

CASEY MEDLIN – 2019 “Unsung Hero”



When somebody stays at the job for more than 45 years, he must be doing more than just marking time, right?

Well, not if you're Thomasville's Casey Medlin.

Then you're keeping time.

Literally.

Medlin, who recently turned 104 years old, served as the clock operator for Thomasville High School for 46 years, perhaps becoming more of a fixture in the Cushwa Stadium press box – which was dedicated to him in 2012 – than the scoreboard clock itself.

Medlin played football, basketball and baseball as a Mills Home High School athlete, then stayed in the game for the next five decades as a coach and mentor in city youth recreation programs.

His affiliation with Thomasville football, however, has allowed him to witness 33 playoff appearances by the Bulldogs, including a remarkable eight state championships.

For all of Medlin's contributions to Thomasville football, there's one that stands out the most: his son, Danny, was a standout lineman for Thomasville and then N.C. State before earning a Super Bowl ring with the Oakland Raiders in 1977.

The younger Medlin was inducted into the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. The Medlins are now the third father-son combination to be inducted into the Hall.

