

Edward W. Brown
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Interview by Mary Ellen Thomsen

Importance of Athletics at Gilman

MET: I'd like to get you to talk a little bit about the value of athletics in education. I know that Gilman named its football field for you, and said some very nice things about you at the time. So they obviously believed you had a great influence on a great many people, as well as being a good coach. But could you talk a little bit about the value of athletics?

Mr. Brown: It seems to me that a boy who goes to school and spends part of the day in the classroom has another part to be developed, and that part is developed upon the athletic field. He learns how to play on a team with other people. He learns how to put out even when he doesn't feel like it. He learns that he can't let the other fellow down because he is a member of the team. Athletics teach so many things. The way to win. The way to lose. It seems to me that it's just a good thing for a boy to participate in.