

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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**CLINIC MARCH 11-12:** One month until the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Ninth Annual Clinic! We hope you have made your plans to attend and bring the team along, the assistant coach, and the coach "down the road" with you. Enclosed you will find a brochure about the speakers, topics, times, etc. Show it to your Athletic Director, Principal, and Superintendent, and make sure you get the day off to attend the weekend of baseball. They might want to come along.

**BANQUET TICKETS:** Enclosed you will find a card to return so we can make a reservation for you for the Friday banquet and noon lunch on Saturday. Fill it out and mail it back with your check covering your Clinic fees. Admission to the Clinic will be \$10.00 for members this year. It will include all meals and the opportunity to hear many top-notch speakers. If you are not a member of the association it will cost you \$15.00 in advance for the clinic. This will include your membership. High school student rates are \$4.00 for full clinic or \$2.50 per day. If they want to eat the meals, it will cost the students \$11.00.

Remember, if you are not a member of the coaches association by March 1, 1977, the clinic will cost you \$17.50. Make your check payable to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association. We will only order as many meals and noon lunches as we have paid reservations.

**HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCED:** Enclosed you will find the press release of the 1977 Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. A brief history follows each man's name. Not only will we honor Hall of Fame, but coaches who have served over 15 years, College Coaches of Year, High School District Coaches of Year and High School Coach of Year. We hope you all are planning to attend and help honor these people.

**NEW DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:** In the November-December Newsletter you received a ballot to elect your new district representatives. Enclosed in the brochure you will find the winners in the different districts. Congratulations to the winners. The new directors will take office March 11, 1977 at the Annual General Meeting. They should plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting on March 10, 1977 at 7:30 p.m., and participate in the Meeting Friday morning and the General Meeting at 10:30 a.m., Friday. The alternates should attend also to voice their opinions on topics of discussion. The alternate will have a vote if one of the elected representatives is absent or cannot vote. Each district will have two votes.

Committee chairman should call their committee meetings for 8:30 a.m., Friday morning, March 11.

**OFFICER ELECTION:** The officers will be voted on at the Annual meeting of all membership in attendance to be held Friday morning, March 11, 1977, at 10:30 a.m.. The nomination committee, made up of past presidents, will present a slate of officers for the members to elect. The new officers will take office at this meeting.

**200 WIN CLUB:** Enclosed you will find the names of coaches who have won over 200 games. These coaches will receive a certificate for their accomplishment. We have four different clubs-the 200,300, and a 400 win club. The coaches whose names are underlined will receive a certificate. If your name does not appear on this list, please contact the Executive Secretary and inform him of your record. This must be done before March 1, 1977 in order for you to receive your certificate.

**CLINIC SPEAKERS:** JACK TAYLOR: is a high school baseball coach from Kearney High School in San Diego, California. Jack is President of the California High School Baseball Coaches Association, and a active member in their organization. Coach Taylor is in his 20th season as head varsity baseball coach with an overall record of 314 wins and 137 losses. His teams have won 6 championships. Jack is the Director of the San Diego County High School All-Star Game and currently the Director of the Cal-Coaches State All-Star Game. He was selected Coach-of-the-Year in 1971 of Southern California. Jack has been a director and speaker of many baseball clinics in California.

**TERRY HEALD:** M.F.L., Monona, has been coaching for 10 years with an over-all record of 213-70. Terry's 1976 team won the Upper Iowa Conference and also the Class A State Championship. Terry has been nominated 2 other times for District Coach of the Year. He has been a member of the Coaches Association for 6 years serving as District Representative for two years.

**BOB LEECH:** Marshalltown High School baseball coach has been coaching for four years with an over-all record of 108-40. Bob's 1976 team record was 31-11 coming in second in the Big Eight Conference and winning the State Class AA State Championship. Bob has been a member of the Coaches Association for 4 years. He was South Central Conference Coach of Year while at Centerville.

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS:** Midwest Sports Center, Eby's Sporting Goods, and Cedar Rapids Sporting Goods will appreciate your visit to their booths during the clinic. You will see their ad in the program. Other advertisers will be, Curve Master; Hogan's Sporting Goods, Pepsi Cola Company; G.M. Baseball Company; Pinckard Baseballs, Maxwell's Steel Drag, and many others. These people are helping offset the cost of the Clinic with their ads. Also a big thank you to the Sears Company for Ted Williams.

