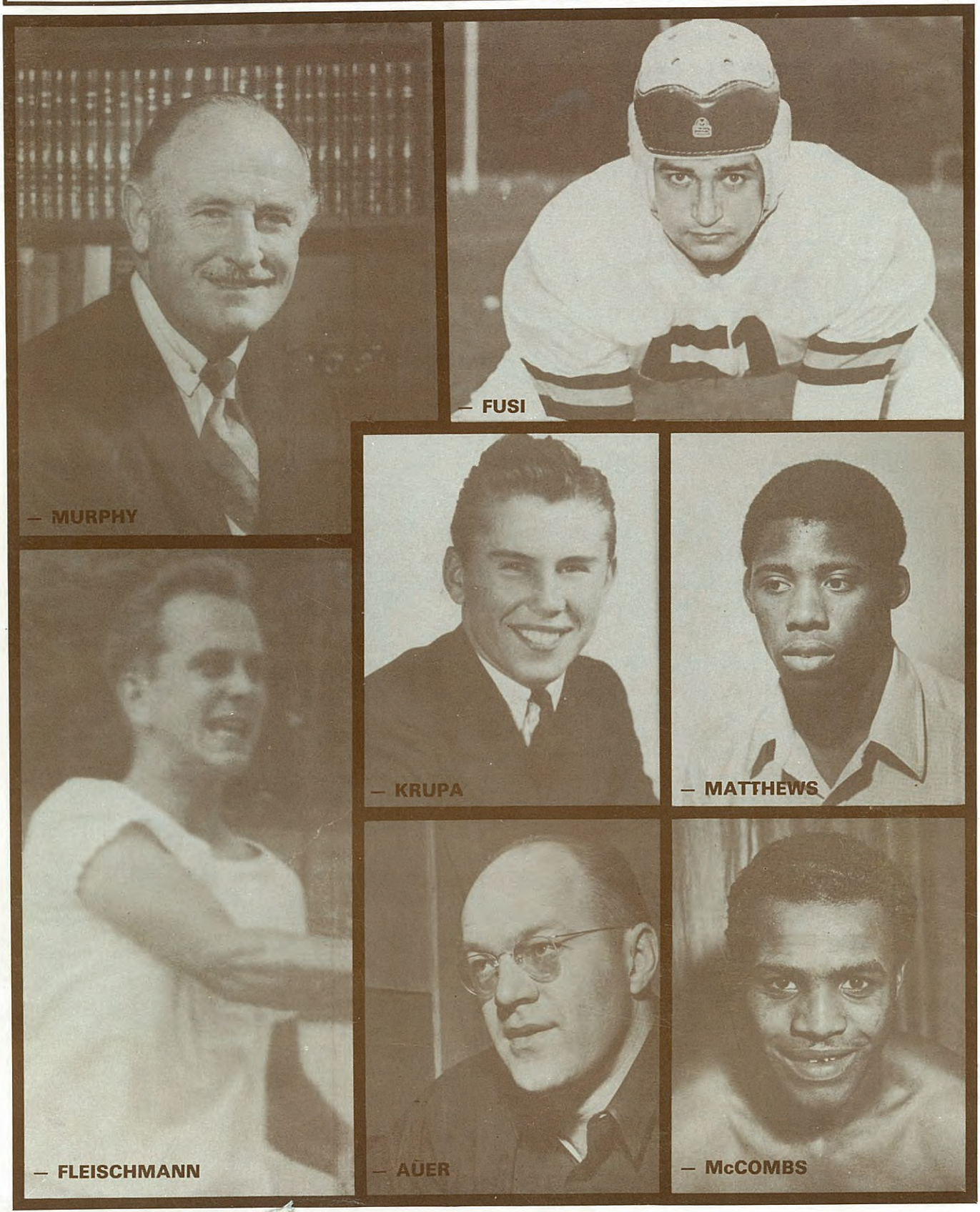
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Welcome to the Ninth Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame banquet.

Tonight we honor the lives of seven outstanding individuals. Athletes who were willing to "give that extra mile". Athletes who believed in themselves and the strength of the community behind them. Athletes who today become members of an elite society. A society that says we will always hold you in our highest regard as a man who went into the arena and excelled.

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This is what we look for as we choose our candidates for the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Exceptional people. People who have brought glory to themselves and to their community by their dedication and hard work. Tonight is a continuation of that quest as we add Howard Auer, Bob Fleischmann, Ed Krupa, John Matthews, Bennie McCombs, Pete Fusi and Dr. Vincent Murphy to our roll.

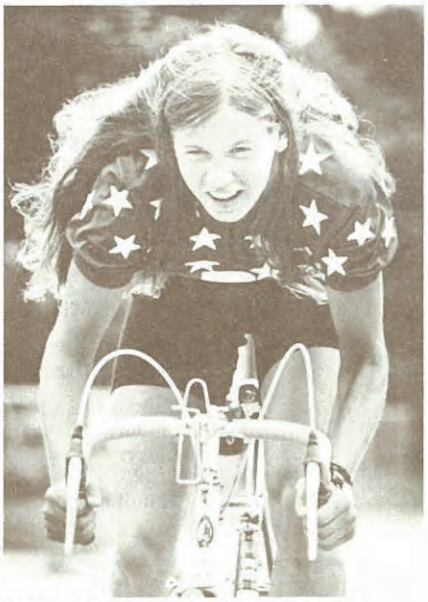
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These three are only the tip of a mountain of talented athletes who have been exported around the country bearing a "Made in Michigan" label — athletes who epitomize the love of competition, the pride of accomplishment and the appreciation of the strong athletic heritage of this town we call Flint.



FLINT'S JEFF GRAYER, a star on Northwestern High School's State Championship team, took those talents to the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Join us as we salute the young athletes of Flint . . . Cincinnati Bengal's Reggie Williams, N.Y. Giants Carl Banks, Michigan's Glen Rice, Michigan State's Andre Rison and the list goes on.

It just goes to prove that Flint builds more than automobiles — we build athletes!

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- ★ ***Bob Fleischmann***
- ★ ***Ed Krupa***

Special Presentation by Ed Phelps _____

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- ★ ***John Matthews***
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DR. VINCENT MURPHY ...

Service To Sports Honors Go To Flint's First Sports Physician, Doc Vince Murphy

Time.

For many of us, there never seems to be enough.

Dr. J. Vincent Murphy always found extra minutes.

Those who knew the late Grand Blanc osteopath remember him as a man who never was too busy to help — particularly when it involved helping someone in sports.

Murphy volunteered his time to help area teams, the Flint Boxing Commission and schools.

His services were donated, too.

"You could always take a kid to Vince and he would work with him," said Frank Thomas, former Grand Blanc High athletic director and football coach. "He was just around, doing things for athletics and in the community."

"This man was so devoted to Flint, I don't think anyone could be more deserving," said Bill Hamilton, a 1983 Hall of Fame inductee.

Hamilton, as director of Flint's Golden Gloves program, said Murphy's assistance was invaluable.

Murphy was the unofficial Golden Gloves doctor, helping to conduct the pre-tournament weigh-in and examining the boxers before their bouts.

"He never took any money for it," Hamilton said. "He loved boxing."

Murphy was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission and also served as a state boxing inspector.

It is appropriate Murphy's role in boxing should be recognized this year because among the six inductees is Bennie McCombs, regarded as one of the area's premier boxers.

Murphy's other interests included serving as team doctor for two Flint semi-pro football teams, the Falcons and Blue Devils. He also helped the old Flint Arrows, a semi-pro baseball team.

"This man was so devoted to Flint and sports," Hamilton said. "He did so doggone much. He was a sports nut."

"He never did it in a flamboyant style, he wasn't out to seek publicity for it," Thomas said.

One of the area's most outstanding osteopathic physicians, Murphy is recognized as one of the founders of Flint Osteopathic Hospital, as well as Michigan State Osteopathic College of Medicine. Considered the "doctor to the legislators", Murphy was instrumental in working in Lansing for medical legislation.

He served his profession also as president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Inc. and then as president of the national association.

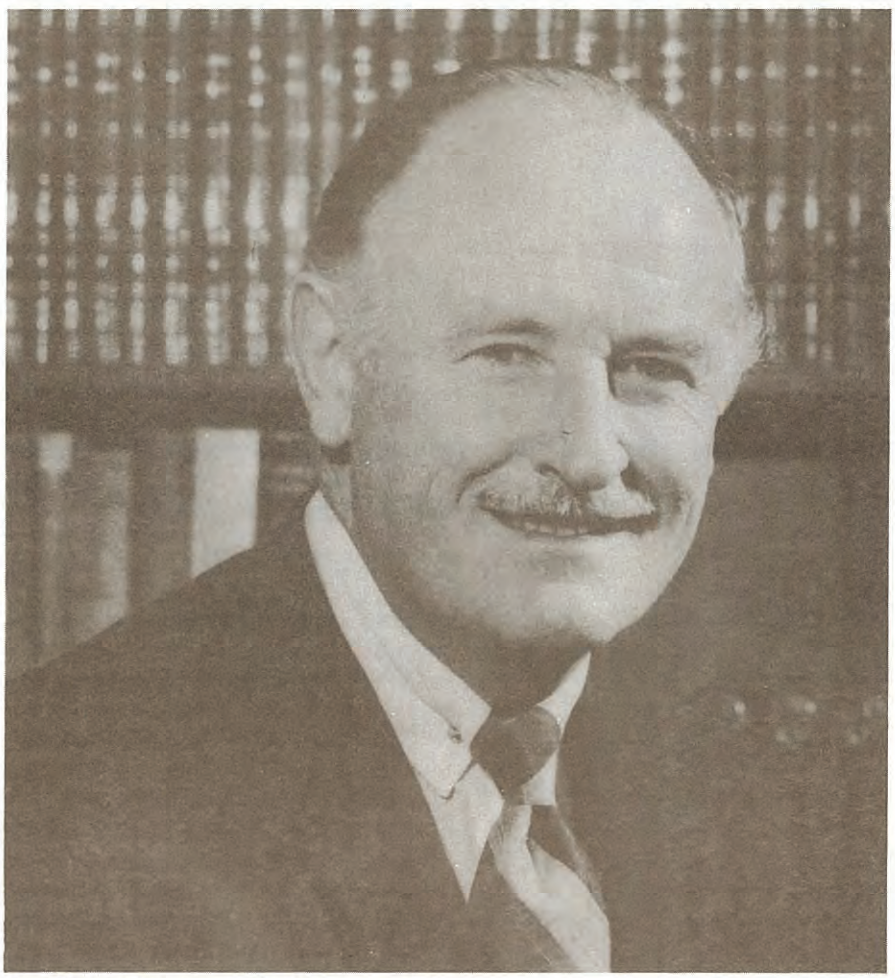
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A lover of golf, Murphy was a "scratch" golfer and was extremely proud of his collection of golf memorabilia from golf courses he played all over the world.

Murphy is also remembered by the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame for his work as the organization's first treasurer — his faith and efforts on behalf of the Sports Hall of Fame helped to make this organization a realization.

It is with much pride that the board recognizes Dr. Vince Murphy as the 1988 recipient of the Special Services to Sports Award.

Previous recipients of the Special Service Award are C.S. Mott, Frank Manley Sr., Frank Sczepanski, Everett Cummings, T.J. Halligan, Stan Broome, Nap LaVoie, Bill Minardo and Jerry Rideout, and Fred Lawson.



Dr. Vincent Murphy -- He always found time for others.

