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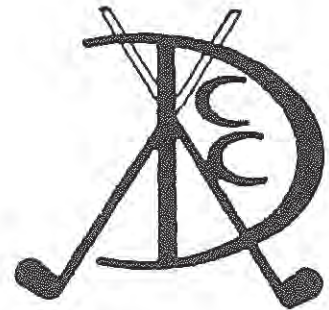
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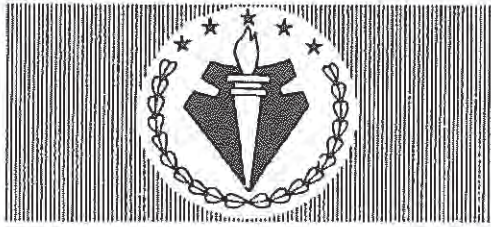
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Welcome to the 16th Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Once again we are here to recognize the skills and talents of eight individuals, who have brought honor to themselves, their families and their city.

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 Chub Guzak and Andy Sabota (Pelio) as well as Dorothy Kukulka, Nick Manych, Grover Kirkland, Justus Thigpen and Jim Crang. 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 the late Jack Petrill.

Also tonight for the fourth year, the GFASHF inducts three teams who have contributed to the city's athletic traditions. We are proud to add the White Seal Beer basketball team of 1946-47 as the non-scholastic inductee and as the scholastic teams the Flint Northern High basketball team of 1936 and the Northern High football team of 1942.

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.

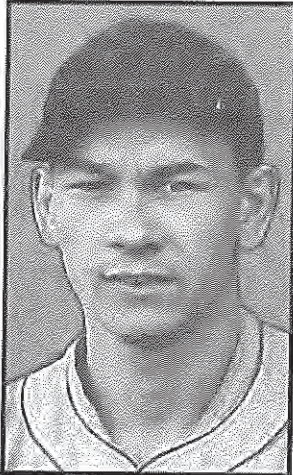
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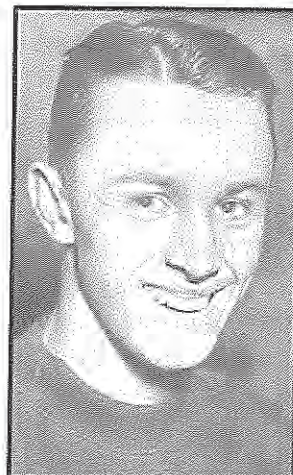
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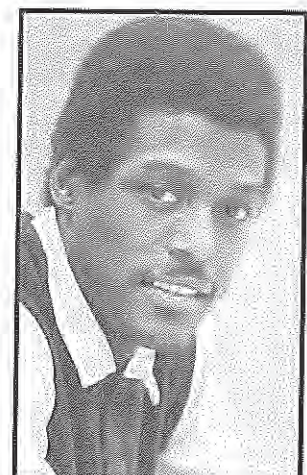
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Kukulka Pioneered Growth in Girls' Sports

By *Brendan Savage*

Few high school coaches in Michigan history boast a resume as impressive as the one Dorothy Kukulka sports.

In an 11-year career at Northern High, Kukulka and her Lady Vikings redefined dominance when it came to girls' basketball.

Their accomplishments included:

Four consecutive Class A state championships beginning in 1978.

A second-place showing in the 1982 Class A tournament.

A state-record 76-game winning streak, including three straight unbeaten seasons in 1978-80, and subsequent letter of congratulations from President Jimmy Carter.

Back-to-back Associated Press Coach of the Year awards for Kukulka in 1979-80.

A career record of 189-37 for a sparkling winning percentage of .836.

Despite her many achievements, Kukulka isn't most proud of what she accomplished on the bench. It's what she did off the court that is most satisfying.

Kukulka takes great pride in the fact that she played a major role in starting girls' athletic programs at Northern, and that several of her former players not only went on to earn college scholarships -- and in the case of Pam McGee, an Olympic Gold Medal -- but that many have also returned to Flint to share their knowledge and insight with area youngsters.

"When I first came to Flint (in 1966), I had a vision of what I would like to hopefully experience while I was here," Kukulka said. "But as I look back, it has far surpassed my expectations. When I first came to Flint, I was the cheerleading advisor. That was all we had (for girls).

"To see how far it has escalated through the efforts of so many people, and to see the accomplishments that have been made by young women, has been an overwhelming experi-

ence for me. To be part of it and personally experience what my players have accomplished is something that is a legacy."

Kukulka's coaching career didn't begin at Northern. It started when she was a senior at St. Gertrude High in St. Clair Shores.

St. Gertrude's coach became ill during the season and Kukulka took over the reins as a player-coach, which is unheard of in the high school ranks and would make national news today.

Following graduation, she continued coaching in the amateur ranks while working for an insurance company for six years. Tired of working in the business sector, Kukulka enrolled at Michigan State and played one year for the Spartans before graduating in 1966.

She was hired to teach physical education at Northern in the fall of 1966 and soon began lobbying for the introduction of girls' sports. In 1971, Kukulka got her wish and by 1973, girls' basketball was recognized as an official sport at Northern.

The Vikings played their first game on Oct. 22, 1973. Kukulka has memorized the date. In 1974, they won their first district championship. The Vikings remained competitive until Kukulka was blessed with two of the best players in Michigan history.

Pamela and Paula McGee, 6-foot-3 twins, helped turn Northern into a state powerhouse by their junior year, when they led the Lady Vikings to a 23-0 record and their first state title. They repeated as champions in 1979, posting a 25-0 mark.

Northern again went unbeaten in 1980, posting a 26-0 record. The Vikings won their fourth straight crown in 1981 before losing in the 1982 title game when Farmington Our Lady of Mercy erased a 19-point deficit in the final eight minutes to win, 61-58.

Kukulka took a one-year leave of absence for health reasons in 1983-84, but she never returned to the Vikings' bench. She believed a 14-year



battle with bronchitis had been responsible for sapping her energy, but in reality she suffered a minor stroke.

"We weren't quite certain what the problem was," she says now. "But putting in 20-hour days for many months, I had to make a decision. I know what my capabilities are now and it's certainly not putting in a 20-hour day.

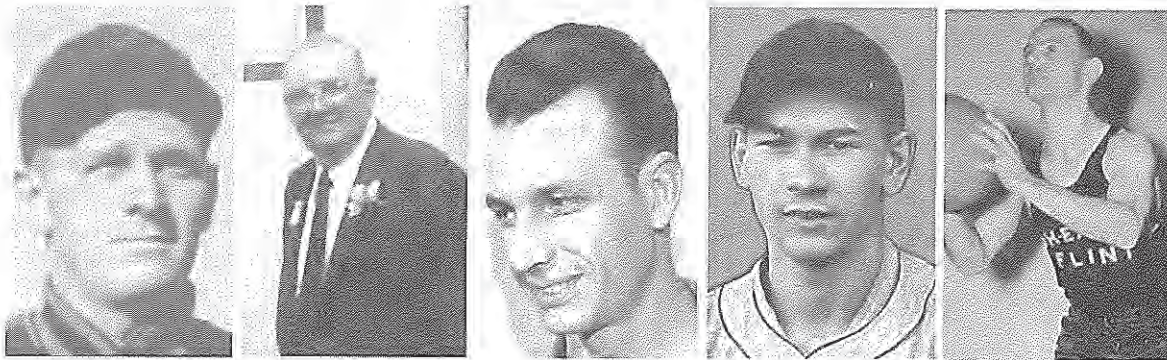
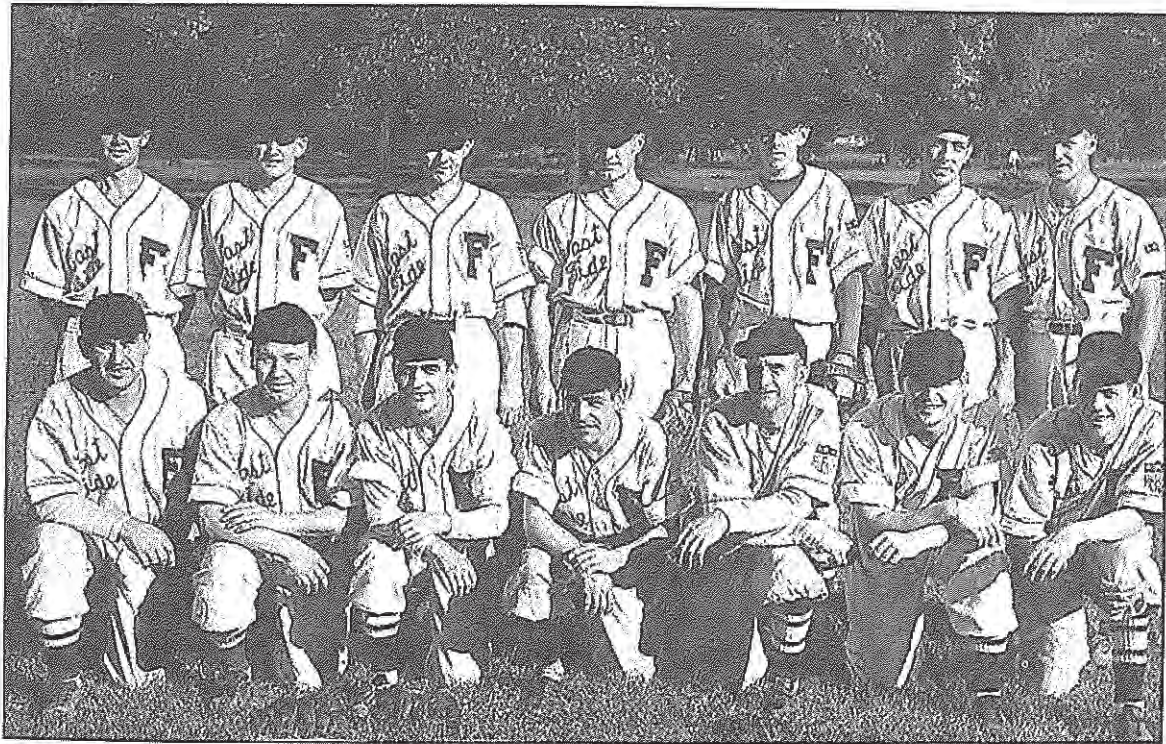
"I had to do it my way and to the best of my ability without compromising my teaching and coaching. With all the recruiting (by colleges), I wanted to be sure we didn't compromise any players and all the recruiting came through me."

