



**DR. JOHN LEACH**

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Dr. John Leach was a 1957 graduate of Ironton High School who played football and basketball for the Fighting Tigers. An All-Ohio quarterback, John earned a scholarship to the University of Cincinnati where he lettered his senior year.

After graduation, John entered the service and later attended medical school and became an orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Leach served for 34 years as the Ironton team physician despite living in Columbus. He was also team physician for Ohio University and Otterbein College and often spent his weekends driving to Ironton on Friday, Athens on Saturday afternoon and then Westerville on Saturday night.

Dr. Leach was named to the Ohio High School Athletic Association Physicians Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the Columbus area's Dr. Gregory Brooks Award presented during ceremonies at the Buckeye Hall of Fame and was the 2004 recipient of the prestigious Dr. Thomas A. Brady Community Service given annual to orthopedic doctors who are instrumental in improving the care of high school athletes. The award was presented in Quebec, Canada. He was nominated by Columbus physician Randy Wroble. John was the 1985 Ironton Sports Day honoree.