. I remember how Coach Christensen (Coach Lard) used to grin whenever the "Rinky Dinks" used to stuff one of the first team's plays.

I remember how tough you were on us, and the discipline you demanded of us all. You and the team were a part of making me the person I am today.

Thanks Coach,



Dickie Sute
(No. 66)

August 23, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley High School

Dear Coach Jones:

What an honor to have this opportunity to write you a letter.

My first thought, when I received the committee's invitation to write a letter, was that you gave me a nickname of a sort - "Little Man". It was certainly accurate as to weight, maybe 125 lbs and height, possibly 5'7". However, it caused me to think I was as big as James Taylor or Martin Coley.

Mama always said, "Coach Jones is from back up home". So, from one son of the Tombigbee to another son of the Tombigbee, I want to say "thank you" for the name and for everything you taught me through example and wisdom.

Sincerely,

Boswell

Boswell Smith

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Coach Jones,

You taught me many lessons, both on and off the field. The hard work, the dedication, the teamwork, learning to deal with our shortcomings and strive to excell. Those lessons I learned at a young age and they have helped me throughout my adult life.

I didn't understand at the time I played ball for you that what I learned on that practice field and the friendships I made, would mold me into who I am today.

You've always been an inspiration



Shelton Lipscomb
16977 River Road
Bon Secour, AL 36511

Coach Marvin Jones
Foley, AL

Dear Coach Jones,

I had some wonderful times
playing football under your leadership.
I have great memories of you and
my team to pass on to my children
and my grandchildren.

There is one particular incident
that I remember. One day at practice
you read us a letter that the U.N.S.
Coach sent you.

The 1961 team beat U.N.S. 14 to 13.
The U.N.S. Coach told you that the
reason his team was defeated was
because a lot of his boys were sick
and gave out the second half. He also
informed you that they would be
ready for us this year.

The 1962 team went to Ladd Stadium

August 25, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
%Jim Donaldson
807 W. Magnolia Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Dear Coach Jones,

How wonderful that our old Foley High School football stadium is to be named "Ivan Jones Stadium". I can't imagine a better name for it. You are most deserving and not just because of your many years of service there. I understand that you have spent these past numerous years continuing to coach and teach young people in the Foley community in all sorts of organized sports. It's a good feeling to think of the number of boys and girls lives that you have touched. You must surely have gotten a lot out of that time and effort yourself or you would have long since stopped.

You have certainly shown all of us through these many years what one person can do in assisting young people in their efforts to develop their physical skills and character. How very proud you must be to see and hear about the many successes from so many of your former players and students and to know that you had a part in their development. It seems to me that you can proudly say that your life is a success.

Anyway Coach, I know that your special evening will be one long remembered and I hope that you can enjoy many more years in the vocation that you do so well.

Best wishes,

Norman Moore
"Class of 1965"
210 W. Palm Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535

August 30, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley, Alabama 36535

Dear Coach:

On this occasion when the Foley High School Stadium is being named in your honor, I want to personally thank you for the positive influence you have had on my life and that of my family. Under your coaching I learned to set high goals and standards, to work hard and long in preparation to meet those goals and to persevere in face of adversity. You taught me that I had to work within and for the "team" to first meet the team's goals and that personal goals would often be achieved as a result. You set the example for the team and encouraged us, and we had remarkable success. Your expectations were far greater for us than we could have ourselves imagined. You motivated us to achieve beyond our athletic talent and the rewards were lasting friendships, a sense of purpose and commitment and the tools to succeed in life.

Later you coached Russ in baseball and you provided an excellent educational environment for Russ and Lisa as they made there way through middle school. You cared about them and they felt your guidance and concern. Marge and I as parents were very pleased to have our children in your care.

You have made an everlasting impression on us all and we thank you for the positive effect that you have had on our family. We thank you for the example of high ethics and leadership you have provided.

I am very pleased to see our community honor our traditions and high community standards by the naming the stadium in your honor. You certainly have has a timeless, lasting influence on Foley High School and on the South Baldwin County area. We will never forget you Coach.

Kaiser Development, Inc.
P.O. Box 1286
Foley, AL 36536

September 3, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

I was a 9 year old youngster when I came up to you and asked if I could be a manager for your football team. From that time on I was a Foley Lion, full of the same pride that you required of your players to play on your football teams. Today I still am a Foley Lion that bleeds blue and gold. Your leadership in 1967, when I first started being a manager set the tone for a mentorship that you probably never realized help mold me and instill within me the right mix for success.