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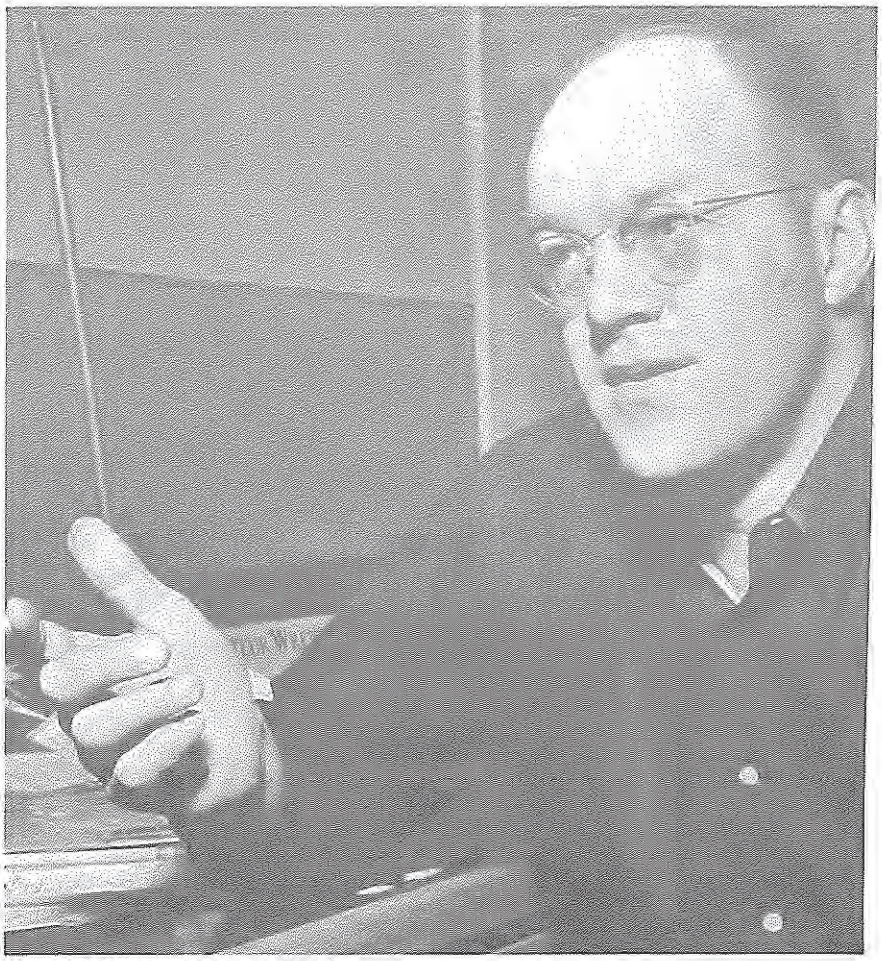
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Howard Auer had a way with words.

He also knew his Xs and Os.

Those two attributes did wonders for the young football players who attended Central High.

Auer made them winners.

"He was one of the coaches who really touched my life," said Dick Leach, a quarterback on three of Auer's best teams and two-time captain.

"He was a players' coach. He could really relate to players. He taught more than sports, he taught you about life."

For the many who learned Auer's lessons, Dec. 3 is a special night as he is inducted into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame.

There will be sadness too, because Auer died Nov. 12, 1985 — before he could receive Flint's highest sports honor.

Auer was Central's coach from 1939-53. Bill Melzow was the other half of the two-man staff from 1942-53.

Under Auer, Central had a record of 83-39-5. None of Auer's teams had a losing record after the end of World War II, one was named the state Class A champion and four won or shared Saginaw Valley Conference championships.

The 1947 team was selected state champion by the polls and was Auer's finest record-wise (9-0). Auer's '45 team was 8-1 and it, too, enjoyed a lifetime status in Auer's heart.

Even after being out of coaching for nearly 30 years and living in retirement in Florida, Auer still refused to select his best team.

"It just isn't fair. You just can't compare one team against another. I have never done it and I won't today. Both teams were great and for different reasons."

Melzow understood Auer's reluctance to rank the teams.

"The '47 team had the best record, but we liked the '45 team because it was an awfully big team and we had no problems that year," Melzow said. "Scoring came easily because it was the kind of team that could just break out and run for 50 yards."

Leach captained teams that were 6-1-2 and 7-2 and shared Valley championships, completing the only three-year reign as Valley champions in Central history.

It was Auer's ability to motivate, Leach said, that made the Indians successful.

"He had a different, unique way to get players ready," Leach said. "He'd talk to each player individually before big games. He'd present challenges to them. He'd try to get you to over-achieve.

"A couple of our squads were really small squads, but we got just about the maximum out of our abilities. He always said it isn't the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

Melzow also remembers Auer as being an extraordinary motivator.

"He seemed to bring out the best in kids," Melzow said. "He got more out of them than most coaches would.

"He didn't shout. He was always on the positive side. If somebody made a mistake he'd work on them in a positive way. The kids weren't afraid of him."

It wasn't all done with words, Auer coached some of Flint's finest athletes, Lynn Chandnois, Don Coleman, Tony Branoff, Joe Quarles, Joe Ponsetto, Leach and his twin brother, Bob, and Joe Quarles.

Auer always maintained it was the players' willingness to listen that made them successful.

"You can't win if the players don't do it for you and you can't coach if the players don't listen. If the players won't listen you're lost."

Tactically, Melzow said Auer was innovative and ahead of his time. Opponents were kept off balance by Auer's unpredictable strategy.

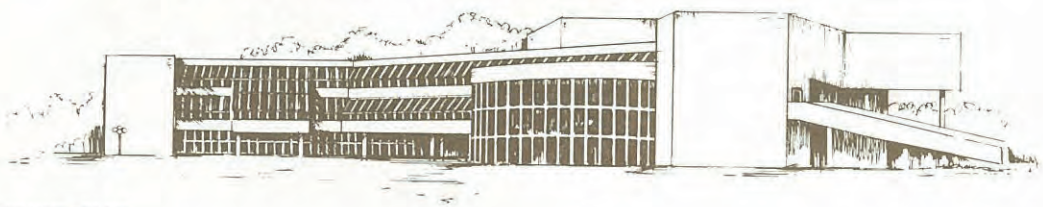
"He was a hard-working coach who took the scouting reports seriously," Melzow said.

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BOB FLEISCHMANN ...

A Love Match With His Home Town

Bob Fleischmann turned a racquet into a racket.

For nine years, he ruled Flint-area tennis, winning nine consecutive singles championships and sharing six doubles titles in the City Tennis Tournament.

He surrendered the crowns only because he moved to Rochester after taking both in 1955.

Now he's 62 and lives in McMurray, Pa., where he is vice president and treasurer of Metacom Systems, a company that produces high-tech equipment for the steel industry. He and his wife, Arlene, have a son, John, and a daughter, Robin Sue.

He remembers Flint roots.

"Wherever I travel, people know about Flint," he said. "I owe my career to the tennis program."

Fleischmann was too young to drive when he got a summer job as caretaker for the clay courts at Kellar Park, home of the Flint Tennis Club.

He rode a borrowed bicycle five miles each way during the summer. At the end of work, he stayed to watch the tennis.

"Naturally, I wanted to play, but only club members could use the courts," he said. "The club noticed my interest and said I could play for free because I worked there.

"I still remember Mr. (Charlie) Mobley telling me I could play. I borrowed a racquet and hung around until someone was kind enought to hit with me.

"'I remember those who got me started, Bob Boltin, Bob Harris, Ray Kirk, Paul Sylvester and Pops Elo. Pops carried a shovel, broom and net in his car, and we would go to Berston in winter, sweep off the snow and play."

This was the start of a career which earned Fleischmann a place in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He starred at Northern High for three seasons and was unbeaten en route to the Saginaw Valley Conference singles championships in 1943 and 1944. There was no state tournament in those years because of World War II.

He continued to work summers at Kellar Park and credits Pat Sweeny, Harold Carpenter, Arnie and Cam Meredith, J.B. Cook, Dennis Lumley and Emil Lindstrom, among others, for developing his game. Six of his city singles championships were earned against that group.

Then came service in Europe with the 99th and 4th Infantry divisions where he earned three battle stars. He also served in North Carolina and Georgia, winning the Fort Benning title for enlisted men and beating the officers' champ in a challenge match.

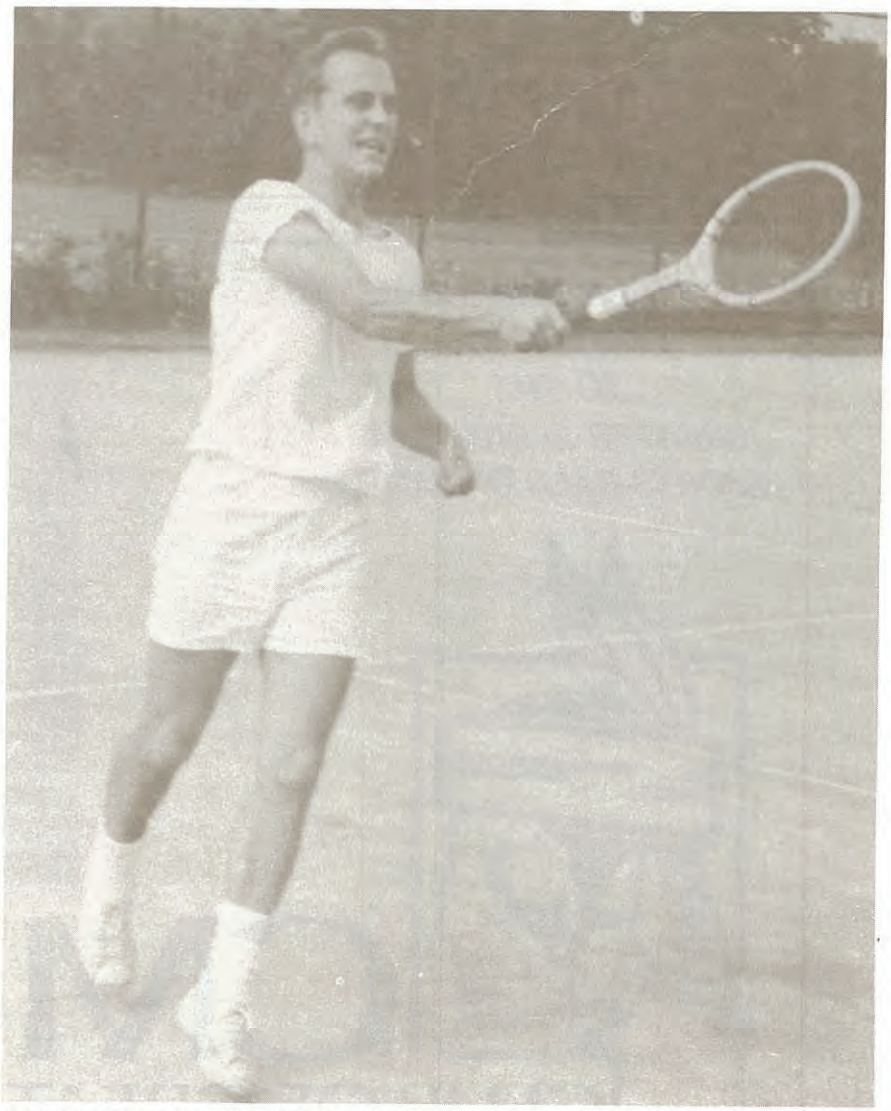
He enrolled at Flint Junior College and won the Michigan Junior College Conference singles title in 1947. Then came two years at Michigan State where he had a 25-3 regular-season record in singles and won a Central Collegiate Conference title. This was before MSU joined the Big Ten.

