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Each year the Board of Directors selects a person to receive the “Special Service to Sports Award” this year’s recipient is the “Voice of Flint Sports” for 25 years — Pete Sark.

Also tonight for the second year, the Flint Hall of Fame inducts two teams who have contributed to the city’s athletic traditions. We are proud to add the American Legion Fisher Post #342 Baseball Team of 1941 as the non-scholastic inductee and as the scholastic team, the Flint Northern Football Team of 1950.

As president, I would like to thank you for being with us tonight — without your support there would be no Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Our appreciation especially goes to the Flint Journal for their immeasurable support of this organization. The newspaper stories, written by the Journal’s sports staff are integral to the lifeline of this organization. Even more so is their contribution of the magnificent Hall of Fame plaques which you see here tonight.

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Johnny Bero

Rifle-armed Bero Played In Shadow Of Tigers’ Kell

By Len Hoyes

Johnny Bero was a victim of the numbers game.

And George Kell.

In an era of 16 major league baseball teams, there simply was no room for the former Northern High star with the Detroit Tigers, especially with future Hall of Famer Kell entrenched at third base.

Bero had to be content with playing six seasons in the highest minor league classification at Buffalo and Toledo before getting a chance to play in the majors. He spent 1951 with the St. Louis Browns, then finished his career with Oakland in the Pacific Coast League which often was called “The third major league” before expansion.

Bero was born in Gary, W. Va., on Dec. 22, 1922, but moved to Flint at age seven. He was the second youngest of eight children in a family which lived in the Industrial-Stewart area when residents proudly called it North End. He died in 1985.

Four siblings survive, including a sister, Julia Toth, of Flint. Brothers Floyd and Andy live in Gardena, Calif., the latter a retired fire chief for the city. Three sons and a widow also survive.

Andy Bero said, “Three of us already were located in Gardena so John naturally followed when he retired from baseball.

“Money was scarce in a big family when we were kids but when a few extra dollars became available John got the new equipment. It was obvious that he had natural talent.”

M.B. Cossman, former sports editor at The Journal, called him “Flint’s top home-grown baseball product,” when Bero signed with the Tigers in 1943.

At various times he was called Machine Gun and the “man with the slingshot arm.”

Jim Massar, a former minor leaguer, said, “Everyone raved about Aurelio Rodriguez’s arm when he played for the Tigers, but Bero was better.”

Ray Seidel, also a member of the Greater Flint Hall of Fame, said, “I played against two major league third basemen while in the service, but neither of them had an arm like John’s. It was the strongest arm I ever saw on a third baseman.”

He led the International League’s second basemen with a .977 average in 1947, making only 16 errors in 162 games.

He fielded .954 as a shortstop in 1951 with the Browns.

Bero’s switch from third base to second base or shortstop also involved Kell.

Major-league frequently formed barnstorming groups after the regular season as a means of augmenting modest salaries. Kell was a member of a team which came to Atwood Stadium in October 1946 to play a group of mostly City Baseball League players.

Bero, coming off a .278 season at Buffalo, was invited to play for the locals.

Kell dropped a slow roller to third base. Bero fielded the ball cleanly but, in haste to make the putout, threw extra hard and injured his throwing arm. He never again played third base more than occasionally, usually playing shortstop.

Bero graduated from Northern in 1941, starting as a pitcher but switching to third base. He captained the baseball team and was a member of the state basketball championship teams in 1938 and 1939. He attended Western Michigan on a baseball scholarship.

Although known primarily as a slick fielder, he showed hitting prowess at an early age. He batted .404 for Clio in the City Baseball League as a 16-year-old in 1939. He was the CBL leader with a .406 average for West Side Merchants when signed by the Tigers.

Army induction for World War II was imminent when he signed and was assigned to Buffalo. The International League was Class AA, the highest classification below the majors. He played 55 games and batted .241.

He returned from the Army Air Corps to play 134 games in 1946. By then the league was upgraded to Class AAA.

Major league rules allowed the Tigers to keep him at Buffalo for three seasons, then two more at Toledo before running out of options.

The Browns, who became the Baltimore Orioles in 1954, drafted Bero. He played in 61 games, batted .213 and fielded .954, the best numbers among four who shared shortstop duties in 1951.

He went to Oakland in 1952. By then the Pacific Coast League had earned an open classification because so many players were former major leaguers. Eddie Lake was his understudy at shortstop. Bero played two seasons before retiring.

He later coached high school and American Legion teams while an employee of the city of Gardena, winning the Greater Los Angeles city championship with Gardena Serra.

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Len Sweet

Sweet’s playing, coaching career most wonderful

By Len Hoyes

Being one of the Wonder Boys was a significant achievement.

Being called the most amazing of the quartet adds to the mystique of Len Sweet.

He was one of Northern High’s Wonder Boys who had a 26-0-2 football record in 1938-39-40 and won 34 straight games in basketball, becoming the first school to win successive Class A state championships.

He was only three years into a promising coaching career when his life was snuffed out by a drunken driver in May 1954 at the age of 32. Because of a series of operations to thwart a life-threatening bone disease, he was a late starter at Michigan Normal (Eastern Michigan University) and didn’t begin formal coaching until 1951.