**HELP BY I.H.S.A.A.:** The Iowa High School Athletic Association is planning on helping once again on the expenses for the clinic instructional staff. They have contributed over the past years of the clinic. Without this help our clinic would not be possible. A real thank you is due the I.H.S.A.A. for their help. A letter to Mr. Saggau and the Board of Control by you baseball coaches would be appreciated. Do your part.

**RESERVATIONS:** It is recommended that you get your reservations in early if you plan to stay overnight. Enclosed you will find a reservation request card for Holiday Inn. I have talked to the Inn people and they all think it is important for you to get your reservations early. These are the places to call:

Holiday Inn, Williams Blvd. S.W.	319-365-9441
Howard Johnsons, Highway 30 West	319-363-8101
Town House Motor Inn, 1st Ave. S.E.	319-362-3131
Roosevelt Royale, Downtown C.R.	319-364-4111
Ramada Inn, 5560 6th St. S.W.	319-366-7721
Village Inn, 100 F Ave. N.W.	319-366-5323
Shearton Motor Inn, 525 33 Ave. S.W.	319-366-8671

**NIGHT CAP:** After the Friday banquet all coaches, umpires, fans will meet at the Holiday Inn for an evening "night cap". Plan on this "off the cuff" get together. This is all baseball talk. Many "big" stories are told here. Over the years this has been one of the high lights of the clinic. Many friendships are renewed at this get together.

**BROCHURE ENCLOSED:** The typesetting of the brochure you have in this letter has been donated to us for the third straight year by Marv Howsare of Type 2. Marv is an umpire in the Cedar Rapids Area and this is his donation to the baseball coaches association. If you see Marv around the clinic, give him a big thank you.

**CLINIC GROWTH:** You might be interested in the growth of the Clinic over the years. Here are some figures that will show the growth of the Clinic.

1969-160 1970-195 1971-264 1972-420 1973-430 1974-465 1975-500 1976-530 1977--??

Our goal this year is 750 coaches, players, fans, umpires.

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL:** An excellent paper for baseball coaches. You may subscribe now by sending \$6.00 to Collegiate Baseball, P.O. Box 50566, Tucson, Ariz. 85703. This paper has many stories, and photos that baseball coaches can use in their program. This paper is the voice of the A.A.C.B.C. Association. If you are not a member of the A.A.C.B.C. you may send your dues to Les Miller, Baseball Coach, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill.

**PINKY PRIMROSE, NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAIRMAN OF A.A.C.B.C.:** At the 1977 Clinic Convention in Miami, January 2-5, Pinky Primrose, Executive Secretary of the Coaches Association was named chairman of the high school division of the A.A.C.B.C. for the third straight year. His main duties were to appoint committees, present the 25 year plaques, The District Coaches of the Year, and presented the National Coach of the Year at the Awards Banquet Tuesday, January 4th. Coach Primrose also represented the high school coaches on the executive board of the Association. Some of the results of the convention and board meetings are listed below.

- 1/ Full membership to high school coaches
- 2/ Membership fees raised to \$10.00 per year
- 3/ 25 year plaques will be presented to high school coaches who have been a member of the A.A.C.B.C. for 5 years. You can buy back if you are interested.
4. All awards will be the same.
5. High School Division will be organized throughout the nation with each state having a chairman.

**RUBEN TUCCI,** of North Syracuse, New York was named National High School Coach of the Year of the A.A.C.B.C.. Ruben has spent 28 years in coaching. Overall record of 198--53. Five League titles in his 11 years of varsity coaching. Yearly Clinician at State and area Baseball Clinics. Authored coaching articles in Athletic Journal and Scholastic Coach. District II Chairman of A.A.C.B.C. for six years. Scouted for the Yankees and Royals. Ruben was awarded New York Public High School Distinguished Service Award.

District V Coach of the Year was Dick Birmingham, Baseball Coach of Hillcrest High School of Springfield, Mo. Dick's overall record was 743 wins and 354 losses. Twelve conference championships in 17 years. Third in state four times and Legion champs three times. In 1966, Dick has 6 players drafted off his team. In 1971 4 were drafted and remainder attended college on full baseball scholarships. Iowa is in District V.

