

## WILLIAM S. 'BILLY' EPLEY, JR. – 2017 “UNSUNG HERO”



Nobody, but nobody, knows the local sports scene better than Billy Epley. He's a walking, talking encyclopedia of sports information and minutiae.

And nobody is a more fervent supporter of athletics. That's why he's being recognized as this year's Unsung Hero.

Epley first made an impact in the North Davidson community, serving as the manager of the Knights' football team when he was in grades 9-12. In 1986, he was the manager for the Knights 4-A state runner-up baseball team, coached by Steve Younts.

Epley was also an athlete himself, participating in North's first cross country team. He also

served as the Black Knight Spirit Mascot during basketball season, wearing headgear and a cape at games.

He was voted "Friendliest" during his senior year, and that summer, he served as batboy for the American Legion Post 8 baseball team.

Epley also helped the YMCA youth programs, including basketball and soccer and continues in that capacity to this day.

He also worked the sidelines at Wake Forest football games, holding the headsets for coach Bill Dooley and later Jim Caldwell.

Epley began helping Lexington athletics, particularly with coach Louie Cox's girls' basketball team and Greg King's football team.

For the past five years, he has aided Jon Weavil's boys' basketball team.

Three years ago, the Lexington High School created the William Epley School Spirit Award and Scholarship in recognition of his dedication to the athletic program.