He led Dye High to a 12-2-2 record in two seasons. His 1952 team had an 8-0 record, scoring 236 points and yielding only 12 enroute to the championship of the Genesee County Class C League. The Thunderbolts were rated No. 3 in the state by the Associated Press. He left Dye with a 10-game winning streak and the ingredients for another undefeated team in 1953.

Sweet will join former teammate Ed Krupa in the Hall of Fame. They and cousins Bob and Dick Holloway were the Wonder Boys.

Krupa and Sweet became inseparable after meeting at Emerson Junior High.

Krupa said, “He would come to my house and we would walk to school. He was from the Martin School area and I hung around at Berston. Sometimes he would join my friends at Berston and sometimes I would go to Martin where his friends were centered. We’d all get together at Dewey to play football under the lights.

Sweet signed a contract at Class A Wyandotte Roosevelt in April 1953 as head basketball and head golf coach and assistant football coach. His 1953-54 basketball team, in a rebuilding program, lost its first five games but finished 5-11 and advanced to the regional finals.

His widow Myrtle lives in the San Francisco area since 1961 along with three sons, Richard, Barry and Leonard James, Jr., who was born after his father’s death. There is a grandson, Leonard James III.

Formation of the Wonder Boys began when the late Jim Barclay, Northern’s basketball coach, spotted Sweet and Krupa as seventh graders at Emerson. The Holloways were at Longfellow. The late Guy Houston, Northern’s football coach, put them together in Mott football when they were eighth and ninth graders. Occasionally they would scrimmage the varsity.

Krupa said, “Those guys were a lot bigger than we were. I called the plays so I’d say, ‘Len, you carry the ball.’ He was fearless.”

The Wonder Boys were promoted to the basketball varsity when they arrived at Northern as 10B sophomores and became immediate contributors.

Sweet was the only Wonder Boy to earn All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors in basketball and football.

“Wonder Boy” LEN SWEET is remembered as an inspirational leader.

On the basketball floor, he used to delight in literally knocking an opponent right out of the ball. He had the knack of leaning one way and dribbling in the opposite direction. He actually would be laughing as he sped down the floor.

Numerous college offers were pending when misfortune struck.

He was hospitalized with osteomyelitis, a bone-withering disease which resulted from a football injury. Facing the loss of his arm, he required three surgeries and 77 days of hospitalization. He was fighting for life when presented with his diploma at Hurley Hospital.

Monumental medical bills forced Sweet to work at Buick much of the time between 1941 and 1960.

“There may have been some with stronger hearts, maybe a few with keener minds. There may have been those who overcame greater odds. There may have been more inspirational leaders, more capable teachers and more successful coaches.

“But if there has been any one product of the Flint high school athletic program in the last 20 years who possessed a greater degree of all those qualities than Len Sweet, his name and accomplishments escape me,” said Tom Mercy, former Journal Sports Editor.
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The Right Moves From The Start

By Dean Howe
Journal Sports Writer

Booker Moore, who ran with a football like Sinatra sang a song, has every right to brag about his accomplishments.

But he won't.

Instead, Moore — one of the greatest running backs in Flint history — would like to thank those who helped pave his path to greatness.

He remembers certain individuals who made his journey to stardom at Southwestern High, Penn State University and the Buffalo Bills easier.

For instance:

"I grew up in Flint at a time when our sports programs for kids were the best in the country."

"I'd play four or five sports at a time, starting from the third grade on. I truly believe participation in those activities helped me develop into a pretty good football player."

At Oak Park Elementary School, Moore played on the flag football team.

"Howard Staisil (then community school director at the school) used to drive us kids around to games," said Moore. "We'd mess up his car but he didn't seem to care."

Moore continued playing five sports until he reached the ninth grade at McKinley Junior High. Then, blessed with an inordinate talent for the gridiron game, concentrated mostly on football.

At Southwestern High, he met a coach — Dar Christiansen — who would help shape his life and put his name in the headlines week after week.

"We had quite a thing going at Southwestern back then," Moore recalls. "All we did was win and Dar had a lot to do with that. He just made us want to win."

While he was at Southwestern, Moore starred in the backfield for three years, from 1974-76. During that period, the Colts recorded a 25-2 won-lost record and Moore was an All-Stater on the unbeaten (9-0) 1976 unit.

Moore left Southwestern owning six city records.

Moore also thanked the school's principal at the time, Vincent Olszewski.

"There had been some troubles in the schools the years before I got to Southwestern," said Moore. "Olszewski really helped things go smoothly at our school. He was very involved with the students and our athletic teams. We all felt like a family."

The college coaches courted Moore incessantly.

A week before he signed at Penn State, Moore had made his mind up to attend Michigan.

"I think I went to Penn State just to get away from home," he said. "I wanted to be on my own for a change and not depending on my mother so much. I'm happy I went to Penn State."

At Penn State, under legendary Coach Joe Panterno, Moore played four seasons. During that time, the Nittany Lions compiled a record of 40-8 and played in four bowl games, one for the national championship, against Alabama in the 1978 Sugar Bowl.

