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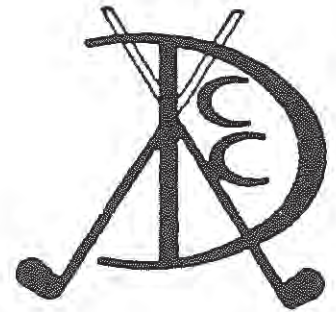
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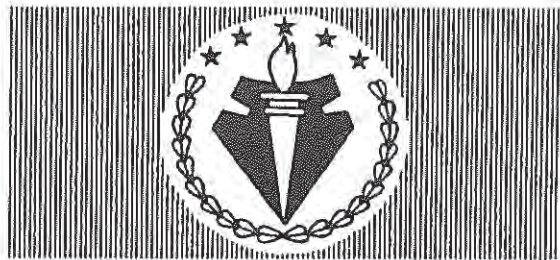
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*Welcome to the 15th Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Once again we are here to recognize the skills and talents of seven individuals, who have brought honor to themselves, their families and their city.*

*For a short moment in time we leave the real world and its realities to enter the world of sports and its fantasies -- as we honor the late Cotton Goodell as well as Rick Leach, Trent Tucker, Wally Jakowczyk, Joe Pitock and Jack Pratt. Tonight we help fulfill their dreams -- a fulfillment that can only be reached by those who have entered the "arena."*

*Each year the Board of Directors selects a person to receive the "Special Service to Sports Award." This year's recipient is Dr. Hira E. Branch.*

*Also tonight for the third year, the GFASHF inducts three teams who have contributed to the city's athletic traditions. We are proud to add the East Side Merchants baseball team of 1943-44 as the non-scholastic inductee and as the scholastic teams the Flint Central High football teams of 1924 and 1947.*

*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.*

*These plaques will be permanently installed in the Flint Sports Hall of Fame, located in the lobby of the IMA Sports Arena.*

*Enjoy your evening.*

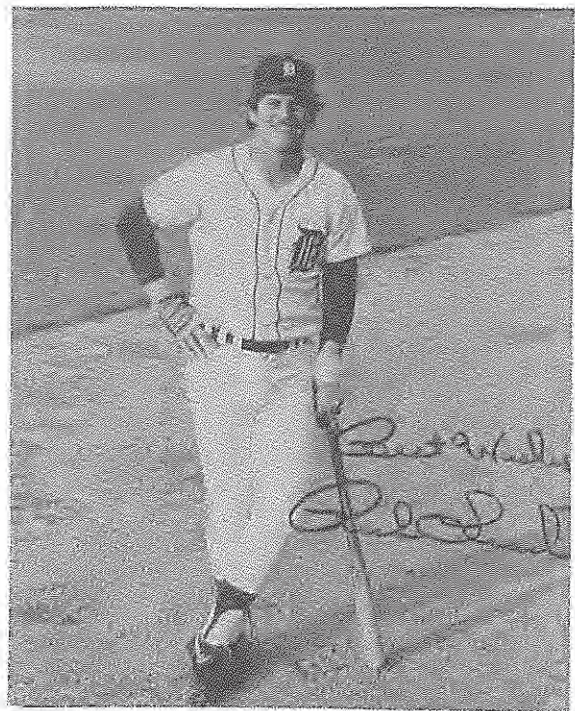
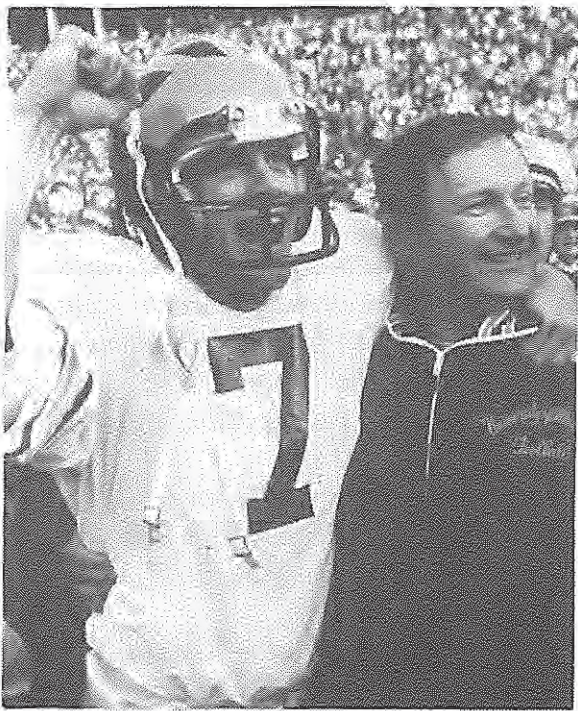
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- ★ **RICK LEACH**
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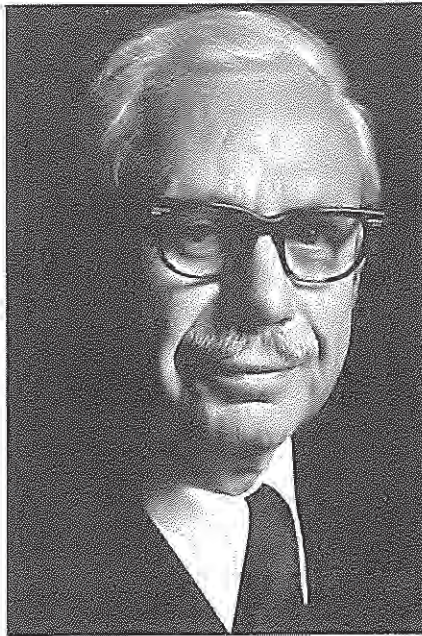


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It was a labor of love for a man whose fondness for being around and helping young people made him a natural for the job when he was asked by the late Frank Manley, who ran the community school athletic programs in Flint, and the late Guy Houston, football coach at Northern.

Both Manley, Special Service Award, and Houston, coaching, were among the original honorees at the first Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame banquet in 1980.

Tonight Dr. Branch will join their company by becoming the 18th recipient of the Flint area's highest award for community service to athletics.

Like all of his predecessors, Branch is being honored for his willingness to go the extra step on behalf of area athletics.

Flint's rich sports tradition has been enhanced by Dr. Branch's involvement.

Donating his talents has been a trademark of Dr. Branch throughout his life.

He has been a medical ambassador around the world for more than 30 years.

As a member of the country's Orthopedic Overseas Project, Dr. Branch has done voluntary work in Saigon, Vietnam, British Honduras, Malaysia and Indonesia.

He has been honored with a Congressional Citation in the U.S. House of Representatives and the American Medical Association which presented Branch with a Certificate of Humanitarian Services.

Dr. Branch was born in Otisville and grew up in Royal Oak. He has spent most of his life in the Flint area after graduating from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in 1932.

For much of Branch's early medical career he was the Flint area's only orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Branch has been a prominent member of his profession locally as well as nationally and internationally.

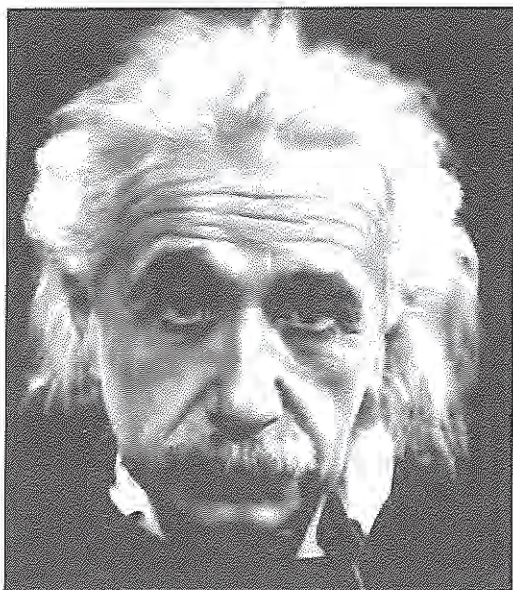
He has been the president of the Flint Academy of Surgery, the Genesee County Medical Society, the Michigan Orthopedic Society and been chairman of the Michigan State Medical Society and a member of the International Health Committee.

Dr. Branch was the orthopedic consultant for the C.S. Mott Foundation, been in charge of the Rotary Orthopedic Clinic and was elected a member of the International Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology.

Despite the demands of his private practice and the obligations of the numerous organizations he has served, Dr. Branch still found time for young athletes.

He has been a special man in our community.

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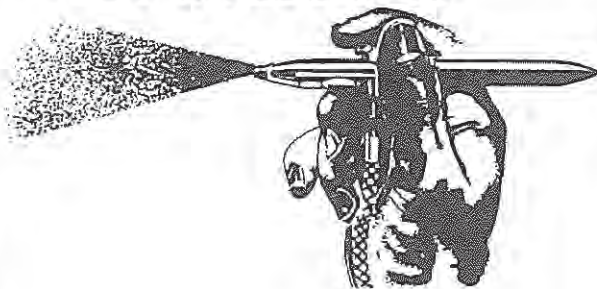
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# Goodell Born Too Soon To Reap Riches for Skill

By Len Hoyes

Gordon "Cotton" Goodell probably would be a major leaguer and a millionaire in this era.

He was one of the most talented baseball players developed in the Flint area.

Yet, he was 26 years old before getting a chance to play professionally at \$75 per month. His top pay was \$450 per month when he was only one step from the majors.

At Goodell's death in 1979 at age 67, the late Steve Bysco, a member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, said, "He was the best natural baseball player ever to come out of Flint. He could run, throw and hit with left-handed power. He really would have been something in today's market."

Bysco gave Goodell his first pro chance. He played at nine venues in a career which spanned all or parts of six seasons, compiling a .322 batting average.

Goodell's career, which included many years in Flint's amateur ranks, was stamped with personal and team success.

He helped Flint's East Side Merchants win the Michigan Recreation Association's 1944 state championship. He helped Kennedy win the state championship in 1938 and was picked on the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress Regional all-star team.

Jack Knight, who managed Goodell in the Michigan State League, once said, "He was the purest hitter I ever saw. He had power and consistency. He was weak on slow stuff, but bunted and beat it out almost every time."

In a 1939 exhibition at Atwood Stadium, he and the immortal Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in at the 1936 Olympics, ran a match race over 120 yards. Goodell ran straightaway and Owens ran the hurdles, winning by an eyelash in 11.4 seconds.

Goodell's arrival in Flint is obscure. He was born in Dairy, N.H., but came here at an early age. The family, which included a brother and sister, settled into the proud North End which was the development center for many great athletes of that era.

His son, Lewis, said, "I suspect the family came here because of the auto plants."

Goodell attended Central and Northern High, but did not graduate, opting to work for the Buick factory instead.

His name first appears in the Flint Amateur Baseball Federation with Warren's Market in 1931. Despite playing against many veterans, he batted .321 when he was 18.

He performed with a flair.

He celebrated his departure from the Flint Baseball Federation in 1939 with a home run, double and two singles, driving in six runs.

He debuted at Tallassee in the Alabama State League with a home run and single, driving in three runs. He celebrated Cotton Goodell Night later that season with a triple, two singles and four RBI.

He got his pro chance when Bysco was signed as Tallassee manager in 1939. He helped wins the playoff title and a .348 batting average earned a spot on the postseason All-Star team.

He broke the Alabama State League record with 31 home runs by late June in 1940 and would have been the league's top hitter with a .376 average. He was denied the title because he didn't play the mini-



imum number of games, but made the All-Star team nonetheless.

Knight convinced the Cleveland Indians to send Goodell to Flint in 1941. He hit .314, hit 16 homers and drove in 98 runs, helping win the regular season championship.

Goodell was named to the All-Star team, outpolling teammate Gene Woodling, who later played 17 seasons in the majors and appeared in five World Series.

In 1942, Goodell played for Portsmouth, Va., and later Milwaukee of the Class AA American Association before being released. The late Bill Veeck devoted an entire page to Goodell in his autobiography.

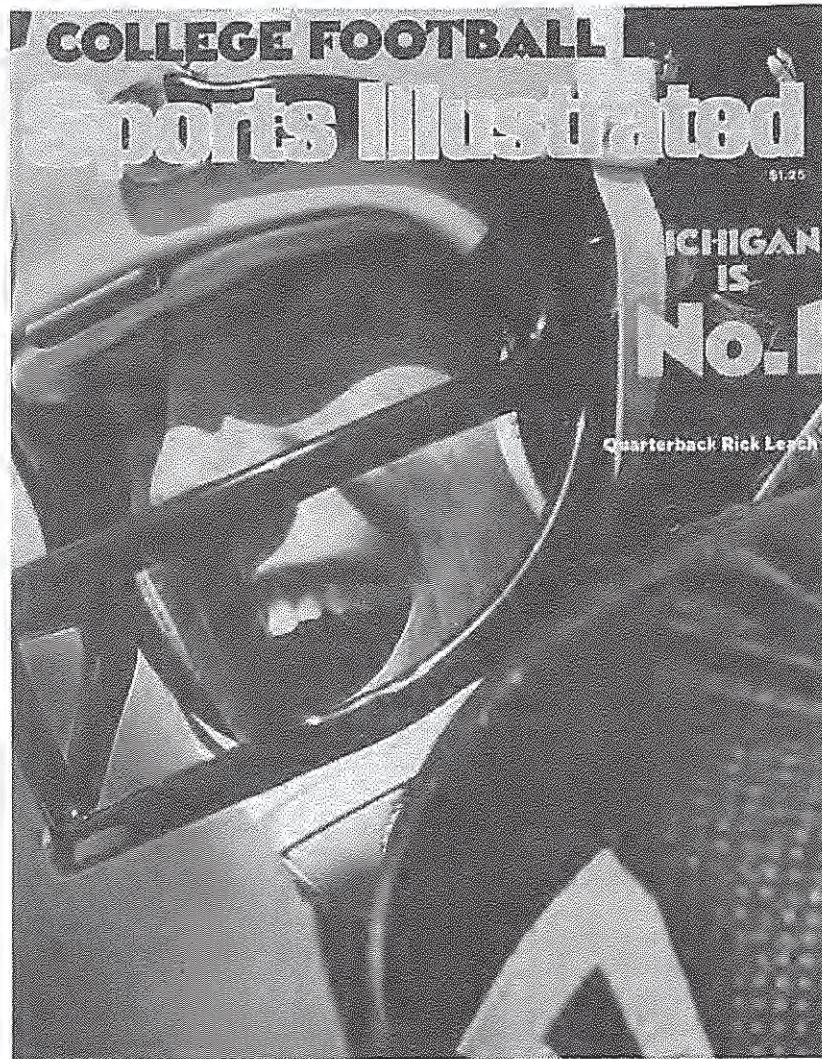
Goodell left pro baseball in 1943, but returned to split 1945 with Atlanta and Little Rock in the Southern Association and played briefly with Anniston, Ala., in the Southeastern League in 1947 in his final pro fling.

At 35, baseball was history.