**ALL DISTRICT CERTIFICATES:** The All District Certificates have been sent out to the Coaches. The certificates are a great reminder to the players of his high school playing days. Make every effort to get it to the player. The Association would very much appreciate your arranging to present this award to your player at some type of assembly program or by some other public method.

**FOR SALE:** The Association has a number of items for sale to coaches. 1/ Folder set \$10.00; 2/ Bumper stickers 50¢ each; 3/ Play booklets 50¢ each.

**WIVES ARE WELCOME:** If sufficient coaches (minimum 15) plan to bring their wives along to the Clinic, they can have a tour of the Amana Colonies starting at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 11. The tour would return around 5:30 p.m.. On Saturday they could spend the day shopping in Cedar Rapids. In order to reserve a bus for the tour, we would like to have advance reservations of \$5.00 per person. Your wife would also enjoy hearing Bernie Saggau speak at the Friday banquet (price for her \$5.00). Bring her along and have a good week end!

### HONOR ROLL OF COACHES:

CONFERENCE CHAMPS	SCHOOL	COACH
Quad County Conference	Granville Spalding	Dan Hogan

#### 500 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Vince Meyers, Bancroft	1,000 wins plus
Merle "Midge" MaKeever, Davenport	(Retired)
George Thompson, Cedar Rapids	(Retired)

#### 400 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Fred "Zebe" Larson, Waterloo West	(Retired)
Harold "Pinky" Primrose, Cedar Rapids	Washington
Elmer Starr, Mason City	(Retired)
Dick Wagner, Burlington	(Retired)

#### 300 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Bernie Hutchison, Red Oak  
 Pat Daugherty, Indian Hills Community College  
 Buck Cheadle, Pekin Packwood (Retired)  
 Jarold Lister, North Tama  
 Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson  
 Ed McNeil, Fort Dodge  
 Gene Hannon, Bedford  
 Tom Stahle, Sergeant Bluff-Luton  
 Bill Murphy, Aurora, Independence St. Johns  
 Orval Madden, Floyd Valley (Retired)  
 Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
Ron Clinton, Creston

#### 200 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Dale Alderson, Meridan-Cleghorn (Retired)  
 Vic Belger, Rockwell City  
 Estel Alexander, Hubbard  
 James Denner, Waverly-Shell Rock  
 G. Kent Folsom, Dysart (Retired)  
 Jim Jagim, Valley West Des Moines  
 Bill Lehr, Clinton (Retired)  
 Jim Kloewer, Stuart Menlo  
 Jim Opoein, Ruthven  
 Earnest Oppermann, Wartburg College  
 Dan (Bill) Moore, Council Bluffs (Retired)  
 Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
 Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Marys  
 Gene Schultz, Kee High Lansing  
 Bill Holmstrom, Clinton (Retired)  
Terry Heald, M.F.L. Monona  
Don Mauro, Dowling West Des Moines  
Bruce Harvey, Calmus

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** President Mick Mattiace would like for all committee chairman to call their committees together Friday morning March 11, at 8:30 a.m.. The 1976-77 Committee Assignments are listed below.

#### ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah, Chairman  
 Bill Sapp, Boone  
 Ron "Fox" Clinton, Creston  
 Rich Rambo, Fort Madison  
 Denny Turnure, Heelan

#### ALL STATE COACH COMMITTEE

Dick Core, Hempstead, Chairman  
 Jim Hinkel, Carlisle  
 Don Mauro, Dowling  
 Ted Chambers, Iowa City West  
 Tom Stahle, Sgt. Bluff

#### HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's Chairman  
 Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
 Jim Van Scoyoc, Norway  
 Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
 Ed McNeil, Fort Dodge

#### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Doug Albertson, Anamosa, Chairman  
 Jerry Shinn, Waterloo West  
 Doug Dunlap, Washington  
 Stu McCord, Lawton  
 John Boddicker, Y-J-B

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dean Witmer, Perry, Chairman  
 Jim Jagim, Valley West Des Moines  
 Lanny Weih, Clinton  
 Don Miller, Davenport Assumption  
 Joel Franken, Denison  
 Vic Belger, Rockwell City

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE & STERING

Jim Jagim, Valley West Des Moines, Chairman  
 Dick Wagner, Burlington  
 Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
 Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson  
 Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington  
 Elmer Starr, Mason City

#### ALL STAR GAME COMMITTEE

Dave Posegate, Ames, Co-Chairman  
 Jim Ellwanger, St. Edmond, Co-Chairman  
 (Committee to be appointed by chairman)