Alabama won 13-7.

"I think that was probably my biggest thrill in football and my biggest disappointment," said Moore.

He ended his career at Penn State ranked sixth on the school's all-time rushing list (2,072 yards) and scored 20 touchdowns.

The Buffalo Bills selected Moore in the first round of the 1981 National Football League draft.

Here is when the world almost turned upside down for Moore.

A few weeks before joining the team as a rookie, Moore developed a rare disease — Guillen-Barre Syndrome. It's a virus that attacks the nervous system.

Moore was hospitalized for almost two weeks. Upon his release, he had lost weight and strength. He never played a down for the Bills in 1981.

In 1982, a strike shortened Moore's season to nine games.

When head Coach Knox left the team in 1983, the Bills began a downward spiral that left them among the NFL's weaker teams.

His last year in Buffalo was 1985. The Bills were 2-14 that season.

Still, Moore has no regrets. He enjoyed his stay in Buffalo and being a noticeable face in the community.

"I had five very good years there," he said. "I perhaps didn't get the opportunity I wanted but it was still a very good experience for me. Not many people get a chance to perform in the NFL. I was lucky enough to be one of them."

He remembers the days before he had blossomed into an All-State running back and why playing other sports helped his career.

He was a sophomore at Southwestern, sturdy and strong but untested.

"I could get through the hole in the line and into the open but somebody would always catch me," said Moore.

"The next spring, I ran track and got stronger."

Not many came close to catching Booker Moore, either.
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WHERE NEWS COMES FIRST
Larry Mancour refused to let the Buick Open stay buried.

He labored tirelessly for six years at the Flint Elks Club to keep the dream alive before the Professional Golfers Association formally recognized his efforts. Now the Buick Open at Warwick Hills is a $1-million affair, the mainstay of Buick’s nationwide commitment to golf.

Success against seemingly impossible challenges has been a trademark for the former Grand Blanc High four-sport star who lives in Harbor Springs.

- Like the time he convinced Elks members that their future lay in expanding the course to 18 holes. He designed and supervised construction at a considerable savings to the club.

- Like the time Flint Junior College needed a point guard to run the offense of a talented 1954-55 team. Mancour handled the job so well that the Bears put together the best record (23-1) in school history and placed four players on the all-conference first and second teams.

- Like the time he financed his own way as the first Flint-area product to play the PGA Tour full-time. He played two years, 1960-61, before running out of money and reverting to a club job.

- Like the time Chuck MacGillivray asked him to design a new golf course. Dunmaglas, near Charlevoix, has become spectacular in only two years, being named the No. 4 course in Michigan in the November issue of Golf Digest.

“I like challenges. It’s fun to be a competitor,” said Mancour, who will be 59 years of age on New Year’s Day.

His newest challenge is designing and constructing another golf course near Harbor Springs. He’s the majority owner of Chestnut Valley, which is scheduled to open in July 1994. He’s also involved in a corporation with older brother Dave in building a course at Potter Lake.

Mancour has won numerous smaller tournaments, most notably the Michigan Pro-Am (1970 and 1980) and the Michigan PGA (1972). He qualified twice for the U.S. Open, finished 10th in the 1989 British Seniors Open and in 1990 was the No. 1 alternate for the U.S. Seniors tour.

He was named Michigan Player of the Year in 1972. He received the Athletic Alumni Award from the Mott College Bruin Club in 1987.

He admits sometimes wishing he had become serious about golf earlier than age 21.

“Golf always was easy for me,” he said, “but there were other sports, too.” He earned letters at Grand Blanc in golf, baseball, football and basketball.

“I played only the matches in golf,” he said. “I was a pitcher in baseball so it was fairly easy to schedule both sports in the spring.”

He helped Grand Blanc reach the state basketball tournament semifinals in 1951 and 1953 and the finals in 1952.

Mancour passed up golf to play baseball at JC.

Concentration on golf began when he joined Dave in California. He held club jobs at three spots on the West Coast during a 12-year hiatus from the Flint area.

He returned in 1967 as the first promanager at the Grand Blanc Golf Club. Then came a switch to Willowood in 1970, shortly before it was bought by the Elks. He stayed 17 years.

He began the Little Buick Open in 1969, the last year for the “old Buick,” as a lure for younger pros who were unable to play in the Buick Pro-Am. From a $5,000 start at the Elks in 1970, the money grew to $60,000 in 1976 when the tournament was officially sanctioned by the PGA. After a $100,000 tourney at the Elks in 1977, the tournament returned to Warwick.

Bruce Johns, former Journal sports reporter, quoted Joe Schwendeman, PGA director of communications, in a 1977 article: “We can’t say enough for the work that Larry has done. If you’re looking for a guy to pin the roses on, he’s the one.”
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Herb Odom

Every Time Life Put Him Down, Odom Got Up

By Len Hoyes

Herb Odom could have been a model for E.F. Hutton.
He deserves avid listeners when he tells Chicago-area youth about overcoming adversity.

The fighting dentist, twice an NCAA boxing champion for Michigan State, parlayed desire into millionaire success through sheer determination.

