The Kiwanis archives indicate that the first Athletic Award was given to Bessemer High School in 1932 for the most outstanding football team in the area. The trophy was named for deceased Kiwanian, Mr. Charles A. Brown, the former Assistant Superintendent of the Birmingham City Schools. In 1992, this award was re-named the Fred Sington Award, after one of Birmingham’s famous sons and successful business owners. Mr. Sington was born in Birmingham in 1910, played college football at the University of Alabama, major league baseball with the Washington Senators and the Brooklyn Dodgers and in 1955 was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

After his athletic career, he returned to Birmingham and started Sington Sporting Goods which is known today as Hibbett Sporting Goods. For over 50 years, Mr. Sington was a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, supported and mentored young athletes, and committed himself to youth through his service on the Athletic Awards Committee. Today, the most outstanding area high school football team will have the honor of displaying the Sington Trophy in their trophy case for the next twelve months.

The Roy Bragg All Sports Award will go to the area 5A to 6A school whose athletes have performed at or near the top of the record books in all sports. In addition, a Area 1A to 4A school will also be able to compete for the Kiwanis All Sports Award for accomplishments in their class divisions. If successful in their individual division, these schools will also have the honor of displaying the respective trophies in their high schools for a full year.

One student will be recognized for their outstanding achievements in sports and academics and will earn a cash award for their school. This award is very appropriately named the Bill Legg Achievement Award after long-time Kiwanian and Athletic Awards Committee Co-Chair, “Coach” William “Bill” Legg.

The Athlete of the Year Award is the most prestigious individual award. It is awarded to the high school senior athlete who participated in multiple sports as well as excelled academically.

Over the years, athletes, their families as well as their coaches have been guests of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham and enjoyed food and festivities. They have enjoyed speakers like Mr. Bart Starr, Mr. John Croy, Mr. Joe Dean, Sr. and the great “Captain Crunch”, Mr. Mike Kolen who is also a fellow Kiwanian. This year we will offer the microphone to select student athletes to share their inspirational stories of success and failure. A total of twenty male and female high school senior athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments on the field or in the classroom.
Next Tuesday’s Program
May 22, 2012, 12 noon

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