## Cotton Goodell's Pro Career

Year	Team	League	Class	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	Avg.
1939	Tallassee	Ala. St.	D	345	73	120	88	16	.348
1940	Tallassee	Ala. St.	D	362	107	136	86	31	.376
1940	Chatnooga	S. Assn.	A-1	47	5	12	7	3	.256
1941	Flint	Mich. St.	C	427	90	134	18	98	.314
1942	Prtsnth	Piedmont	B	106	13	30	19	2	.283
1942	Milwaukee	Am. Assn.	AA	24	3	7	-	0	.292
1943						Did not play			
1944						Did not play			
1945	Atl.-L. Rock	S. Assn.	A-1	175	28	40	25	2	.229
1946	Anniston	Southeast	B	Played less than 10 games, no record					

# Congratulations Rick!



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# Competition Brought Out the Best in Leach

By Dean Howe

Rick Leach was born to compete. But more than that, he was born to be an athlete.

Reared in a city which has always lavished praise on its athletic heroes, Leach rose to become one of Flint's all-time greats.

His list of accomplishments stretches across a continent, from an elementary playground at Coolidge School in Flint to Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

It spans almost three decades. In the beginning . . .

"I was in the first or second grade at Coolidge and my coach (George Cook) had me compete against the older boys," Leach remembers. "I held my own pretty well. I said, 'This is fun.'"

Leach grew up in a house full of sports. His father, Richard, was a coach at Southwestern High. Often, young Rick tagged along with dad to practices and games.

"My dad taught me everything about sports, the fundamentals, how to play the games," said Leach. "I was blessed."

In junior high, Leach had already become a superior athlete. He credits most of that success to playing games against older, more mature youngsters.

When high school rolled around, no one was more prepared to play football, basketball and baseball than Rick Leach. He admits he was lucky to be part of the golden era of sports at Southwestern High, with many other fine athletes and coaches.

But Leach set himself apart from the rest.

Leach was All-State in football and baseball his junior year. He was All-State in football, basketball and baseball his senior year.

In every sport, he led his teams in practically every statistic. Yet, one intangible set him apart, boosting him to greatness.

"I guess I just liked to have the ball with the game on the line," Leach said. "I've always been that way. I wanted to make things happen when it counted most."

In football, basketball and baseball, Leach did just that.

As a senior in basketball, Southwestern went to Saginaw High to play the Trojans for the Saginaw Valley Conference championship. Two starters were missing from the Colt lineup.

Leach took over, scoring 23 points to lead Southwestern over the Trojans and on to an unbeaten 10-0 Valley season.

In an earlier game against Saginaw that year, Leach had heaved in a ball from half court to defeat the Trojans by one point.

"I was fortunate to have some excellent coaches at Southwestern, Dar Christiansen in football, Keith Richardson in basketball, Marv Rettenmund in baseball," said Leach. "They all helped motivate me every time I put on a uniform."

The summers weren't empty for Leach, either.

In August of 1974, he helped spark Carpets by Jim Smith to the national Connie Mack championship in Farmington, N.M.

The college coaches came after Leach in three sports.

In his heart, Leach always knew he wanted to play football at the University of Michigan.

Privately, a son told his father, "Dad, I want to start for Michigan as a freshman. At quarterback."

Father told son, "Don't get your hopes up."

There was a warm September Friday, in a hotel in Madison, Wis.

A knock on his door.

"Leach," the caller said. "This is coach Schembechler. C'mon, we're going to take a little walk."

The walk ended at Camp Randall Stadium, where Michigan would meet Wisconsin in the 1975 Big Ten Conference opener the next day.

"Pretty big stadium, isn't it?" Schembechler said to Leach. "Think you can handle the crowd? OK, then. You're my quarterback."

A freshman, no less.

For four seasons in Ann Arbor, Leach guided the Wolverines to three Big Ten titles, three trips to the Rose Bowl, one to the Orange Bowl.



He established passing and total offensive records, some that still stand at Michigan. Leach was All-Big Ten three consecutive years and consensus All-American his senior year.

Oh, yes, Leach played baseball at Michigan, too. He was an All-American outfielder during his junior year, when he led the Big Ten in hitting with a .483 average.

When Leach was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 1979, the 13th pick overall, it was a dream come true.

"I thought this was the way things were supposed to go in my athletic career," he said. "Now, I was getting a chance to prove myself in the pros." Then disappointment.

Leach played only sparingly as an outfielder and first baseman in two-plus years with the Tigers, from 1981 to 1983.

"When the Tigers waived me in 1983, they could have cut my heart out," Leach said. "I was very disappointed. I knew I could play major league baseball, though. I wanted to prove to people I could."

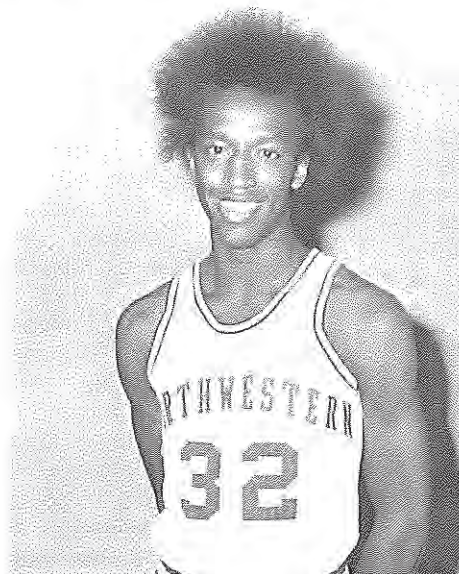
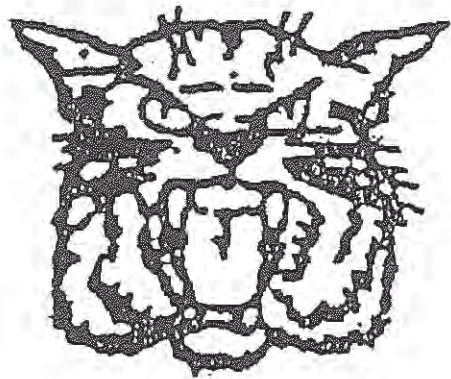
Leach went back to the minor leagues, signing a contract with Toronto's top affiliate in Syracuse, N.Y.

Soon, he was playing with the Toronto Blue Jays as a utility player.

He later played with the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants before retiring in 1990.

Through it all, Rick Leach established himself as an all-around athlete, a competitor, a true sportsman.

**Congratulations**  
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# Tucker Could Fill It from Anywhere

By Dean Howe

He could shoot a basketball better than anyone else on his block, in his gym, in his arena. As a result, Trent Tucker enjoyed one of the best sports careers in Flint history.

It was a fitting testimony to his ability that Tucker capped that career by playing for an NBA championship team in 1993.

Give Tucker a basketball anywhere on the court and no shot was too difficult.

"I guess I was just blessed with that aspect of the game. I could shoot," said Tucker, a star at Northwestern High, the University of Minnesota and during an 11-year career in the National Basketball Association.

"I can remember shooting jump shots when I was in elementary school."

There was that night in the spring of 1978 in the old IMA Auditorium in downtown Flint, when Tucker, a senior at Northwestern, single-handedly destroyed Saginaw High in a regional tournament game.

He scored 34 points.

"Get up on him! Get up on him!" said Saginaw Coach Charlie Coles.

"But he can't shoot from that far out, can he coach?" said a player to the coach.

Tucker still holds the city record of 49 points in a game against Bay City Handy.

There was the night at The Palace in 1990 when Tucker shot a running one-hander while going out of bounds into the Detroit Pistons' bench.

The ball went in and the New York Knicks, Tucker's team for nine seasons, won at the buzzer.

Tucker hit so many other big shots in so many other big games, it would be difficult to argue with those who claim he is Flint's best basketball player ever.

And while the jump shot was his trademark, other skills on the court made him a fine all-around player.

Plus, he worked and worked and worked to refine his skills, from an early age, right up to the day he retired from the NBA champion Chicago Bulls in 1993.

"I think it really helped me to grow up in Flint where there was always a lot of good competition," said Tucker. "I also got a lot of good advice from older guys. I had three other brothers (Stan, Jimmy and Thurman) who were always pushing me to be the best."

As a high school player, Tucker often found himself in pick-up games against players like Justus Thigpen, Terry Furlow and Tucker's cousin, Craig, a basketball star in his own right.

He enjoyed a splendid three-year career at Northwestern under Coach Grover Kirkland, capping it with All-State and high school All-American honors during his senior season.

He picked the University of Minnesota as his college because "I wanted to get away from depending on my family and friends. I wanted to prove to myself I could do it on my own. That was the best decision I ever made. I



matured at Minnesota."

In the back of his mind, Tucker had a dream of playing in the NBA. He continued to work on his jump shot, often staying for hours after practice to perfect the skill.

When Minnesota won the 1982 Big Ten Conference title and Tucker was named All-Big Ten and All-American, the dream was close to becoming a reality.

The Knicks made Tucker the sixth overall pick in the 1982 draft. He played nine years for New York and was annually one of the NBA's top 3-point shooters.

In his 11-year pro career, Tucker fashioned an average of .408 (575 out of 1,410) from beyond the 3-point arc. His best season was 1984-85 when he sank 41 of 91 for .451 accuracy.

Tucker had the ability to bounce off the bench late in games to ignite his team to victory. All because of his threat to make a shot from anywhere on the floor.

During his nine years with the Knicks, he was used almost exclusively as a reserve player, an amazing fact when you consider the average career of any NBA player is but five seasons.

"I always wanted to play in the fourth quarter, with the game on the line," said Tucker. "Then I knew any shot I made would mean something."

Tucker was traded to the Phoenix Suns in October, 1991, but was unable to come to contract terms, and was waived a month later. He then played 24 games with the San Antonio Spurs in 1991-92 before being signed as a free agent by Chicago prior to the 1992-93 campaign.

"That was a dream come true to me because I had the chance to play alongside the greatest player ever in the game (Michael Jordan)," said Tucker. "And we won a championship. That NBA ring means more to me than anything."

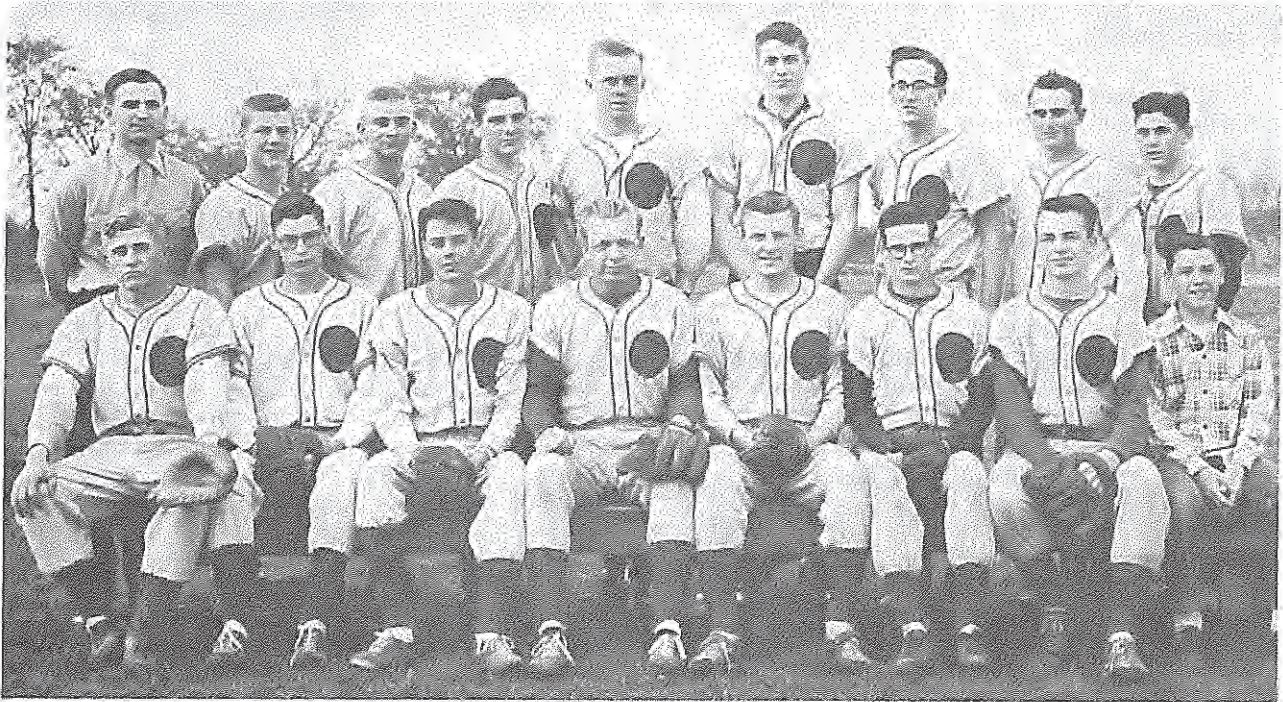
Tucker helped the Bulls, too. He made 12 of 26 shots from 3-point range and played in 19 playoff games.

"I've always been a pretty decent defensive player, too," he said. "They just didn't want me for my shooting ability."

But that's the legacy Trent Tucker leaves to the game of basketball, his ability to knock down the jumper from any distance.

"It's a lost art in basketball today," said Tucker. "Nobody wants to work on being a good shooter. Every team needs a good shooter. That is, if they're going to be successful."

# Coach Joe Pitock's First Grand Blanc High Baseball Team 1953 County B Champions



Seated from left: C. Myers, J. Davison, L. Mancour, B. Branda, H. Johnson, L. Nagel, J. DeFrain, team manager D. Hancock. Standing from left: Coach Joe Pitock, J. Peters, J. Mayo, R. Stiff, B. Snyder, B. Benson, C. Thomason, D. Markee, D. Gratsch. Not in picture: G. Kirby.

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*Because of his character and integrity Joe Pitock will always be remembered and respected in the Grand Blanc community, especially for how those qualities impacted the young men and women he taught and coached.*

# Pitock's 'Few Years' A Lifetime of Success

By Len Hoyes

Joe Pitock's temporary stay in Grand Blanc never ended.

Except for a heart attack and double-bypass surgery which prematurely ended his career in 1992, the 64-year-old Monroe native might still be coaching and adding to record numbers.

He became the first to coach 500 baseball victories, according to records of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, on May 14, 1988, capping a career which included head coaching jobs in three sports and assistant in another.

His career baseball record was 556-380-1 for .593.

Grand Blanc's baseball diamond was named Joe Pitock Field last May 21.

"I'm surprised, but happy, about being selected," Pitock said. "There are many fine people already inducted and I'm lucky to be joining them."

Pitock also played and/or managed for 29 years in the City Baseball League and was a supervisor for 25 years in the Greater Flint Youth Baseball Program.

Baseball occupied a major portion of his life from early spring until late summer.

He played for seven championship teams in the CBL with Menn's Clothes and Bishop Construction. He played for seven other teams.

He compiled a .284 batting average in 19 full seasons, the figure dipping to a final .279 because of token appearances in the last 10 years.

Pitock batted more than .300 seven times, including .413 in 1970 when he was 40 years old and .393 in 1961 when he ranked No. 3.

Pitock was arguably the toughest strikeout in CBL annals. He fanned only 50 times in 1,421 appearances, an average of one per 28.4 at-bats. He whiffed seven times in 406 appearances in 1963-68 with Bishop and batted 77 times in 1967 without a strikeout.