His doubles partner at MSU was Bob Malaga, later to become executive secretary of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Fleischmann's Flint championship reign began in 1947 after being singles runner-up in 1944 and 1946.

He defeated seven different rivals in the singles final, losing only one set in nine championship matches. After winning the 1947 doubles champion-

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Bob Fleischmann -- The 1955 City Tennis Champ, nine years running.

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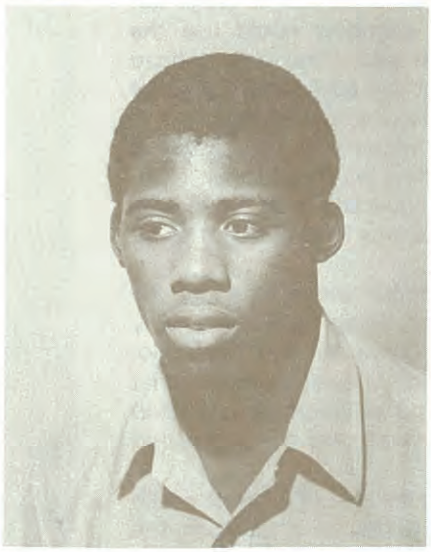
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John Matthews needed some divine inspiration.

In the spring of 1976 — the spring before the summer Olympic Games in Montreal — Matthews had worked overtime in a new venue of his favorite sport, wrestling. And he was being told by the president of the Michigan Wrestling Club that he wasn't quite good enough to travel to an invitational meet in California.

"Let's face it, John," said Dean Rockwell, the club's president. "We don't have the funds to send you out there, and you're not ready yet (for Greco-Roman wrestling)."

John Matthews still bristles at the remark. But he's just as thankful for hearing it.

"It just made me more determined to prove myself as a Greco-Roman wrestler," said Matthews, a former Flint Central and Central Michigan University mat star.

"I felt bad then . . . If I'd had the money, I probably could have gone. Now I just had to go out and prove everybody wrong. It was a turning point for me."

Matthews turned the corner in his mat career, going from a nobody on the international circuit to an eight-time national champion, a 1979 Pan-Am Games gold medalist and a member of two United States Olympic teams.

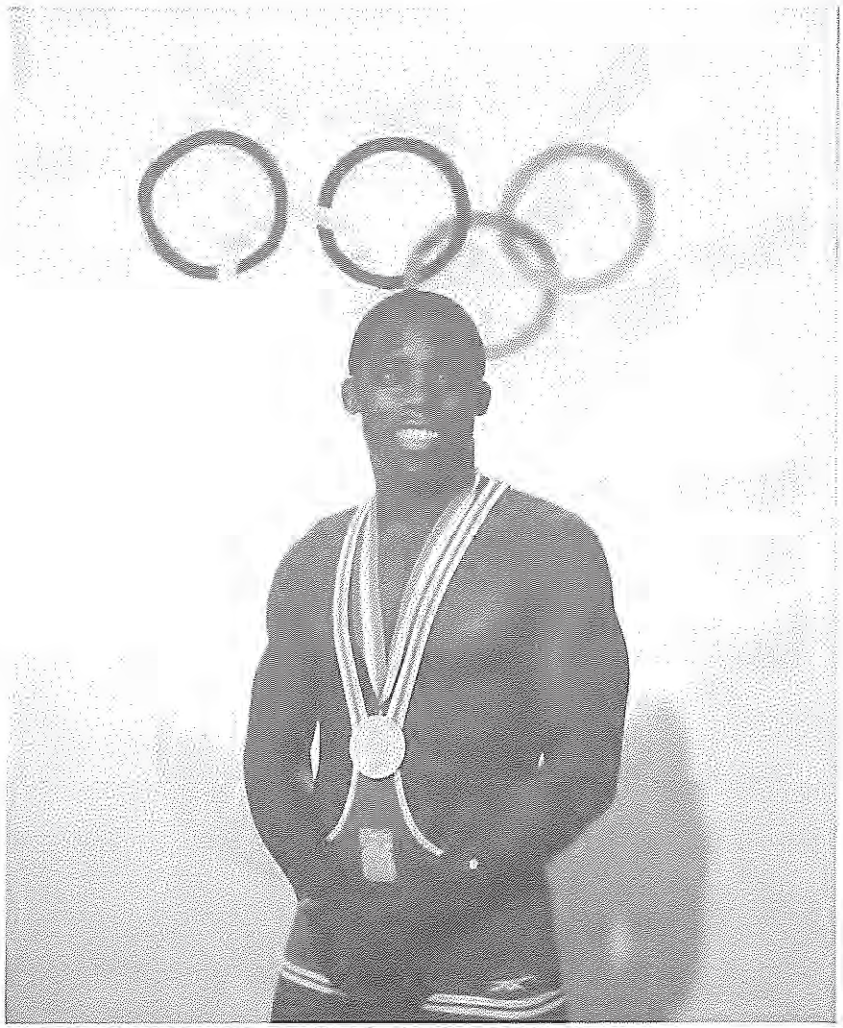
He became Flint's No. 1 export on the mats, an ambassador for his sport.

But 1976 is still fresh in Matthews' mind. He had graduated from Central Michigan in 1974 after becoming the NCAA Eastern Conference and Mid-American Conference champion at 158 pounds.

He longed to compete at an international level, either freestyle or Greco-Roman and, of course, to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team which would compete in Montreal.

It was an uphill battle to say the least.

"I had absolutely no international experience," said Matthews. "No one knew who I was. That may have helped me."



Wrestler John Matthews qualified for the Olympics twice.

After winning a few local mathes in Greco-Roman, and after hearing from the president of the Michigan Wrestling Club that he wasn't quite good enough, Matthews took flight.

He earned recognition in national meets. In one, he defeated the wrestler who took Matthews' place in the aforementioned meet in California.

Then, another dip in the cycle.

Matthews finished eighth in an Olympic qualifying tournament at his weight class (163 pounds), meaning he needed to climb over seven others in the Olympic trials at Brockport College in New York.

Those were huge odds, but Matthews wouldn't be denied.

He had to survive five grueling days of challenge matches to get into the final phase of the tournament which included a 2-of-3 format.

But, he won, defeating top seed Dennis Graham in the finals, earning a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

"I was very tired after all of that but probably more mentally tired than anything," he said.

Matthews' lack of experience in Greco-Roman proved his undoing in the 1976 Olympic Games at Montreal. In his first match against Cuban champion Idelberta Barban, he lost.

But that defeat served only to motivate Matthews who had his sights set on Moscow and the 1980 Summer Games.

In the 1979 Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico, Matthews defeated the Cuban Barban to win the gold medal. "I had gained a lot more experience by wrestling in international meetings and world meets. I was at the time when I was ready to win a big meet and I did."

John Matthews was at the top of the world now, believing that no one could beat him. He had competed in several international meets, in Poland, Sweden and the Soviet Union. I had only one goal now, to win a gold medal at Moscow in 1980.

"We were at a meet in New York

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BENNIE McCOMBS ...

"Sports Was All We Had To Look Forward To"

Growing up in Flint meant two things to Bennie McCombs.

Softball in the summer and boxing in the winter.

"When we came along sports was all we had to look forward to," McCombs, 67, said. "Kids now days have got cars, money, they don't like sports like we did."

Whaley Park was home in the summer while cold winter nights were spent in an unheated gym on St. John near Dakota.

"We used to call it (the gym) 'Big Brothers'," McCombs said. "It didn't have any heat but that didn't bother us — we were determined to fight. The trainer used to tell us, 'get going, you'll get warm.'"

McCombs was a 'hit man.'

He was the national Golden Gloves middleweight champion in 1942, the only Flint boxer ever to wear that crown. He lost only one amateur bout in Flint while reigning as the city and state GG champion.

In winning the national Gloves title, McCombs floored his opponent, George Gutyanics of South Bend, Ind., eight times in the championship bout.

McCombs fought whenever and wherever he could, bouncing around the state for one-night stands in Saginaw, Lansing, Kalamazoo.

Many bouts were in Catholic Youth Organization tournaments, but there was perhaps an equal number of "open" matches.

Records are sketchy, McCombs once estimated he won 100 of 105 amateur fights and perhaps 84 of 90 professional bouts.

"I fought at a lot of places that never got in the paper," McCombs said.

Some of his most memorable outings were chronicled, such as his Dec. 15, 1947 performance at IMA Auditorium. On that night a crowd of 2,647 spectators watched McCombs score a unanimous 10-round light heavyweight decision over Bob Amos of Detroit who came into the bout undefeated at 28-0-1.

It was a bout McCombs and his new manager, Jim Murray of New York, hoped would lead to big money and a title fight for the Flint boxer.

McCombs won the state light heavyweight championship in 1948, but that was as far as he could get because of the politics involved in fight promotions.

A natural middleweight, McCombs had to move up a weight class because his reputation prevented him from getting bouts in his class.

"I really had a hard time getting a professional fight," McCombs said. "My manager was running up phone bills of $700-$800 a month calling all over the country trying to get me fights.

"People knew about me. "One guy told him (Murra) he didn't want his fighter knocked out."

It also hurt that McCombs was a natural left-hander. Managers were reluctant to pit their fighters against his unorthodox style.

Under Murray's eye McCombs became a right-hander, a style he used most of the time against Amos. Sometimes McCombs would switch styles.

"That was my trick," McCombs said. "I'd start out right-handed and change to left-handed. The other guy thought I was shucking and diving — he didn't know left-handed was my best way."

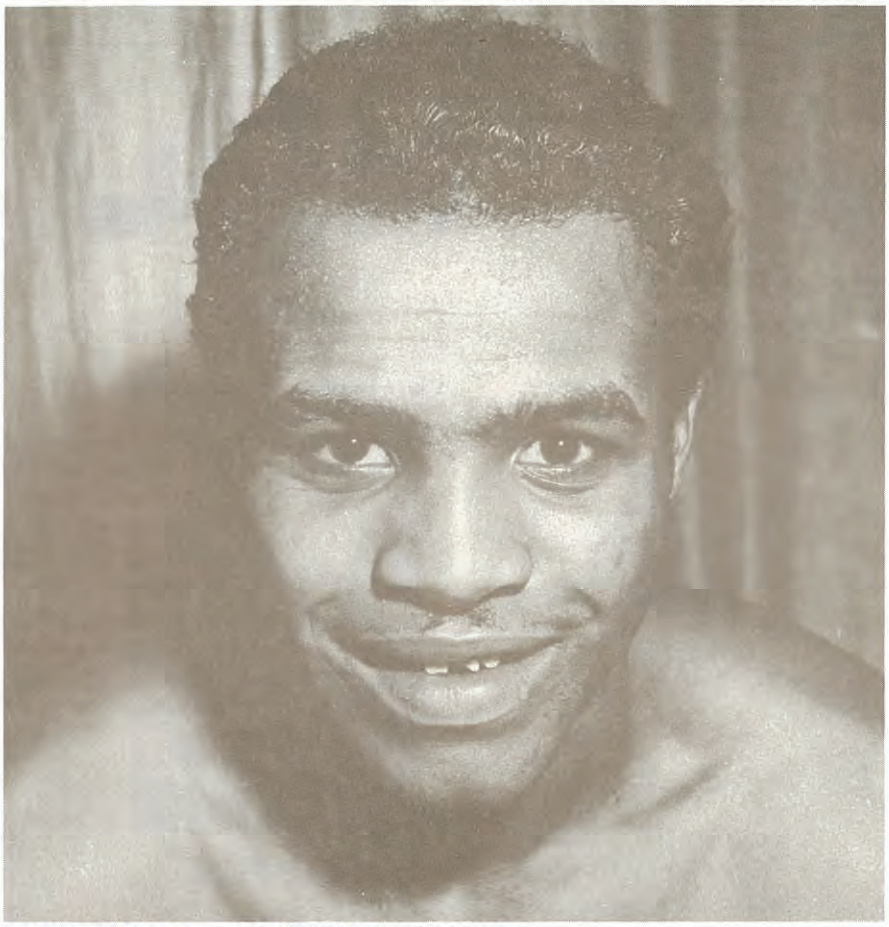
Scars on his left hand attest to the punching power it once possessed. McCombs required surgery after one bout because he landed a punch so hard it dislocated his thumb.

