

Shannon Returns to Dixie Heights as Football Coach

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Four years ago when Bill Shannon bid farewell to the coaching ranks to join a sporting goods firm, it was the consensus of opinion of his fellow coaches that he would return soon.

"He loves coaching too much to stay away from it for any long period," one veteran coach quipped.

They were right—Shannon is back.

Announcement was made today that Shannon will return as head football coach at Dixie Heights High School.

He will replace Dale Waite, his successor at Dixie Heights four years ago. Waite will remain at Dixie as a teacher.

THE 41-YEAR-OLD Shannon compiled a remarkable 41-2-7 record in his five seasons at the helm of the Little Colonels. They won one Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference championship, second four times and lost only four conference tilts in the 1954-58 stretch.

A breakdown of Shannon's record follows: 7-1-1 in '54, 8-1 in '55, 10-1 in '56, 8-1-1 in '57 and 8-3 in '58.

HIS DIXIE teams won over Corbin, 26-7, in the Recreation Bowl at Mt. Sterling in 1956 and lost to Eastern, 14-13, in the Burrely Bowl at Shelbyville in 1958.

Shannon, voted coach of ing staffs for the East-West games at Lexington.

He was one of the originators of the Kenton, Campbell and Boone counties all-star football game.

Shannon, a graduate of Danville High School and Eastern Kentucky State College at Richmond, went to Dixie Heights in 1947 as an assistant to Coach Rice Mountjoy. He was named head basketball coach there three years later.

HE BECAME head football coach in 1954 when Mountjoy resigned. He left coaching to join the sales staff at Sutcliffe's Sporting Goods in Louisville in the spring of 1959.

Shannon, a bombardier with the Eighth Air Force during World War II, is married to the former Mary Peters of Louisville. They live at 122 Yancey drive, South Ft. Mitchell.

His assistants at Dixie Heights this fall will be Dave Browning of Dixie Heights, Ronnie White of



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... to lead Colonels again

the year, in 1954, three times served on the coaching staff and Charlie Fu-

gitt, a member of the Jessamine County staff last year.