He was a Flint and Michigan Golden Gloves champion in 1948 and 1949, reaching the Tournament of Champions semifinals in 1949. He was an NCAA quarterfinalist in 1952 and semifinalist in 1953, then captured the 147-pound title in 1954 and 1955. As a senior, he helped MSU win the team title.

At that time he was one of only 21 to win two NCAA titles.

He reached the semifinals in the 1952 Olympic Trials.

His overall record of 76-61-1 includes 43-2 as an amateur and 3-0 as a professional. He was 29-2-1 at Michigan State.

Seldom has anyone overcome more adversity.

- He dropped out of Northern High because of a reading deficiency.
- He failed the entrance examination at Michigan State three times before a special dispensation allowed him to qualify by attaining a C average.
- He was refused admission to major dental schools, but a friend intervened and secured admission to Meharry College, a mostly black institution in Nashville, Tenn.
- After purchasing equipment for his first office in Chicago, he had no funds for an apartment. He slept in his dental chair and showered at the YMCA for a year.

He said, "Flint was great to me and I owe a lot to people there, especially Dr. Murphy and Dr. Weaver. They were responsible for keeping me on the right track. It's fantastic to be elected to the Hall of Fame. I'm looking forward to the ceremony."

The late Dr. J.V. Murphy, a former member of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control, became interested in Odom when the latter was a Golden Glove. He convinced Northern officials to re-admit Odom.

Odom said, "Murphy treated me like a son. He drove me to Michigan Stated and showed them I could help the team."

Odom earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1977, the first dentist to achieve that honor. It came despite what he calls "pitifully slow reading." He put key words on flash cards and memorized them.

He overcame those shortcomings to become wealthy as a developer of nursing homes and medical facilities in the Chicago area. He has been on the boards of directors of many organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the University of Chicago Alumni Association, the Chicago Community Development Advisory Committee, Ronald McDonald House at Wyler Children's Hospital and the Chicago Southtown YMCA.

He has earned more than 20 awards from a variety of organizations, including the Meharry President's Award, the National Bar Association, the Boy Scouts of America, Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, the Chicago Police Department, American Cancer Society and the MSU Development Fund.

He spends two days per week talking to Chicago youngsters about upward mobility.

He said, "There's no such thing as an impossible dream if you really believe in yourself. A long time ago, my father told me, 'You can be anything you want to be,' and I took his advice."

His next project: publishing a book of his poems.
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Mike Secrest

He's Turning In The Cycle For A Golf Bag

By Len Hoyes

Mike Secrest may yet derive $$$ from cycling.

He's been retired from the rigors of endurance cycling since 1990, but his reputation as one of the nation's best could lead to a new career.

Life may be starting at 40 for the former Flint resident who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, an ideal locale for the 1971 Central High graduate to concentrate on honing his golf game.

He aims to lower a 5-handicap another stroke for a crack at the proposed Pro Athlete Golf League which is scheduled to begin in 1994. The new enterprise has a plan for six-to-10 tournaments with purses of $300,000-$400,000.

"There's good money available. Maybe I can pay off some of my debts," Secrest said with a laugh.

He said the proposed league has signed a multi-year contract with a national network for a two-man better ball format. The league is open to non-golfers who achieved success in other sports.

Secrest is eminently qualified.

He was the 1987 champion and runner-up in 1985 and 1989 in the Race Across America, the grueling endurance test which required more than a week of cycling with little rest.

He covered 3,117 miles from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., in nine days, 11 hours and 35 minutes to win the 1987 race. That was an amazing improvement from his 1983 debut when he was third in 11 days, six hours and 30 minutes. He also was third in 1984.

A broken collar bone forced him out of the 1986 race after he had cycled to Tennessee. He did not enter in 1988.

He was named athlete-of-the-week by ABC for his 1987 victory. He almost made it again in 1990 but was upstaged by two baseball no-hitters.

Secrest set world records in 24 paced and unpaced events.

MIKE SECREST - the Central High graduate set world records in 24 paced and unpaced bike events.

Most notable was a 1990 pace in which he covered 1,216.8 miles at the Phoenix International Raceway, shattering a 58-year-old record of 860 miles. His mileage is approximately the distance from New York City to Miami.

He covered 516.2 miles in an un paced race in 1985 at the Olympic Velodrum in Montreal. He was off his cycle only 12 minutes during the 24 hours.

These achievements have earned Secrest a place in the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame.

"It has been personally satisfying because I accomplished some lofty goals I set for myself," said Secrest.

"I put a total commitment into racing even though it was a financial strain. I wanted to make sure there would be no excuses down the road."

He had some sponsors, but not nearly enough to handle all expenses.

Concentration on cycling was the result of a leg stress fracture which cut short a career in the triathlon, a combination of a two-mile swim, 26.2-mile run and 100 miles of cycling.

He won a triathlon in 1981 near Jackson, Michigan, and was 108th in a field of 326 at the 1981 Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon. Shortly thereafter he read about four cyclists who raced across the U.S. in the Great American Bike Race. The Race Across America began in 1983.