He hit only one career home run, but was adept at hitting behind runners. He normally played outfield, second base or catcher, but in 1976, at age 45, he pitched a four-hit, 2-1 victory.

He managed Terry Allen Plumbing for 13 seasons, 1969-81, with modest success and a 159-161 record. His teams finished second three times and third once in a four-season span from 1975-78.

"Our teams were competitive, but we frequently lost good players who switched teams the next season," Pitock said. "They wanted to play for championship teams and I can't blame them."

In that same period, he supervised Grand Blanc's youth baseball center.

He's being honored most by the Hall of Fame for



coaching baseball at Grand Blanc High.

He also coached cross country, freshman and junior varsity football and freshman, JV and varsity basketball. His 122-89 varsity basketball record included 1957 and 1962 championships. Until then, Grand Blanc had won only one league title.

He came with excellent credentials, having won four varsity letters at Central Michigan and being selected to the Mid-American Conference All-Star team in 1951. His .481 batting average remains CMU's record.

"Grand Blanc was a good spot, because it was a small town near a big city where I could play baseball," he said. "I intended to stay a few years, then move on."

Instead, he and wife Donna raised four sons and four daughters. They have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Donna put up with a lot to let me concentrate on baseball," he said.

Grand Blanc won or shared nine league championships and finished second five times. His teams had 28 winning seasons and only eight losers, only once back-to-back. He was the first three-time winner in the Greater Flint Invitational.

Pitock's 1961 team was declared mythical state champion after winning an invitational tournament for the best in Class B at Mount Pleasant.

He was named Genesee County Coach of the Year in 1972 and 1987 and elected to the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988.

He can remember virtually every game, especially a few losers in the last inning which could have boosted his career mark beyond .600.

"You always remember those losses because most came in key games," Pitock said. "I was blessed with good talent. At least nine of every 10 players were good kids. They made coaching a pleasant experience."

The feeling is mutual.

In a tribute at the dedication of Joe Pitock Field, his former players collectively wrote: "Because of his character and integrity, Joe Pitock will always be remembered and respected in the Grand Blanc community, especially for how those qualities impacted the young men he taught and coached."

*Wally Jakowczyk*

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# Whatever, Wherever He Played, Jakowczyk Starred

By Len Hoyes

Wally Jakowczyk's talent allowed a choice of sports.

He was the best athlete in the history of old St. Mary High, earning 10 letters in football, basketball and baseball before graduation in 1943.

He arguably could have achieved equal stardom at Northern or Central but opted to remain at St. Mary. He was lauded by Guy Houston for being on a football par with the best in Flint.

He was one of a handful of Class C players to be honored on the 1942 Michigan Officials Association three-team football squad which was the first official all-state team.

He was ranked behind Flint's Bill Hamilton and Lynn Chandnois.

Jakowczyk was sought by three major league teams for baseball and the University of Detroit for football.

The decision was easy.

Jakowczyk, 70, said "Baseball was my first love. We were seasonal in those days. We played football in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring and summer. I liked all of them, but baseball was my favorite."

He signed with the Philadelphia Phillies and spent five seasons in their farm system before giving up thoughts of a career in the majors.

Five years later he hung up his glove and spikes.

He played for a championship team in 1945 at Utica, N.Y., in the Eastern League.

Jakowczyk, who lives in Terre Haute, Ind., starred for three Flint Baseball Federation teams. Samos (1942) posted a 21-0 record, the only undefeated local amateur team in the last 61 years. He helped East Side Merchants win the 1943 state championship.

"It's nice to be remembered, especially from 50 years ago," he said. "It's especially nice going into the Hall of Fame with those East Side guys. We were like family. Some of

them were old enough to be my dad, but they were very helpful to a youngster like me."

Jakowczyk was only 17 when invited to play for Cozy Corner in the Flint Baseball Federation, a year after helping Flint City Post reach the finals in the state American Legion tournament. He was an immediate star, batting .346 to rank sixth in a league literally sprinkled with outstanding amateur players.

He hit .304 in 1942 and .333 in 1943, always ranking in the top seven.

Away from baseball, he helped White Seal Beer win a championship in the City Basketball League and once scored 61 points in the Buick Basketball League.

He scored 12 touchdowns and 93 points and passed for three TDs on St. Mary's unbeaten (9-0-1) 1942 football team and helped the Wildcats reach the 1943 Class C state finals in basketball.

Ken Failing, the Marys' coach, called him the best basketball player in the state.

After watching him in a football scrimmage between Northern and St. Mary, Houston said, "There's the best back in Flint. I'd certainly like to have him running behind that line of mine."

Jakowczyk was named to All-City teams in football and basketball and twice was chosen on Valley Parochial League all-star teams in football. He was the only unanimous choice as a senior.

He earned four letters in football and basketball and two in baseball at St. Mary. St. Mary dropped baseball because of World War II, depriving him of two more letters.

Injuries were prominent in his career. A shoulder injury at St. Mary was part of his decision to concentrate on baseball. He was unconscious for four days after running into a light standard while chasing a fly in 1946 for Utica and played only 70 games.



This came after a .289 average in 1945, when he was named to the post-season all-star team. He finished 1946 with a .294 average but nevertheless was sent to Class B Terre Haute in 1947. After hitting .333, he was kept there for 1948 when a broken finger limited him to 55 games.

The Terre Haute newspaper called him "easily the best and most popular outfielder during the nine-year tenure of the Phillies."

He was disappointed when offered little encouragement for 1949 and left.

"I picked the Mexican League because it was offering all kinds of money to get established," he said. "But it folded and I had to make other plans."

He opted for Granby, Quebec, in the Canadian Provincial League, which was not officially connected with minor league baseball. Most of the major leaguers who had jumped to Mexico were there because they were denied reinstatement.

Jakowczyk also played at Minot, N.D., and Waseca in the Southern Minnesota League, a non-pro league. This was his last fling.

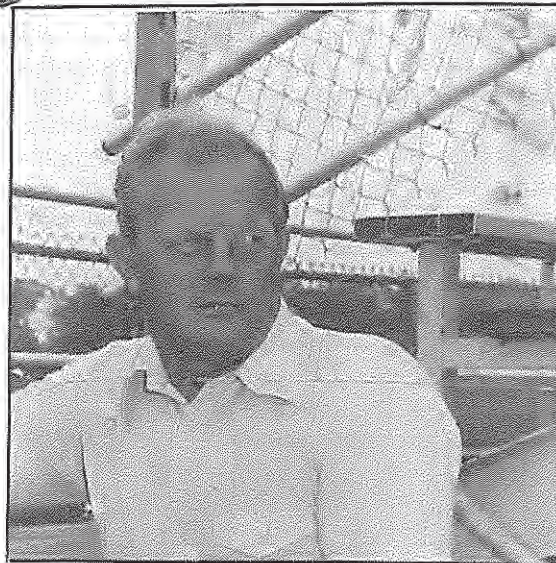
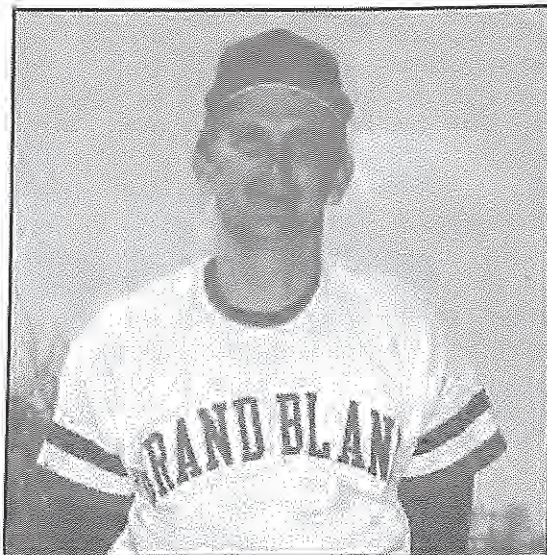
"My son was about to start school so I wanted to settle down," he said.

He lived in Flint until 1958 when he moved to Terre Haute, the home of his wife, Barbara. They have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Jakowczyk claims at least two of the four are athletically talented. Talent is in their genes.

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# Tiny Pratt Grew to Become Coaching Giant on Sidelines

By Len Hoyes

Jack Pratt refused to accept rejection.

He struggled for three years to earn acceptance in athletics. Once inside the door, he never left and no end is in sight.

His only concession to longevity was to relinquish one of two head coaching jobs in major sports this year. Don't expect retirement, though.

Pratt, 66, said, "Retire? I don't know what I'd do without coaching. It's been a large part of my entire life and I anticipate every day during the season. They'll have to carry me out."

The 1946 Central grad had been a head coach in the Flint area since his 1958 debut at St. Matthew. He's been in football or basketball for 37 years, coaching both 28 seasons.

He became the first Flint-area coach with 200 football victories on Oct. 21, when his Kearsley High team beat Swartz Creek to give him a 200-98-7 record in 34 seasons. Closest to him is the late Guy V. Houston with 148 victories.

Pratt owns 13 league championships or cochampionships in football and was runnerup eight times at St. Matthew, Grand Blanc and Kearsley.

He has 331 basketball victories for a two-sport total of 531 against 313 losses and seven ties. Included are basketball state championships in 1963, 1967 and 1968 at St. Matthew. Pratt's basketball teams have won six league titles, six districts and four regionals.

He also coached basketball at Goodrich, Powers Catholic and Grand Blanc, retiring from Grand Blanc last spring. He coached track, tennis, golf and baseball in his early years.

His 1966-67 year at St. Matthew was especially noteworthy: 9-0 in football, 23-0 in basketball and 10-0 in baseball.

Among his honors are the 1961 Man of the Year by the Notre Dame Club of Flint; 1972 Educator of the Year by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Flint, and Big Nine coach of the year.

"Coaching is its own reward," said Pratt. "The Hall of Fame is a special

bonus, because I never felt I was owed anything beyond the privilege of coaching. It's special to be honored with the other people and to join those who already have been selected. Many of them were my idols.

"Any success I've had or been credited for is the result of having dedicated players. Coaching is an area where you can see believers develop among the players from the start of the season to the finish.

"It's a new task every year to make believers from new talent. There are fewer youngsters interested in athletics than in the 1950s but dedication is there."

Pratt is a 1987 inductee into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He has been nominated for the basketball hall.

His son, John, is an official assistant coach. Adult sons Eugene, David and Steve help on a volunteer basis. Jacqueline, Elizabeth, Anthony, Michael and wife Mary Ellen complete the family.

Kearsley's 6-3 finish this fall earned Pratt's eighth consecutive winning season (53-22). He has had 27 winning seasons, including nine where his teams lost fewer than twice.

Yet, his coaching genius almost was left at the post.

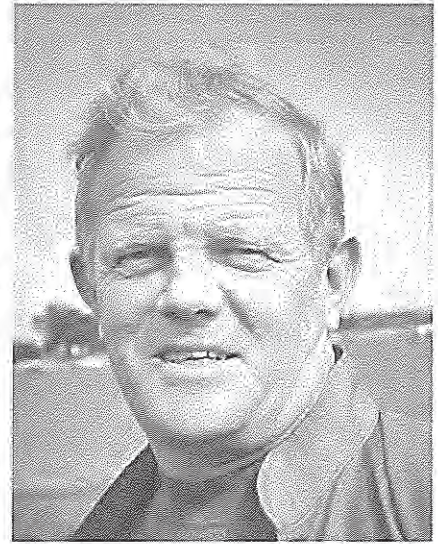
Central coach Howard Auer and his assistant, Bill Mezlow, laughed when Pratt reported for football practice in 1943. There was good reason: Pratt was all of 98 pounds and 4-feet-11. He was appointed manager.

He grew three inches but was only 115 pounds as a junior and was denied a uniform. He finally was rewarded with a uniform in 1945 and the 5-foot-5, 130-pounder earned a reserve letter.

He sat out three years before enrolling at Central Michigan, having "beefed up" to 5-9 and 155 pounds. After one season with the junior varsity, he earned three letters as a reserve back before 1953 graduation.

His first job, coaching eighth-graders at Kearsley, was ended by a two-year Army stint.

He assisted Frank Thomas at Grand Blanc before becoming coach of all



sports at St. Matthew for 1958-59.

"I was part of Bob Suci's tenure at Grand Blanc and learned what a great athlete looks like," Pratt said. "Then I was lucky at St. Matthew to have men such as Craig Metcalfe, John Biedenbach, John Sperla, Paul Staroba, Bob Boudreau, Don Trevarrow, Roger Houle and Mike Abbott in a span of five or six years.

"I want all of them to realize that I appreciate what they've contributed to my success. I've been fortunate to have dealt with good people.

"They make it a pleasure to anticipate practice every day. It's like family. I firmly believe that the concepts learned in athletics help people get over tough times as they grow into adulthood."

This is a theme which Pratt has espoused throughout his coaching career.