#### STATE RATING POLL COMMITTEE

Bob Watson, Des Moines Hoover, Chairman  
 Ron Welsch, Eddyville  
 Terry Heald, M.F.L, Monona  
 Jim Scholten, Mason City Newman  
 Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
 Vern Bredeson, C.R. Jefferson  
 Jerry Barnholdt, Burlington

#### CLINIC COMMITTEE

Harold Primrose, C.R. Washington, Chairman  
 (Committee to be appointed by chairman)

In order for the association to carry on its function the committee people must take a real interest. The chairman should contact his committee and set an agenda. The committee meetings will last one hour and fifteen minutes. The chairman will give reports to the Annual meeting.

**LONGEVITY AWARDS:** The following coaches will be receiving their longevity plaques at the Awards Banquet.

- 25 YEAR AWARD: Marty Dittmer, Ellsworth; Dallas Queck, Davenport; Bill Sapp, Boone  
 Jarold Lister, North Tama;
- 20 YEAR AWARD: Duane Newton, Zearning; Jim Opoien, Terril; Marv Thelen, Remsen
- 15 YEAR AWARD: Bob Locker, Lincoln D.M.; Jerry Shinn, Waterloo West; Keith Christie, Algona  
 Virgil Duit, Alden; Bill Herkelman, Kennedy; David Jauron, Essex;  
 David Lewis, Omaha Benson; Bill Olson, Omaha Northwest; Bill Sailor, Albia  
 Dean Witmer, Perry

In order to receive the Longevity Award a Coach must be a member of the Association at least three consecutive years. A coach can buy back his years.

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## NEWS RELEASE

TO BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 1977

WRITTEN BY TAIT CUMMINS

CEDAR RAPIDS: (Special)---The names of two major league baseball immortals loom large in planning for the ninth annual clinic of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association March 11 and 12 at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

One name is that of batting immortal Ted Williams who will be a featured instructor in the clinic staff. The other name is that of Bob Feller, Iowa's own pitching immortal, who will be one of three baseball figures to be inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. The others are Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School baseball coach with a brilliant 385-178 record, and Cal Harms of Sumner, a premier baseball umpire in Iowa for a quarter century.

BOB FELLER'S induction into the Hall of Fame is a natural. From the time his blazing fastball left high school and Junior Legion opposition helpless in central Iowa competition until the day he hung up his spikes as ace of the Cleveland Indian mound staff, Bob Feller's talent made headlines. Stories about his righthanded speed are legion and many have become legend.

Long service in World War II unquestionably kept Feller from challenging the all-time leaders in every category of major league pitching--especially strikeouts. To list his achievements would take pages of newsprint. Bob Feller can best be summarized this way: All you need is his name; all baseball fans know the rest.

Alphabetically, the other members of the 1977 Hall of Fame class, include a coach in VERN BREDESON who has given one high school 19 years of untiring service. It has paid off for Cedar Rapids Jefferson with a state championship in 1961; a state runner-up finish in 1970; 10 sectional championships; six district titles; two sub-state titles and four appearances in the state finals. His teams boast four Mississippi Valley conference titles.