"It happened in the first round of a 10-round fight," McCombs said. "I fought the rest of the way with my hand hurting. I won the fight, but when I took the gloves off my hand just ballooned."

He centered his sports interests on softball pitching which had been McCombs other love since 1934.

McCombs played during the heyday of fastpitch softball in Flint when crowds of several thousand would come out for night games at McKinley Park.

He hurled for Flint's best teams, such as Flint Yellow Dogs, M&S Orange, James Lumber, Joe Louis Punchers, Alder's Market, Columbia Theater.



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It took Peter Fusi Sr. some time to understand.

He was the Italian father of a young football coach at Bessemer, a tiny high school at the western tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

On a cool fall night in 1951, Peter Fusi Sr. and his wife Anna made the long car trip from Flint to Bessemer to see their son coach his first high school football game.

"I had prepared long and hard for that first game, but we got beat by Iron River, the defending Class B state champions. It was 25-0. I felt pretty bad," said Pete Fusi Jr.

"After the game my dad came up to me, put his arm around me and said, 'Son, I told you that you were in the wrong racket. Why don't you come back to Flint, and I'll get you a job in the shop and everything will be fine.'"

Wisely, the son refused to quit after one game.

If he had retired from coaching then, think of the hundreds (or is it thousands?) of young lives who would not have felt the firm but gentle hand of Pete Fusi.

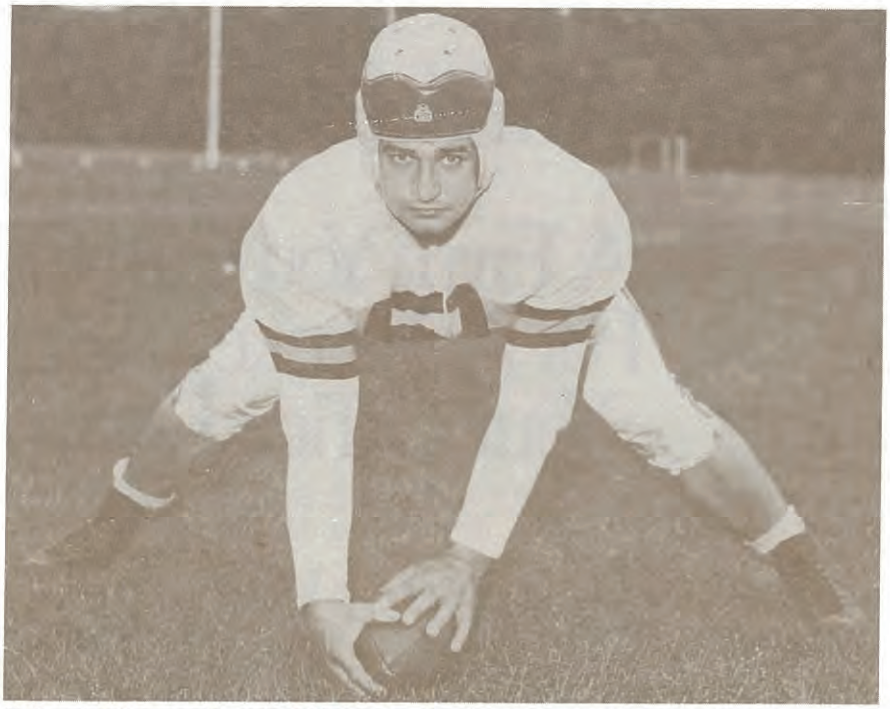
The fall of 1988 was special for two reasons to Fusi.

First, it was the 25th anniversary of his undefeated (9-0) football team at Mt. Morris High in 1963. To commemorate the occasion, 29 of the 33 players on that '63 squad gathered at a restaurant in Flint to remember the glory year.

Al Doty, the star halfback on the 1963 team and now a high school football coach, got up to speak. Doty told his former coach and his teammates and everyone else in attendance that "the way I coach today is the Fusi way."

Pete Fusi cried.

Not for himself, but for the boys on his team who had grown to manhood and become something other than just stars on an undefeated football team.



Following the war Pete Fusi became a 60-minute player at Michigan State.

And, in 1988, Fusi had another undefeated (9-0) team, at Mt. Morris High where he had coached football for eight years, been a principal for 13 more before retiring from teaching, then returning to coach again.

"I just love the challenge of working the kids," he said. "They're no different today than they were when I first started. Just give them a little love. Give them some respect. Make them believe in themselves, and you'll be rewarded."

That philosophy was honed on the football field at Northern High under Guy Houston in the early 1940s and at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing under Biggie Munn and Duffy Daugherty a few years later.

It's why the plaques, pictures and other memorabilia adorn the basement of Fusi's home on Van Buren Street in Mt. Morris, the same home he and his wife Beatrice have lived in for almost 30 years.

Fusi can remember his first football game at Atwood Stadium. It was the fall of 1941. Fusi was a sophomore, the starting center.

"I walked into Atwood Stadium, and there were 15,000 people there," he said. "I had never seen that many people before in my life in one place. It was unbelievable."

The following season gave Fusi his first taste of unbeaten-untied. Houston's 1942 juggernaut went 9-0 and won the mythical state Class A championship.

Fusi finished his career at Northern as an All-State center. On the baseball field, he led Saginaw Valley Conference champion Northern in hitting. He also played two years of varsity basketball.

During the summer, Fusi was a standout pitcher in the Flint Class A Major Softball League.

After graduating from Northern, the colleges came running, but Fusi opted for the United States Air Force. He spent two years in the service, 11 months a tailgunner in Italy during World War II.

Following the war, Fusi became a 60-minute star at Michigan State, where he played both center, tackle and linebacker for four seasons. Not coincidentally, MSU's Oil Can Award was initiated during Fusi's stay. The Oil Can is given to the player who instills the most spirit (with a touch of humor) into the football Spartans.

Fusi was a unanimous winner of the Oil Can his final two years in college. He graduated in 1949 with his mind on a coaching career.

Bessemer beckoned. Fusi coached all sports and was instrumental in beginning the community's first summer Little League baseball program. After nine years and a respectable 48-10-5 record in football, Fusi and his wife talked of returning to the Flint area.

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Ed Krupa's election to the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame is the cap to a Wonder-ful athletic career.

The start of his exploits with Northern High's Wonder Boys is 50 years old, but their achievements remain a marvel.

Starting in the fall of 1938, Krupa, the late Len Sweet and cousins Dick and Bob Holloway became the Wonder Boys who led the Vikings through 27 undefeated football games and 35 straight basketball victories.

They won three straight state football championships and back-to-back state basketball championships.

M.B. Cossman, former sports editor of The Journal, wrote: "In all the history of Flint high school athletics, there never has been anything to approach the combine of Eddie Krupa, Leonard Sweet and Robert and Richard Holloway, who this week bring to a conclusion the most glorious record of scholastic sports achievement this city ever has known."

Krupa, 66, was the acknowledged leader of the foursome. For this, plus a 25-year coaching career in the Flint area, he has been named to the Hall of Fame.

"It's a special honor because I'm joining my coaches," Krupa said, referring to the late Guy Houston (football) and the late Jim Barclay (basketball). Both members of the Flint Hall of Fame.

They saw the potential in an unfamed but talented North End youngster at Garfield School and molded him into a leader. They may never have tamed him completely.

"We were proud to be called North Enders," said Krupa, an only child whose parents lived at 618 Gillespie. "Berston was the center of the universe as far as were concerned."

First a quarterback, then a fullback, Krupa called the plays, sometimes gambling.



In all the history of Flint high school athletics, there never has been anything to approach the combine of Eddie Krupa and The Wonder Boys.

The best example came in the second game of 1939 against Muskegon Heights. With the score 0-0 and fourth down at his 40, he ordered punter Bud Fromholz to fake a kick and pass to Krupa. The play led to a touchdown and a 13-6 victory.

"I could see the play was wide open," said Krupa, "but Coach Houston wasn't thrilled. At halftime he said, 'You just don't call a play like that. What will I tell Okie?' and walked away."

Houston and Okie Johnson of Muskegon Heights were great friends and rivals but those plays were no-nos in an era of single-wing offense and 6-2-2-2 defense.

In the 1939 Thanksgiving Day game, he turned a 6-0 halftime deficit into a 14-6 victory by running for a 50-yard touchdown and having Wally Gilmore pass to Sweet for a touchdown on improvised plays.

Krupa earned three letters in football, four in basketball and two in baseball. He was able to earn four basketball letters because he entered Northern for the second semester in 1938. He and Sweet were the first first-half sophomores to receive varsity letters at Northern.

Krupa was named to the All-Saginaw Valley Conference football team in 1939 and 1940, both years also earning All-State honors. He led the Valley in scoring both years.

He was All-State in basketball.

Baseball came by necessity.

"Coach (Houston) said we had to compete in a spring sport, too, so I went out for track. A couple tries at the 220 and 440 convinced me to switch to baseball. Three swings of the bat were a lot easier than working so hard in track," said Krupa with a laugh.

He chose Notre Dame over Michigan and Michigan State after midyear graduation in 1940. The 155-pounder of 1938 grew to 165 in 1939 and to 175 in 1940.

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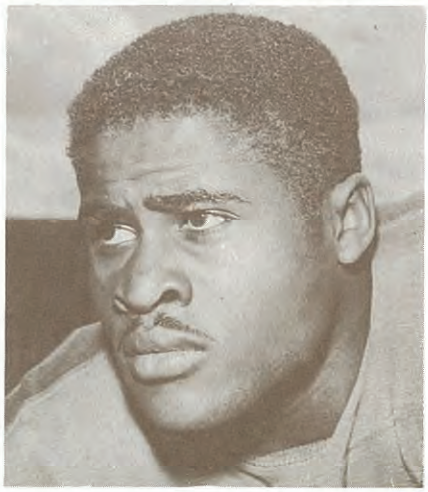


RECIPIENTS TO FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



1980
LYNN CHANDNOIS

All City, All Saginaw Valley Conference, All State, All American, All Pro. Chandnois established Michigan State University football records, offense and defense, which showed the test of time. He was named the NFL Player of the Year in 1952. For 24 years he held the NCAA record for yards returned with pass interceptions. Twice he led the NFL in kickoff returns. Chad was elected to serve on this year's Board of Directors.



1980
DON COLEMAN

Considered by many to be the greatest player in Michigan State University history, tackle Coleman was a unanimous All American. He also was elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1975. All City, All Saginaw Valley, All State, Coleman was especially honored when his Michigan State University football jersey No. 78 was retired in 1951, the first in Spartan history. Now Dr. Coleman, Don serves on the faculty at M.S.U.