The Lady Vikings last year returned the Class A title to Northern. Making things even sweeter for Kukulka was that one of her former players, 1981 graduate Leteia Hughley, is Northern's coach.

Hughley is just one of several former players Kukulka maintains contact with. Hughley was also one of the ingredients in Kukulka's first trip to the Hall of Fame. You see, the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame isn't the first such institution to honor Kukulka.

In 1985, the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., unveiled a new addition. It featured four pictures of Kukulka's Northern teams, including Hughley's 1980 state championship team. It is still on display.

It's called "Four In A Row for Coach K," and could be considered the jewel of Kukulka's sparkling resume.



EAST SIDE MERCHANTS BASEBALL 1943, 1944

1943 Roster

Manager: Harold McDowell, 1b; Diz Bethel, of; Steve Bysco, p; John Bysco, 2b; Tom Clevenger, p; Lloyd (Lefty) Freeman, p; Chub Guzak, 3b; Ralph Hogan, c; Wally Jakowczyk, of; Ron Manzer, of; Dave McTaggart, 3b; John Nieman, 2b; Harold O'Brien, ss; Lyle Rumph, p; Ray Stinson, p; Pudge Van Slyke, of; Chet Whaley, business manager, cf; Barney Cook, p-1b; Joe Kinzel, p; Herschel Woody, c.

To members of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame committee for the consideration and selection of the 1943-44 East Side Merchants State Amateur Baseball Champions to the Hall of Fame. We know the players, families and friends are grateful for this honor.

1944 Roster

Manager: Harold McDowell, 1b; John Bysco, 2b; Charles Conklin, p; Barney Cook, p-1b; Cotton Goodell, of; Chub Guzak, 3b; Ralph Hogan, c; Chet Lipski, of; Ron Manzer, of; Harold O'Brien, ss; Bernie Prine, c; Lyle Rumph, p; Harold Seymour, if; Ray Stinson, p; Herschel Woody, c; Don Dowd, if; Bill Graham, p; Joe Hahn, of; Ray Seidel, p.

Guzak's Career Ended Early Because It Started Too Late

By Bill Khan

In a different era, under different conditions, Anthony "Chub" Guzak might have a major leaguer.

As it was, he was an outstanding minor league baseball player at a time when major league jobs were scarce.

During Guzak's professional career, from 1938-45, there were only 16 big league clubs compared to the current lineup of 28, with two more on the way.

Plus, he did not start school until age 7 in Pennsylvania, as was customary in that state, so he was always, in effect, two years closer to retirement than other players. He lost 2 1/2 more years from late 1942 through 1944, when he returned to Flint to help the war effort by working at Buick.

After six years in the pros, Guzak was 30 and still a minor league all-star second baseman when he retired.

It was during his war-time interlude that Guzak helped Flint's East Side Merchants win state championships in 1943 and 1944.

"He was without question one of the best athletes in that era," said Guzak's son, David. "I'm real surprised he didn't make it (Hall of Fame induction) before now. He was an all-star every year. There's no question in my mind he belonged in there."

Guzak moved to Flint at age 12 and made an immediate impact on the athletic scene, leading the basketball team at St. Michael High in scoring as a freshman. He then transferred to Northern, where he was a member of the 1933 mythical state championship football team and the 1935 state runner-up basketball team.

He played in the city recreational baseball league before being discovered by the Detroit Tigers in 1938 and assigned to their Tiffin, Ohio affiliate in the Ohio State League.

Guzak was the only unanimous all-star in the league that year, batting .330 with 13 homers and 52 RBI in 72 games.

That was the start of a minor league career in which he compiled a .315 average, hit 94 doubles, 51 triples, 48 homers and drove in 388 runs in 556 games.

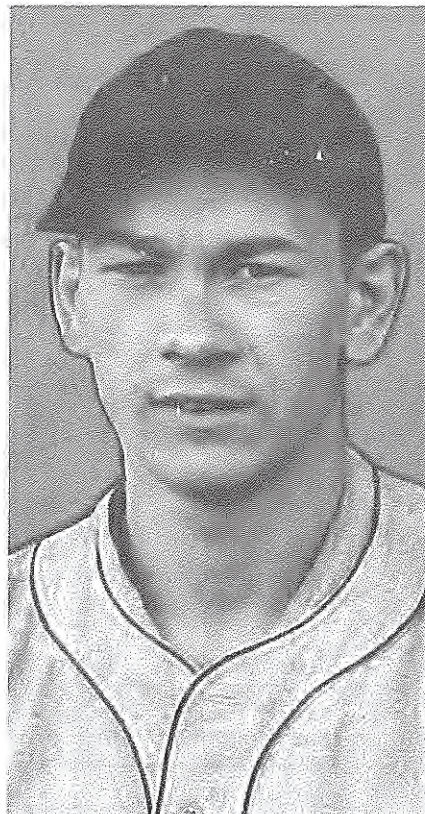
His best season came as a member of the Cleveland Indians' organization with the old Flint Indians of the Michigan State League. Guzak batted .363 that season, driving in 89 runs and belting 15 homers in 104 games.

He and some other Flint area pros came home during the war to make state champions out of the East Side Merchants. The Merchants held their own in some exhibitions against Negro League teams.

"There were so many good ball players back then," said Harold McDowell, the manager of the East Side Merchants. "Some of those guys would have been playing on some of the (major league) teams they had together this year. They were just as good as any of those ball players. They knew how to play ball."

Guzak returned to the pros for one final season in 1945 and finished with a bang. He finished 10th in the batting race with a .305 average, made the all-star team and was second in fielding average among second basemen. To top it off, his Albany team won the Governor's Cup as Eastern League champion.

At 30 years old, and with a wife and five children at home, Guzak



chose to retire and go to work at General Motors. He retired from GM in 1980 and died at age 76 on Sept. 22, 1992.

"If he'd been 23 years old and did what he did his final year, he would have made the majors," David Guzak said.

"He was only 5-foot-8, but he was unbelievably strong. He wore a size-14 ring. He had huge hands. You couldn't believe the size of his hands and calves. He was a real coal miner's son. He was just a strong guy with excellent speed and great athletic ability."

Chub Guzak's Pro Career

Year	Team	League	Games	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	Avg.
1938	Tiffin	Ohio St.	72	282	67	93	52	13	.330
1939	Americus	Ga.-Fla.	99	367	64	111	63	3	.303
1940	Superior	Wis. St.	95	349	63	107	76	8	.307
1941	Flint	Mich. St.	104	402	82	146	89	15	.363
1942	Wilkes-Barre	Eastern	64	223	26	58	36	5	.260
1945	W-B/Albany	Eastern	122	440	75	134	72	4	.305
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Thigpen Flint's First To Suit Up in NBA

By Dean Howe

Justus Thigpen's name will be forever linked to a trivia question.

Who was Flint's first National Basketball Association player?

It was Thigpen, the wiry guard who blazed a trail through one year of high school basketball, two years of junior college ball and two more splendid seasons at Weber State University before the pro scouts sat up and took notice.

Thigpen played in 18 games for the Detroit Pistons in 1972-73 and made even briefer appearances with the Pittsburgh Pipers and Carolina Cougars of the American Basketball Association.

But the fact that he qualified as Flint's first pro hoopster is monumental. There's nothing trivial to it at all.

In the beginning, no one believed Justus Thigpen could play basketball except Justus Thigpen.

"The truth is, I didn't get much of a break in high school," he said. "If you didn't play on the ninth grade basketball team, you had little or no chance to make the JV team. I wasn't a guy who came up through the system."

Thigpen failed twice to make the varsity.

One day in gym class, the late Fred Crawford, Northern football coach, noticed Thigpen beating the varsity basketball players in a scrimmage. He was a junior then, his dreams of playing high school basketball all but over.

Thigpen tried out again. This time he made the varsity. Four games into his senior season, he was in the starting lineup to stay.

"One thing that definitely helped me was the new Northwestern High opening in 1964," he said. "Northern lost some of its good athletes, in football and basketball. That opened the door for me."

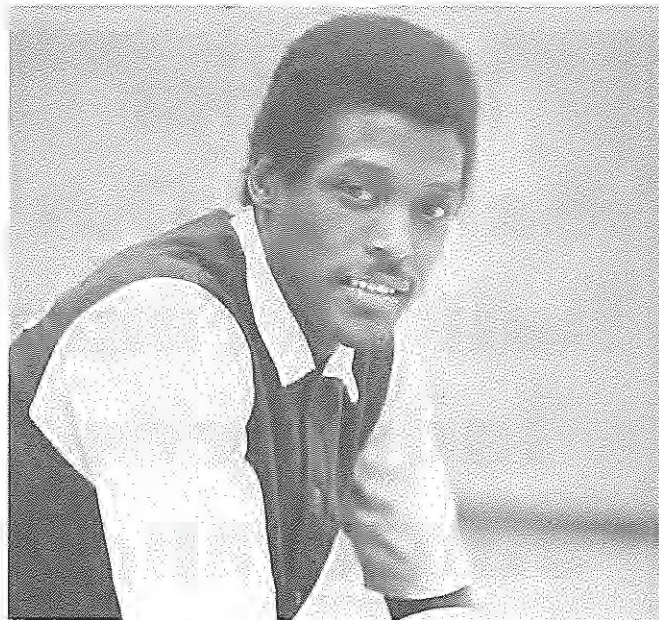
Thigpen finished the season as Northern's second-leading scorer and earned a scholarship to Mott Community College (then Flint Junior College).

Soon, he was the talk of the Michigan Community College circuit. Despite standing only 6-foot-1, he was an outstanding jumper and rebounder. And a scorer, too.

In his second year at Mott, he averaged almost 26 points per game and ended as the school's third-leading scorer, trailing only Gene Summers and Joe Roberson. The major colleges and universities came running. After some consideration, Thigpen picked Weber State in Ogden, Utah.

"They gave me a deal I couldn't refuse and I got to play for Dick Motta," said Thigpen. Motta is current coach of the Dallas Mavericks, one of the winningest coaches in NBA history.