Secrest said, "I wasn't sure I could handle cycling for more than a week. In fact, I wasn't sure I could last 24 hours."

"That was the first time I realized I had some talent in that area," Secrest said.

Rigorous training began. He moved to Phoenix in December, 1982 and cycled 100-200 miles per day, six days a week.

Almost five years later, he won the Race Across America, bettering his original 1983 time by 43 hours.

In 1990, racing alone, he covered 2,950 miles from Huntington Beach, California, to Atlantic City, N.J., in seven days, 23 hours, 16 minutes. He had less than 10 hours sleep and was hampered by vomiting, diarrhea and asthma. He also had to overcome hallucinations caused by riding 63 straight hours.

He said, "My goal was to beat eight days and nine hours."

How was he able to cut more than three days from his original time?

He said, "Mostly discipline and experience. The only way to learn was to actually try. I always was helped by a good crew and they learned to get better, too. We also studied the best routes. That helps when you must cross mountains."

Why did he retire?

He said, "It's a lot like Michael Jorden. I accomplished my goals."

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A Lifetime Dedicated To Flint

by Cathy Snyder

In a sports career that has spanned a lifetime, tonight's inductee for the Flint Area Hall of Fame's Service to Sports Award — Pete Sark, can claim to have covered 21 Super Bowls, 21 World Series, over 100 Tiger baseball games a year for over 20 years, some ten Rose Bowl games, a Sugar Bowl, an Orange Bowl, a Gator Bowl, a Fiesta Bowl, over 200 college football games, two U.S. Opens, every Buick Open, over a thousand high school football and basketball games, 150 or more Lions games, the Red Wings, the Pistons, along with local bowling. He has also covered the sports banquet/lecture scene.

For 25 years, Sark and his partner Dan Hunter were the "Voice of Flint Sports" as they broadcast Friday night football games over WDFD Radio from Atwood Stadium, including the legendary Thanksgiving Day football games.

His weekly Friday Night Football Scoreboard show was easily the most listened to sport show in the city's history — along with a popular call-in show he hosted for a couple of years with Ron Knight.

A member of the Tiger's news network, Sark became a virtual fixture in the Tiger Press Box and at Tiger Spring Training Camps. His ease of interviewing endeared him to players and every Tiger manager from Ralph Houk to Billy Martin to Sparky Anderson and even, Jim Campbell. Add to that list such people as Bo Schembechler, Don Canham, George Perles, Muddy Waters and others.

He has also been heard around the country as a member of the Buick Open Sports network, broadcasting from Warwick Hills.

In 1974 he was named Michigan Sportscaster of the Year.

Sark added sportswriting to his agenda when he was named Sports Editor at the Catholic Weekly, then he added almost 20 years with the Grand Blanc News, and subsequently the Flint Area Newspapers. There, his popular sports column and sports pages won several Michigan Press Awards.

Not content with limiting his career specifically to sports, Sark moved into the community affairs arena, where he has donated countless hours to fund raising efforts for Flint's Bruin Club, the Flint Exchange Club, Muscular Dystrophy, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Children's Museum and other charitable civic groups.

He is also one of the founders of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, serving as a member of the Board of Directors and on the Selection Committee for thirteen years before retiring last year because of health problems.

Back at the typewriter again, Pete is presently covering the local sports scene for the Tri-County News.

Born in Bluffton, Indiana, Sark's family moved to Flint when he was three years old. He is a graduate of Flint Central High School, where he was a member of the school's tennis team. He was attending Flint Junior College when World War II broke out. On his 18th birthday he enlisted in the Army Air Force, graduating as a Bomber pilot. He flew several missions in the South Pacific.

After the war he completed his education at Michigan State University with a degree in Accounting. But it was the world of sports that became Pete Sark's life — that and being the best darn Santa Claus in the city's history.

A devoted husband, father and son, the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is proud to honor one of the Flint area's biggest and best loved athletic supporters — Donald "Pete" Sark.
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From mid-July to late August they won everything in sight and came within an eyelash of the national finals in the American Legion junior baseball tournament.

A heart-breaking 2-1 defeat by the eventual national champ ended the year with a 20-4 record.

"It was a great experience for a bunch of kids from the North End," said Al Gazso, the team's unofficial historian. "Most of us had never been out of the North End but we were riding Pullmans all over the country and staying in hotels."

Gazso has accounted for 14 players, many living in the Flint area.

Brothers John and Ed Bednarski are deceased, the latter a victim of World War II in the Battle of the Bulge. Grover Serenbetz, the Legion representative with the team, and Manager Wayne Loree also are deceased.

Only catcher Dick Kemper, who moved to Oak Park, Ill., shortly after the season ended, has eluded Gazso’s search.

Kemper, John Bednarski and Emery Hresko were only 14 years of age. Bednarski earned the Kiki Cuyler Award as the most valuable player in the state tournament and Hresko won the same honor in 1943.

After posting an 11-1 record in Flint, Fisher successfully won district, regional and state tournaments at Lansing without losing a game. It won three of four at Cincinnati in the Midwest regional and won the East sectional with three straight victories at Charlotte.