1980
JENNIE WEISS

One of the outstanding golfers in Michigan history Janet (Jennie) Barclay Weiss won the Women's State Amateur Championship a record five times; 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1957. She recorded a record 40 match-play victories along the way. Mrs. Weiss won several other titles on the way to induction to the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, October 21, 1980, prior to becoming a charter member of the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame, December 6, 1980.



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1980
GUY HOUSTON

Noted for his work in race relations while coach and principal at Northern High, Houston was the first high school coach to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. His 148-41-13 record as football coach included 12 Saginaw Valley Conference championships in 24 years. His teams also won state titles and under his direction Northern became known as the "School of Champions."



1980
PAUL KRAUSE

A 14-letter winner at Bendle High, Krause went on to Big Ten Conference fame in football and baseball at Iowa. He then competed 16 years in the National Football League, being Rookie of the Year with the Washington Redskins and then playing in four Super Bowls with the Minnesota Vikings. He set the NFL record for interceptions with 81, before retiring in 1980.

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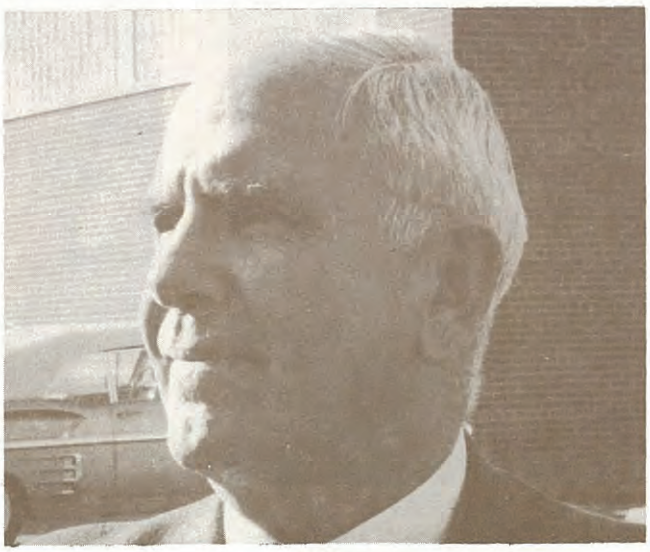
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1980
FRANK MANLEY, SR.

A result of his intense interest in Flint area youth, Manley inspired C.S. Mott to finance a pilot program in sports and recreation. As a result, the Mott Foundation was created and the community school philosophy adopted. The combination of Manley's enthusiasm and Mott's support provided a base of opportunity for all children and adults, a format copied nationwide.

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1980
LLOYD BRAZIL

A Flint High School star, leading the way to two state football titles, Brazil later was considered with George Gipp and Jim Thorpe as one of the best college players in the country. Flint's first All-American while at the University of Detroit, Brazil ran and passed for 5,861 yards, a national record. He played all sports and coached many with highly successful results.



1980
STEVE BYSCO

Considered a natural athlete, Bysco excelled in basketball, baseball, and bowling. He was a semi-pro center in basketball, a minor league baseball pitcher, a manager and coach. His 300 game in the City Bowling Tournament was the first in history. His 787 actual, also in the City Tournament at a different time, paced a 1,378 doubles. Bysco also wrestled and boxed.



1980
TOM SMITH

Considered the area's Mr. Nice Guy, Smith influenced the lives of thousands with the philosophy of discipline, understanding and leadership by example. His St. Michael High teams won 112 football games, 245 in baseball and 161 in basketball. A star high school and college athlete before coming to Flint in 1929, Smith also competed in area semi-pro leagues.

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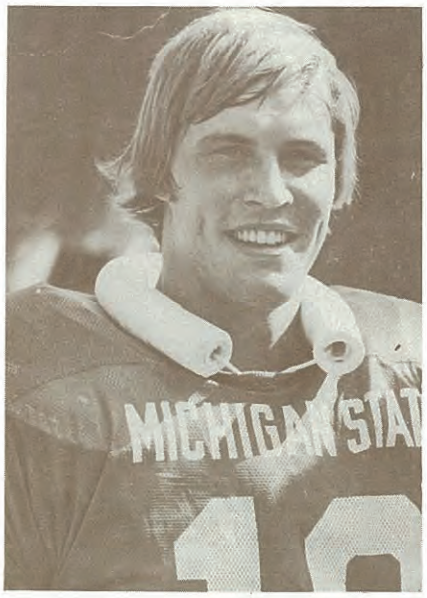
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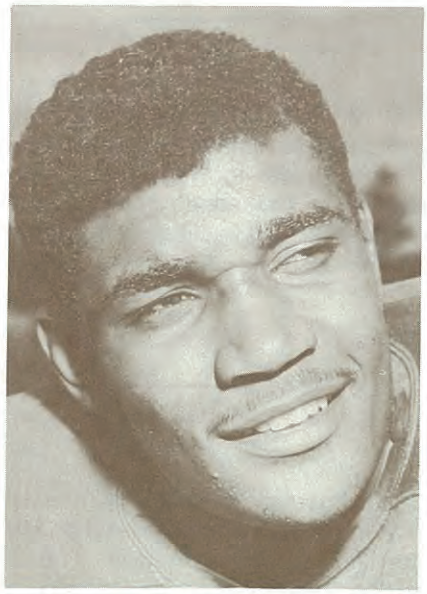
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1981
BRAD VAN PELT

A three-sport star at Owosso High and Michigan State University, Van Pelt was a two-time All American safety for the Spartans, winning the coveted Maxwell Trophy in his senior year. He later excelled as an All Pro linebacker with the New York Giants in the National Football League.



1981
CLARENCE PEAKS

A standout quarterback at Central High, Peaks went on to become an All American halfback at Michigan State in the 1950's, and later, a star fullback with the Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers in the National Football League.



1981
ROGER BERNARD

Called "The Uncrowned Champion of the Featherweights," Bernard was a standout professional boxer from 1923 to 1937, compiling a record of 307 victories, only 25 defeats. He was one of only two men to defeat Welterweight Champion, Barney Ross.

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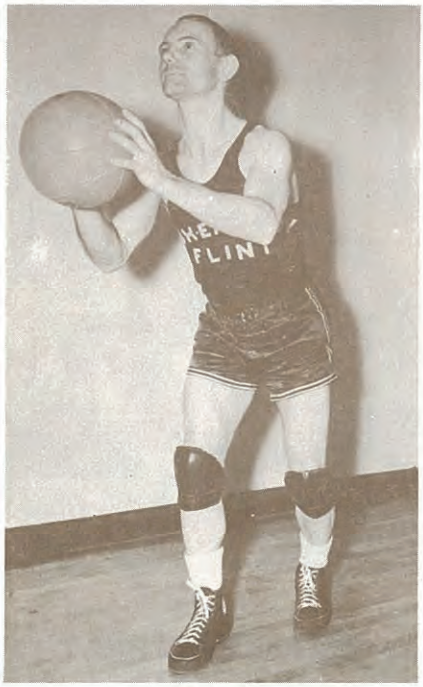
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1981
Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI

Only 5 feet 7, 145 pounds, Lipski was called by some the greatest all-around athlete in Flint history. He excelled in basketball, bowling and played semi-pro baseball in the early 1930's.

His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



1981
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1981
MERV RETTENMUND

A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981
DOUG BLOM

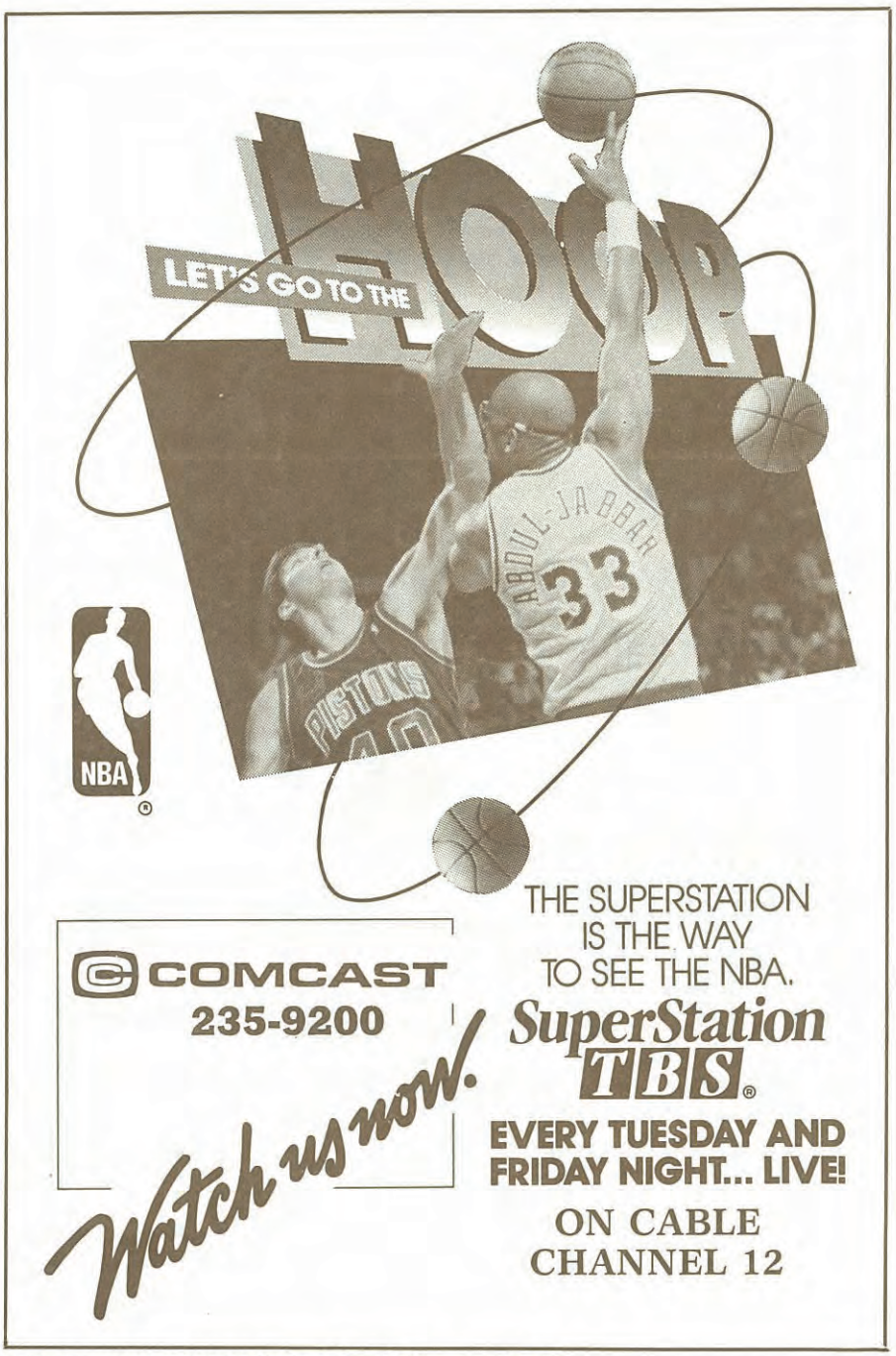
The greatest amateur golfer in Flint area history, Blom won 19 City Amateur Championships and more than 50 titles over a 25 year span. He also played in the National Amateur and U.S. Open Tournaments.

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— Dave Poniers **—Len Hoyes**
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1982
SUE NOVARA-REBER

This former Northwestern High student twice captured the world sprint cycling championships and was once the American record holder in the 200 meters. She won seven United States cycling titles. She has been an outstanding speed skater, winning state and Midwest Outdoor crowns.