After coming off the bench to win the MVP award in a



Christmas tournament, Thigpen became a mainstay in the Weber State lineup. He finished as the Wildcats' leading scorer in 1968 and eventually totaled 1,005 points for a career, 16th on the all-time list.

In Thigpen's senior season, Weber State won the Big Sky Conference title with a 15-0 record and advanced to the NCAA tournament, defeating Seattle University in the first round.

Last February, Thigpen was inducted into the Weber State University Hall of Fame.

"I really felt honored," he said. "I had a lot fun out there and we had a great team my senior season. It was a very enjoyable experience."

In 1969, Thigpen was drafted by both the NBA and ABA in the third round by the San Diego (now Houston) Rockets and in the fifth round by the Carolina Cougars of the ABA.

"I chose Carolina because I figured I had a better shot to make it with a new team in a new league," said Thigpen. "But they had five guards make the cut and gave me an option. I could be the fourth guard or play a year in Paris, France. It turned out to be a great experience for a 21-year-old kid."

He then played with the Pittsburgh Pipers and Carolina Cougars of the ABA before landing back in Flint. Thigpen stayed active by playing for the semi-pro Flint Pros of the Continental Basketball Association.

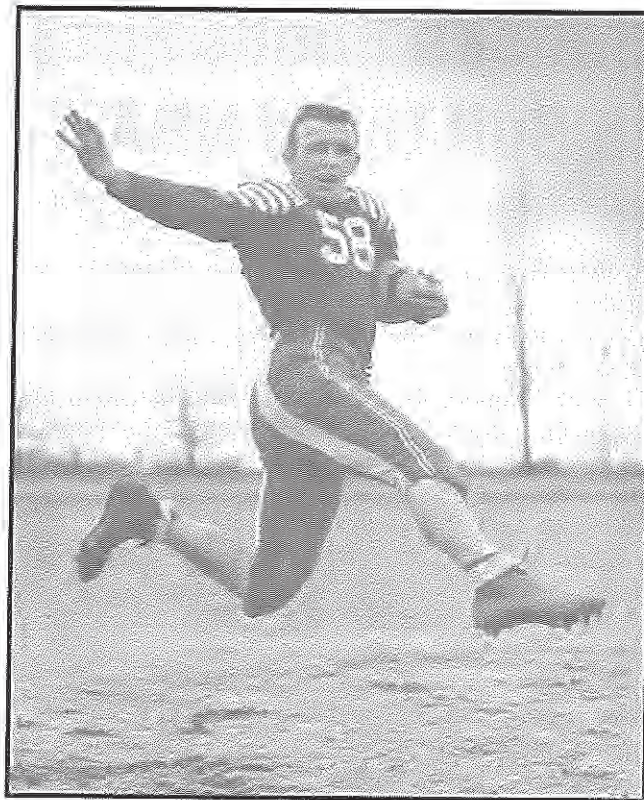
"I was averaging 44 points a game and the Pistons called me," said Thigpen. "They said they needed a guard, if I was interested. Of course I was."

Though his stay lasted only briefly with the Pistons, Thigpen proved he could make it to a plateau only a few players have reached.

And he was the first guy from Flint to do it.

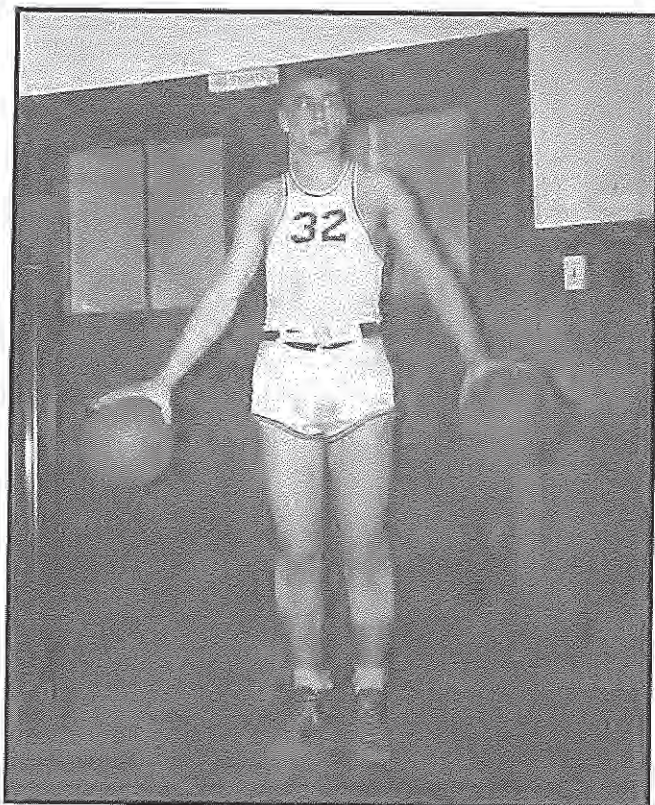
"When I think of playing on the same court with guys like Dave Bing and Bob Lanier, I get chills," Thigpen said. "I'd say my biggest thrill in basketball was the first time I checked into a pro basketball game. I couldn't believe it."

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Crang's Running Exploits Legendary in Beecher Grid Lore

By Len Hoyes

Jim Crang ran his way into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He was good enough to score 12 touchdowns as a 158-pound ninth-grader at Beecher High, crossing the goal line four times in his first five rushing attempts.

By the time he wrapped up his prep career, he had scored 63 touchdowns, including a dozen runs longer than 60 yards.

His coach, Russ Reynolds, called Crang the best runner in the history of the old Genesee County Class B League and the best of his 23-season coaching career. Some observers considered Crang the best in the Flint area since Reynolds starred for Northern in 1928-30.

The Buccaneers had a 33-2 record in Crang's four seasons, 1949-52, posting 9-0 records in 1949 and 1952 and losing once in 1950 and '51, both times to Kearsley in the season finales.

He was named to the Genesee County Class B League all-star teams in 1951 and 1952. He was a first-teamer on the Associated Press All-State team in 1952 and the only Flint-area player in all classes to be chosen on the United Press All-State team.

Crang, now 60, was an all-around athlete, earning four letters in football, two in basketball, one in baseball and three in track. He would have been a four-timer in basketball but left the team part-way through his junior year to take a third-shift job at AC Spark Plug while still attending high school.

"I liked the money," he said with a grin.

He grew 20 pounds before his senior year on a compact 5-foot-8 frame. "They always said I was 5-9, but that's exaggerated," Crang said. He conceded to being "over 200" now.

He owns the distinction of playing on the two teams Reynolds termed his best. Reynolds, who also starred at Michigan State, was a Greater Flint Hall inductee in 1985.

Reynolds called the undefeated 1949 team, which allowed only one touchdown, his best all-around team. He called the 1952 team "the best running club I've ever had." That team was one of only three Class B teams in the state with 9-0 records and was ranked No. 4 by the Associated Press.

Crang was a starting linebacker and defensive back and part-time running back in 1949 and the star runner in 1952, scoring 20 touchdowns.

The latter year started quickly, a 61-7 victory in the season opener, which set a Michigan prep record for opening-night points.

Crang said, "Russ kept it simple. We had only seven



running plays, six to the right and one to the left, and blocking assignments were so easy that every player knew the assignments of all other players.

"We had six or seven fast runners and could have had a farm team."

The overall speed is reflected in Beecher's seven-man track team that was runner-up for the state championship in 1953.

Crang said, "We didn't know track shoes existed. We ran in baseball shoes. We practiced by running from home plate to left field because we had no track." He set the league 220 record of 22.4 seconds on cinders.

He lists an 85-yard touchdown run against Kearsley in 1949 as his biggest thrill.

"Here I was, a freshman, running down the sideline. Russ was matching me step for step and shouting 'Go, go, go' until I scored."

His college career ended abruptly because of a broken leg in his second game at Wayne State. He was offered a track scholarship at Alabama but couldn't make connections. He was lured to the University of Chattanooga for football and was voted outstanding player in the 1954 spring game, but was drafted into the Army before the season began.

He earned a spot in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" by scoring a perfect 500 in a physical fitness test. He suffered a broken arm before a second test but scored 461 points while doing 163 push-ups and 18 pull-ups with one arm.

Physical prowess helped earn a job as an Army ski instructor in Alaska. His team qualified for the 1956 Olympic trials but was unable to compete because of flu.

A broken back suffered in a 1957 auto accident firmly erased all thoughts about athletic competition.

Now Crang operates the House of Values and Crangway Farm, where he boards as many as 30 standardbred horses and helps train some. He owns three horses and has raced at all major tracks in Michigan.

"I've had some success," he said modestly.

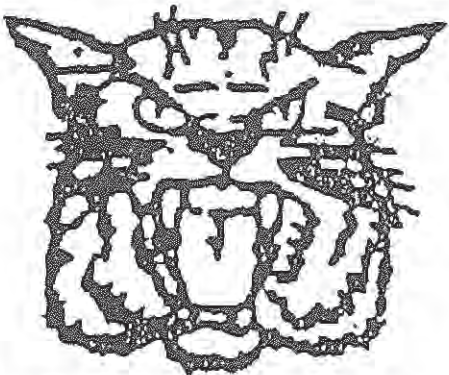
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Sabota (Pelio) Won Wherever He Played

By Len Hoyes

Andy Sabota Pelio had a winning touch.

The former Northern High star was a key player in its march to the 1936 state basketball championship a year after reaching the finals.

He helped the Flint Gems win the Michigan State League baseball championship in 1940 and helped Fort Custer win the 1941 American Baseball Congress national championship.

Along with many standouts of his era, he was part of the "Lost Generation" whose chances for college were thwarted by the Great Depression and chances for professional careers were interrupted by World War II.

Pelio spun his wheels for two years between Northern and pro baseball. Then he was too old to resume a promising baseball career after four years in the service.

He achieved success as Andy Sabota, using his step-father's name. When he entered the Army in 1941, his birth certificate showed his legal name was Andy Pelio.

He died Jan. 10, 1985 at age 67.

Fred Briggs, who was a rival at Central High and sometimes a teammate in the City Baseball League, said, "He was a smooth player who never missed a chance to pass. He was a lot like Mel Winer (also a Hall of Famer) because he would rather pass the ball than shoot."