## Pratt's Record

### Football

School	Years	Record	Pct.
St. Matthew	1958-69	76-23-6	.752
Grand Blanc	1970-76	41-21-1	.659
Kearsley	1980-94	83-54-0	.606
Totals		200-98-7	.656

First place or tied for first: 13

### Basketball

School	Years	Record	Pct.
St. Matthew	1959-70	157-85	.649
Goodrich	1975-76	19-22	.463
Powers	1977-80	40-27	.597
Grand Blanc	1986-94	115-80	.590
Totals		331-214	.607

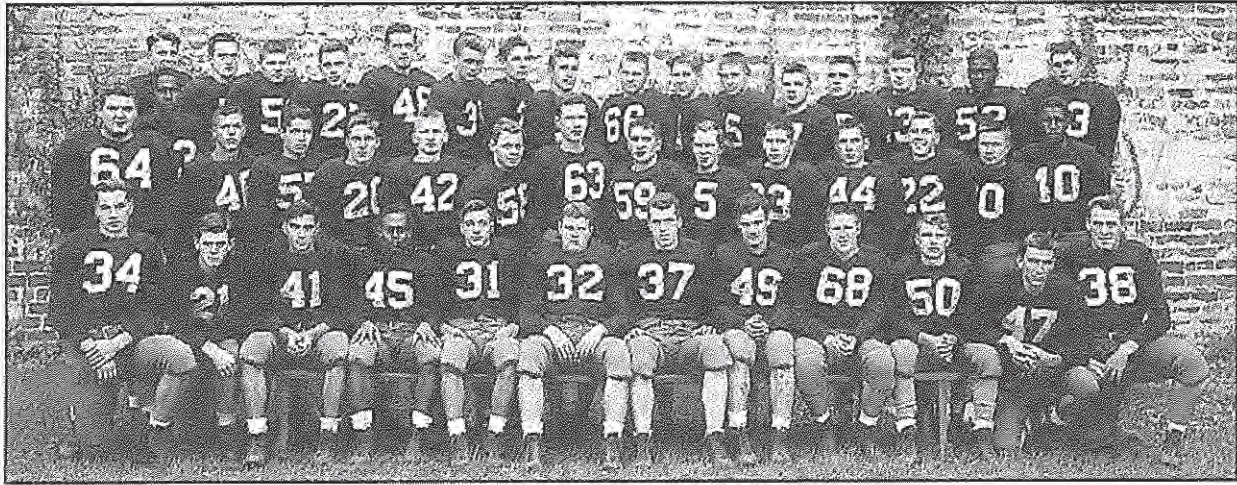
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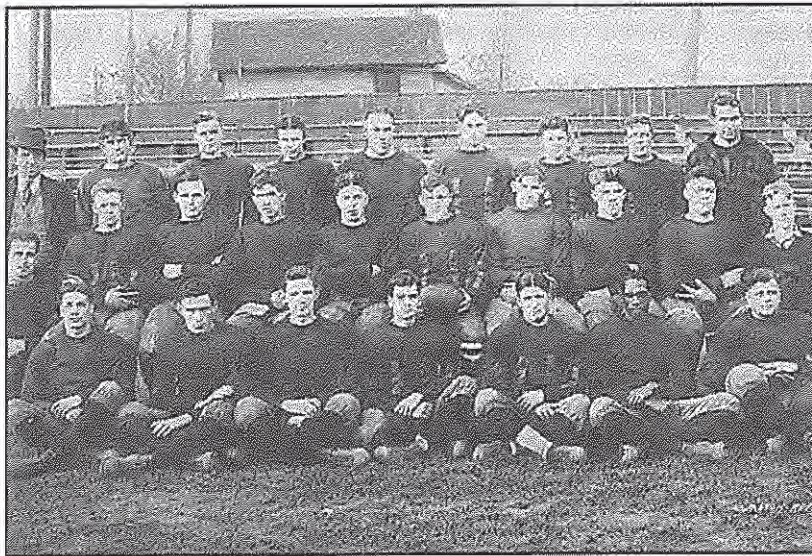
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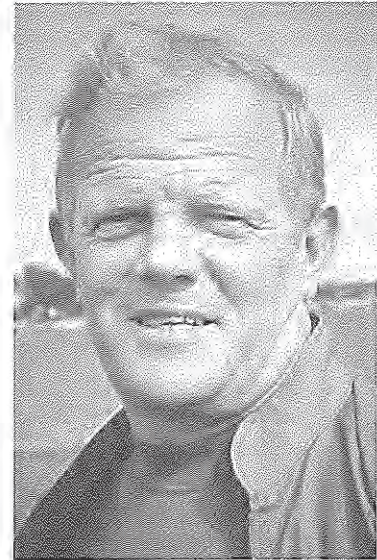
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## Central Football 1924

**Lettermen** -- Lloyd Brazil, Harold Conger, Arthur Decker, Homer Davidson, Dallas Dort, Coye Edgerton, Percy Grinnage, Robert Hippler, Gus Hughes, Claire James, Albert LaRoche, Nap LaVoie, George Payne, Jake Rice, Glen Shaft, Corky Stanard, Sidney Trine, Cyrus Truran, Roy Weiss, Ralph Wills, Carlton Young and Herm Young.

**Coach** -- L.A. Erickson

**Assistants** -- Chuck Bassett and Bill Van Orden

**Manager** -- Foye Davidson



## Indians of '24 a Scoring Machine

By Len Hoyes

Steamroller. Juggernaut.

Those terms describe Central High's 1924 football team.

In an era when three touchdowns indicated devastating offense, the Indians averaged 37.8 points per game in a 10-0 record.

They yielded only 28 points and shut out six opponents.

Flint's claim was strengthened when Grand Rapids South, the only other undefeated team, twice turned down challenges for a winner-take-all showdown. The first offer called for a neutral site, the second for playing in Grand Rapids. The challenges were "politely declined."

The 1924 team, the last to play at old Athletic Park, was part of a fantastic era. The Indians lost only three games in four seasons (1922-25), all in 1923.

Only one living member of the team has been located.

Dallas Dort, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., said "It's been so long ago I don't remember details. But it was a darned good team and an exciting time to play.

"Lloyd Brazil, Herm Young and Ralph Wills were all great but Lloyd was the top player. He was all over the field."

Dort, 85, held important government posts in Washington, D.C., including assistant to the Undersecretary of State.

He was a reserve quarterback, one of 22 players to be awarded letters.

Two players made the All-State first team, three the second team and three honorable mention. Everyone played both ways so eight of 11 starters were honored.

Young, junior fullback, was named to the first team. He also was picked as a tackle in 1923 and 1925. He is believed

to be the only Flint area player to be chosen three times. He was Flint city manager (1952-54).

Brazil, junior halfback, was another first-teamer. He was an All-American at the University of Detroit in 1929 in the same backfield as the immortal Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. He was the longtime athletic director at U-D and a charter member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Wills, a senior, made the second team. He later was assistant coach at Central and head coach at St. Matthew. He was assistant postmaster general of the United States during the Eisenhower Administration.

Guard Coye Edgerton, a second-teamer, was a tragic victim of infantile paralysis (polio). He was hospitalized on Nov. 23 and died before graduation.

End Corky Stanard was named to the second team.

End Glen Shaft, tackle Harold Conger and tackle Art Decker were honorable mention.

Notable additions helped the 1924 success.

Howard (Gus) Hughes, who made the 1923 Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association All-State, transferred from St. Michael. He completed an all-star backfield as the quarterback and kicking specialist.

Napoleon (Nap) LaVoie was induced to play football and became a stalwart in the line.

Hughes (1984) and LaVoie (1986) were inducted into the Hall of Fame as individuals. Hughes was a standout amateur baseball pitcher and also coached football, basketball and baseball at several Flint parochial schools. LaVoie was the longtime coach and athletic director

at Central and is immortalized by LaVoie Field House.

Claire James, a reserve lineman, was Flint's only black player.

Wills scored 17 touchdowns and four conversions for 106 points, once scoring four TDs and three times scoring three. Brazil scored 10 touchdowns, twice getting three. Hughes' 51 points included three touchdowns, four field goals by dropkick and 21 conversions. Young scored six TDs and five conversions.

Two games were noteworthy. A 39-12 victory at Highland Park and a 12-3 victory at Bay City.

Officials at Highland Park worked overtime trying to derail Flint. The umpire, not the referee, called only two five-yard penalties against the home team but 120 yards against Flint and nullified two touchdowns.

The late Harry Dayton, who reported for The Flint Journal, wrote: "His verdicts were handed out with the reckless abandon of a drunken sailor."

Dayton described Brazil as a "Red Grange in himself." He was credited with a 72-yard average for 10 punts and shook off seven would-be tacklers on a 19-yard run.

The Bay City game matched two of the state's three undefeated teams and was played at a brand new field near the high school. The crowd spilled over the sidelines and worked to Bay City's advantage.

Brazil and Wills turned end and headed for touchdowns, only to be tackled by the crowd or held up long enough to be overtaken. Flint circumvented those obstacles when Brazil scored on a nine-yard run and passed 14 yards to George Payne who eluded two defenders by leaping into the end zone.

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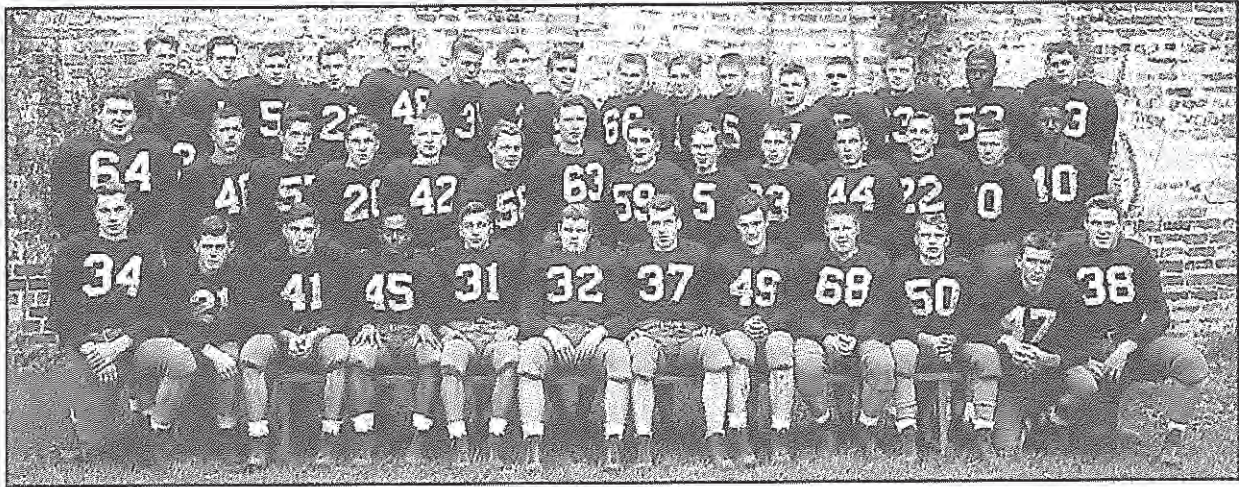
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## '47 Tribe Auer's Gem

By Len Hoyes

Central High's 1947 football team stands out like a beacon in the school's athletic history.

From 1925 until 1993, a span of 67 seasons, it was the Tribe's only unbeaten team.

Despite Coach Howard Auer's dire preseason assessment, the Indians swept nine games by at least 14 points.

They scored 218, at least two touchdowns in every game. They surrendered only 26, never more than one touchdown, and shut out five opponents.

They outgained opponents by more than three-to-one on the ground, 2,168-632 yards. Four foes were held to 50 yards or less.

Opponents had a 459-425 edge in passing yards, mainly because the Indians' dominant rushing forced only 66 passes. It threw six or less in five games but outgained four rivals.

Four significant victories led to the state championship.

A 14-0 victory ended Lansing Sexton's 16-game winning streak. Pontiac Central ranked No. 1 in the state before Central's 34-7 romp. It capped the year with a 20-6 win over Northern before 19,000 in a duel of unbeaten teams ranking 1-2 in the state.

A 19-0 shutout of Muskegon was one of only two victories in 11 attempts by an Auer-coached team against the Big Reds. He always insisted that the rigors of a Saginaw Valley Conference schedule prevented firing up the Indians for nonleague games.

Northern (No. 4), Saginaw (8), Sexton (10) and Saginaw Arthur Hill (11) ranked high in the final poll. Central outscored them by a combined 87-13.

Obviously, the victory over Northern is uppermost in the minds of Central partisans.

Weather was a factor in the Thanksgiving Day triumph before a record crowd. Northern began with a 15-game unbeaten string but Central emerged with a record-equaling nine straight victories for its modern era.

Snow fell on Monday and the Atwood Stadium turf was frozen and covered by an overnight light snow. The temperature was 25 at the noon kickoff.

Auer outfitted end Gene Hart in sneakers at the outset and this decision was pivotal.

Tom Mercy, who wrote the game's account for *The Journal*, said: "At least once every in every set of downs in the first quarter, Hart was in the Northern backfield before the runner could slide into motion.

"Gene's quick starts convinced Auer that basketball shoes were the antidote for the frozen turf. As the first quarter ended,

## Central Football 1947

**Varsity Lettermen** --- Keith Averill, Ken Averill, Bill Billings, Vern Benmark, Jim Bishop, Ted Brabbs, Don Bushey, Don Coleman, Bill Cornack, Lloyd Dagwell, Les Farkas, Dick Francis, Gene Hart, Charles Hatter, Art Ingram, Oscar Ingram, Bart Jenniches, Ernie Johnson, Ray Johnson, Wayne Jones, Jim Koepke, Leon Malone, Dick Marr, Bob Murdock, Jerry Myers, Lou Szabo, Doug Trevarthen, Bob Warner and Clarence Wilson.

**Numerals** -- Dayne Davis, Del Draper, Bill Fox, Lou Gach, Bob Leach, Dick Leach, Jim Reyburn, George Simmons, Tyree Smith, Bob Stalker and Jerry Zerbe.

**Also played** -- Jim Alloway, Ed Bailantyne, Al Drath, Jack Hayward and John Hughes.

he brought his players off the field, one at a time, and had them change boots. Central immediately began to move."

Sneaker-clad Art Ingram got behind the defense and combined with Jerry Myers on a 46-yard touchdown pass. Fittingly, Ingram's only touchdown of the season led to Les Farkas' game-winning conversion boot.

Northern's rush trip to the school for basketball shoes materialized at halftime but Central's early lead stood up.

Myers netted 66 yards rushing and Bart Jenniches 62, both outdoing Northern's 61.

The 20 points were a Tribe record against Northern.

Two months earlier, Auer downplayed possibilities which had been suggested elsewhere.

On Sept. 18, he said, "I don't know where they got that idea. I've even been asked if I expect an undefeated season. That's absurd. With the schedule we play, it's almost impossible to win them all. I've never had one yet and I certainly don't expect one this year.

"I'd say right now we'll probably have a .500 club. We've lost all of our speed at guard, one of our shiftiest running backs and our best pass receiver. Even with them we only finished with a 5-4 season. I still insist we'll have a .500 team."

He began practice with 12 lettermen and five 1946 starters: Ken Averill at center, Farkas, tackle Dick Francis and backs Bill Billings and Jenniches.

Averill, Jenniches, tackle Jim Bishop and guards Don Coleman and Ted Brabbs were named to the All-Valley first team. Farkas, Art Ingram and Myers were named to the second team and Francis, Jim Koepke and backs Keith Averill and Lou Szabo received honorable mention.

Jenniches and Coleman were named to every all-state first team. Ken Averill and Farkas were second-teamers and Bishop a third-teamer.

Jenniches was the leading scorer with 66 points, including all three touchdowns against Muskegon. Keith Averill scored 42, Farkas 32, Myers 24 and Billings and Szabo 18. Bob Murdock, Art Ingram and Tyree Smith scored six.