1982
LEO SUGAR

A three-sport star at Northern High in the late 1940s, Sugar went on to become an all-Big Ten Conference defensive lineman at Purdue. He was a standout in the National Football League with the St. Louis Cardinals, ending his career with the Detroit Lions. He once played in 99 consecutive NFL games.



Special Service Award
1982
EVERETT A. CUMMINGS

He spent a lifetime of service to the community and was a most effective leader in the sports and recreation fields. The former vice-president of Citizens Bank, Cummings was one person responsible for the installation of AstroTurf at Atwood Stadium, the building of Houston Stadium and the construction of Broome and Whaley Parks.

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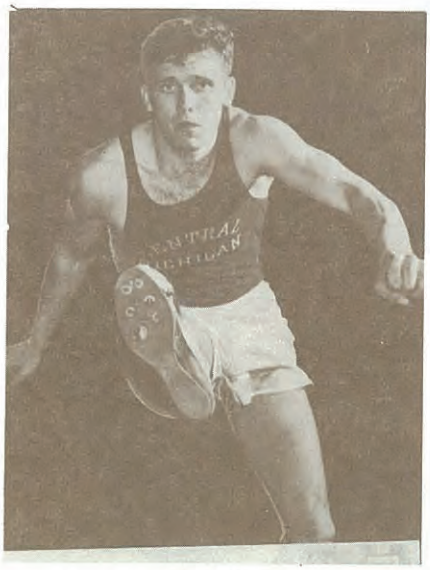


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1982
FRED TROSKO

A nine-letter winner at Northern High, this stringy 135-pound halfback went on to an outstanding career at the University of Michigan where he played in the same backfield with UM's Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon. Later, Trosko became a successful football coach at Owosso High and Eastern Michigan University (then Michigan Normal College).



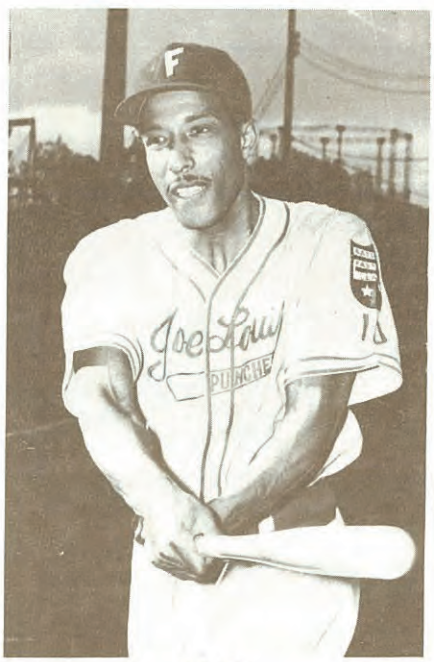
1982
JIM PODOLEY

Considered one of the greatest all-around athletes in Flint area history, this Mt. Morris native excelled as a football and track star at Central Michigan University. He scored a school record 51 touchdowns and gained 4,481 in total yardage and was a national track champion. Podoley later became a star in the National Football League with the Washington Redskins and New York Giants.



1982
JIM BARCLAY

As Northern High's first basketball coach, Barclay's teams went on to win a record four State Class A championships. His teams also won nine city championships and six Saginaw Valley Conference titles. His 1939-40 state championship team was nicknamed "The Wonder Boys" and is considered one of the finest teams in Flint history.



1982
FLOYD BATES

A three-sport star — football, basketball and track — at Central High, Bates is also a member of the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame. He once held the state record in the high jump. He played with Flint's famed Joe Louis Puncher's softball team and the Harlem Globetrotters' basketball team.

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1983
DAVE HOSKINS

The first black athlete to compete in the Central and Texas Leagues of professional baseball, Hoskins went on to pitch for the Cleveland Indians in the American League. He was one of the greatest players ever in Flint's amateur city league, as a pitcher, hitter and outfielder in the 1940's.



1983
HAROLD "TUBBY" RAYMOND

The former Northern High athlete became one of college football's greatest coaches at the University of Delaware for 18 years. In that span, his teams won three NCAA Division II championships and more than 150 games.



1983
BOB ROWE

Flushing's Rowe distinguished himself as the Mid-American Conference lineman of the year at Western Michigan University, leading the Broncos to the 1966 MAC title. He later became an All-Pro defensive tackle with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League.

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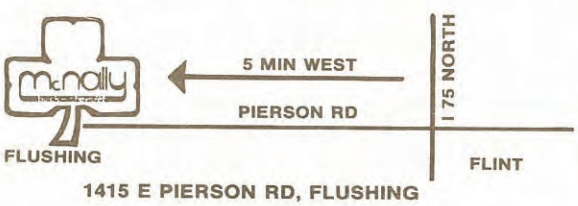
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1983
PAM STOCKTON BRADY

The teen whiz of the badminton court, she claimed 24 national junior championships before winning or sharing in 16 national titles as an adult. The highlight of her career was winning the South African national championship at age 18.



1983
JIM DOYLE

Regarded as Flint's greatest softball pitcher for more than 25 years, Doyle hurled his American United Life team to the 1977 American Softball Association championship. At age 49, he threw a no-hitter in the ASA tournament in 1983. He also pitched in the 1980 Pan-American Games.



1983
BILL HAMILTON

An outstanding athlete in football and track at Northern High in the 1940's, Hamilton later became a standout baseball and softball player. A member of the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Hamilton was selected to the All-World Softball team in 1945.



1983
Special Service Award
T. J. HALLIGAN

An area bowling proprietor for 40 years, Halligan was also president of three minor leagues of professional baseball and remained active in community bowling and baseball endeavors until his death in 1968.

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DOMINIC TOMASI
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Tomasi, an offensive lineman, was the captain and most valuable player of the 1948 University of Michigan football team which went undefeated and won the national championship. He was a second baseman for four years on the Wolverines' baseball team. Tomasi was a standout athlete at Northern High.



JAMES R. "JIMMY" JOHNSON

Johnson earned 11 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track at Central High in the early 1930's. He was an outstanding lineman at South Carolina State College where he earned All-American honors in 1937.



HOWARD "GUS" HUGHES
1984

An outstanding athlete at St. Michael and Central High Schools, Hughes gained great fame as a high school coach. He coached the 1928 St. Michael basketball team to the Class C state championship. In 12 seasons as a football coach at three schools, his teams never had a losing record.

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While golf pro from 1925 to 1953 at Mott Park and Swartz Creek golf courses, Lawson helped develop state and local champions. He was also a director of the Flint Junior Golf Association.

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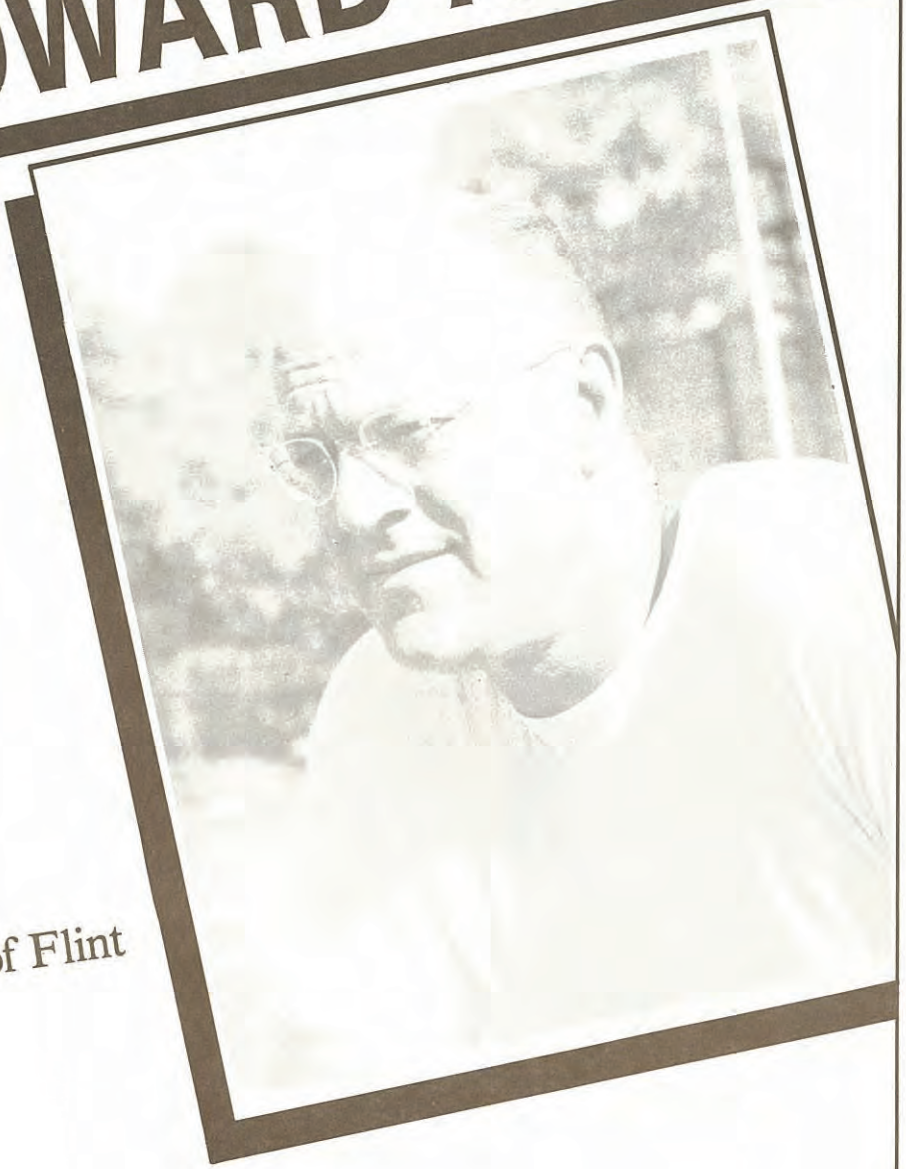
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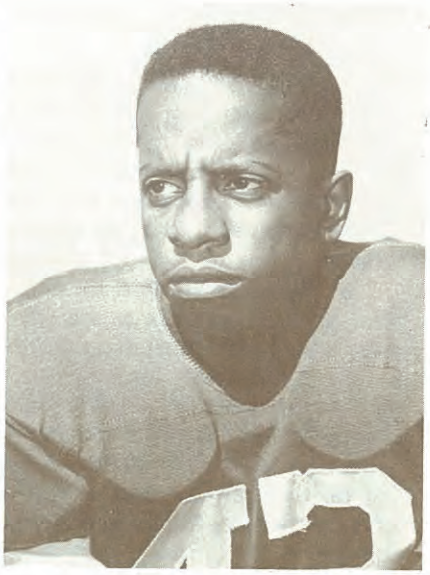
HOWARD GILROY
1984

At the time of his induction, Gilroy was considered the greatest bowler in Flint area history. He had four 300 games and more than 90 700 series. His 803 series in 1974 was the highest rolled in Flint in 37 years.



PEG HAMMOND
1984

Hammond won the city singles tennis title eight times, the last time in 1950. She also won several doubles championships in tennis and badminton. Hammond taught several sports through Mott Foundation programs in the 1930's and 1940's.



JESSE THOMAS
1984

Thomas played defensive halfback for the Baltimore Colts from 1955-57. He received honorable mention All-American honors while a halfback at Michigan State. In 1951, he was first in four events at the Big Ten track meet. Thoms was an all-around athlete at Central High.

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Matthews ...

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when we heard the news that (President) Carter was not going to send American athletes to compete in Moscow," said Matthews. "I guess you could say I got bitter about the whole thing. So did a lot of other athletes.