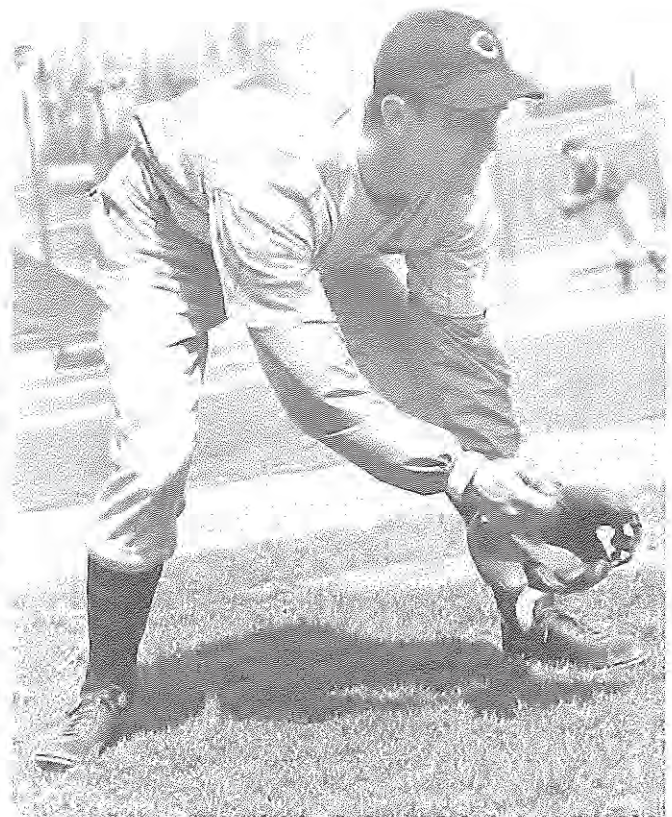
Pelio had his moments as a shooter, however. He set the Saginaw Valley Conference scoring record of 132 points in 1935-36, breaking the record by 25 points. Purists nowadays might scoff at that total, but it came when there was a center jump after each basket.

He was a unanimous pick on the All-Valley team which was the first all-star team picked in four years. He undoubtedly would have been All-Valley in 1934-35, when he helped Northern reach the state finals only to drop a 25-21 decision to Lansing Central at IMA Auditorium.

He had a large part in the 26-game basketball winning streak for Northern spanning all or parts of three seasons. Included was a 19-0 record in 1935-36 when it was one of three undefeated Class A teams in the state. That year followed a 16-3 record in 1934-35. A 12-0 Valley record in 1935-36 was a Northern record.

M.B. Cossman, former sports editor of The Flint Journal, wrote, "Sabota was chosen on the All-Valley team for his talented one-handed shots, his ability as a digger and because of the smart inspirational leadership he provided."

Although Northern also was a football power, Sabota concentrated on basketball.



"He never cared for football because he didn't weight enough," said his widow, Lena. "Basketball was his love. He played all over the neighborhood in the St. John-Mississippi area of the North End. I met him when we were in the sixth grade at the old Roosevelt School."

Professional basketball was virtually nonexistent in that era so he concentrated on baseball.

He was good enough to bat .327 for Mullin Sporting Goods in the City Baseball League while still in high school.

His fling at professional baseball began at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1938 but playing time was limited because of injuries.

He hit stride in 1939 and was hitting .340 for Tiffin when bought by Toledo of the Double A American Association. He batted .253 in 48 games.

He was late reporting to Toledo for spring training in 1940 and, trying to make up for lost time, injured his arm while throwing from third base. He was released and returned to Flint where he signed with the Gems of the Michigan State League.

He batted .289 and hit 16 home runs on a team which included future major leaguers Steve Gromek, Cliff Mapes and Paul O'Dea.

Pro baseball was over.

He was in the Army by 1941 and spent much of the war as athletic director at Selfridge Field near Mount Clemens until discharge in 1945.

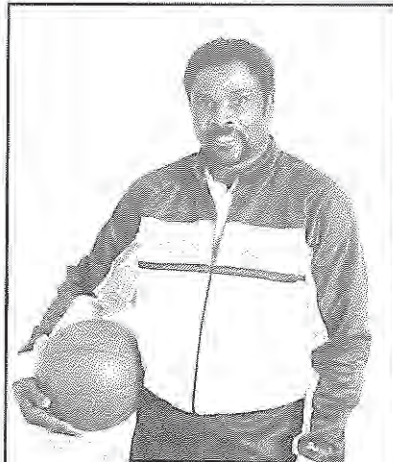
He considered himself too old at 27 for more baseball and had several jobs before beginning a 30-year stay as a chemist at DuPont.

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Kirkland's Builds Winners in His Classroom, Too

By Weldon B. Johnson

Grover Kirkland describes himself as a family man and teacher.

While that description may be accurate, most people know Kirkland as a basketball coach. And considering the fact that his teams have won more games than any other coach in Flint high school history, that's not surprising.

After 22 seasons as head basketball coach at Northwestern High, Kirkland's teams have won 408 games with only 124 losses. Those numbers have earned him a spot in this year's induction class into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

But that's not why he got into coaching.

"My major in college was biology, that's what I teach now," Kirkland said.

"Who know what else I could have gone into. But I've always loved working with people. I love watching them learn and do well. That's the way I grew up.

"I love seeing the kids come in every day. I just hope when they leave my classroom they have learned something."

With a bachelor's degree from Russ College in Mississippi and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan, Kirkland has been teaching and coaching for close to 35 years. He coached at Emerson Junior High and was an assistant to Bill Frieder at Northern before taking the Northwestern job in 1973.

At that time Northwestern was overshadowed in City Series basketball, but it didn't take Kirkland long to put the program in the spotlight.

In his first season, the Wildcats tied a school record for wins (14) and won the Saginaw Valley Conference West Division. They did bow to Northern in the first round of the state tournament, however.

Just to prove that the first year wasn't a fluke, the Wildcats finished 20-7 the following season and advanced to the state tournament championship game before losing to Highland Park.

But it wasn't easy.

"I had to prove myself and build character there," Kirkland said. "I had just left Northern where we were coming off an undefeated season with Terry Furlow and that group where we won the state championship. The program at Northwestern was somewhat down.

"It was really tough. I had to establish myself and gain the confidence of the kids and the school itself. Things have worked out from there."

He became the first coach from one of the Flint high schools to win 200 games (he reached the milestone in February, 1983).

His 1984 team won Northwestern's first state championship and the Wildcats repeated that feat by winning again in 1985.

During that time, the team posted an amazing 60-game winning streak, a state Class A record that still stands, before losing to Saginaw Buena Vista in 1986.

"There have been so many big ball games," said Kirkland. "When we won the first state championship and then taking the undefeated team in 1985. That 1985 team, I feel, was probably one of the best teams there has ever been in Flint.

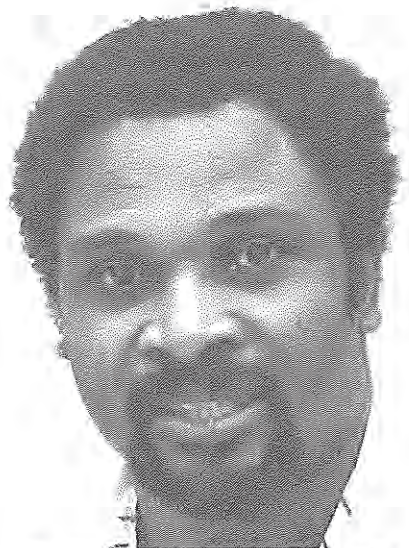
"Look back at what those guys have done and are doing now."

"Three are pro players, some are teachers, some guys are coaching in different places. Many things have happened out of that group."

One of those players, Jeff Grayer, went on to win an Olympic medal before heading off to the pros.

Several other players from various teams have gone on to successful professional basketball careers as well. Trent Tucker was, and Glen Rice is, one of the most accurate long-range shooters in the National Basketball Association. Andre Rison was a standout guard on the championship teams, but found fame and fortune in a different sport. He is now one of the premier receivers in the National Football League.

But the players who have gone on to other careers have been just as important to Kirkland as the ones who have become sports millionaires.



"It's more satisfying," said Kirkland. "My goal has been to go out and give something back to the community. Some of these guys have gone on to become teachers, businessmen, preachers. To see them doing well in the community is tremendous."

It's for those reasons, and wanting to maintain a stable home for his family, that Kirkland has resisted offers to coach on a higher level.

"Many other coaches have tried to get me to move up to college coaching, but basically I'm a family man," said Kirkland. "I wanted to see my kids get through school (all have either attended or are currently attending college), and my wife has been by my side through it all. Through thick and thin. She's been the catalyst of our family."

In addition, his love of teaching has also kept him at Northwestern. Teaching and coaching at the high school level have meaning to Kirkland. That's why he has remained at the school and doesn't know when he might step down.

"The guys are different now than they used to be in a lot of ways," said Kirkland. "They will still respond, but you have to handle them differently to reach them than you did in the past. They still respond. I can still get 100 percent out of them.

"I don't know how much longer I'll keep going. I guess when it gets to the point where the love is no longer there. But for now I always look forward to the next day. I love seeing those kids come into my classroom. It's the same with basketball. You get young men who can't dribble or shoot. But you teach them. You help them progress. That's why we're here."



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Manych Never Knew What it Meant to Quit

By Dean Howe

In the topsy-turvy world of athletics, something must be said for perseverance.

Nick Manych, one of Flint's finest all-around athletes ever, wrote the book on perseverance.

Consider the following scenario:

On a warm day in June, 1953, Manych, then finishing his sophomore year at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, returned to Flint to find his home and its surroundings obliterated by a killer tornado.

Manych lost his mother, Frances, in that storm. His father had passed away eight years earlier.

Suddenly, Manych had no means of support for himself, for college or anything else.

"I knew I wanted to go back to school because I enjoyed playing football, basketball and baseball," Manych said. "I knew I'd have to get a summer job -- and quick."

Manych got two summer jobs in 1953, one as a third shift worker at Buick, the other a first shift worker at the former Zack Sheet Metal factory. He worked seven days a week, 16 hours a day.

All summer. To earn enough money for tuition, books and other expenses before he returned to Eastern (then Michigan State Normal College) in the fall of 1953.

At school, Manych worked 25 hours per week as a switchboard operator in the dormitory. He never came home on holiday breaks, Christmas or Easter.

