

## Dr. Tony Adamle

### Sports and Medicine



When he graduated from Collinwood High School in June 1941, he was a 3 year letterman in football, a hall guard, and a good student. Named to the Cleveland Press All Star Team, he played in the Kumquat Bowl at St Petersburg, Florida, played on the Cleveland Press All Star Team, and was named to the All Ohio Football Team by both the Associated Press and United Press International news services.

Paul Brown, head coach of The Ohio State University, gave Tony a scholarship. It was the fall of 1941, and before Tony could finish his first freshman quarter, World War II beckoned. Tony enlisted in the Air Force, serving 3 years in the Middle East.

Tony returned to O.S.U., earning a spot on the 1947 College All Star Team. Later he joined Paul Brown and the Cleveland Browns, playing from 1947 through 1951 as a linebacker. Tony was selected to the first 2 Pro Bowl teams.

In 1952 he was accepted at Case Western Reserve University Medical School and retired from professional football. In 1954 Paul Brown persuaded Tony to come out of retirement and rejoin the Browns. He remained in medical school, practiced football only one day a week, and played in every Browns game that season.

Tony received his medical degree in 1956 and began his private medical practice as a primary care physician in Kent, Ohio. Involvement in community and area sports medicine led to conducting clinics on the problems and prevention of sports related injuries in youth sports. Dr. Adamle published numerous articles on prevention of knee and neck injuries. Adamle methods were adopted by athletic trainers in both collegiate and professional sports.

Dr. Adamle joined the staff at Kent State University as team physician for the entire sports program, including football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, and gymnastics.

Some of his awards include "Outstanding Team Physician" by the Ohio State Medical Society, NATA Trainer's Award, Honorary Varsity "K" from Kent State University, Charter member of Portage County Sports Hall of Fame, and Kent State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Adamle married Kathleen Duffy. They have 6 children; Mike, Pat, Vic, Mark, Kelly, and Kerry.