"We had worked hard for almost four years to get back to the Olympics. I could have opened up a whole lot of opportunities for me. But, it didn't materialize so I said 'where does John Matthews go from here?"

First, he returned to his alma mater, Central Michigan, to continue work on a master's degree in counseling. And, suddenly life didn't appear so distasteful to John Matthews.

He married in 1981 and began a new life and a family. Wrestling called again.

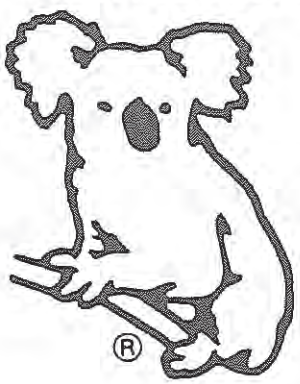
"I had to go after it one more time (to try to qualify for the 1984 Olympic Games)," said Matthews. "My wife Rebecca was behind me all the way."

Despite dominating his weight class, Matthews ended second in the Olympic trials. His wrestling career was finished.

In retrospect, he said: "I had some great moments and won a lot of big meets. The little pitfalls I faced in wrestling helped me look down the road of life to, hopefully, become a better person.

"I said now I'm going to go for the gold medal in life."

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Fleischmann ...

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ship with Boltin, he and Cook combined for five doubles titles and two runners-up in seven years.

Fleischmann said, "J.B. developed our strategy. He said, 'Bob, you stay back and I'll play the net.' I ran all over the court keeping the ball in play until J.B. could put it away. He had the quickest reflexes I've ever seen in an athlete."

Sweeny was his rival in three championship singles matches.

"I never found a weakness in his game," Fleischmann said. "He was a tough opponent."

Their last title match in 1955 was played in 100-degree heat.

Fleischmann also won the 1954 singles crown in the Inter-City Championships in Saginaw, defeating a three-time champion. He also helped the Flint Tennis Club dominate the Eastern Michigan Tennis Association for six straight years with a 29-match winning streak.

"That says something about the caliber of tennis in Flint," he said. "I think the league was discontinued because we won so much."

Among those who played were Vic Zink, George Buben, Lumley, Cook, Elo, Harold Carpenter, Arnold Meredith, Boltin and George Carpenter.

Fleischmann left Flint for employment with Ford, eventually becoming controller of a Ford operation in Des Moines, Iowa. He moved to the Pittsburgh area in 1969.

He has remained active in tennis, helping promote junior programs. He helped recruit former world champion Pancho Gonzales for a clinic and also played against some Pittsburgh Steelers, notably Jack Ham, Lynn Swann and Franco Harris, in exhibitions.

Fleischmann has given time to youngsters for years.

George Carpenter, president of Oliver Credit Corp., remembers.

"He always had time to work with me," said Carpenter, a 1951 Central High grad. "He would say, 'Let's go hit a few,' and would give pointers. He enjoyed working with kids. He was a great player and really hustled on the court."

Now, 33 years after he moved away, Flint is honoring a decade of excellence.



STAN BROOME
Special Service Award
1985

Broome, known as "Mr. Flint Central," worked at the school from 1925-61. He coached baseball, cross country, track, swiming and gymnastics and served as trainer in all sports. He also served as dean of boys and dean of attendance.



NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

LaVoie spent 38 years at Flint Central High as a coach and athletic director. He was head football coach and athletic director from 1934-39, before becoming full-time athletic director in 1939. He retired in 1968.



KEN FAILING
1985

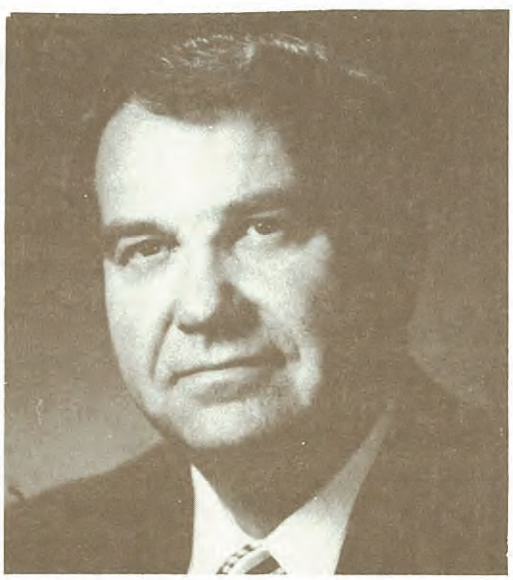
Failing was head basketball coach for 15 years at Flint St. Mary. His 1939 team won the state Class C championship. He was an outstanding all-around athlete who played pro football and basketball on Flint teams.

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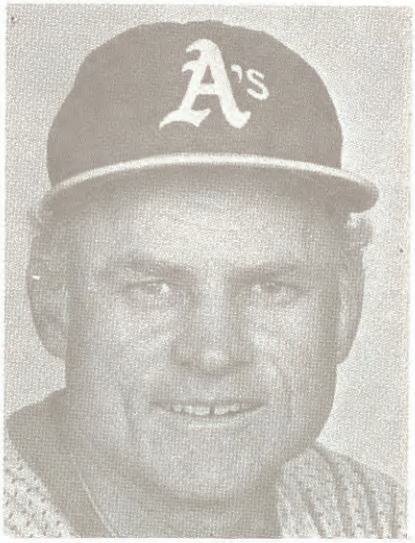
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

Menosky, an outfielder, was Flint's first Major League baseball player, joining the Washington Senators in 1916. In the early 1920s he led the Boston Red Sox in stolen bases, games played, bases on balls and triples. He batted .300 in 1921.



LEROY BOLDEN
1985

Bolden was a two-time All-American halfback at Michigan State and was most valuable player in the 1954 Rose Bowl. He played pro football with the Cleveland Browns. Bolden scored 13 touchdowns for Northern High's 1950 state Class A championship team.



STEVE BOROS
1985

Boros became Flint's first Major League baseball manager with the Oakland A's in 1982-83. He played third base for the Detroit Tigers, Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs from 1961-65 after standout careers at the University of Michigan and Northern High.

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Auer ...

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"John Thomas (Now a Flint attorney) did a lot of the scouting and Howard would study the reports to see what would work.

"He always believed in having 'sleeper' plays or trick plays. Because of his coaching the players took for granted that whenever he sent in one of those plays it would work."

Leach said Auer's fondness for the unexpected was predictable on the practice field.

"He'd always have a trick play for every big ballgame," Leach said. "Whenever we were going into a big game we always wondered what the trick play was going to be this week."

The tricks were the result of Auer's attention to detail in the scouting reports and in watching Fritz Crisler at the University of Michigan where Auer played for three years before a stint in professional football with the Chicago Bears.

Much of Central's offense employed the same single wing alignment Crisler used at Michigan. The single wing was primarily a run-oriented offense with an unbalanced backfield and line set up to run to the right.

Leach remembers Auer altering the alignment in the second half to win a big game against Saginaw.

"The line was unbalanced to the right and in the backfield we always shifted to the right out of the 'T' formation," Leach said. "We did it that way in the first half, but in the second half, instead of the backfield shifting to the right, we shifted to the left.

"Saginaw had a good team, but they didn't know what we were going to do. My brother, Bob, scored the winning touchdown and we beat them."

Some coaches may have been hesitant to try such strategy, fearing it would backfire, but Auer was confident. He had presented his players with a challenge and he knew they were motivated to meet it.

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Fusi ...

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Ron Bigelow, Mt. Morris High principal, heard the rumors and called Fusi.

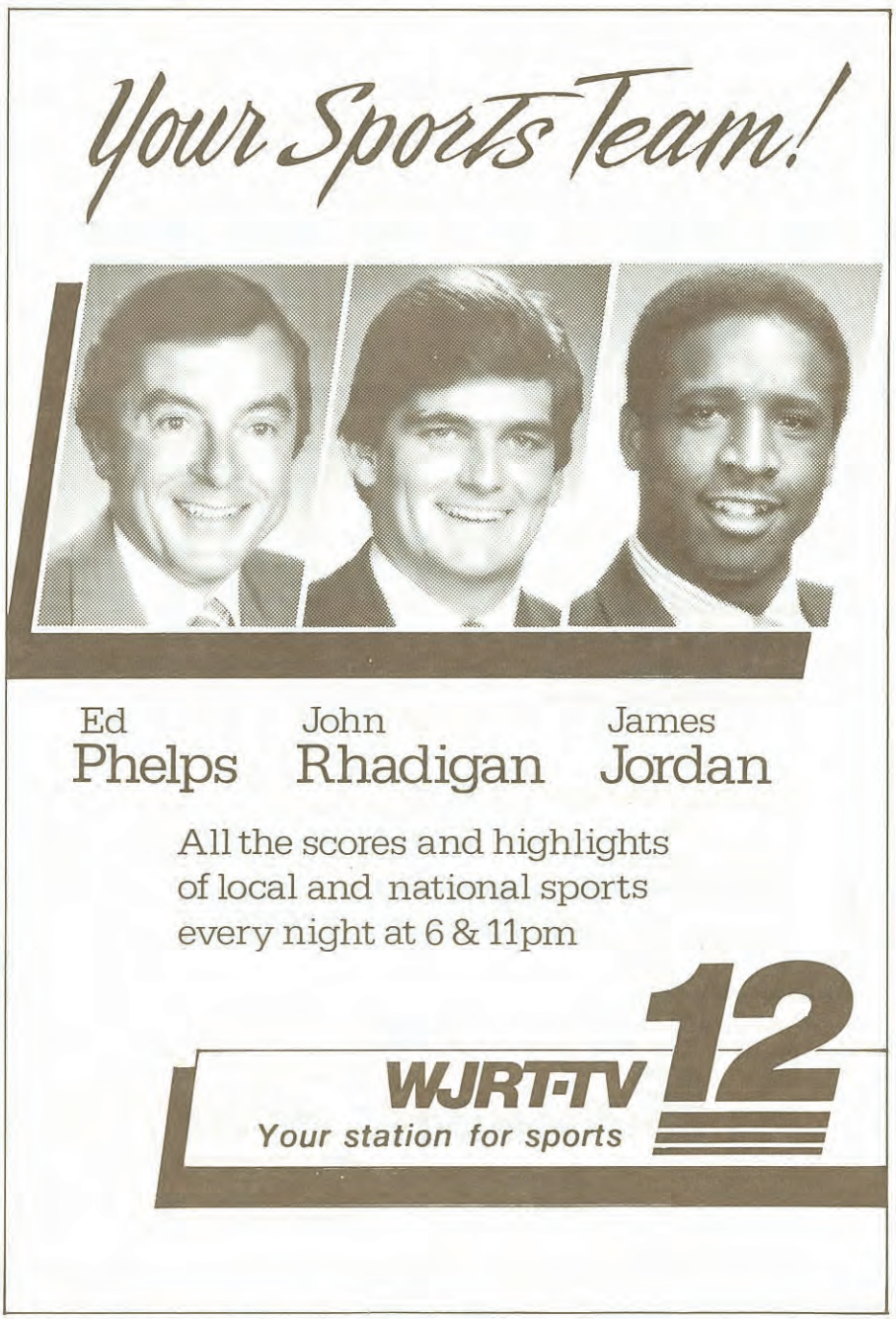
Bigelow had heard of Fusi's exploits in Bessemer but made a trip to Bessemer to check on the young coach's credentials. They were impeccable.

In 1960, Pete Fusi came home.

While 1963 and 1988 are easily the highlights of his coaching career, Fusi has many more fond memories as a coach and teacher.