"They had some construction jobs open at that time in the Ypsilanti area," he said. "I stuck around to earn some more money."

The 1953-54 school year became a remarkable one for Manych. He was a unanimous all-conference end on the football field for coach Fred Trosko, a starting forward on the basketball team and a first baseman in baseball.

Following his senior year, Manych was drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League.

Before reporting to a pro football camp, he wanted to make sure he graduated from college.

"I wanted to graduate in four years on time," Manych said. "My senior year, I took 19 hours of credit the first semester, 20 the second semester. I made it."

If Nick Manych had a slogan in life it would be, "If you want something badly enough, go out and get it."

In all, Manych earned 10 varsity letters in college, one more than he'd earned as a three-sport star at Beecher High. He grew up on a farm in the Beecher area. He was not that interested in sports until junior high.

Manych was already a tall, gangly kid by then. (He would eventually reach 6-feet, 4-inches).

The Beecher High varsity coach at that time, Harris Borr, noticed Manych one day and invited him to the school gym for some workouts.

"I learned a lot about playing defense on the basketball court right then," Manych said. "Those lessons helped me right up into college."

In 1950, Manych scored 40 points in a basketball game against Bendle, a record that stood for many years at his school and throughout Genesee County.

Manych had already become a star end on the football team, offensively and defensively, even though he weighed barely 160 pounds.

"During my junior year at Beecher, our team (coached by Russ Reynolds) went undefeated," Manych said. "We had only seven points scored against us all year, by Mt. Morris.

"I tell everybody no points were scored against us, though. I got hit on the head in the Mt. Morris game and don't remember a thing about that game. To me, it's no points."

In 1954, Manych was the captain of his college football team, the



champions of the Interstate Intercollegiate Conference.

He wanted dearly to make the roster of the Baltimore Colts.

"In reality, I wasn't quite big enough to play end in the National Football League," he said. "I weighed a little more than 175 pounds when I left college."

Being cut by the Colts was only a brief setback.

Manych landed a job as football coach at Dexter High near Ann Arbor. He coached the team to a league championship, just before he got drafted by the Navy.

Manych returned to Flint in 1958 and became one of Frank Manley's Flint community school directors. Later, he was named principal of Mott Adult High School, a position Manych held for 23 years.

Manych said nothing in athletics gave him as much reward as guiding adult students toward their educational goals.

"To see someone raise their horizons, to make something of themselves, to receive an education was all the satisfaction in the world to me," he said.

Anyone could have looked at Nick Manych's life and said the same thing.

Jack F. Petrill



Our family is so pleased and grateful that our father and grandfather, Jack Petrill, is being honored by The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

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The following is reprinted from The Flint Journal and was written by W.J. (Speed) Oldfield following the death of Jack Petrill in 1976. Oldfield, then director of advertising and sales promotion for AC-Delco, formerly worked as a Journal sports writer and knew Petrill, well during the 1930s when Petrill was most active in promoting sports and entertainment activities in Flint. Perhaps the biggest of these events was the 1936 General Motors amateur boxing tournament which attracted a crowd of more than 22,000 for the national finals at Atwood Stadium.

Jack Petrill was a real impresario when it came to staging sports, theatrical or musical programs.

He was a doer with a great sense of timing and a gambler's instinct for what would go and what wouldn't. He could take a dull athletic event and pump life into it. Similarly, he could take a musical program and make it come alive with inventive theatrical touches.

He could even take spaghetti and meat sauce, which he loved to cook, and in a flourish, turn it into a gourmet delight.

Money was not Jack Petrill's goal. His reward came from giving young people a place to play their games, to entertain, to hear applause and the sound of laughter. Money was to give to the battle-scarred fighter, the cauliflower-eared wrestler, or any athlete down on his luck. He was the softest touch in town.

As a cub reporter, I knew him well.

He was a master organizer who worked behind the scenes. "True, he had the facilities of the Industrial Mutual Association, including the Athletic Park and Potter's Lake, but it was his driving spirit and inventiveness that kept them busy."

Boxing was Jack's first love. As one, as a moonlighter, spun out publicity on the World Featherweight championship fight between Willie Pep and Jock Leslie, it is pleasing to remember this event, sometimes called Flint's all-time top boxing attraction.

It wasn't. The boxing show of shows was the General Motors boxing tournament in the mid-thirties, which climaxed in Flint. Some 20,000 amateurs from all parts of the country took part in this tournament. Jack Petrill organized and ran the entire program.

Some 22,000 people witnessed the finals at Atwood Stadium with Jack Dempsey, an old friend of Petrill's refereeing. It was a great show, with William S. Knudsen, president, and Lou Seaton, vice president of industrial relations for General Motors, presenting the awards.

As I recall, every GM division had

a team in the tournament. I best remember the Flint Chevrolet eliminations where Petrill had two and three rings going at once. Boxing started at 9:30 a.m. and would finish around midnight. If memory serves me right, Chevrolet had some 1,200 fighters. Dee Cavette was one of the Chevrolet champions. Joe Delske from AC Spark Plug was another.

Ever division sent teams to the national eliminations, which were held at the Detroit Fairgrounds. Here, Petrill had three rings going at once. These were also all day and all night affairs.

When John Bethurum started the Flint Journal Golden Gloves, Jack Petrill was the organizer as he was for a number of years when I handled this activity for The Journal.

Jack will be remembered and loved for his presentation of big name bands of the thirties at IMA, the New York Globetrotters, his management of the Carnegie Hall Pop concerts and the Arcadia Ballroom in New York in later years, the promotion of Baby Rose Marie as a child star, and his work with numerous professional singers and musicians. Still, Jack's first love was the staging of athletic events, big and small alike.

His organizational ability kept basketball, baseball, softball, swimming, boxing and wrestling activities alive for not only the athletes, but spectators as well, in the thirties. This was a time when those of us growing up in Flint needed a friend.

We found one in Jack Petrill.

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This photo from the 1936 Northern High Yearbook is believed to contain the seven players who lettered on the Vikings' state championship basketball team. They were not identified, but according to the *Noroscope*, they were Andy Sabota, Tony Ananich, Grady Truss, Gus Wells, Frank Budzinski, John Andrykovich and George Wilber.

Northern Jumped the Gun in '36

By Len Hoyes

Northern High's 1935-36 basketball team was a year ahead of schedule.

Only one starter was a senior on an undefeated team which rolled to a school-record 19 victories and won the Class A state championship over Kalamazoo Central on a tie-breaker, the only one of its kind in the finals.

It had a 12-0 record in the Saginaw Valley Conference, won two non-conference games in the regular season and was 5-0 in the state tournament, including a 20-13 win over defending champ Lansing Central in the regionals.

These Vikings were considered the school's best to that point, outdoing the 1932-33 state champs who had an 18-1 record and the 1934-35 team which had a 16-3 record and lost in the state finals at IMA Auditorium.

"This team had more all-around strength than either of the other teams. All seven regulars could have made any team in the Valley," wrote M.B. Cossman, longtime sports editor of *The Flint Journal*.

Northern starters were Andy Sabota, Grady Truss, Gus Wells, Frank Budzinski and Tony Ananich, all juniors except Sabota. Seniors John Andrykovich and George Wilber were the top subs.

Those seven earned varsity letters. Five others were awarded state

championship medals and reserve letters.

Truss and Sabota, who later was known as Andy Pelio, were the acknowledged leaders of Coach Jim Barclay's club. Barclay was inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and Sabota joins him this year.

Andrykovich, one of three known living members, said, "If we needed points, Andy would usually get 'em. Wells was a great rebounder. Ananich brought the ball down the floor."

Sabota shattered the Valley scoring record by 25 points, netting 132 in 12 games. Truss scored 107, tying the record set by Northern's George Falkowski a year earlier.

If those totals seem ridiculously low to modern era cagers, it should be pointed out that a center jump followed each basket.

Sabota and Truss excelled in that department.

Cossman wrote: "Truss and Sabota alone controlled the ball at the tip-off approximately 60 percent of the time."

Both were unanimous picks on the All-Valley team. Sabota was elected to the All-State first team and Truss to the second team.

Ananich was named to the All-Valley second team.

Cossman wrote: "Sabota (was chosen) for his talented one-handed shots, his ability as a digger and because of the smart, inspirational

leadership he provided.

"Truss was the figure who made the Vikings unbeatable. He outjumped every center in the league and uncanniness with the pivot shot not only was amazing but also very disheartening to the opposition."

They helped Northern earn a point-a-minute tag. It averaged 33.0 while holding rivals to 21.9.

Two victories were noteworthy: A 42-19 triumph at Saginaw Arthur Hill and a 34-24 win over Muskegon Heights in the state semifinals. Northern built a 26-10 halftime lead in the latter game so Barclay started the second team in the third quarter.

These Vikings were talented, but not perfect.

Cossman wrote: "Even on poor nights they played good. They have more all-around strength than any high school basketball team that ever played in Flint.

"But they had some attitude problems. There was considerable self-satisfaction. They were prone to getting early leads, then relaxing. The state championship is a tribute to Barclay and his understanding of the team."

Casual attitude almost cost the state championship.

Unknown to Barclay, the players attended a movie and gorged themselves on candy and popcorn while awaiting the last of four games at the

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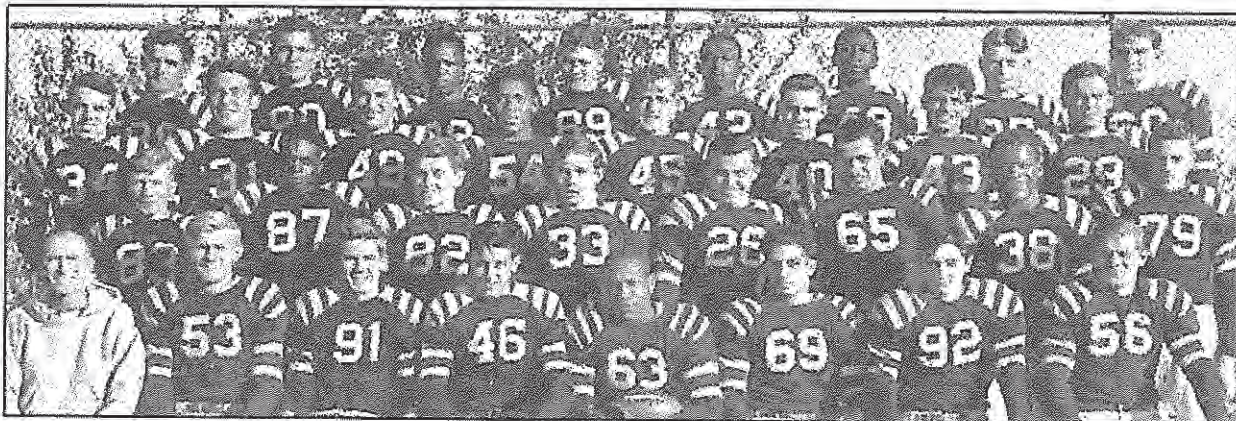
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Vikings Overachieved on '42 Gridiron

By Len Hoyes

Northern High's march to an undefeated 1942 football season was the most satisfying of Coach Guy Houston's eight unbeaten clubs to that point.

