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Orinda names Wilder Field 2 in honor of Otis McCain

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Wilder Field 2 has officially been named by the Orinda City Council as Otis McCain Field. McCain, affectionately known as Odie, was a science teacher at Miramonte High School from 1962 to 2008, and earned the 1992 Warren Eukel Award for his acclaimed teaching, coaching, and mentoring. He was also named the North Coast Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1995 and was inducted into the Miramonte Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.

As an accomplished coach at Miramonte, particularly with the women's track and cross country teams, Miramonte dominated the league from the mid-1970s to the 1990s. McCain coached many Orindans throughout the years including current and past members of the Orinda City Council.

In response to inquiries regarding how to honor him, former Council Member Nick Kosla in November 2022 requested a matter initiated on the council agenda which led to the council deciding to name a Wilder Field in McCain's honor, in accordance with a 2012 policy allowing the naming or memorializing of city facilities, parks, open spaces and trails.

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