I had the pleasure to get to drive your old Plymouth "push button" car when you would come get me on Saturdays to help you wash the game clothes and get the dressing room ready for Monday's practices. As I stood out on the practice field with you, I learned all your plays and even today can still recite most of them. Your spirited methods of coaching started me understanding the real meaning of pride as you taught that trait to each and every player you coached. I also knew what it was like to receive your wrath as I sometimes did a few things you did not like such as, I left the game balls in Foley when we went to Robertsdale to play; when I gave ice to players when I was not suppose to and the infamous extra point tee toss that hit you while when I sailed it across the fence to the game field. From all of this I learned to appreciate you and understand more and more what it was like to be a Foley Lion.

Today we honor you for being that special example you set for being a Foley Lion and we are all proud to have been associated with. Your hard work ethic was passed on along with your desire to win to all of us who were around you. I thank you and congratulate you for receiving the highest honor Foley could ever bestow upon anyone, naming our playing field, The Ivan Jones Stadium. God Bless you and your family!

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August 25, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley High School
Foley, Alabama

Dear Coach Jones:

I am enclosing a reprint of the letter I wrote the Mobile Register on September 6, 2001 concerning you. It is hard to add to what I said in that letter, which was published as you know by the Register.

I reaffirm everything in that letter to the Register. It says a lot, but it does not say it all.

I'm glad I am one of the lucky ones that was subject to your excellent coaching and motivation. You certainly have played a major part in my development as an athlete and a person. You are one of the building blocks, along with my mother and father, who have helped me achieve the successes I have had in life thus far. I will never forget you and I will always honor you.

Sincerely yours,



J. DON FOSTER

(Exhibit A To August 25, 2004 Letter To Coach Ivan Jones)

September 6, 2001

The Mobile Register
P. O. Box 2488
Mobile, AL 36652-2488

Attn: Mr. John Cameron

Re: Coach Ivan Jones

Dear John:

I was delighted with the wonderful article about Coach Ivan Jones which was front page news on August 31. I am sorry I missed your telephone call for commentary because I have a lot of memories about Coach Jones.

Ivan Jones will always be "Coach" to me. I always looked up to him and it is hard to be totally familiar with someone who occupied a position of authority and that you admire. I have known Coach Jones since I was twelve years old. He helped me get off to a good start in my athletic career even at that age when he let me play on the pony league baseball team a little younger than ordinary. That jump started my athletic career and was an early confidence builder. He helped get me some weights to work out with and took an interest in my athletic development.

The story of Coach Jones goes much deeper than simply his outstanding won and loss record. Coach was truly dedicated to the players and cared about their welfare. Even back in the sixties he was conscious of their grades and was always sensitive to concerns or complaints of the faculty

until he thought we had gotten it right. This was back in the days when you weren't supposed to drink water during practice so nobody got any unless they cajoled the water boy for a small sip or maybe sucked on a wet towel. Amazingly we had no victims of heatstroke or for that matter many injuries at all. Coach Jones just believed in the basics, blocking, tackling, and running hard. Execution, execution, execution was his forte. Nothing fancy.

Coach Jones was one of the many unsung heroes in the education and coaching ranks back then and still today. Sometimes people do not realize the tremendous impact that educators, and particularly football coaches, have on their students and players. In the case of Coach Jones it was a very positive impact then, and I am sure it still is today. He has devoted his life to helping young people achieve to the best of their ability. I can say without question Coach Jones had a major impact on the course of my life. I owe him a lot.

I am so glad to know that Coach Jones is back in the active varsity coaching ranks along with his gifted pupil, Lester Smith, who is the head coach. Coaching at the high school level is vastly different now than it was back in the sixties. There are many more high schools. The competition is better and there are fewer players to go around. There are also many other distractions than we had back then. There are lots of reasons to avoid the tough grind of football practice even though the rewards are great. Football is still a wonderful team sport that teaches character and discipline to most of those participants who will listen.

As the season goes forward I am sure Lester Smith will reestablish the old winning ways and traditions of Foley High School football which have waned considerably in the last decade. I look forward to Lester restoring the pride and tradition of the Foley football program. The inspirational contribution of Ivan Jones will be a wonderful asset to this effort.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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August 27, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

I am so pleased to learn that the Foley High School football stadium is being renamed in your honor. I am planning on attending the dedication ceremony.

Your teaching & influence has had a great impact on my life, second only to my father. Many times I have remembered that you taught us that football and life had a lot of similarities. Things were not always easy, but discipline and hard work always paid off.

August 28, 2004

Dear Coach Jones,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on an honor well deserved. It has been a long time since we donned a Foley football uniform but the lessons we learned on the field from you are as relevant today as they were back then.