"This was a team that did more with what it had," Houston said while reviewing the season at the annual team fete.

The Vikings polished off eight straight opponents, won the Saginaw Valley Conference championship and emerged as one of three unbeaten Class A teams in Michigan. They scored 154 points and yielded 28, never more than one touchdown in any game. They had four shutouts and won each game by at least 11 points.

The 8-0 year was a contrast to 1941 when Northern lost five games in its first losing season.

Houston said, "We started building this team the day Northern lost to Central last Thanksgiving. We had plenty of time to plan because the bus trip back to the school (from Atwood Stadium) seemed like 9,000 miles."

The veteran coach added that this was his first team which could be given unorthodox blocking assignments like Michigan and the Chicago Bears. Blocking by the line was the best in school history and the All-Valley team supported this claim.

End John Major, tackle Vernon Brady and guard Eulias Carpenter were first-team choices. Tackle Fred Okal was a second teamer. End Chet Durkacy, tackle Pete Fusi and guard Harold Raymond received votes and earned honorable mention.

Halfback Bill Hamilton was the standout. He scored 66 points to lead the Valley, was one of two unanimous All-Valley picks and was chosen an All-Stater. He scored 15 touchdowns, at least one in every game, with such jaunts as an 85-yard punt return and a 73-yard interception return.

Quarterback Bill Csapo was named honorary captain and halfback Les Gratton was honorable mention on the All-Valley team. The latter scored five touchdowns.

Brady was named to the All-State second team. Major and Fusi earned honorable mention.

Team quality is reflected in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Houston was a charter member in 1980. Hamilton and

Raymond were 1983 inductees and Fusi in 1988. Ray Hehn and Emery Hresko, who earned reserve letters, were members of the Fisher Post 343 American Legion baseball team of 1941 which was inducted in 1993.

Major, a retired Flint educator, said, "We were poor kids from the North End who had no money. There were no computers, no TV or other distractions so sports was our outlet. We were hard-nosed because that was our way of life. None of our games was really close because we had a lot of good players."

Fusi, well-known former coach at Mt. Morris and Swartz Creek, recalled Houston's admonition about enduring rugged practices as a preparation for duty in World War II.

On Sept. 2, Houston said, "Some of you guys may be doing KP duty in the near future and you've got to get in shape."

Fusi said, "We were competitive kids who were focused on football. We practiced like we played. We had good seniors and good underclassmen who kept the older guys on their toes. Some of our best competition was in intra-squad scrimmages. We didn't know the meaning of bias or prejudice. The entire North End blended."

Csapo vividly recalls Houston's pregame talk before the kickoff at Saginaw Arthur Hill.

Csapo said, "He read us a telegram from his dying mother whose last request was for Northern to win that game for her. It was like Knute Rockne asking Notre Dame to win one for The Gipper."

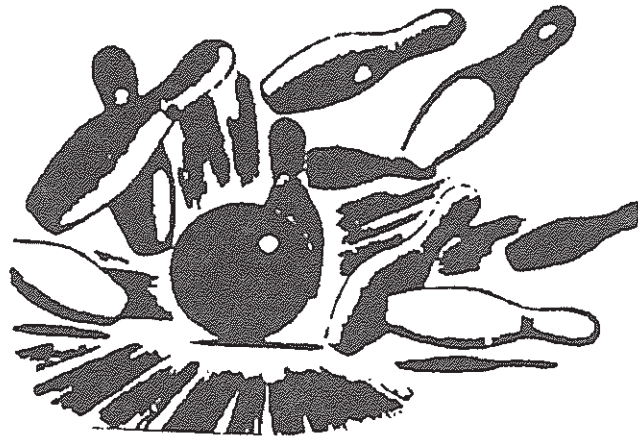
"We didn't realize until later that the telegram was fake but we almost tore off the dressing room door getting to the field. We kicked off and Brady, Carpenter and Okal didn't bother to tackle the kick returner. They simply ran over him like a steamroller and we recovered the fumble. We scored twice in the first seven or eight minutes and held them scoreless until the last few minutes."

Fusi remembers bowling over Houston while making a tackle near the Northern bench in the same game. Fusi said, "I heard some pretty strong language from the

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White Seal

1946

Playing-manager: Andy Maturen. Paul Kupper, Bob Marzonie, Bernard Marzonie, Ed (Big Ed) Novak, Wilf (Dick) Blewett, Mel Winer, Fred Briggs and Don Shoultes played in the state tournament. Bernie Compton, Jack Morse, Chuck Smith, Ned Purdy and Charlie Moore played in some games during the season.

State Tournament Results

White Seal 45, Ypsilanti Cubs 14,
White Seal 45, Pontiac Motors 33
White Seal d. Highland Park Aces (by forfeit)
White Seal 26, Midland Dow Police 24

1947

Playing-manager: Andy Maturen. Ed (Big Ed) Novak, Ed (Kid) Novak, Paul Kupper, Wilf (Dick) Blewett, Jack Petrill, Bernard Marzonie and Mel Winer played in the state tournament. Bob Marzonie, Edwin (Little Ed) Novak, Walt Jakubczyk and Jack Morse played in some games during the season.

State Tournament Results

White Seal 54, Ann Arbor Stofflet Radio 48
White Seal 33, Pontiac Whizzers 31
White Seal 51, Marshall 40
White Seal 43, Detroit Jaglowicz 33
White Seal 48, Dearborn Garlings 28



Among those who played for White Seal Beer during its 1946 and 1947 state championship seasons were (front row from left): Ed "Kid" Novak, Jack Petrill, Mel Winer, Paul Kupper and Bernard Marzonie; (top row from left): Ed "Big Ed" Novak, Wilf (Dick) Blewett and Andy Maturen.

White Seal Dominated Basketball

By Len Hoyes

White Seal Beer was Flint's dominant amateur baseball team in the mid-1940's.

It won four straight championships in the City Basketball League and captured state titles in 1946 and 1947. It needed help to win in 1946, but there was no need for aid in 1947.

A 48-28 breeze to the state crown in 1947 at Battle Creek was a contrast to the 26-24 overtime victory in the 1946 title game at Jackson. The latter victory came after Flint's protest of an ineligible Highland Park player in the semifinals was upheld.

The 1946 club had a 39-5 record, the 1947 team was 37-9. That was the last of its four straight regular-season championships in the CBL. Included in those records are other tournament championships such as the Auto City Invitational, YMCA Holiday Tournament and the Michigan Open.

Most CBL games were played at Berston Field House or at the 11th floor gymnasium of the IMA Building which later became the Metropolitan

Building and now is the Northbank Center.

White Seal also played against non-Flint teams in the Intercity League during that period. Some games were played as preliminaries to National Basketball League games involving the Midland Dows at IMA Auditorium.

The NBL was merged into the National Basketball Association.

Playing-manager Andy Maturen, Paul Kupper, Wilf (Dick) Blewett, Bernard Marzonie, Mel Winer and Big Ed Novak played on both state championships. Bob Marzonie, Don Shoultes and Fred Briggs played for the 1946 champs and Jack Petrill and Ed (Kid) Novak played for the 1947 champs. Several others played during the regular season but not in the state tournaments.

Both clubs are being inducted as one unit into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Winer, who returned from the service in time to help win the 1946 championship, was inducted into the Hall of Fame as an individual in 1987.

"That Winer was amazing," said Petrill. "He was the greatest. You had to keep on your toes when he had the ball or you might get hit in the head with a pass.

"It was a pleasure to play with that team. If you were open for a shot, you got the ball. No one cared who got the points as long as we won. I played for a different team the year before and jumped at the invitation to play for them. It was a lucky break."

Petrill recalled a state tournament game against Detroit which was loaded with former players from Lawrence Tech, a dominant small college of that era.

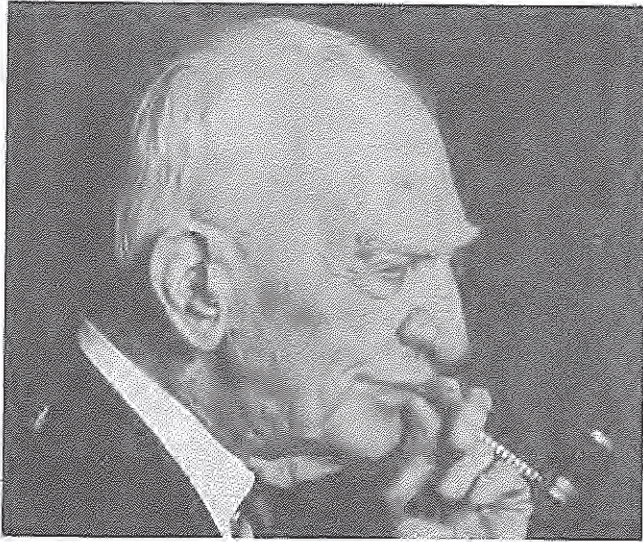
He said, "Winer said, 'We can't run with those guys or we'll get killed,' so he advised us to slow down the game. We got a few points ahead, then they started to press us all over the place in the final quarter.

"We were a good passing team so we were able to beat the press rather easily."