From 1982 through 1985, he turned Swartz Creek's football program into a winning team. Then, he took a year off to tend to his garden, something Pete Fusi has always done to ease the tensions of being a coach.

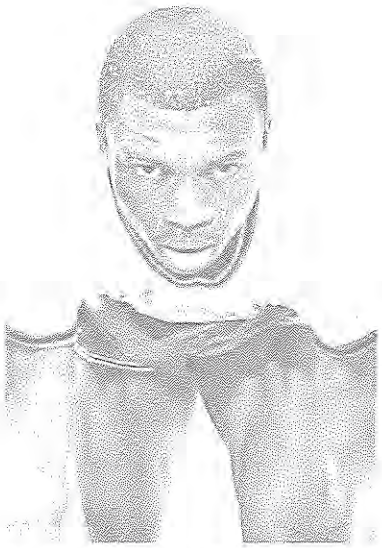
He planted seeds in that garden just as he had planted seeds on the football fields of Michigan, to help turn young boys into good men.



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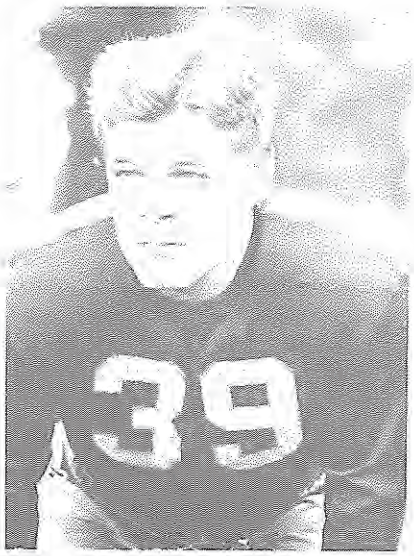
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HERB WASHINGTON
1985

Washington set world records in the 50 and 60-yard dashes in 1970, while at Michigan State. He was a state champion sprinter at Central High. Washington stole 29 bases as a pinch-runner for the World Champion Oakland A's in 1974.



RUSS REYNOLDS
1985

Reynolds coached football for 23 years and baseball for 17 years at Beecher High, where he also served as athletic director. He was captain and quarterback of Michigan State's football team in 1934. He was an outstanding all-around athlete at Northern High.

Krupa ... *Continued from page 19*

He joined the Irish as they were in transition to the T-formation from old Notre Dame box under Coach Frank Leahy.

"I found out I was just a trifle too slow," said Krupa.

World War II interrupted his education. He was a Marine platoon leader on Iwo Jima, being wounded and earning the Purple Heart.

He returned to Notre Dame and graduated in 1947.

He coached for one year at Pensacola, Fla., before returning permanently to the Flint area. "Florida was my learning experience," Krupa said.

St. Matthew hired Krupa as its first full-time teacher-coach.

In six seasons, he had a 27-13-4 record in football and 89-18 in basketball but figures his baseball teams were the best of all three sports.

He joined Northern's staff in 1954 as sophomore basketball coach, joined the football staff in 1955 and became head coach in 1961. He remained three years, rebuilding for two years before the 1963 team finished 7-2 for an overall 13-14 record.

Krupa said, "I wanted to go out a winner."

Now retired, he and wife Virginia spend considerable time at a cottage near Oscoda and dote on the six grandchildren of son Ed, Jr., and daughter Leeard.

"It's been wonderful," said Krupa.

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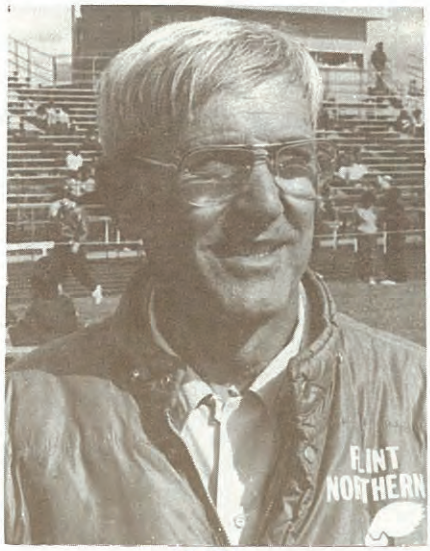
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1986
NORBERT BADAR

Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



1986
SOPHIE KURYS

Kurys was a pioneer in women's baseball and softball. In 1943, she began playing in the American Girls Baseball League and during her nine years set several records, including 200 stolen bases and 117 runs scored in one season.



1986
ELLIS DUCKETT

Duckett was an All-State halfback at Northern High in 1949 and 1950. He went on to football glory at Michigan State. In the 1954 Rose Bowl he blocked a punt by UCLA and recovered it for a touchdown in MSU's 28-20 victory.

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1986
BILL BARCLAY

Barclay led the Northern High basketball team to the state Class A title in 1933. At the University of Michigan, he earned three letters in golf, three in football and two in basketball. In 1939, he won the State Amateur golf championship. Later, he was basketball coach at Harvard.



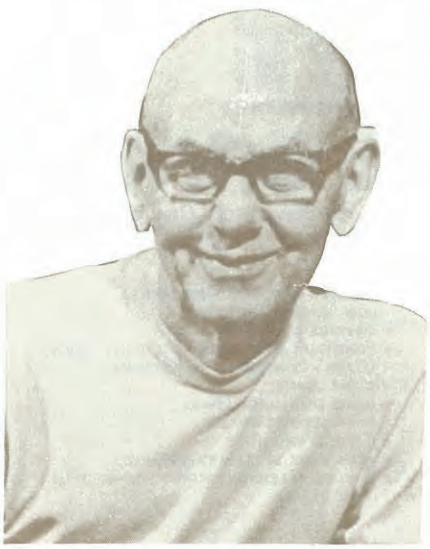
1986
JEANETTE ROBINSON

Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



1986
Special Service Award
BILL MINARDO

Minardo was Flint's first community school director at Freeman Elementary in 1951. He gave his own time unselfishly to youngsters for 40 years. He joined the Flint schools as a physical education teacher at Lowell Junior High in 1934 and retired as director of community services in 1973.



1986
OLLIE CRAVEN

Craven bowled numerous 300 games and more than one-hundred 700 series. In an exhibition match in 1933, he rolled two 300 games in a five-game series with a total pinfall of 1,324, a world record at that time. He once bowled 29 consecutive strikes in a 843 series.

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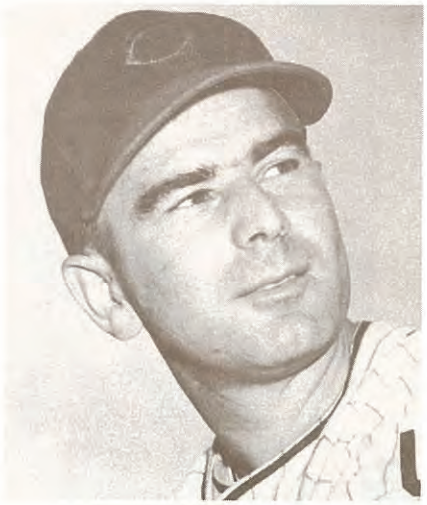
1987
JO LAKE

Lake coached eight state high school championship teams, at Holy Rosary and Kearsley high schools. In the 1975-76 school year her Holy Rosary teams won state Class D titles in basketball, volleyball and softball. She had two state titles in each of those sports at Holy Rosary and two state Class A volleyball titles at Kearsley. In 1979 Lake was national high school volleyball coach of the year.



1987
LEON BURTON

Burton was a football standout at Arizona State University from 1955-58. He led the nation in rushing with 1,151 yards and in touchdowns with 16 in 1957. He had 42 touchdowns in his career. At Northern High he starred in football and track. He ran the 120-yard hurdles in 19.1 seconds, a state record. Burton later played for the New York Titans in the American Football League.



1987
ANDY SVENTKO

Sventko was a long-time manager in the City Baseball League. At the time of his induction, his teams had won either the regular season or all-season championship 22 times in 25 years. In 1975 his Bishop Construction team won the National Amateur Baseball Congress national championship in the Stan Musial Division. He was an outstanding player in the CBL.



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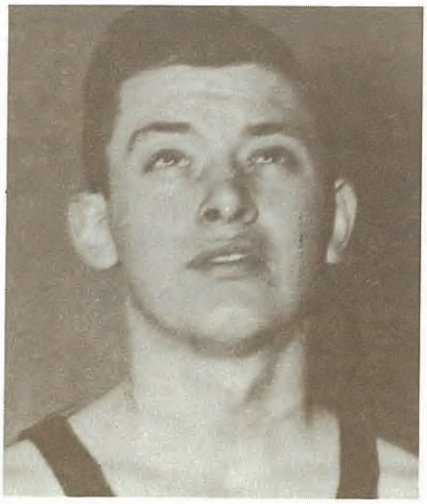
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1987
M. JOE ROBERSON

Roberson was an all-state basketball and baseball player at Northern High. He led Flint Junior College's basketball team to a 23-1 record in 1955. He was a pitcher in the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system. Roberson was a two-time national seniors doubles champions in paddleball.



1987
MEL WINER

Winer considered himself the ultimate team player. He starred in city recreation leagues as basketball player, golfer, bowler and softball pitcher. He once pitched 16 straight victories. Winer won the City Open golf tournament in 1943 and was a doubles champion in tennis in 1934 at Central High.



1987
TED PRICHARD

Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



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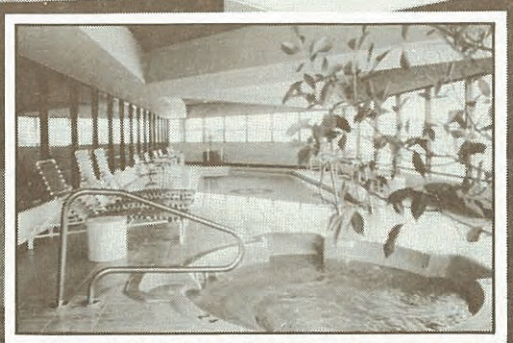
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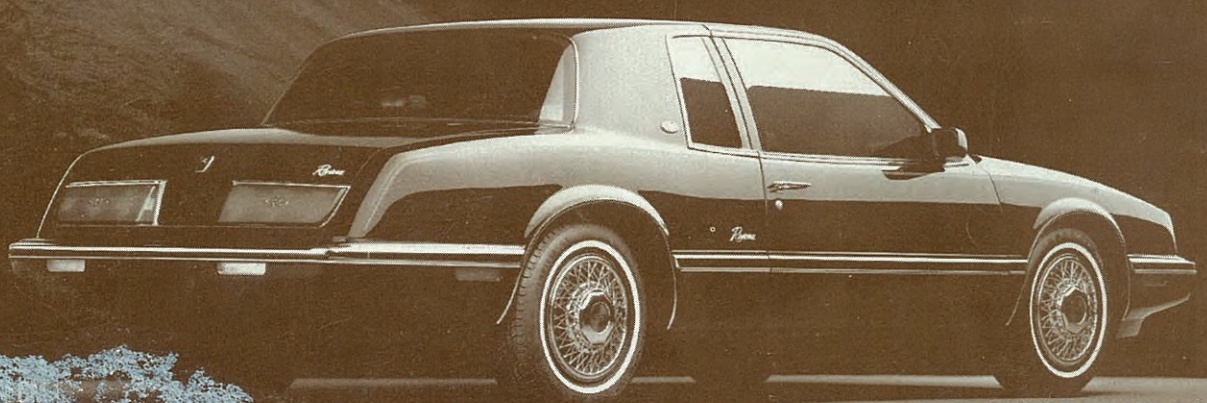
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