

“He made memories and shaped lives. Chase Riddle was a hero to small places. Most of the people in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame are a lot more famous than Chase Riddle. Jesse Owens, Carl Lewis, Bear Bryant, Shug Jordan, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Joe Louis...Say those names anywhere, and wait for the moment of reverence. Those athletes worked on a bigger canvas. They were heroes to the world, but Chase Riddle was the hero of small places, like Ozark, Troy, (sic-Brundidge, Goshen, Dothan, Panama City, Banks).” *And People’s Hearts* Tom Ensey, Sportswriter, Montgomery Advertiser

“Riddle can walk away proudly, secure in the knowledge that he did his best. A university, a community and all the people he has touched are thankful that he came their way.” *Phillip Marshal, Sportswriter, Huntsville Times*

“It was a privilege to be a part of a magical era of sports and community history. Those were some extraordinary years; and I was blessed to have known Coach Riddle, his staff and teams. Thank you Coach Riddle for the influence that you made in my life.” *Dan Smith, former sportswriter, Troy Messenger; now, Director of the premier recreation department, City of Troy*

“No red blood or blue blood American baseball coach ever filled out the part quite like Chase Riddle. One glance at the profile sternly displayed on the bronze plaque, securely resting on a comfortable easel, displaying that ever-present smile, embracing a mischievous glitter in the eyes, confirms as much.

“The stately cadence of his name, however spoken, reverberates with a gravitas of an impassioned mass, mostly those who have found a place in their hearts to absorb the signet of his character that all but demands to be chiseled, perhaps embossed or emblazoned upon the base beneath the profile of a man who made a lifelong contribution to sports; his teams won games, plenty of them; and to all of his players, friends, family and the minds of his public, he was the grandest of his day. It is safe to say that he ranks highest among the baseball men of his time; that he has been awesomely prolific in influencing the lives of young men, plenty of them; and, he left no student unattended. And his adversaries caroled, cajoled and confirmed.

“His prodigious popularity will forever be recorded in this chronicle; and, his likeness shall forever rest in the State of Alabama

**Sports Hall of Fame. And, perhaps in time, in
the rotunda of Riddle-Pace field.”** *Wm Sanford, Sr.,
Author*