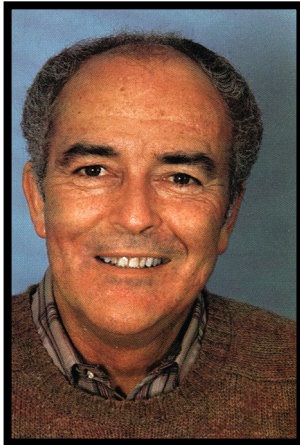


Tedd D. Woods

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“That’s Harvard”, said the dapper man quietly as the ballots were tallied showing first rank after first rank for the students at a certain school. “That’s Harvard”. The speaker Tedd D. Woods, always took quiet pride in the outstanding results compiled by his students, and well he should as Tedd guided the Harvard School program to a “golden age” where Harvard was the largest NFL chapter in the nation for thirteen years!

Tedd coached over one hundred students to the Nationals including two national congress champions, runners-up in congress, oratory, drama, and expository and a score of semi-finalists and finalists. Harvard won the national student congress sweepstakes in 1982. Under Tedd’s direction Harvard earned over 500 national sweepstakes points and received the national student congress trophy in eight trips to the national student congress. By 1990 he had coached four Outstanding Representatives, a Most Outstanding Representative, and a Most Outstanding Senator. Harvard students attended over two dozen National Tournaments, participated in well over 500 rounds of competition, and appeared in the final rounds of oratory, extemp, dramatic interpretation, expository speaking, and student congress.

At one time, he was the National Forensic League’s highest point coach in history. Harvard School dominated the West LA NFL district by winning the NFL district sweepstakes plaque thirteen times and district trophy three times. Harvard School has also had several All American Point Leaders. During Tedd’s tenure as coach 85% of the Harvard School student body became NFL members. Tedd himself earned a remarkable 31,600 coaching points – a record at that time! Tedd Woods’ brilliant coaching career is highlighted by the number of students he touched and evidenced by the fact that he was only the twenty-third coach in NFL history to earn the coveted fifth diamond award.

Tedd’s personal philosophy in teaching speech and debate is “Encourage, each and every Harvard student to ‘tackle’ as many speech events as possible and NOT coach only trophy winners or the top debate team.” Known as the coach of “stars”, Tedd coached many stars and their children: Mark Harmon, Sally Kellerman, Gary Lewis, Cary and Tony Peck, Robert Linkletter, Charles Matthau, and Ronald Reagan Jr. But, Tedd’s greatest pride was in coaching all students – not just the stars.

For his dedication to the speech community and its students, Tedd’s brilliant career was capped by election to the CHSSA and NFL hall’s of fame and a huge retirement party at Hollywood’s famous Sportsman’s Lodge. “That’s Tedd!”

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