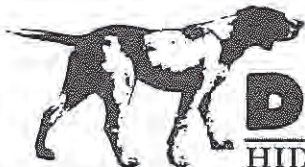
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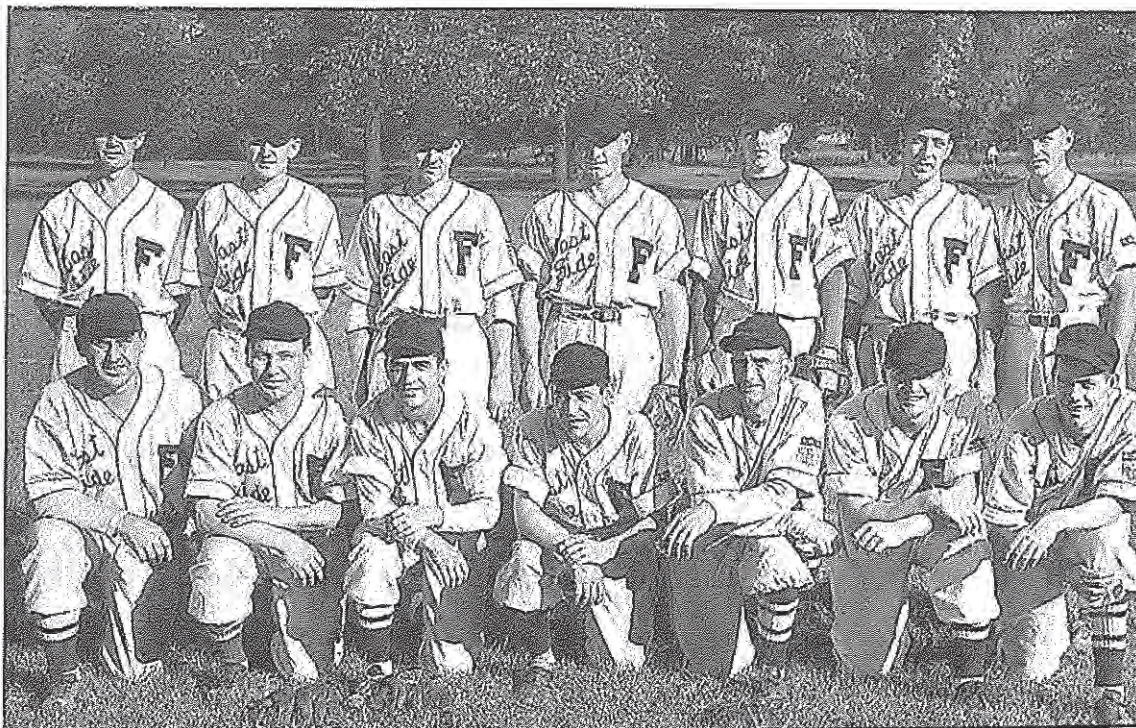
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## Merchants' Feat Still Stands Alone

By Len Hoyes

East Side Merchants' successive championships in the state amateur baseball tournament in 1943-44 never have been duplicated by a Flint team.

A weird ending led to the 1943 crown, but there were few obstacles in 1944.

The team was formed to solve a friendly argument between Harold McDowell and Mel Collins, a former Central teammate, about the merits of athletic talent on the East Side vs. the West.

Manager McDowell, an East Sider, joined Chet Whaley, who was business manager, to solicit more than 60 businesses to get the team under way. East Side won the City Baseball League pennant four straight years and five times in six.

Twenty-nine individuals are represented on the 1943-44 teams, including 10 who played for both. McDowell scrambled for players because World War II drained the supply and cut the league from six teams in 1943 to four in 1944.

McDowell, a longtime Flint sandlot star, had a collection of veterans and youngsters in his first managerial try.

He said, "We had guys like Johnny Nieman in their 40s and Wally Jakowczyk who was barely out of high school."

More than half the players are deceased but 10 from 1943 and seven from 1944 are living.

The seven include Jakowczyk from East Side in 1943 and the late Gordon (Cotton) Goodell from 1944 who are

### Merchants rosters page 44

also being inducted individually into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame tonight.

Steve Bysco and Joe Kinzel from 1943 and Chet Lipski and Ray Seidel from 1944 have also been inducted individually into the GFASHF.

The 1943 team had a 25-7 record in Flint, including playoffs. The regular-season clincher was nailed down by Cpl. Bysco who was on furlough from Camp Gordon, Ga. Ray Stinson (11-3) and Floyd (Lefty) Freeman (9-1) were the key pitchers.

Diz Bethel batted .433 and Stinson .425. Other key hitters were Ron Manzer .356, Chub Guzak .350, Jakowczyk .333, Lyle Rumph .318, Whaley .314 and John Bysco and Dave McTaggart both .312.

Stinson, Freeman and Rumph won in the district tourney to qualify for the state at Battle Creek.

Flint had a lead when its first game was rained out. In a restart, Battle Creek scored a 4-3 victory. East Side fought back with 7-4 and 4-3 wins before rain left an unfinished tournament.

Undefeated Detroit Ford Local 400 and once-beaten Flint agreed to play in Flint. East Side's 11-2 victory forced a showdown in Dearborn.

Detroit held a 1-0 lead when Flint came to bat in the fourth inning. With an East Side runner on third base, a balk was called, sending home the tying run. Detroit claimed timeout had been called

before the pitch and an argument ensued.

When the protest was denied, a Detroit player slugged the umpire, knocking him to the ground.

That was the end. A forfeit was ordered and Flint was awarded the championship, finishing the season with a 38-9 record.

The 1944 aggregation was more dominant. Four of nine defeats in a 40-9 record came in exhibitions against teams from the Negro Professional League.

It led the CBL with a 21-3 record, swept the playoffs in four straight and won five straight in the state tournament which was played at Atwood Stadium.

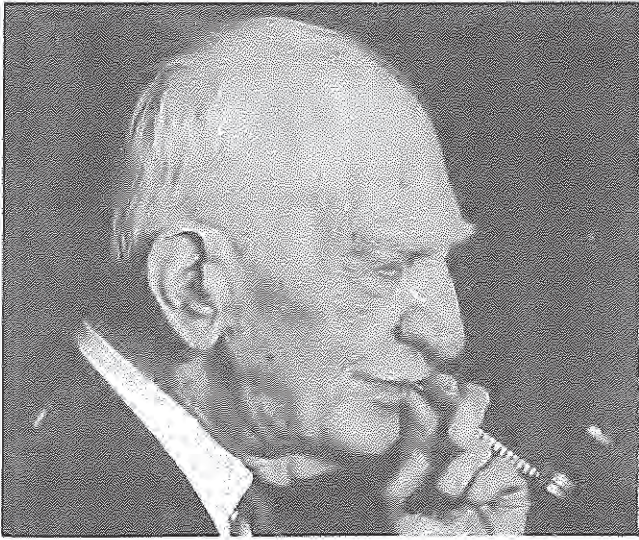
Pitchers allowed only three runs and Rumph and Charles Conklin hurled shutouts in the playoffs. They allowed only two runs in the first four state tournament games, Conklin and Rumph again throwing shutouts.

Conklin yielded eight hits and won a 7-6 squeaker against Dearborn in the title game, thanks to a throw by Manzer which cut down the potential tying run at home plate in the last inning.

Conklin, retired as Fenton's chief of police, had a 7-0 record for the year, finding time from a wartime factory job to play.

Guzak finished with a .417 batting average, including 12-for-20 in the state tournament. Manzer, John Bysco and Hogan were .348, Stinson (.345) and Goodell (.336) also hit more than .300, the latter's .385 ranking No. 2 during the regular season.

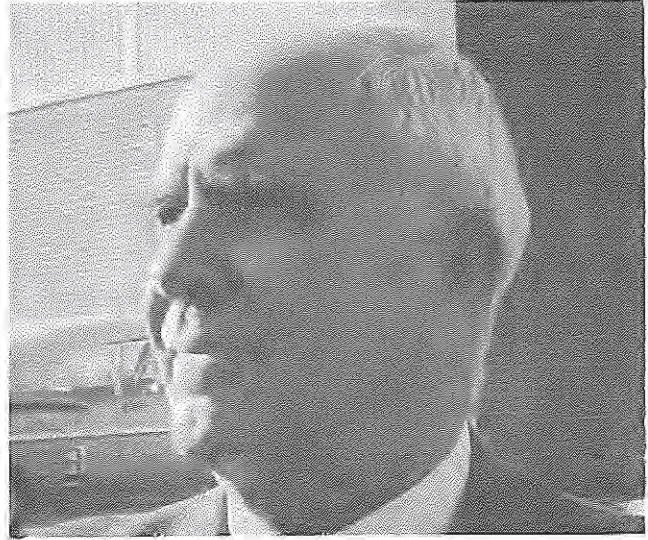
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1980

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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.



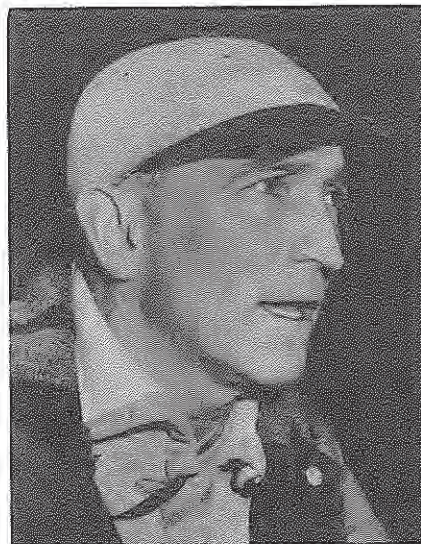
**1980  
PAUL KRAUSE**

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.



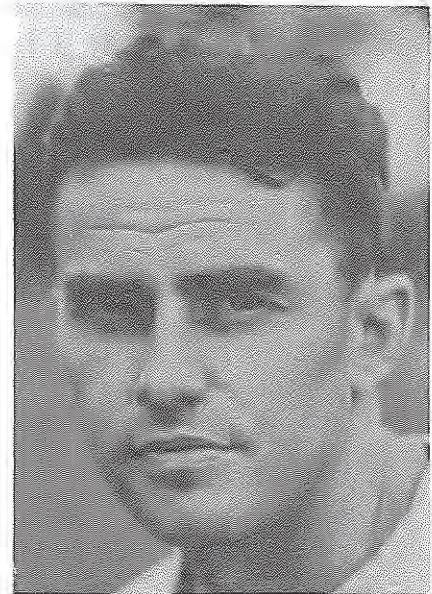
**1980  
STEVE BYSCO**

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  
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  
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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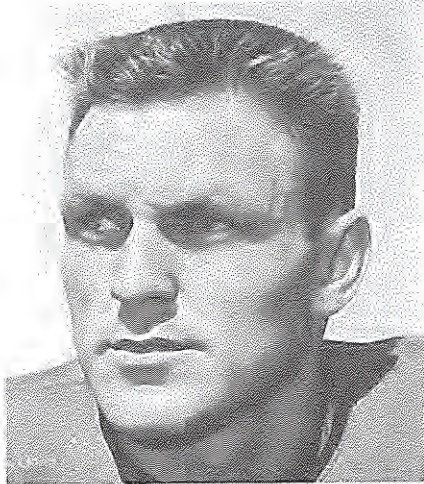


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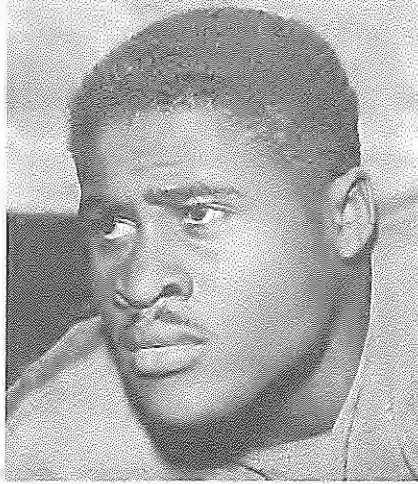
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**1980  
LYNN CHANDNOIS**

All-City, All-Saginaw Valley Conference, All-State, All-American, All-Pro. Chandnois established Michigan State University football records on offense and defense, which stood 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 has been a member of the Hall of Fame selection committee since 1993.



**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 Spartan in history. Now Dr. Coleman, Don serves on the faculty at MSU.



**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. Mrs. Weiss won several other titles and was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, prior to becoming a charter member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, Dec. 6, 1980.

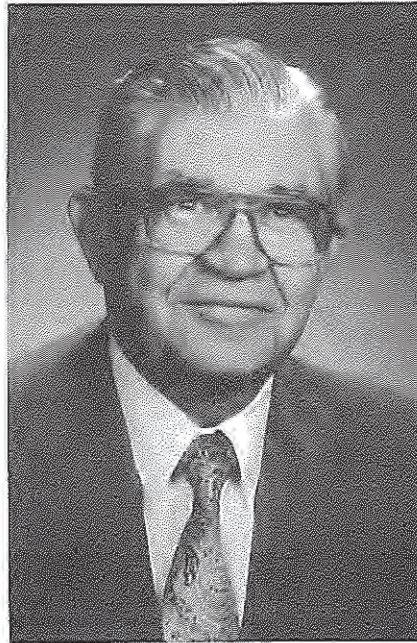
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1981

**MERV RETTENMUND**

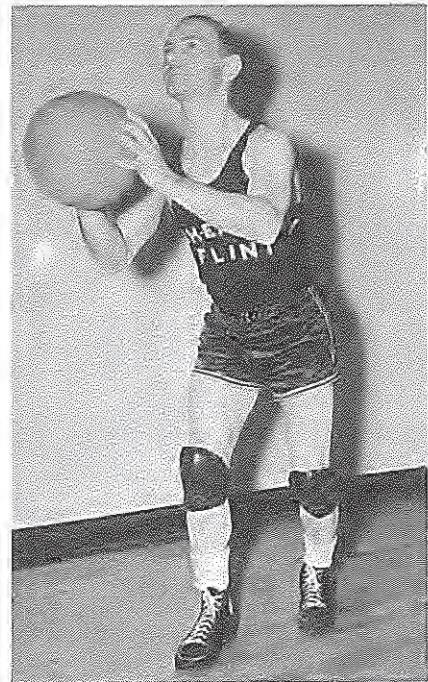
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981

**Special Service Award  
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

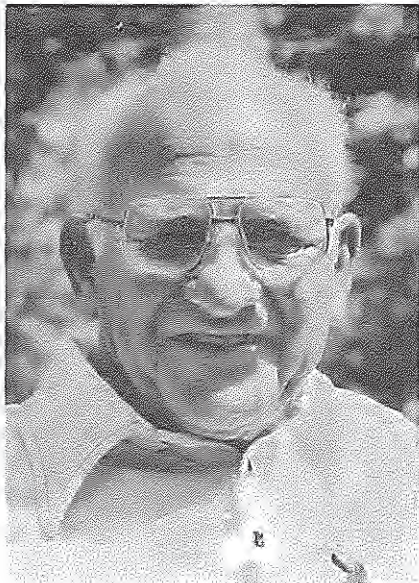
His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



1981

**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.



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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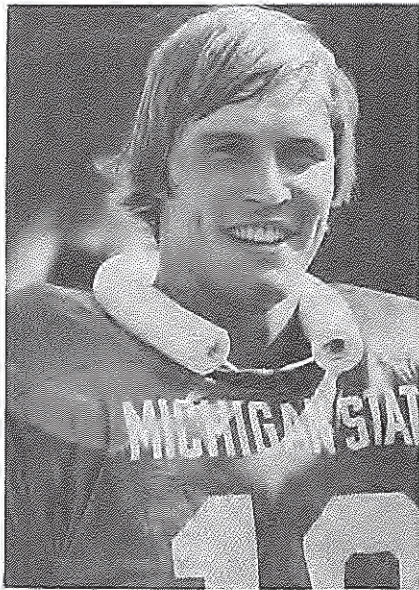
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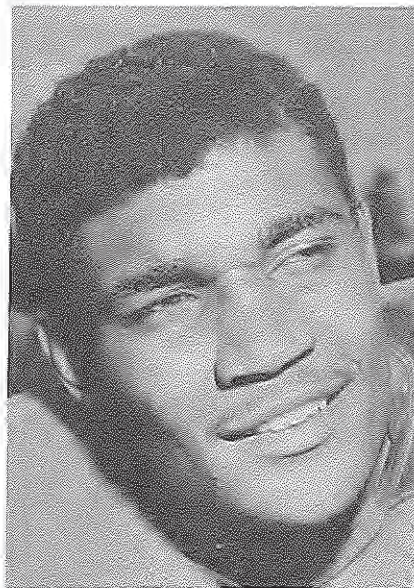
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1981

**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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**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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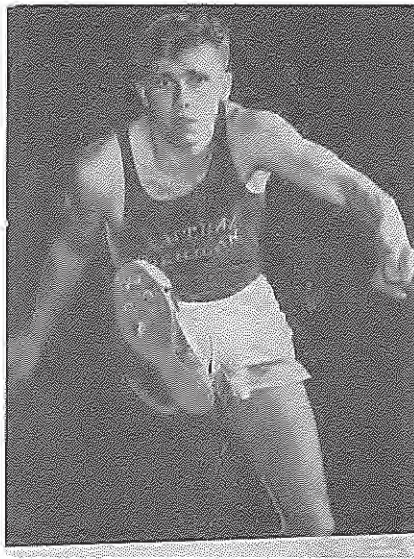
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**1982  
FRED TROSKO**

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.