Few observers expected Flint to beat the 1940 national champ, Gastonia, N.C., at Charlotte. It beat Gastonia by 3-1 and 10-4.

Ted Manyak, who later starred at Notre Dame, pitched a six-hit, 2-1 victory in the opener of a best-of-three semifinals at Spartanburg. John Bednarski scored the winning run in the ninth inning, sliding under the catcher’s tag on a throw from first base.

The dream ended on Aug. 29 in 9-4 and 2-1 losses. Kemper, Charlie Best and Whitey Edmunds had two hits in the first game but Flint managed only four hits, including Hresko’s homer, in the deciding game.

Manyak suffered his only pitching defeat of the season after winning 21 games in high school and American Legion play.

Tom Clevenger lost only two games all season, winning eight tournament games.

Clevenger, who lives in Anderson Island, Wash., owns a significant niche in the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame. He also was a member of Northern High’s 1940 football team which was inducted last year.

Until 1941, the entire team was composed of Northern students. John Bednarski was added from All Saints and Compton from St. Mary. The latter became an all-around star at Western Michigan so his shortstoping for Fisher was significant.

John Bednarski and Compton were the top tournament hitters, both with .318 averages. Then came Edmunds at .297, Smith .286 and Best and Edmunds at .273.

Howard Nelson who was Loree’s No. 1 assistant said, "I know it was the first time all of us had been so far away from home. Ways had to come home in between to get another leave from his job and I had to report to the draft board."

Lack of money and homesickness brought about a long-distance call from Flint to Spartanburg. Parents met at the Legion headquarters to participate in the 45-minute call.

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Fred Williams remembers THE PASS as if it happened yesterday.
Duncan McDonald's memory is equally vivid.
They were the principals in a last-second touchdown which earned a 26-19 victory on Nov. 3, 1950, at Saginaw Arthur Hill.

That was one of two pivotal plays in Northern High's march to a 9-0 record and the state championship, leading to what the late Guy V. Houston called "the greatest football team in Northern history."

"Remember? Of course I do. It was a 96 Left," said Williams who combined with McDonald for a 62-yard touchdown on the game's final scrimmage play.
The Vikings' 11th straight victory came before 12,000.
Northern trailed 6-0 and 19-12 before pulling even with
3:33 to play.
I had the ball on Arthur Hill's 38 when the decisive play began with seven seconds to play. Two seconds remained when McDonald lofted the ball. Williams ran under it on the 20 and scampered into the end zone, up a terrace and into the waiting arms of happy Northern fans.

McDonald, who lives in Grand Marais, Minn., said, "I knew Fred had Becker beaten before I unloaded. Becker may have thought the game was over. They had two guys (Jim Fox and Carl Diener) in my face all night, but I saw the catch."

McDonald also vividly recalls Leroy Bolden's 79-yard run for the winning touchdown with 2:45 to play on Thanksgiving day, earning a 20-3 victory over Central before 20,600 at Atwood Stadium. The run came only 50 seconds after Central had earned a 13-all tie.
The senior quarterback said, "We were going to try a couple runs, then I planned to start throwing the football. Bolden was getting good yardage, so he was the pick to carry the ball on the first play."

One play was enough.
That play gave Northern a 15-game winning streak and Houston's 10th undefeated team.
Several days later he picked the team as Northern's best.

In a Journal article, Houston said, "Probably never again could we hope for a collection of backs in one unit as good as these kids. It isn't often in high school that so much talent comes all at once."

Bolden, McDonald and Ellis Duckett were named to the Associated Press All State Team, the first time any school earned more than one backfield spot. McDonald and Bolden were United Press first-teamers and Duckett and end John Vaseilenak were second-teamers.

McDonald, Bolden, Vaseilenak, guard Jim Wagner and tackle Joe Shomsky were first-teamers on the all-Saginaw Valley Conference team. Duckett was a second-teamer despite being an all-stater. He was unanimous all-Valley in 1949.

Houston declared Bolden and Duckett the best running backs in Northern history. Both have been inducted into the Flint Hall of Fame.

"McDonald is without a doubt the greatest passer ever to play at Northern. As a field general, he's the best ever to perform from the T-formation."

Houston also lauded the balance in the line, calling Shomsky and tackle Norm Hoydic "better than we've had in many seasons." He termed Hoydic the most improved player over the course of the season.

The Vikings had a 2,517-965 yardage edge against opponents and a 327-51 point edge. Four victories were shutouts.
1980

CHARLES STEWART MOTT

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1980

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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 an 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) Barlow 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.
The Board of Directors appreciates the support of Len Hoyes and the Sports Staff of the Flint Journal for the stories that appear in this program.

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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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 5,881 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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1981
CHET LIPSKI
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.

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**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.
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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SUE NOVARA-REBER
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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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**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.

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**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.
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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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

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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 1938 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.

FRED LAWSON 1984

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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.

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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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.

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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 1961-85 after standout careers at the University of Michigan and Northern High.

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Special Service Award 1985
Broome, known as “Mr. Flint Central,” worked at the school from 1925-61. He coached baseball, cross country, track, swimming and gymnastics and served as a 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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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 1961. 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 943 series.