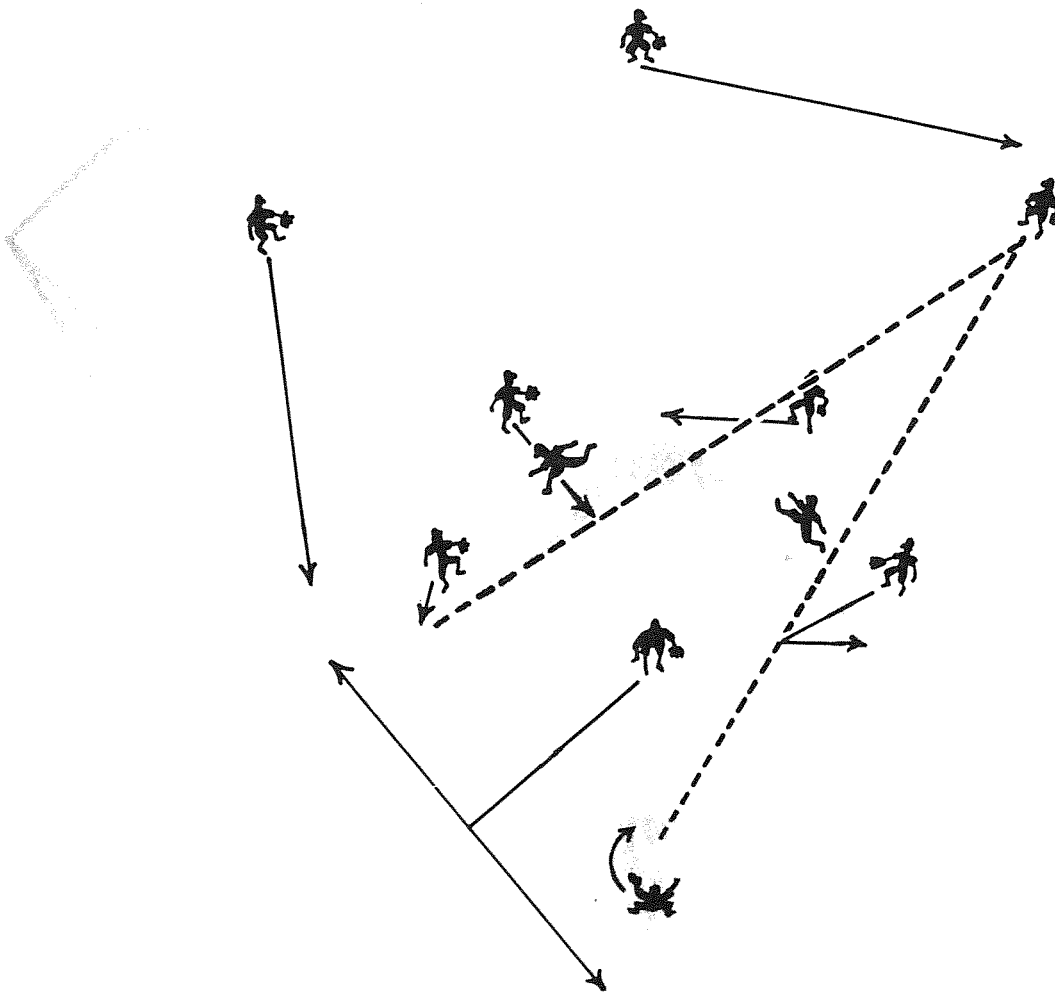
Bredeson's teams have been Cedar Rapids Metro champs every year since that competition was launched in 1970, losing only in 1976. A graduate of Lake Mills high school, Bredeson spread his baseball playing talent around at Iowa State, the University of Minnesota and Luther college--then coached six years in Minnesota high schools at Wanda and Redwood Falls, appearing in two state tournaments. As a baseball player in 1953 he hit .420 in the tough Minnesota indee competition.

In the ensuing years, Bredeson has been a tireless worker for all baseball for youth, plus accepting every committee assignment given him in the I.H.S.B.C.A., of which he has been a member since it was launched nine years ago, not to mention his service as director, vice-president and president.

CAL HARMS, an umpire since 1946, started that career while still in college and continued officiating baseball, football and basketball thereafter. His coaching career was brief--from 1948 to 1952 at Elkader--but the switch to the world of business merely permitted Cal to broaden his sphere of activity to various levels of the three sports in which he stands unchallenged as the state's standard of comparison.

Listen to these credentials: Since Cal Harms quit coaching in 1952 he has umpired state baseball tournaments every year. He worked the state fall finals twice; the state spring finals ten times and the summer state finals eight times. Constantly studying umpiring technique, Harms couples that knowledge with a disposition that would have taken him to major league levels had he elected to leave Sumner. Like the other two members of his Hall of Fame class, Cal Harms fits there nicely. Hall of Fame membership now stands at 45.

SITUATION #18  
Single to Right Field



Men on 1st and 2nd, or  
Men on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.  
ALWAYS keep tying or winning  
run from going to 3rd with  
less than two out. Give  
opposing team two runs to  
keep the tying run at 2nd  
base in this situation.  
NEVER make a foolish throw  
to the plate.

**Pitcher:**  
Go half way between 3rd and  
Home to see where the throw  
goes.

**Catcher:**  
Cover Home plate.

**1st Baseman:**  
Become a cut-off man in case  
the throw is made to the  
plate. If throw goes to 3rd,  
return and cover 1st base.

