



The lessons **Bill Walton** learned on the basketball court became life lessons that served him well throughout his sports, broadcasting and business careers. No lesson was more important than the words from the legendary John Wooden, Bill's basketball coach at UCLA, who simply said "Do your best." Wooden never asked players to go out and win - simply to do their best and not beat themselves. Walton never forgot those words which helped him throughout his extraordinary career.

Following a celebrated college basketball career, Walton went on to have a Hall of Fame NBA career. After basketball, Walton pursued his dream job as a sports broadcaster - but first had to overcome the lifelong stuttering affliction. And then, in 2008, Walton endured risky back surgery for to repair damage done early in his basketball career. Through it all, Walton's determination carried him through. Bill Walton is an authentic and true original who personifies greatness and is one of the most compassionate figures in sport with an extraordinary record of giving back through his work with numerous charities and non-profits.

Let's go back to the beginning. It all began when Bill Walton was introduced to the game of basketball while in the fourth grade at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School. Walton then attended Helix High School, where his team won the California Interscholastic Federation High School title two years in a row, while winning their final 49 consecutive games. While at Helix, Walton became the first and only high school player to ever make the U.S.A. Senior Men's National Basketball Team and play in the World Championship and/or Olympics. Walton enrolled at UCLA in 1970. He played center for John Wooden's varsity team for three seasons...

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