Big Ed Novak scored 58 points in the five state tournament games

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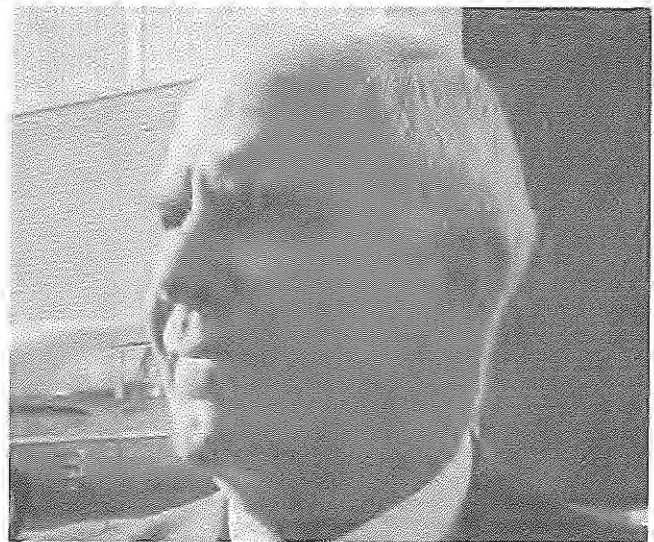
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



1980

CHARLES STEWART MOTT

Thousands of boys and girls in the Flint area were introduced to athletics through the generosity of the Mott Foundation. The Foundation generally was started just for that purpose, eventually growing into adult programs, too. Mott's interest first, and the Foundation later, established a community format copied nationwide. It was reward enough for Mott's love of children and sports.

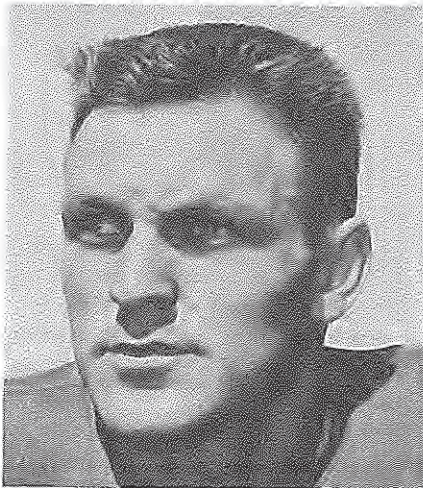


1980

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.

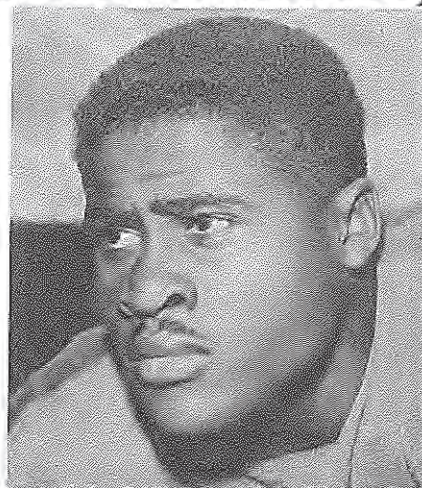
Inductees in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



1980

LYNN CHANDNOIS

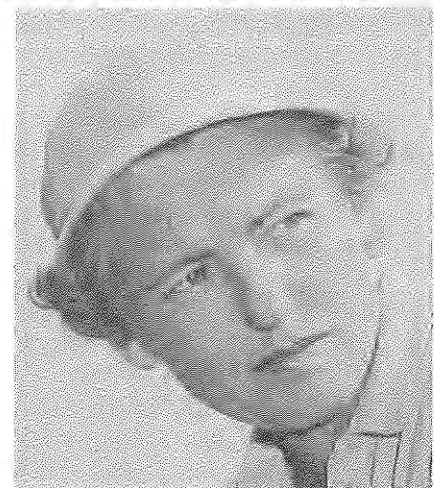
All-City, All-Saginaw Valley Conference, All-State, All-American, All-Pro. Chandnois established Michigan State University football records on offense and defense, which stood the test of time. He was named the NFL Player of the Year in 1952. For 24 years he held the NCAA record for yards returned with 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

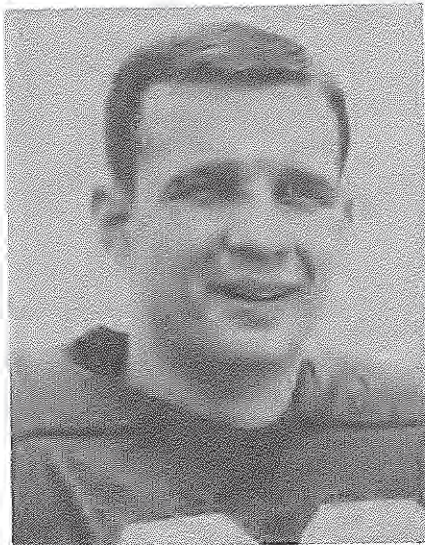
JENNIE WEISS

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.



**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.



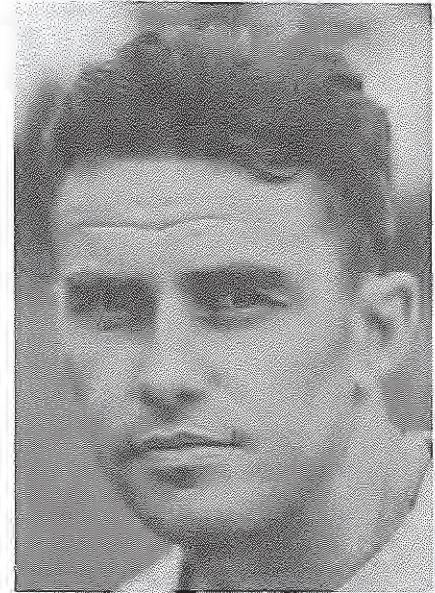
**1980
STEVE BYSCO**

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.

Hall of Fame Display Worth Trip to IMA

The IMA Sports Arena is home to more than just the Flint Generals hockey team.

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The beautiful plaques you see on the easels tonight will be on permanent display in the Sports Arena lobby.

There are plaques for 110 individuals already adorning the walls, and soon there will be 118.

The Hall of Fame display is the best sports bargain in town. It costs nothing to enter the arena lobby and view the display which offers something for everyone.

For older fans the plaques and their inscriptions are a chance to stroll down memory lane, recalling the stars' exploits.

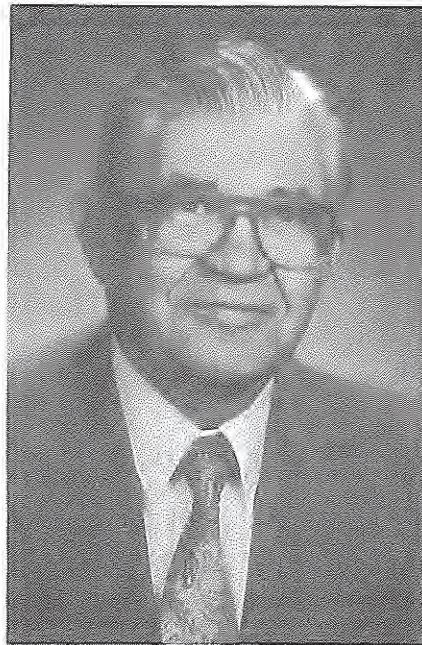
For youngsters it is a chance to dream -- perhaps of the day when their plaque will be up there, too.



1981

MERV RETTENMUND

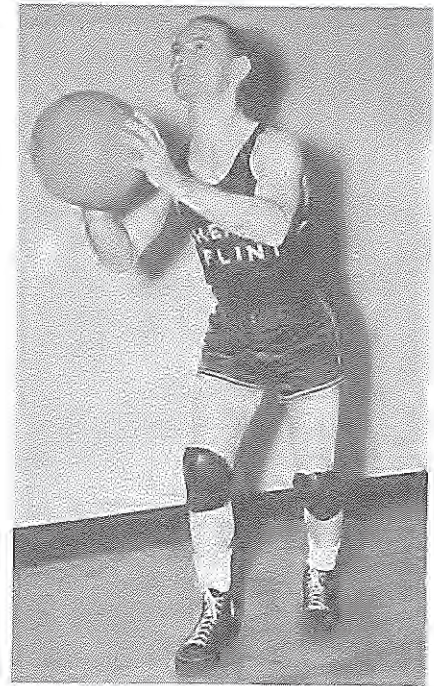
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981

**Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

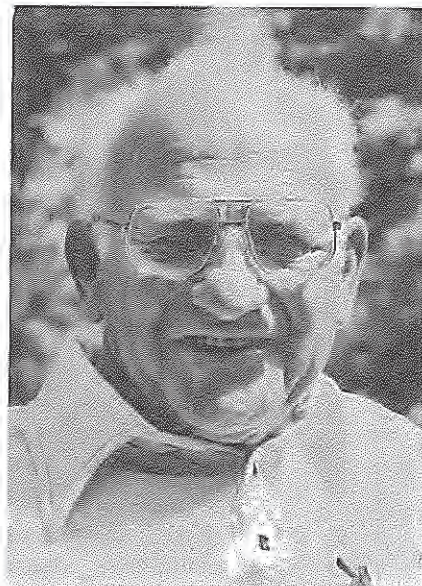
His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



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.

Six Hall of Famers Alone in Their Sports

With the induction of tonight's seven individuals, the membership in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame will swell to 99.

In addition, the late Jack Petrill will become the 19th recipient of the GFASHF Special Service Award, making a total of 118 individuals who have received Flint's ultimate tribute for their accomplishments or contributions in area sports.

For those interested in statistics, Dorothy Kukulka will be the 10th woman to be honored. Among her predecessors, Lois Craig (1991) is the only woman to receive the Special Service Award.

Kukulka (Northern High) will join Jo Lake (Holy Rosary/Kearsley) as the only women coaches in the GFASHF.

Grover Kirkland (Northwestern) will

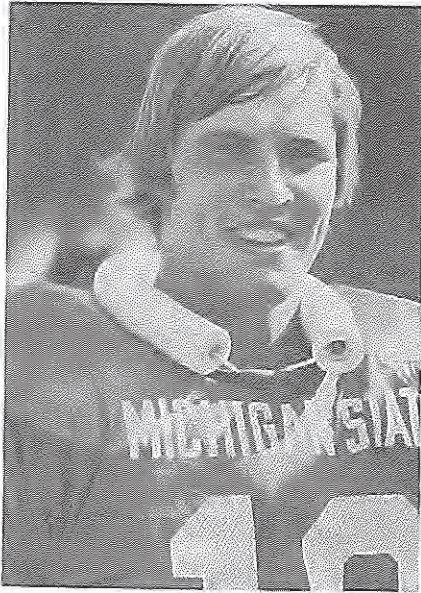
be the 13th man inducted primarily for coaching success. Two other Hall of Famers, Bob Leach and the late Andy MacDonald, were standouts on the sidelines after eminently successful careers as athletes.