We never forgot “winners never quit and losers never win”, “if it takes blood to win, let it come”, etc. We were truly taught to give our all from a coach who demanded it. We saw the results from hard work early in our lives by winning County and State championships and just as importantly, this valuable lesson has since been a part of all our lives.

You also taught us how to behave off the field. I won’t forget when you benched Sute and I for littering school property one Halloween. We all had to meet your standards or else and we respected that.

It’s a real pleasure to see you receive this honor and I look forward to watching many football games in Ivan Jones Stadium.

Sincerely,

Dennis Crosby

Class of 63, #83

8/30/04

Dear Coach Jones

I would like to extend to you my warmest congratulations on a well deserved honor.
My life is better for having known you
as a man and a football coach.
Thanks for the memories.

Sincerely

Billy Walker
Retirement End 1955



September 1, 2004

Coach Ivan Jones
Foley High School
Foley, Alabama 36535

Dear Coach Jones,

I wanted to write and congratulate you on the naming of Ivan Jones Stadium as well thank you for being such a wonderful influence on so many people including myself.

When asked about my success as an athlete, I am quick to say that it all started at Foley High School with my high school coach Ivan Jones. You were the first to teach us lessons that would be used again and again. Teamwork, discipline, and commitment are all terms that make me think of you.

I have been so fortunate having played for great men and teachers like Coach Paul W. Bryant, Coach John Madden, and Coach Bum Phillips but I can honestly say it all started with you and I thank you for a great start.

Again, congratulations on Ivan Jones Stadium and all you have done for so many.

Respectfully,
Ken Stabler



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September 1, 2004

Dear Ivan,

What a pleasure it has been knowing you all these years. My first recollection of you was as a coach. I looked up to you and admired you as a coach, a leader, and a motivator. Those were GREAT years: 1959-1964. What a record!!!!!! I commend and congratulate you for the fantastic teams you produced, not only while I was in school, but for all of your teams. You made us all proud to be from Foley. Throughout my life people would bring up those years when they found out I was from Foley.

I remember when you and Julia were married. How fortunate you both were to find each other. It was always a pleasure to see you two together. I appreciate you both attending the Class of 1964's 40th Class Reunion last month. I can't tell you how many classmates remarked with pleasure your attendance. Your attendance helped make that night special.

When I started teaching at Foley high School in 1972, I began to know you as an educator, a co-worker, a professional, and finally as a principal. Again, your character rose to the surface. You continued to be someone to look up to and respect.

And finally, I began to look upon you as a friend. I have always had a high regard for you and looked up to you. You have lead and exemplary life. You have touched so many lives that they are uncountable. You, nor anyone, will ever know the numerous ways in which you have guided, influenced, changed, and enriched the lives of the many, many people you have known throughout your life.

I congratulate you on this great honor. The naming of the Foley High School Stadium after you is a fitting honor to be added to the already long list that you have earned and that have been bestowed upon you. I think Ivan Jones Stadium has a nice ring to it.

My Nephew Taylor Davis was around 6'4" and 235 when he grad. in 2002.

When Taylor was in the 8th grade Coach Jones showed Taylor how to block. He played tight end. When he was a junior he was a very good blocker his last game with Fairhope he graded 100% on his blocking also making player of the week, but as a senior he broke his leg in practice and never played a game that year. Taylor said that Coach Jones technique in blocking had always brought him the most success.

When Taylor would get around his friend Greg James all you could hear was Coach Jones this and Coach Jones that. They were talking about the flipper and I ask them what was the flipper a new play and they said no if you caught one upside your head you would know what it was especially if

I was talking to an oil man about 3 years ago. He was very interested in high school football. He told me he played high school and college football. Every where he traveled from Texas to Florida on Fri. nights he would find a high school football game. He said he had seen many high school football games. He saw lots of good material and poor coaching and good coaching poor material, but in the early 60's he saw Foley play several times. He told me that was the best team he had ever seen very good coaching & good material.