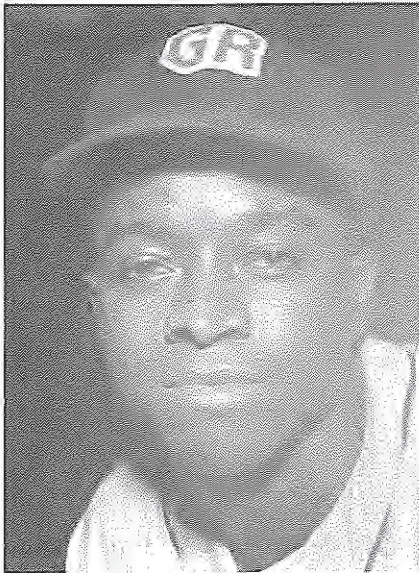
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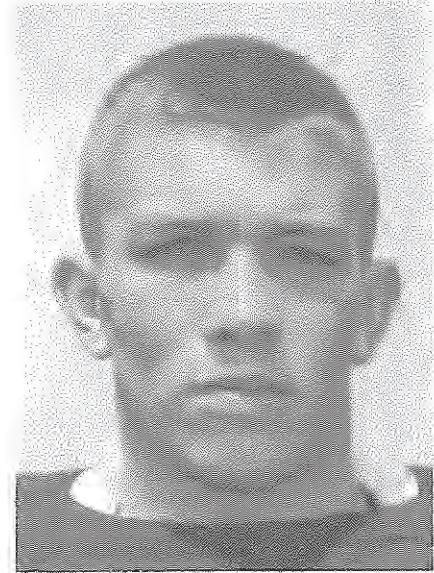
**1983  
DAVE HOSKINS**

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.

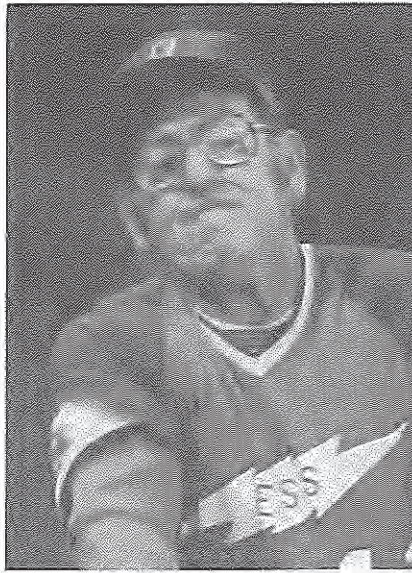
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**1983**  
**PAM STOCKTON  
BRADY**

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.



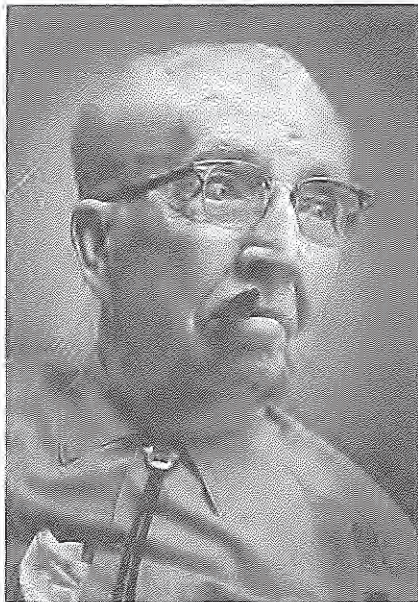
**1983**  
**JIM DOYLE**

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**

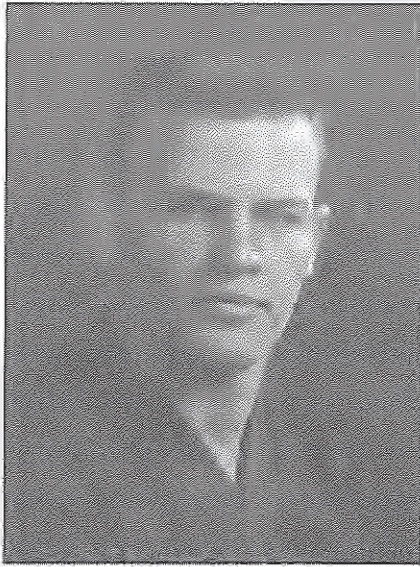
An area bowling proprietor for 40 years, Halligan was also president of three minor leagues of professional baseball and remained active in community bowling and baseball endeavors until his death in 1968.



**FRED LAWSON**  
**1984**  
**SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD**

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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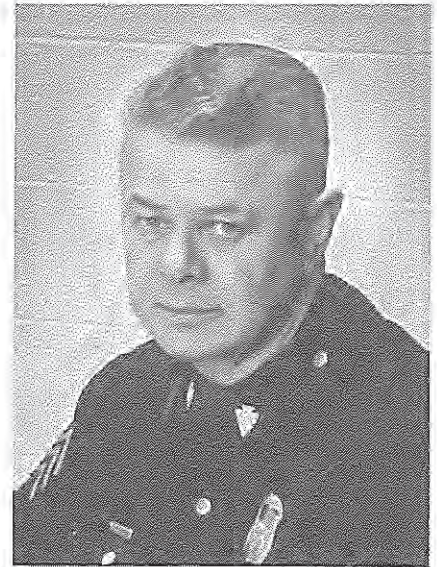
**DOMINIC TOMASI**  
1984

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.



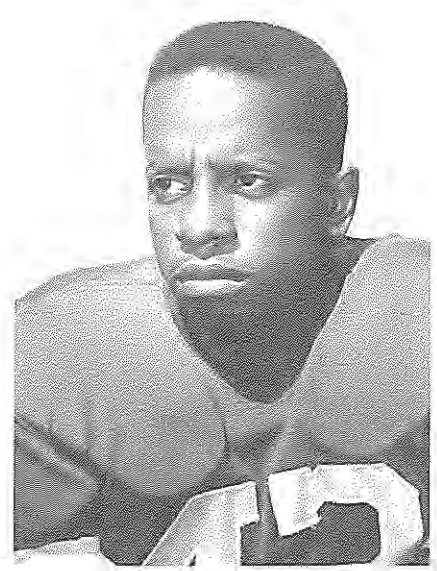
**HOWARD GILROY**  
1984

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.

# *Wally Jakowczyk*

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## Central Football 1947 Results

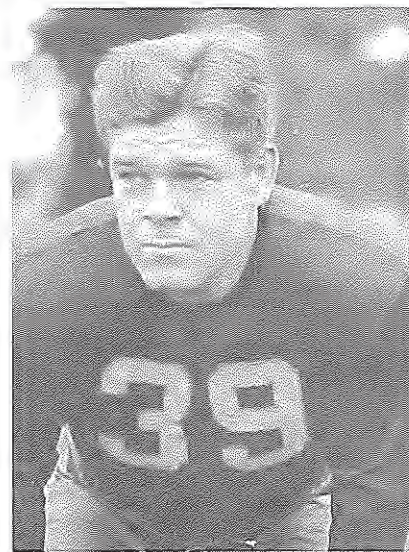
Opponent	Score
Ann Arbor	31-6 W
Muskegon	19-0 W
Lansing Sexton	14-0 W
Pontiac Central	34-7 W
Saginaw	26-7 W
Owosso	21-0 W
Saginaw Arthur Hill	27-0 W
Bay City Central	26-0 W
Northern	20-6 W

Record: 9-0  
Total points: 218  
Points allowed: 26



**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.

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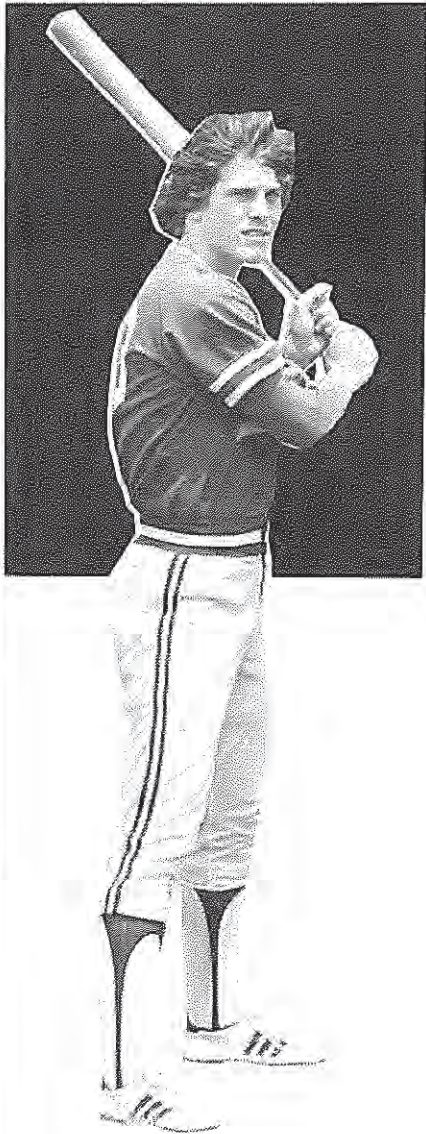
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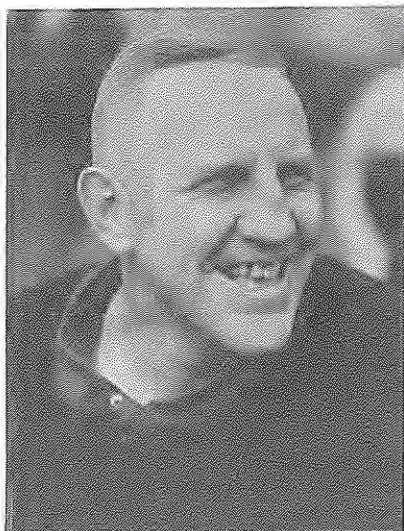


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**STAN BROOME**  
**Special Service Award**  
**1985**

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



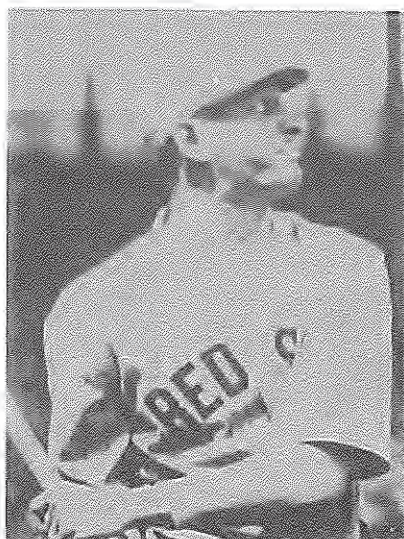
**NAP LA VOIE**  
**Special Service Award**  
**1985**

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.



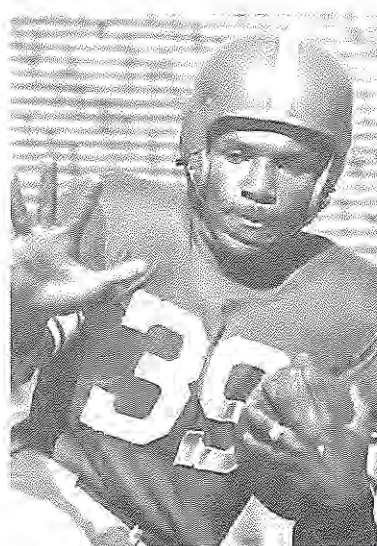
**KEN FAILING**  
**1985**

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.



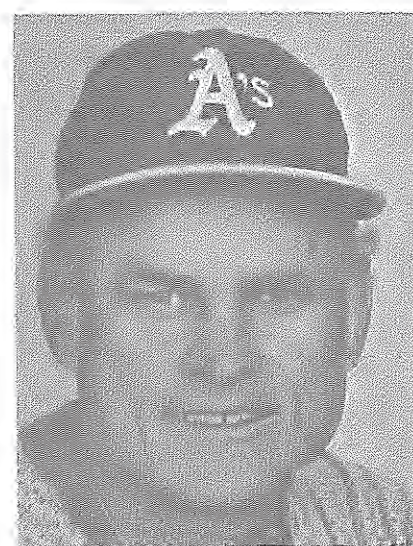
**MIKE MENOSKY**  
**1985**

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.



**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.



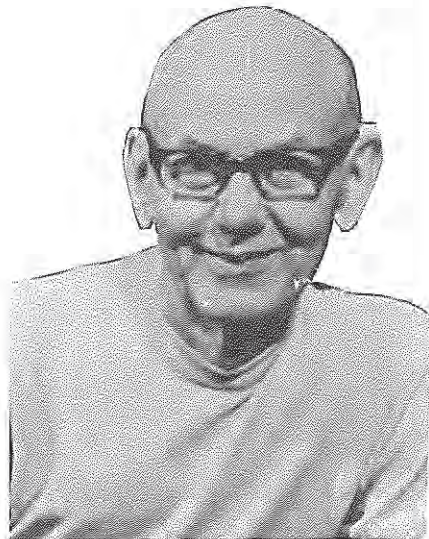
**1986  
JEANETTE ROBINSON**

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.

