

Fredrick E. Cope Award

Kenneth A. Beard

West Milton, OH

Ken graduated from Newton Local High School where he ran track for six years. He graduated from Defiance College where he ran track, then graduated from Ball State with masters in 1968.

Ken coached track and cross country at Franklin Monroe HS from 1962 to 1970, and from 1970 to 2005 coached track and cross country at Milton Union HS. All total he coached track 39 years and cross country 38 years. He was a track official for 31 years, basketball eight years, and baseball eight years. He also helped to form five invitationals.

Awards received include teacher of year in 1986, Ed Barker award for track in 2005, Contributor Award from the OT&F&CC, Milton Union Athletic Hall of Fame 2008, and the West Milton Triathlon Hall of Fame 2010.

He served as photographer at the state meet, umpire at the state meet, worked state meet 10 years, worked as umpire at the first girls state meet, also worked as shot put judge, finish judge, and timer. He served as meet manager for several large invitationals, league, and district meets.