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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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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 1956. 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 1926-31. 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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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 SVENTHKO
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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**BOB FLEISCHMANN**

Fleischmann won nine straight City Singles Tennis Championships from 1947-55. He was undefeated for two years while playing for Northern High, and he also played tennis at Flint Junior College and Michigan State University.

1988

**J. VINCENT MURPHY**

**Special Service Award**

Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who was never too busy to help.

1988

**PETE FUSI**

Fusi was a center on the Michigan State University football team from 1946-49. At Northern High, he was All-Saginaw Valley in football in 1942-43 and All-State in 1943. He later was an outstanding high school football coach.

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1988
ED KRUPA

Krupa was All-State in football and basketball at North High in 1939-40 during the Wonder Boys era, when the Vikings had a 26-0-2 record in football and won 35 straight basketball games and two Class A state titles. He won four letters in basketball, three in football and two in baseball. Krupa played halfback at Notre Dame in 1942-43.

1988
JOHN MATTHEWS

Matthews was a Greco-Roman wrestler who competed in the Olympic Games in 1976 and was a member of the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Games. He won the gold medal in the 163-pound division at the 1979 Pan-American Games. An eight-time national champion, he was considered the best wrestler in the history of Central Michigan University.

1988
HOWARD AUER

Auer had an 83-39-5 record as football coach at Central High from 1939-53. His unbeaten 1947 team was voted state Class A champion. Auer played tackle at the University of Michigan from 1929-31.
1989
BOB SUCI
Suci, a defensive back, played pro football for the Houston Oilers and Boston Patriots. He played offensive and defensive halfback at Michigan State from 1959-61. At Grand Blanc High, he totaled 15 letters in football, baseball, basketball and track.

1989
GENE SUMMERS
Summers was most valuable basketball player at Mott Community College in 1963 and 1964 and the next two years at Northern Michigan University. At MCC, he set six career and one single-season record. At NMU, he set five records, while averaging 30 points and 14 rebounds per game.

1989
RAY SEIDEL
Seidel played basketball and baseball for three years at St. Michael High. As a baseball pitcher, he played in the minor leagues from 1946-50. Seidel had a 27-7 record at Waycross, Ga., in 1947 and a 14-7 record at Burlington, N.C.

1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE
Frechette won the City Amateur golf championship twice, the City Publinx six times and the City Seniors twice. As a bowler, he rolled 20 series of 700 or more and was inducted into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame in 1972. He bowled a 300 game, had a hole-in-one, and pitched a no-hit softball game.

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1989
MIKE GOGGINS
Goggins, a fullback, was captain of the University of Detroit football team in 1951. He was a three-year starter and selected to the Catholic All-American team. At St. Michael High, he lettered four years each in football, basketball and baseball.

1989
BARRY EDMONDS
Special Service Award
Edmonds was an award-winning photographer at The Flint Journal whose outstanding photographs documented sports events, big and small, in the Flint area from 1955 until his death in 1982. He also judged photo contests and conducted photo workshops at area schools.

1989
JACK MORSE
Morse, an all-time great in the City Basketball League, played from 1937 to 1950 and led the league in scoring twice and was second twice. He was a member of teams that won the State YMCA, Michigan Open and Michigan AAU titles.

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KEN MORROW

Morrow was a defenseman on the U.S. hockey team that won the Olympic gold medal in 1980. That same year he joined the New York Islanders of the National Hockey League and helped them to four straight Stanley Cups. He was the Flint area's first NHL player and stayed with the Islanders for 10 seasons. Morrow was an All-American at Bowling Green State University.

1990
AL JOHNSON

Johnson was an All-State center and linebacker at Central High where he starred in football, basketball and track from 1943-46. Johnson was director of basketball, flag football and softball for the Flint Department of Parks and Recreation from 1960-90. He was named Michigan Softball Commissioner of the Year in 1985 by the Michigan Amateur Softball Association.

1990
JOCK LESLIE

Leslie was a professional boxer in the featherweight division. He fought for the world championship against Willie Pep at Atwood Stadium in 1947, but lost in the 12th round. His pro record was 58-14-4 with 14 victories by knockout, and he had numerous amateur victories, including the state Golden Gloves championship as a bantamweight.

1990
MICHAIL A. GORMAN

Special Service Award

Gorman, who was editor of The Flint Journal from 1928-58, was known as "Flint's Spark Plug." He led the drive to create the College and Cultural Center and to establish a branch of the University of Michigan in Flint. Gorman was a strong supporter of athletic and recreational programs. He was a member of numerous local, state and national organizations.
1990

BOB HARVEY

The 1940 graduate of Central High had an outstanding prep career earning three letters in baseball, two in football and two in basketball. He lettered in all three sports at Eastern Michigan University. In 1938 he won the outstanding player award at the American Legion baseball tournament. Harvey played minor league baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies organization.