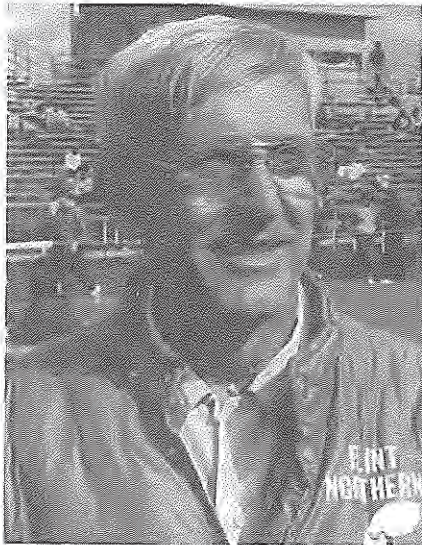
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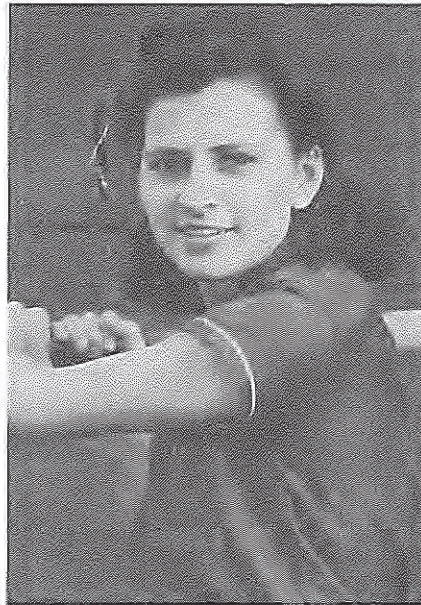
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1986

**NORBERT BADAR**

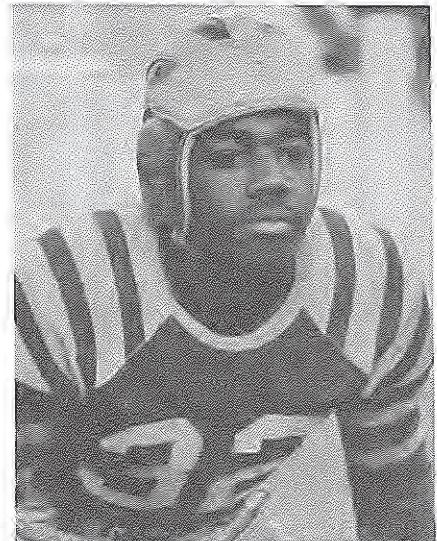
Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



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.

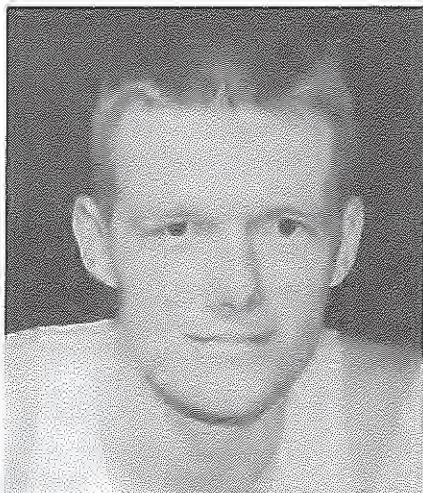


1986

**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.

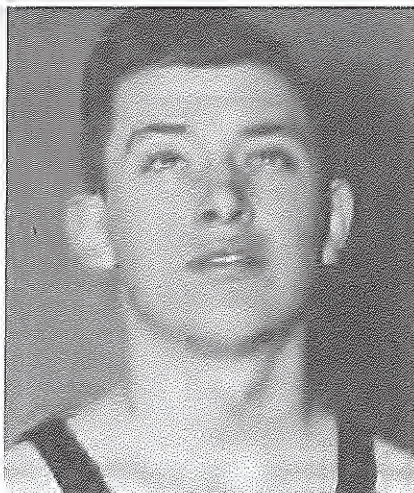
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1987

**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 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.



1987

**JERRY RIDEOUT**

**Special Service Award**

Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.

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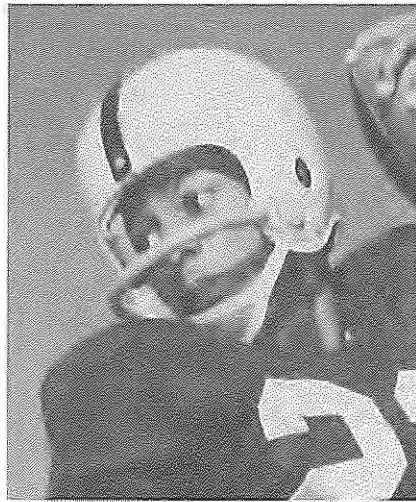
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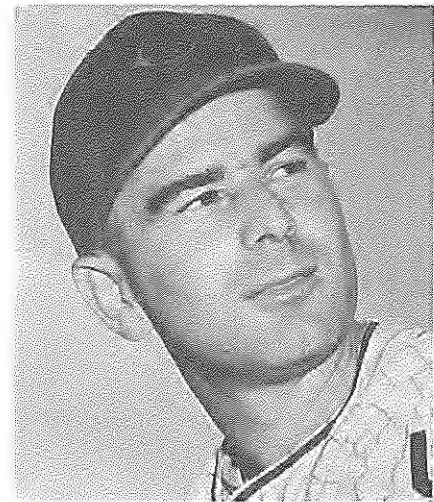
**1987  
JO LAKE**

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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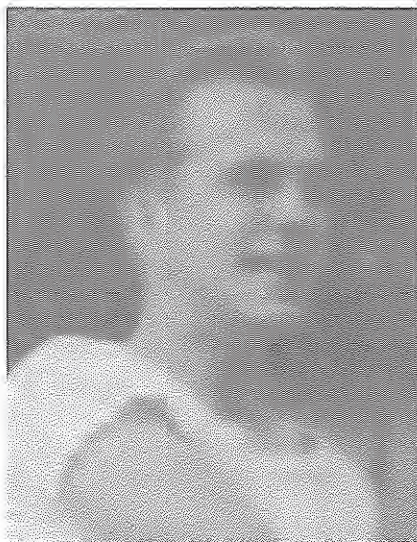
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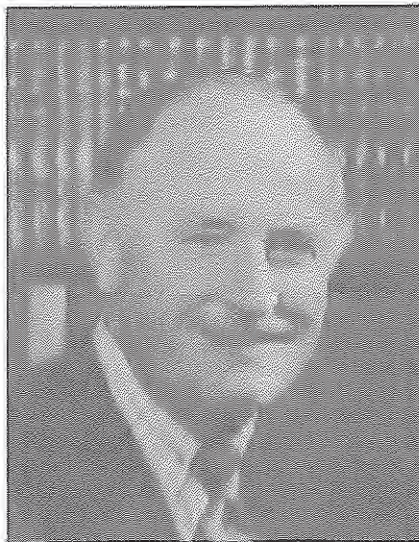
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1988

**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**

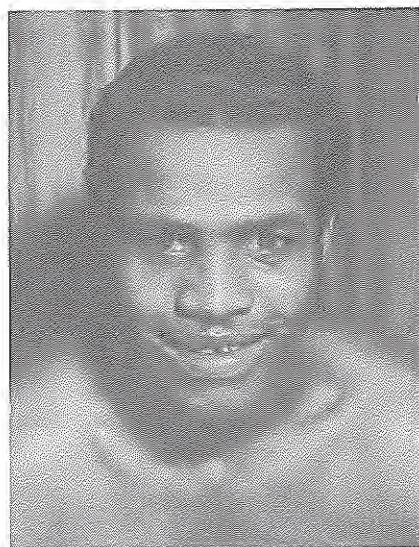
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who 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.



1988

**BENNIE McCOMBS**

McCombs was a Flint Golden Gloves boxing champion who won the Chicago Tournament of Champions in the middleweight division in 1942. He had a 90-6 professional record and a 100-5 record as an amateur. He was state light-heavy-weight champion as a professional.

**East Side Merchants  
Baseball Roster**

1943

Manager: Harold McDowell. Players: Diz Bethel, Steve Bysco, John Bysco, Tom Clevenger, Lloyd (Lefty) Freeman, Chub Guzak, Ralph Hogan, Wally Jakowczyk, Ron Manzer, Dave McTaggart, John Nieman, Harold O'Brien, Bernie Prine, Lyle Rumph, Ray Stinson, Pudge Van Slyke and Chet Whaley. Barney Cook, Patterson Ice Cream), Joe Kinzel (Patterson) and Herschel Woody (West Side Merchants) were added for tournaments.

1944

Manager: Harold McDowell. Players: John Bysco, Charles Conklin, Barney Cook, Cotton Goodell, Chub Guzak, Ralph Hogan, Chet Lipski, Ron Manzer, Harold O'Brien, Lyle Rumph, Harold Seymour, Ray Stinson and Herschel Woody. Don Dowd played until going into the service and Bill Graham played early in the season.

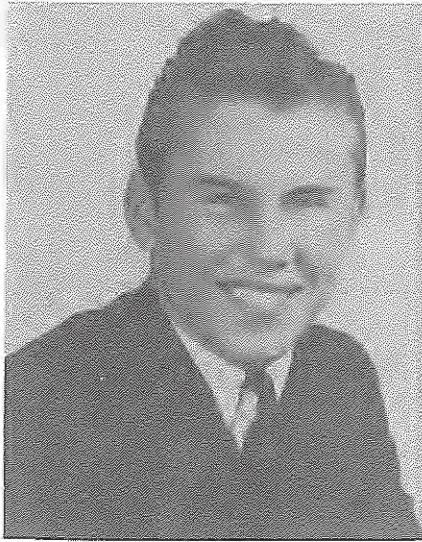
Ed Long (Buick CIO), Bob Lawrence (Court St. Service), George Radeka (Court St.) and Joe Hahn (Court St.) were added for the Michigan Recreation Association tournament but did not play. Long and Don Owen (Court St.) played in the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament.



1989

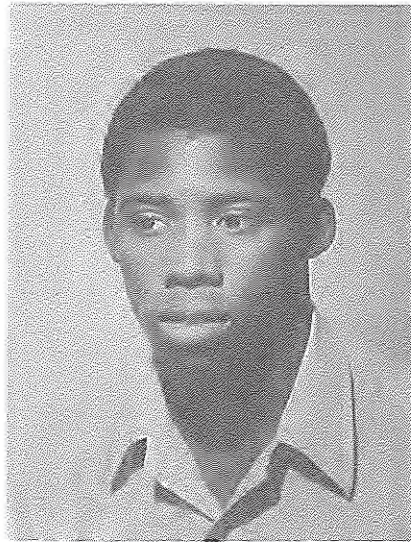
**BARRY EDMONDS  
Special Service Award**

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.



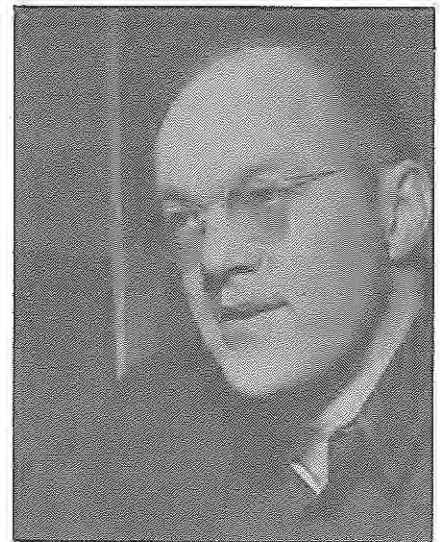
**1988**  
**ED KRUPA**

Krupa was All-State in football and basketball at Northern High in 1939-40 during the Wonder Boys era, when the Vikings had a 25-0-2 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.

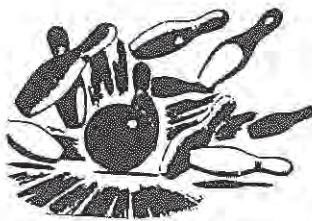


**1988**  
**HOWARD AUER**

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.

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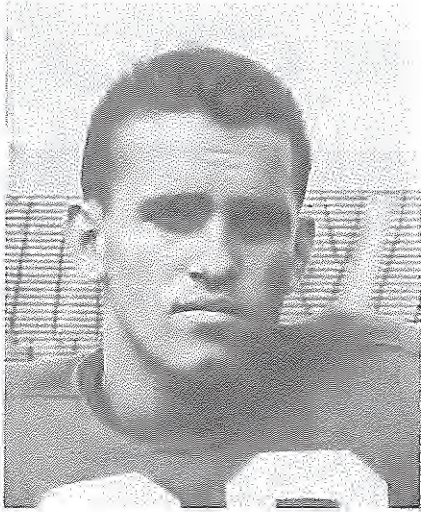
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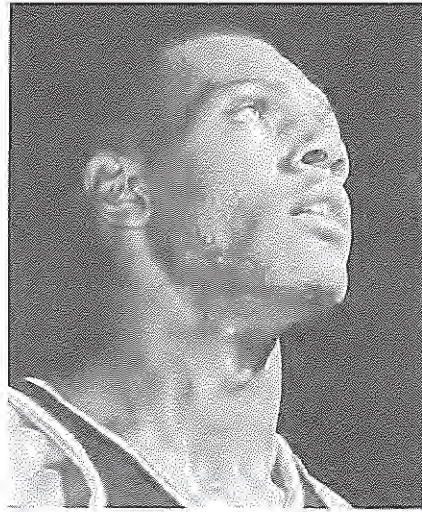
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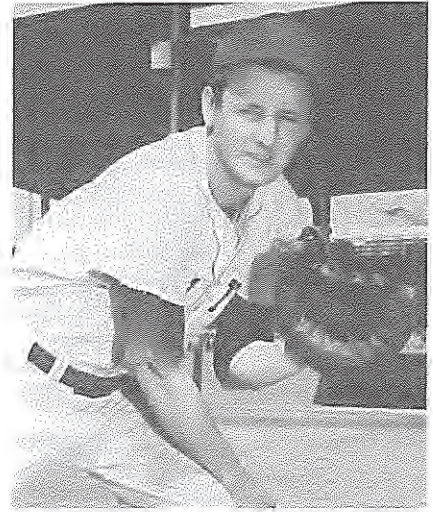
**1989  
BOB SUCI**

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.



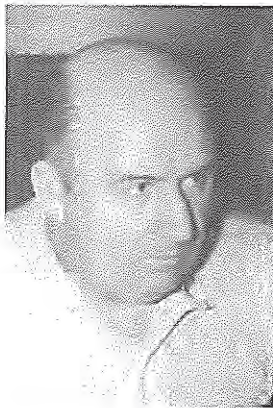
**1989  
GENE SUMMERS**

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.



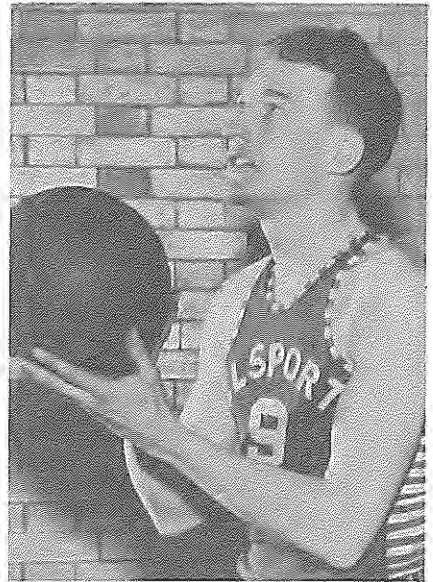
**1989  
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

Frechette won the City Amateur golf championship twice, the City Publinox 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.



**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  
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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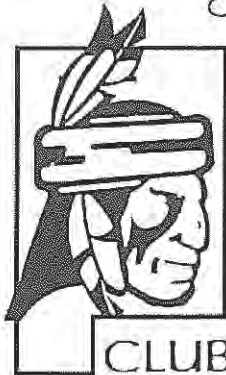
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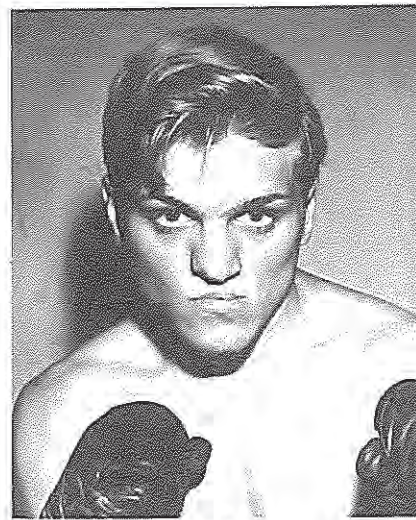
**1990  
KEN MORROW**

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.