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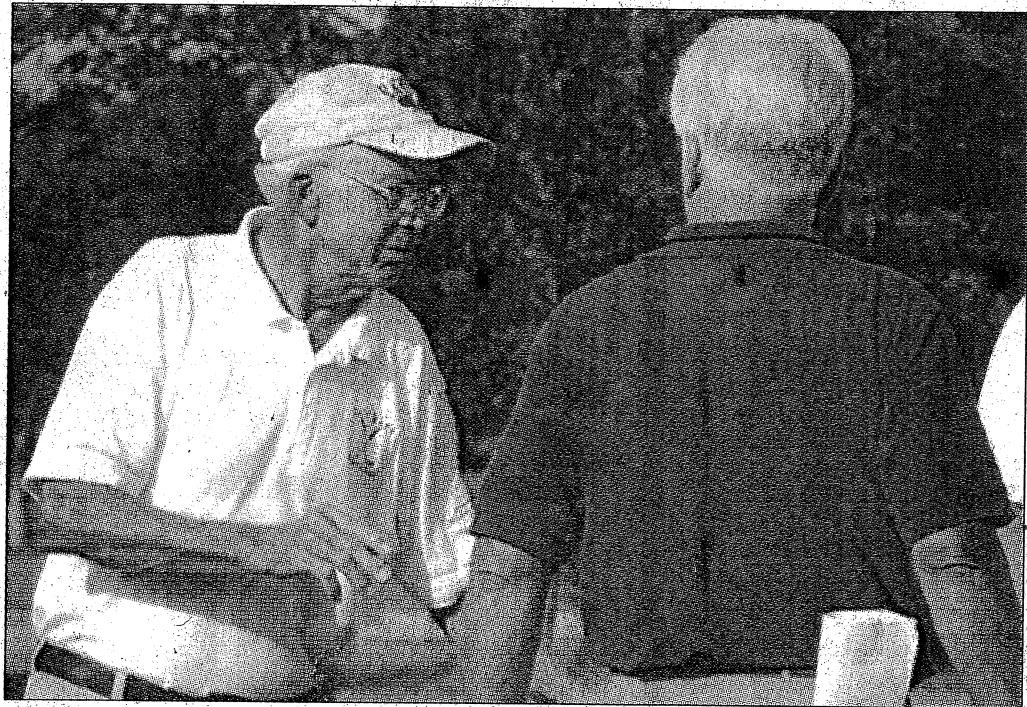
Dear Coach Jones,

My name is Sarah Sherman
White, and I graduated from FHS in
1968. My sister Ruthie is a part of

about 5 yrs. old!

I met my husband, David, at U. of A. He played basketball for Coach Tom Tarleton at Tuscaloosa High and then played for Alabama. He passed away this year from a rare, inherited lung disease. He was so brave during his illness, and I believe a lot of his courage had to do

HONORING A LIVING LEGEND



Legendary Foley Coach Ivan Jones (left) talks strategy with Coach Lester Smith during practice at Foley High School earlier this year. Jones, who coached 14 years at Foley, from 1954 to 1968, continues to volunteer with both the FHS and Elberta Middle School programs. Foley will honor Jones by renaming Foley Stadium as Ivan Jones Stadium prior to Friday night's contest versus Robertsdale.

Sports

Lions to rename stadium for Ivan Jones

Ceremony for coach to take place at first home game Sept. 3 versus Robertsdale

By John Underwood
Sports Editor

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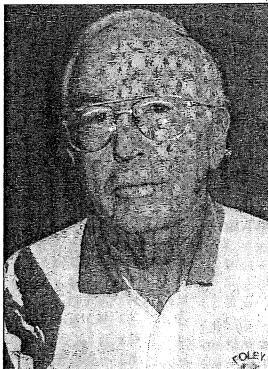
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Since retiring, Jones remains active in coaching, serving as a volunteer assistant with the Foley Middle School and High School programs and with the Elberta Middle in addition to coaching with various youth leagues in the city of Foley.

For those accomplishments and many others, Jones will be honored at the Lions first home game Sept. 3 against Robertsdale when Foley Stadium will be renamed, Ivan Jones stadium.

"After what all he's done for the community, we just felt it was time to recognize him," said Jim Donaldson, who played for Jones in the 1950s and led the push to have the stadium renamed for Jones. "He instilled in us a great love for the game and for me personally, he instilled a never-quit attitude that has carried over in all aspects of my life. It's just nice that we're able to do this while he



Ivan Jones

can still enjoy it."

Donaldson said he began the push for renaming the stadium in January, and after receiving the support of the Foley Athletic Booster Club, the city of Foley Foley High School and Athletic Director Lester Smith, he was able to bring the proposal before the Baldwin County Board of Education in June. The proposal passed in a unanimous vote.

"He truly is a hometown hero," said Foley Mayor Tim Russell in an earlier interview. Russell played for Jones in the 1960s and has been involved with the former coach through his volunteer work with Foley Sports Inc. "It has just meant so much to the city to have him as a volunteer because he commands such great respect with his great reputation as a coach."

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School and went on to play football for Troy State University.

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It was in the 1960s, however, that will forever link Jones to the establishment of a successful football program Foley High School.