1990

REGGIE WILLIAMS

Williams played linebacker in two Super Bowls with the Cincinnati Bengals during his 14-year career with the National Football League team. He led all players with 10 tackles in the 1989 Super Bowl, which was his last game. He was the NFL Man of the Year in 1986 for community service and one of Sports Illustrated’s Sportsmen of the Year in 1987. Williams starred at Southwestern High School and Dartmouth College.

1990

BART MARKEL

During a 15-year career Markel was a three-time national champion on the American Motorcycle Association circuit. He retired in 1972 with 28 victories, a record at that time. Markel was instrumental in getting other area riders involved in motorcycle racing.

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1991
DENNIS JOHNSON

Johnson was starting linebacker for the Minnesota Vikings from 1980-84 before finishing his career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1985. He was a three-year starter and All-American linebacker at the University of Southern California, where he played in three Rose Bowls and on the 1974 national championship team. He was an All-State end at Northwestern High.

1991
TERRY FURLOW

Furlow set basketball scoring records at Michigan State of 50 points in a game against Iowa in 1976 and 793 points in the 1975-76 season. An outstanding long-range shooter, he was the No. 1 draft choice of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1976 and also played with three other NBA teams. He led Northern High to the state Class A basketball championship in 1972.

1991
RON PRUITT

Pruitt was a catcher, third baseman and outfielder for four Major League Baseball teams from 1975-83 and had a lifetime batting average of .269. He was an All-American baseball player at Michigan State. At Central High he starred in baseball as a catcher, was outstanding in basketball and was the All-Saginaw Valley quarterback in 1967.

1991
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1991

ANDY MacDONALD

MacDonald was the nation’s teaching small-college passer at Central Michigan University in 1950-51 and earned All-American honors. He was head coach at Northern Arizona University from 1956-60 and served as an assistant coach with three NFL teams. At Northern High, he was the quarterback from 1946-48 and head coach from 1956-60, when he compiled a 41-81-3 record.

1991

BOB LEACH

Leach was head football coach at Central High and Ferris State University, where he produced the first undefeated team in school history in 1968 and was named Midwest Coach of the Year. He starred in baseball, basketball and football at Central High and played on the University of Michigan’s national championship baseball team in 1953.

1991

JOE KINZEL

Kinzel excelled in several sports. He played minor league baseball, won the National Southpaw Golf Championship and was an outstanding bowler and figure skater. He pitched for Central High from 1935-37 and threw the first no-hitter in a city championship baseball game beating Northern 1-0 in 1937. He once struck out 11 straight batters without allowing a foul ball.

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1992

GEORGE GUERRE

Two-time honorable mention All-American halfback at Michigan State in 1946 and '48. Ranked 13th nationally in total offense at Michigan State after gaining 1,029 yards in 1946. Selected for the 1948 North-South College All-Star football game. Earned All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors after helping Central High to league championship in 1941.

1992

STAN GOOCH

Coached Central High to three successive State Class A championships (1981, 82, 83) while compiling a record of 79-5 including 28-0 in '81. Won more than 500 games as junior varsity and varsity coach at Central High and Mott Community College. Member of Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Starred as player at Central Michigan University where he was named Captain and Most Valuable Player after being named captain and twice gaining MVP honors at Flint Tech High.

1992

TONY BRANOFF

A four-year regular at the University of Michigan and an II-Big Ten Conference selection in 1955. First sophomore ever named most valuable at Michigan. Played in both the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine all-star football games after final season at Michigan. All-State halfback at Central High and two-time All-Saginaw Valley Conference first-team selection. Led Valley in scoring in 1951.
1992
J.B. COOK

A state high school tennis champion at Northern, Cook collected 145 trophies while winning city, church league, IMA league and Olympian Games titles in softball, basketball, tennis, table tennis and paddleball. Also scored a hole-in-one in golf. Extraordinarily popular official in basketball, football and softball for more than 30 years.

1992
DOUG MINTLINE
Special Service Award

Outstanding reporter and columnist during 44 years at The Flint Journal which included 19 years as Sports Editor (1959-78). Twice named Michigan Sports Writer of the Year (1966 & '69). Received Meritorious Service Award for outstanding contribution to golf from Michigan Professional Golfers Association in 1973. Was instrumental in the formation of the Flint Junior Golf Association which is nationally recognized as being one of the best programs of its kind. Helped to organize the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame and was inducted himself in 1975.

1992
ANNE McLOGAN-HERMAN

Member of the U.S. Wheelchair team in the 1972 Paralympics in Germany and the 1976 Paralympics in Toronto. Won gold, silver and bronze medals in 1974 Stoke-Madeville Games in England and captured one gold and two silver medals in the backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke in the 1975 Pan American Games in Mexico City. Set seven national records in the individual medley, distance freestyle, butterfly and freestyle from 1974-'84. Attended St. John Vianney High School and Western Michigan University.

1992
BILL YAMBRICK

Durable, two-way standout at Western Michigan University where he helped the Broncos to an undefeated season in 1941. He was elected captain and named the Most Valuable Player in 1942 after a season in which he intercepted nine passes in six games. A member of WMU Hall of Fame, Yambrick holds school record for most intercepted passes in a game (four against Wayne State in 1942). Helped Northern High to undefeated season in 1935.

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