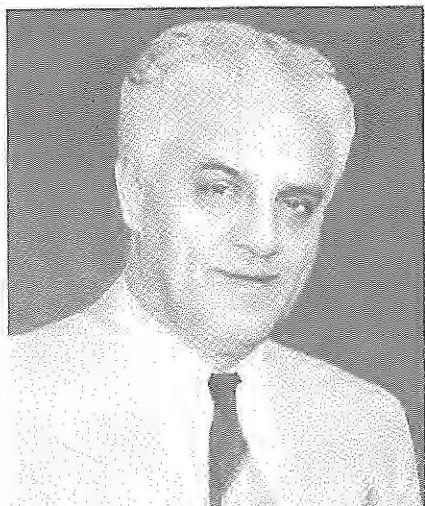
**1990  
AL JOHNSON**

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  
MICHAEL 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.

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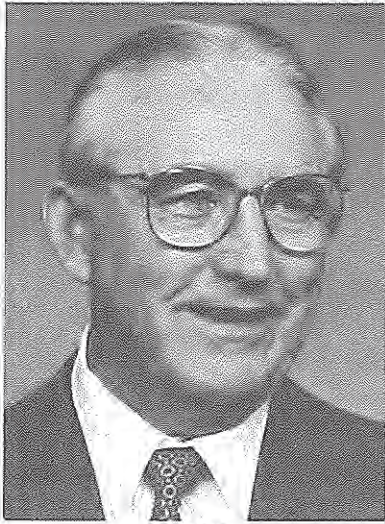
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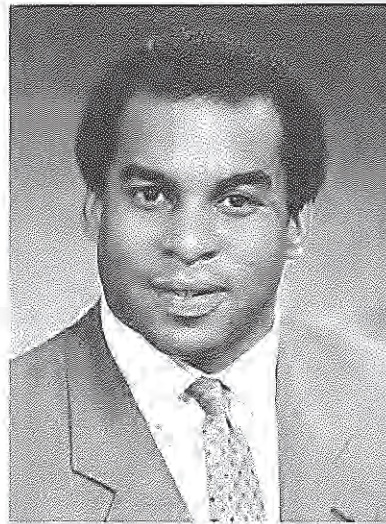
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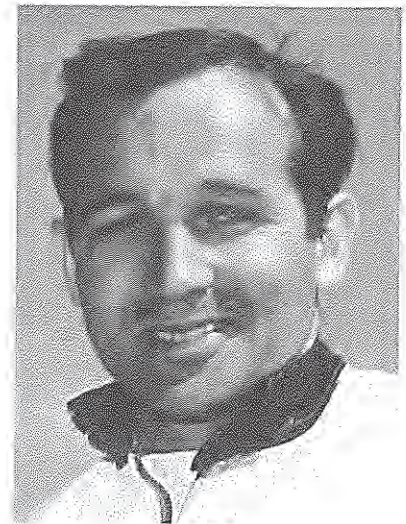
**1990  
BOB HARVEY**

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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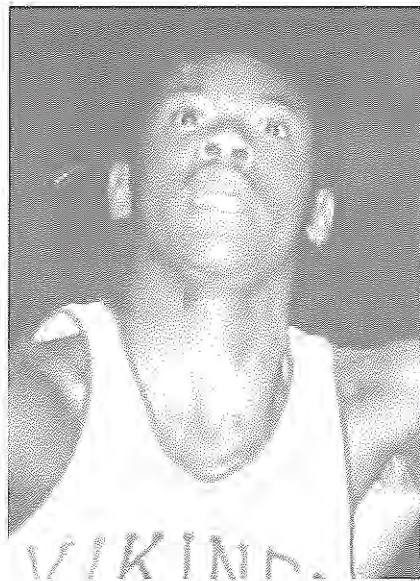


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**1991  
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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.



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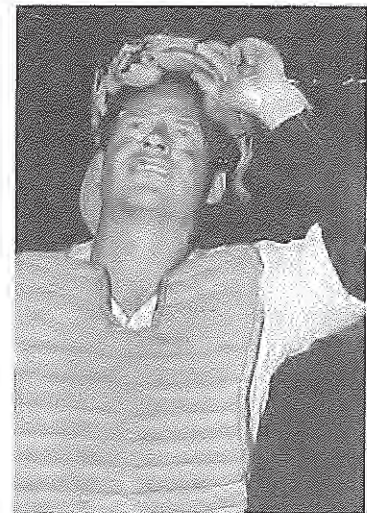
**1991  
ANDY MacDONALD**

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.



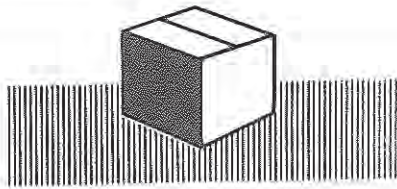
**1991  
BOB LEACH**

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 1-9 in 1937. He once struck out 11 straight batters without allowing a foul ball.



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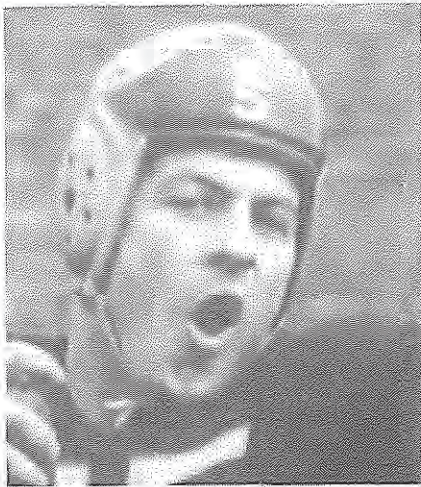


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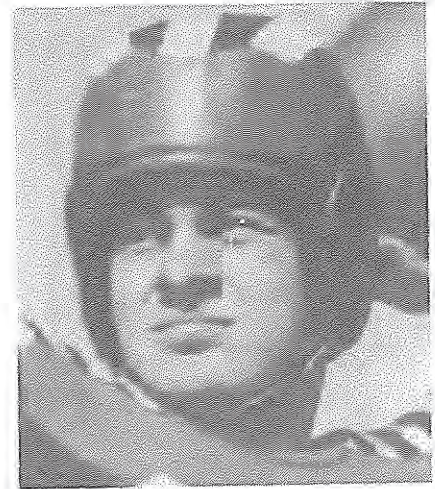
**1992  
GEORGE GUERRE**

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.

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**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.



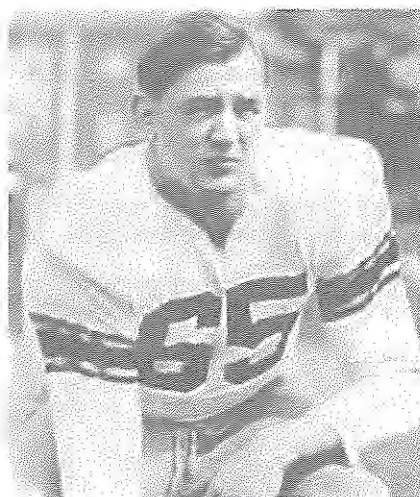
**1992  
DOUG MINTLINE  
Special Service Award**

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.



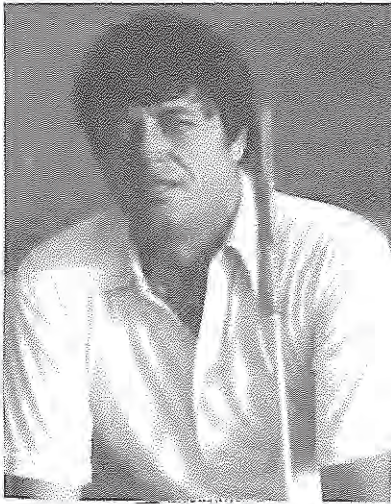
**1992  
BILL YAMBRICK**

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.



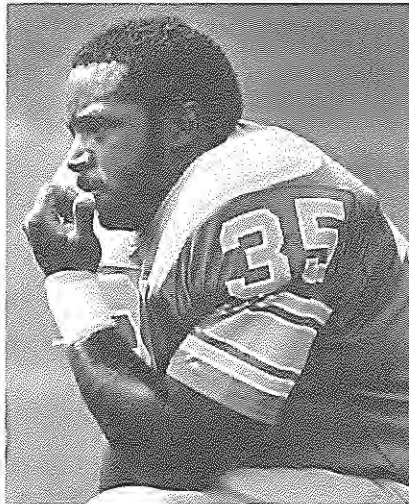
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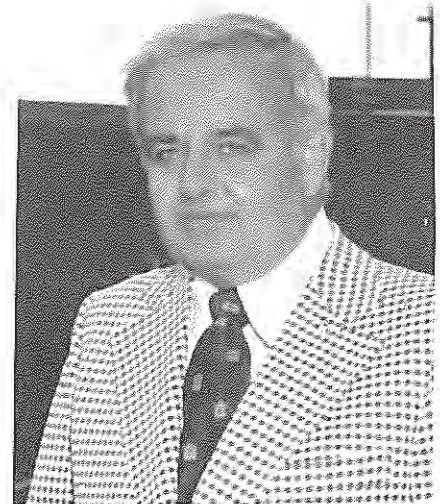
**1993  
LARRY MANCOUR**

A standout at Flint J.C. which compiled perhaps the greatest junior college season ever in Flint with a 23-1 record in 1954-55 that included five victories over four-year college basketball programs. Turning his talents to golf, became the professional at the Flint Elks Country Club. He kept the flame of professional golf burning in the Flint area after the original Buick Open tournament was canceled with his organizational and promotional skills that were largely responsible for the tournament's return to become a fixture on the Professional Golfers Association Tour.



**1993  
BOOKER MOORE**

Set every high school rushing record in Flint during a superb three-year career at Southwestern from 1974-76. As a senior broke his own one-season record he set as a junior by rushing for 1,263 yards while leading the Colts to a 9-0 record and unanimous selection as the state's number one team in all of the 1976 polls. A two-time All-State selection, played four years at Penn State where he became its fifth-leading career rusher. Was the number one draft choice of the Buffalo Bills in 1981 and played five seasons in the National Football League.



**1993  
PETE SARK  
Special Service**

Long been one of the area's biggest boosters. He was the radio voice of Flint sports for 25 years at station WFDF and his columns appeared regularly in the Catholic Weekly and Grand Blanc News. He was instrumental in beginning the Athlete of the Month Award with the Flint Exchange Club, has served on the GFASHF's selection committee and long been a popular speaker and master of ceremonies at area sports banquets.

### Joe Pitock's 40 Years at Grand Blanc

1953	8	6	.571	1976	20	6	.769
1954	5	9	.357	1977	16	11	.593
1955	8	8	.500	1978	15	15	.500
1956	13	3	.813	1979	19	13	.594
1957	12	4	.750	1980	20	8	.714
1958	12	4	.750	1981	20	12	.625
1959	6	11	.353	1982	23	5	.810
1960	9	7	.563	1983	18	7	.720
1961	13	12	.520	1984	18	13	.581
1962	8	15	.348	1985	10	17	.370
1963	11	9	.550	1986	16	13	.552
1964	9	8	.529	1987	21	12	.636
1965	6	9	.400	1988	19	14	.576
1966	10	11	.476	1989	12	16	.429
1967	14	9	.609	1990	14	11	.560
1968	15	10	.600	1991	14	17	.452
1969	13	13	.500	1992	13	1	.929
1970	17	4	.810				
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1972	21	4	.840				
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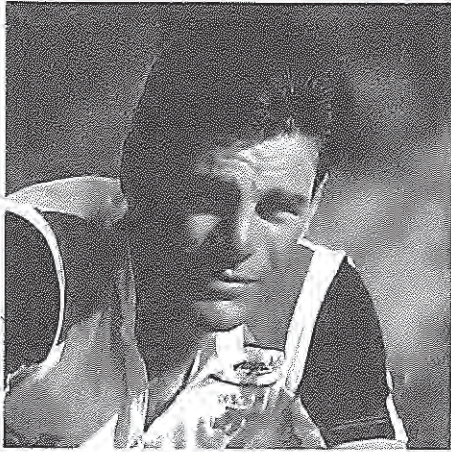
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### Wally Jakowczyk's Baseball Career

Year	Team	League	Class	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	Avg.
1941	Cozy Comer	CBL							.346
1942	Samos	CBL		92	17	28	14		.304
1943	East Side	CBL		90	21	30	13		.333
1944	Utica	Eastern	A	216	25	42	22	3	.194
1944	Bradford	Pony	D	96	26	24	15	2	.250
1945	Utica	Eastern	A	433	81	125	35	2	.289
1946	Utica	Eastern	A	252	28	74	41	2	.294
1947	Terre Haute	Three-I	B	420	92	140	92	14	.333
1948	Terre Haute	Three-I	B	218	39	59	38	4	.271

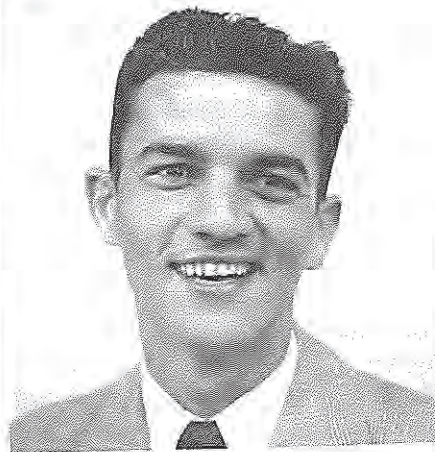
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**1993  
MIKE SECREST**

Set three world records while becoming an international champion. Won the 1987 Race Across America after having placed second in the event twice and third once. Set a world record in the Motor Pace race by covering 1,216.81 miles in 24 hours in 1990 and also set world marks in a seven-day cross country race in 1986 and in an indoor race in 1985 at the Velodrome in Montreal.



**1993  
JOHN BERO**

A slick-gloved, strong armed infielder, he was the first Northern High graduate to sign a Major League Baseball contract. Played at the AAA level or higher almost exclusively in a 10-year professional career that included Major League stints with the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Browns. Led the International League in fielding.



**1993  
HERB ODOM**

A state Golden Gloves boxing champion, he won the welterweight title in the 1955 National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament while posting a record of 29-2-1. He compiled a college career record of 78-6 at Michigan State University and was a semifinalist in the 1956 tryouts for the U.S. Olympic boxing team. He turned down an opportunity to box professionally in favor of attending medical school.



**1993  
LEN SWEET**

One of Northern High's four famed "Wonder Boys" who in three years never lost a football game and won 34 straight in basketball and two successive State Class A championships from 1938-40. Called by Guy Houston one of the two best coaching prospects ever to graduate from Northern, Sweet guided Dye High to the State Class C football championship in 1951.

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