From 1960 to 1969 the Lions compiled an 81-19-1 record, winning seven of the 10 county titles, six outright and one a three-way tie with Bay Minette and Fairhope.

Over the two-year span of 1961 and 1962, the Lions compiled a 20-0 record, outscoring opponents 733-59. In 1961, the Lions allowed just one touchdown, which, Jones said, came mid-way through the fourth quarter to Alba against the Lions' third-string defense, while averaging 43.3 points per game.

The 1961 team produced several college players, including Anthony DeMarlo and Don Foster, who both went on to play for Georgia Tech; Ron and Kenny Heitlen, Jay Crosby

and Wayne Chisenhall, who all went on to compete for The Green Wave of Tulane; Teddy Gibson, who went to Auburn; Freddie and Jay Michaelson, who attended Louisiana State University; as well as Dennis Crosby, who would go on to play for Troy State after graduating in 1962.

The quarterback on that 1961 team would also prove instrumental in the history of Foley football.

Lester Smith would go on to play at East Mississippi College and Southeast Louisiana.

After coaching for a couple years in Hammond, La., area schools, Smith would return to Foley, where he served as an assistant in 1968 and then took over the successful program in 1969 when Jones was promoted to assistant principal at Foley High School.

Smith would go on to coach 17 years at Foley, returning as the program's head coach/athletic director in 2001 where he remains in that capacity. With 20 years and counting under his belt, Smith is the only coach in Foley's history to coach longer than Jones and the only coach in Foley's history to record more wins than Jones, standing now at 127-75-2.

"Out of all the people who have supported this project, it was probably Coach Smith who made this happen more than anything," Donaldson said.

Smith's letter included much of what Foley was able to accomplish under Jones, concluding with the following statement:

"I had the privilege of playing for him in high school and coaching with him for two years as an assistant, plus working as a volunteer with him at the middle school and freshman levels when my son was

head coach of those teams. Coach Jones is not only a great coach, but a great person and a true legend in Foley."

Smith said he has gained invaluable lessons from Coach Jones, both as a player and working beside him as a coach.

"He has just contributed so much to this program, whether it's getting an air conditioner for the press box, helping maintain the field, serving as a coach or helping with our golf tournament," Smith said. "He's still active and is always willing to do what it takes to help this program succeed. There are few folks around like him."

There was also another quarterback on that 1961 team — a 15-year-old sophomore backup named Kenny Stabler.

Stabler would go on in his junior and senior seasons to lead the Lions' offensive attack.

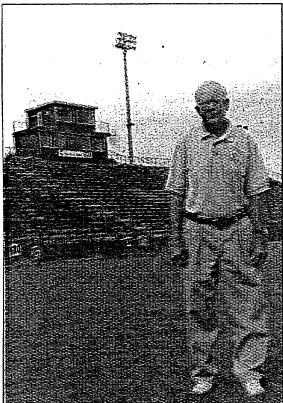
In 1962, the Stabler-led Lions completed another 10-0 season, winning another county title while outscoring opponents 300-53.

Then in 1963, Stabler led his team to a 9-1 mark, coming one touchdown away from a third-straight perfect season, losing to Vigor 20-14 in their opening contest of the season.

Stabler went on to become arguably the most successful athlete Foley High School has ever produced, leading the Alabama Crimson Tide to a 28-3-2 record over the next four years, winning the National Championship in 1965; then served 16 years as a professional, playing for the Oakland Raiders, Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints, leading the Raiders to victory in Super Bowl XI in 1977.

BALDWIN SPORTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2004



GUY BUSBY/Register

Coach Ivan Jones stands on the field of the Foley High stadium that will be named for him Sept. 3. Jones was head coach of the Lions from 1955 to 1969 and continues to serve as a volunteer assistant.

Ceremony set for stadium dedication

► Organizers seeking letters from former players of Foley head coach

Staff Report

Foley High will kick off the Lions first home football game Sept. 3 with a ceremony to name the stadium for long-time Coach Ivan Jones.

Event organizers are now seeking Foley alumni who played for Jones during his tenure as head coach from 1955 to 1969.

Jim Donaldson of the Ivan Jones Stadium Committee said organizers are putting together a scrapbook of letters to be presented to the coach as part of the commemoration.

Anyone wishing to send comments to be included in the scrapbook should submit the letter by Aug. 28. The letter should be sent to: Coach Ivan Jones' Scrapbook Letter, c/o Jim Donaldson, 807 W. Magnolia Ave., Foley, AL 36535.