**2nd Baseman:**  
Cover 2nd base.

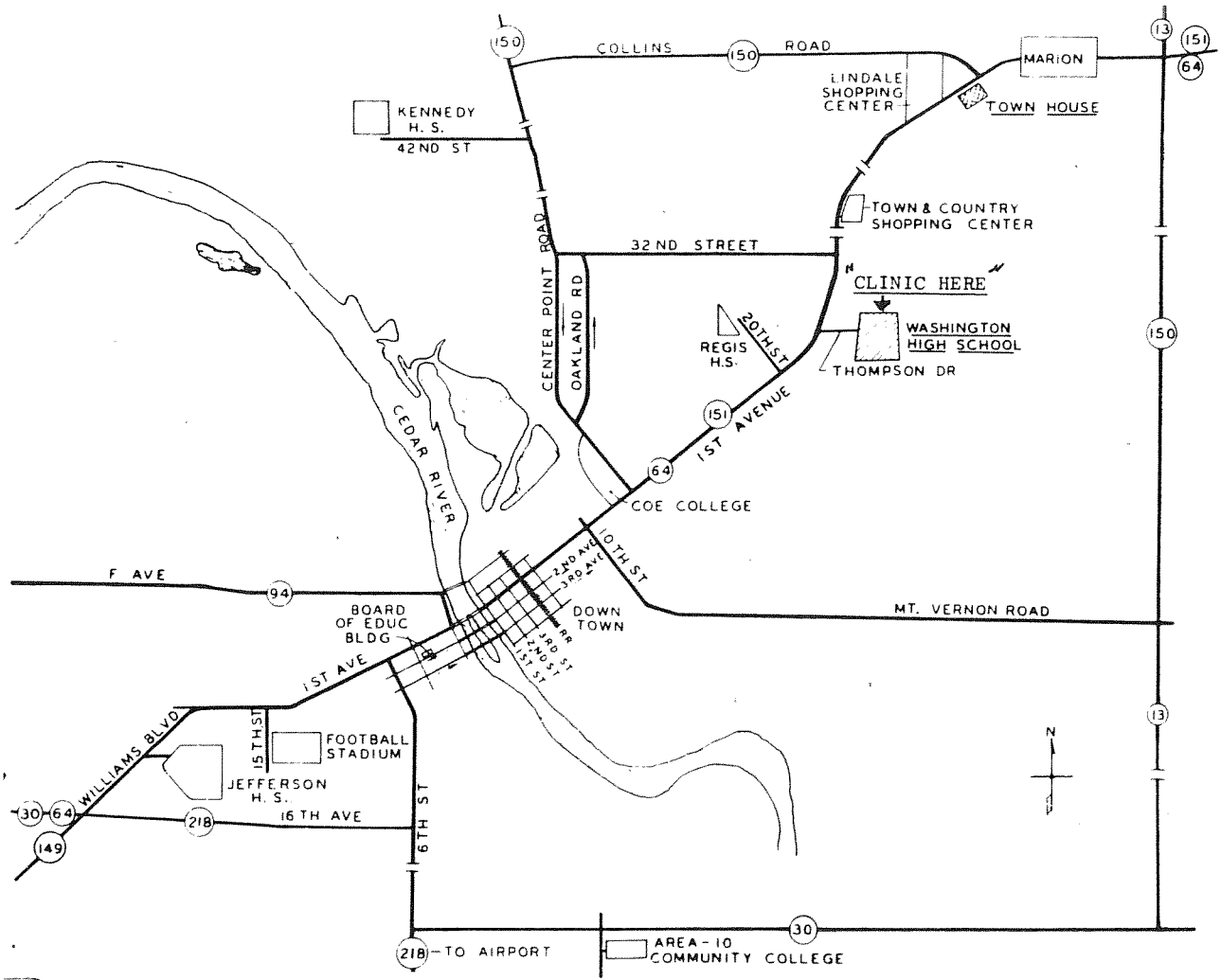
**Shortstop:**  
Cut-off man for the throw to  
3rd base.

**3rd Baseman:**  
Cover 3rd base.

**Left Fielder:**  
Move to a point near the line  
and back up 3rd base.

**Center Fielder:**  
Back up right fielder.

**Right Fielder:**  
Make a low throw to the short-  
stop to keep the tying or  
winning run from going to 3rd  
base.



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