Before the dedication ceremony, a reception for Jones and former players will be held at the cafeteria of Foley Middle School, which was the high school when Jones was coach. The reception will be from 5 to 6 p.m.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the stadium. Speakers will include Foley Athletic Director Lester Smith, Mayor Tim Russell, Board of Education Member Ruth Underwood and state Rep. Steve McMillan.

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Jones coached the Alabama All-Star Game in 1956, was named state coach of the year by the Birmingham Post-Herald in 1961 and was president of the Alabama High School Coaches Association in 1966.

Jones went into school administration in 1969 and served as assistant principal at Foley High and principal of Foley Middle School before retiring in 1988. He continues to serve as a volunteer coaching assistant for the Lions, however.

He is a member of the Alabama High School Coaches Hall of Fame and a charter member of both the Foley High School Hall of Fame and the Baldwin County Coaches Hall of Fame.



Jones

Sports

Calling all players

Former players invited to write letters, attend ceremony for Ivan Jones Stadium dedicatio

By John Underwood
Sports Editor

The Ivan Jones Stadium Committee welcomes everyone, particularly former players of Coach Jones, to attend a reception from 5 to 7:15 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Foley Middle School Cafeteria.

The reception will precede ceremonies to rename Foley Stadium as Ivan Jones Stadium prior to the Foley-Dobernsdale football game.

The dedication of the stadium by Coach Lester Smith will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Proclamations will be issued out by the City of Foley, Mayor Tim Russell, the Baldwin County Board of Education, representative of Underwood and the state of Alabama, Representative McMillan.

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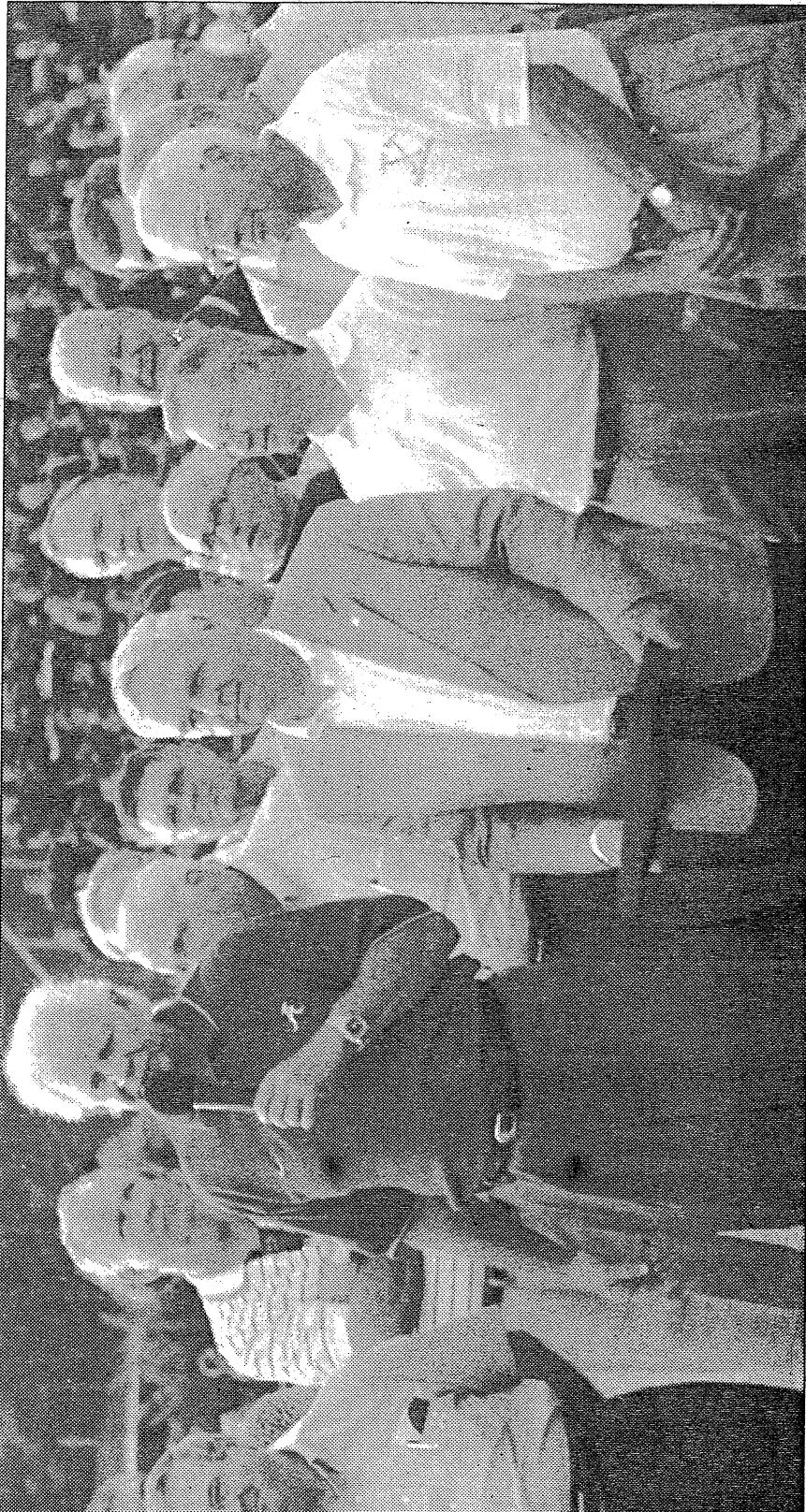
Smith, who begins his 22nd season at the helm of the Lions this fall, said he is proud and happy to be a part of dedicating the stadium to Jones.

"Nobody deserves this honor more or has done more for Foley football," Smith said. "I am thankful that I have the opportunity to both play for and coach with Ivan Jones and he still does everything in his power to help the program, whether it be mowing the grass or providing air conditioning for the press box. He is always asking, 'What else can I do for this football program,' and this is a well-deserved recognition."



Graham Heath/GCN Staff Photo

County Commissioner Albert Lipscomb presents a proclamation to Coach Ivan Jones at the Commission meeting on Tuesday. Jones will also receive proclamations from the City of Foley and the Baldwin County Board of Education during pre-game ceremonies Sept. 3 at the stadium which will be renamed Ivan Jones Stadium in his honor.



Jones honored

Former players, including former Alabama and Oakland Raider standout Kenny Stabler and Foley Mayor Russell, were on hand Friday night to honor Coach Ivan Jones (right) in dedication Foley Stadium as Ivan Stadium. Also pictured in the foreground is Jim Donaldson (left), who organized the committee for the opening of the stadium.

The Lookout 9/8/04

IVAN JONES STADIUM

Foley, Alabama

August 5, 2004

Dear Former Foley Lions,

On September 3, 2004, the Foley High School football stadium will become the **Ivan Jones Stadium**. This will be a most fitting tribute to the coach who has touched so many of our lives, both on and off the football field.

You are invited to take part in this dedication ceremony by attending a reception preceding the football game. The reception will be held in the cafeteria on the Foley Middle School campus from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. You are also invited to send Coach Jones a letter, which will be placed in a scrapbook to be presented to him that evening. We would like to have as many of Coach Jones' former players as possible to take part in this special evening.

Those wishing to send a letter please do so by August 28th. The envelope should be addressed to:

Coach Ivan Jones' Scrapbook Letter
% Jim Donaldson
807 W. Magnolia Ave.
Foley, AL 36535

We are looking forward to seeing you September 3rd.

May 7, 2004

Baldwin County Board Of Education
2600 N. Hand Avenue
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Dear Members,

On behalf of the former athletes who have been coached by Ivan Jones, I would like to put forth a proposal that the football stadium in Foley be named the Ivan Jones Stadium.

Attached are recommendations and endorsements from Tim Russell, the Mayor of Foley; Kenneth Dinges, the principal of Foley High School; Lester Smith, head coach and former Athletic Director of Baldwin County Schools; and Clark Stewart, president of the Foley Booster Club. Other citizens of Foley whose lives have been touched by Coach Jones have also expressed a desire that the stadium be named for him.

I will appreciate any considerations you might give to this proposal, as this is a tribute to Coach Jones that is well deserved.

Sincerely,



Jim Donaldson

Coach Ivan Jones

- Native of Jackson, Alabama
- World War II veteran
- Bachelor's Degree from Troy University; Master's Degree from the University of Alabama
- Teaching Career
1951 - Came to Baldwin County; coached basketball and softball at Perdido
1952 - Came to Foley; assistant coach under Bill Meredith and taught academic subjects and physical education
1954 - Returned to Jackson as assistant coach
1955 - 1969 - Head coach at Foley High School
1969 - 1973 - Assistant Principal at Foley High School
1979 - 1988 - Principal at Foley Middle School
- Coaching Record at Foley High School
Wins: 108
Losses: 26
Undefeated seasons: 2
Baldwin County Championships: 8
Baldwin County Co-championships: 3
1961-62 - Football team was voted State Champions by the *Birmingham Post Herald*
1960 - Baseball team won the Baldwin County Championship; advanced to the 3rd round of the state play-offs
- Honors
1956 - Coached the Alabama All-Star Game
1961 - Name Coach of the Year by the *Birmingham Post Herald*
1966 - President of the Alabama High School Coaches Association
Charter member of the Foley High School Hall of Fame
Charter member of the Baldwin County Coaches Hall of Fame
Member of the Alabama High School Coaches Hall of Fame

Coach Jones has coached Little League, Pony League and Dixie Youth League. He taught swimming for the City Recreation Department. Since his retirement in 1988, he has volunteered his coaching expertise for Foley Middle School, Foley High School, and Elberta Middle School.

Many of his players have gone on to play college ball. The Ivan Jones Scholarship, given thru



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May 3, 2004

Baldwin County Board of Education
2600 North Hand Avenue
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Dear School Board:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I recommend that the Board of Education consider naming the Foley football stadium Ivan Jones Stadium. Coach Jones has been an outstanding coach and is a model citizen.

We would be proud to have a stadium named after such a fine outstanding man and I am very happy to recommend him to you.

Sincerely,

R. Timothy Russell
Mayor

RTR:vms

FOLEY ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

One Pride Place
Foley, Alabama 36535

March 1, 2004

Baldwin County Board of Education
2600 North Hand Avenue
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Dear members of the Board:

On behalf of the Foley Athletic Booster Club, I respectfully request that the Board officially name Foley's football stadium after one of our most beloved and legendary football coaches, Coach Ivan Jones. Our booster club membership is unanimous in our support of this request.

In addition to his outstanding career as Foley's head football coach, which includes many, many victories, two state championships and his much-deserved induction into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, Coach Jones has been a tremendously positive influence in the lives of generations of young people throughout the area. To this day, he continues to donate his time and great knowledge of sports, and life, to the betterment of our youth. His dedication to the youth of our area is a special gift to our community, and we would like to honor him by naming our stadium "Ivan Jones Stadium." This would be a most fitting and proper expression of gratitude to a person who has dedicated so much of his life in service to our local public school's athletic activities.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if I can be of assistance or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Clark Stewart, President
Foley Athletic Booster Club



Kenneth Dinges
Principal

Foley High School

One Pride Place
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Telephone: (251) 943-2221
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Thomas M. Sisk
Assistant Principal

Rhonda C. Stringham
Assistant Principal

Shane Tucker
Assistant Principal

February 2, 2004

Baldwin County Board Of Education
2600 North Hand Ave.
Bay Minette, Al 36507

Dear members of the Board:

It has come to our attention that there is an effort being made by members of the Foley Community to have the Foley High School Football Stadium renamed. The proposed name would be changed to Ivan Jones Stadium after legendary Foley Football Coach Ivan Jones in recognition of his many contributions to our community over the years.

We at Foley High School are not apposed to this suggestion. Coach Jones is viewed as an icon in this community. He has made a difference in the lives of generations of Foley Athletes; we can think of no better way to honor this exceptional man than to name the stadium (which lead to have built) after him.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Dinges, Principal
Foley High School

Foley High School
1 Pride Place
Foley, Alabama 36535
February 4, 2004

Baldwin County Board of Education
2600 North Hand Avenue
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Dear School Board:

On behalf of Foley High School I would like to recommend that the Board of Education consider naming the football stadium at the school Ivan Jones Stadium. There is no one more deserving of this recognition than Coach Jones. Even though most of you know Coach Jones, I want to tell you a few of the reasons we should name the stadium after Coach Jones.

Coach Ivan Jones has the winningest percentage of any coach in the history of Baldwin County football with 10 or more years experience. His record of 108 wins and 28 losses in 14 years at Foley (with no losing records) speaks for itself. He is in the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame. His teams from 1960 through 1964 won 47 and lost 3 and were voted state champions in 1961 and 1962. I could go on and on about his record. But what sets him apart from many other coaches is that he has continued to show remarkable interest in the football program (and the entire athletic program) at Foley long after he "officially" retired. He has continued to help coach at the varsity, freshmen, and middle school levels as an unpaid volunteer and has even helped coach the Elberta team for several years. He has helped numerous young people in the Foley community in several sports for many years. He is well respected by the community. He has set the standard by which the rest of us in coaching (at least in the Foley area) are measured by. I had the privilege of playing for him in high school and coaching with him for two years as an assistant plus working as a volunteer with him at the middle school and freshmen levels when my son was head coach of those teams. Coach Jones is not only a great coach but a great person and a true legend in Foley.

Thank you for your consideration of naming the football stadium in Foley for Coach Ivan Jones. It is richly deserved and would be well received in our community. If I can provide further assistance in this regard, please feel free to let me know.