Many of the Hall of Famers were versatile athletes, excelling in more than one sport. Football was the sport most of them shared in common.

Including two of tonight's inductees, Jim Crang and Nick Manych, football was the major sport on the resumes of 35 men.

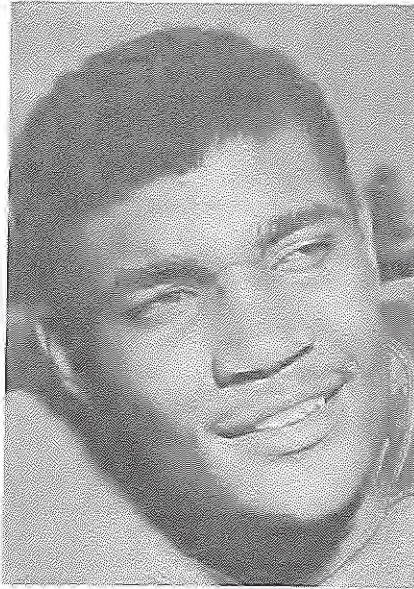
Baseball was a principal sport for 18 Hall of Famers, among them Anthony "Chub" Guzak and Andy Sabota (Pelio) who are being enshrined tonight. Sabota also had a record-setting career in basketball at Northern, so he is represented in that

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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

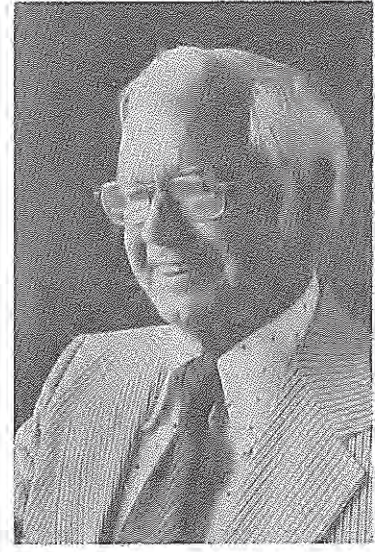
This former Northwestern High student twice captured the world sprint cycling championships and was once the American record holder in the 200 meters. She won seven United States cycling titles. She has been an outstanding speed skater, winning state and Midwest Outdoor crowns.



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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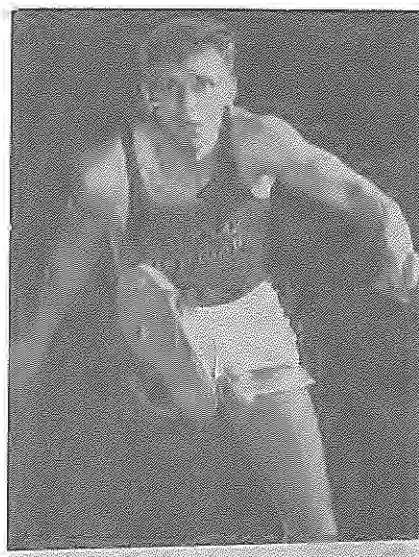
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**1982
FRED TROSKO**

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).



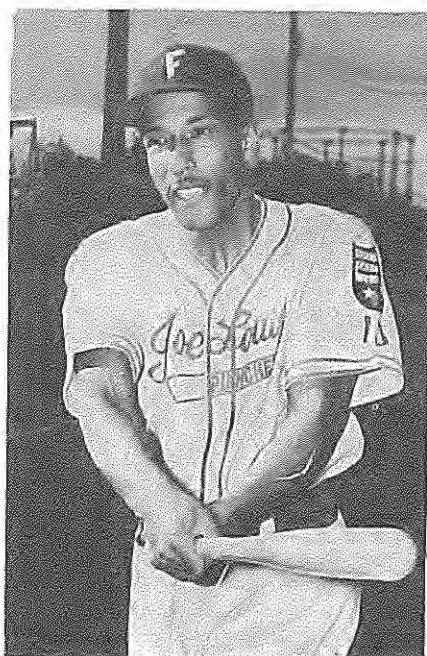
**1982
JIM PODOLEY**

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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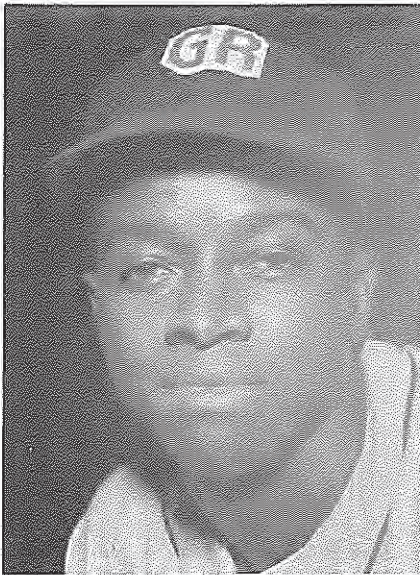
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1983

DAVE HOSKINS

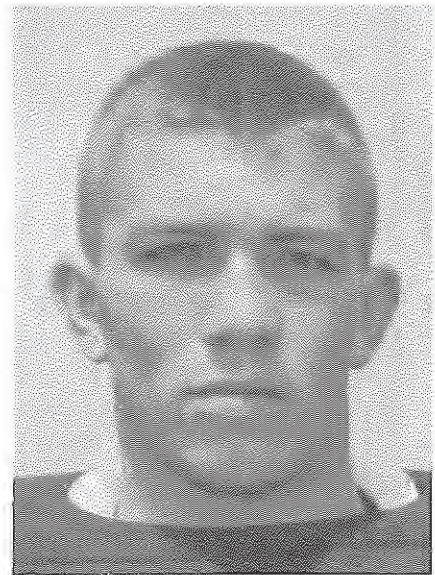
The first black athlete to compete in the Central and Texas Leagues of professional baseball, Hoskins went on to pitch for the Cleveland Indians in the American League. He was one of the greatest players ever in Flint's amateur city league, as a pitcher, hitter and outfielder in the 1940's.



1983

**HAROLD "TUBBY"
RAYMOND**

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



1983

BOB ROWE

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

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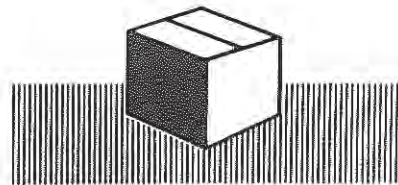
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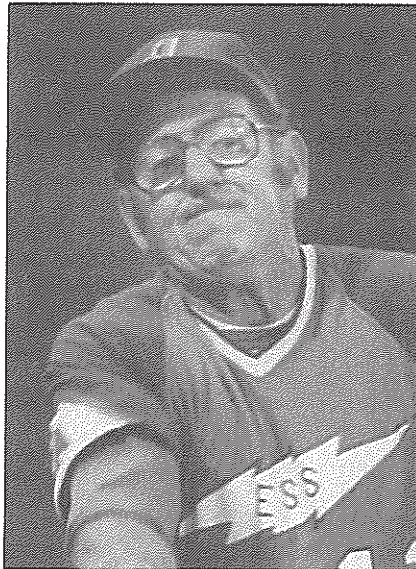
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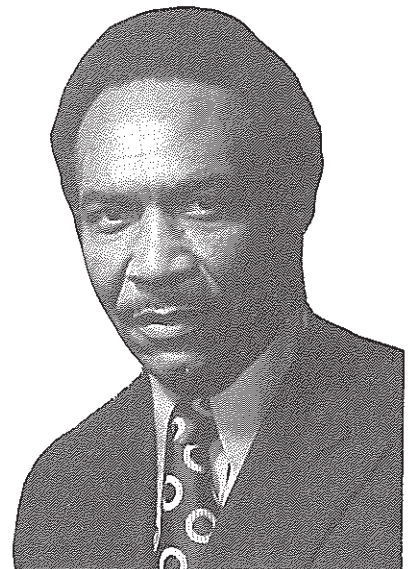
1983
**PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

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.



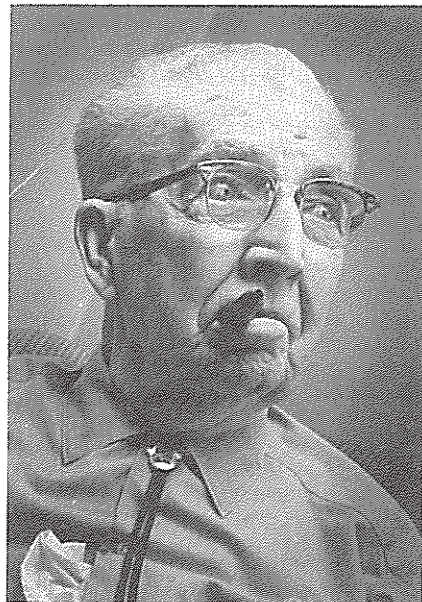
1983
JIM DOYLE

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.

Football Most Popular

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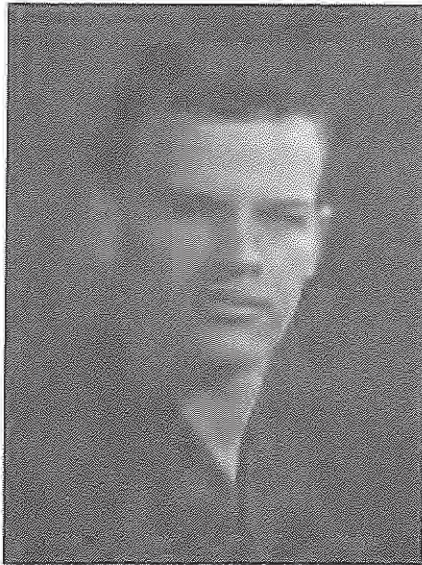
Basketball was the third most popular sport, being represented by 10 Hall of Famers, the latest being Justus Thigpen, another of tonight's honorees.

A total of 15 sports are represented by the Hall of Famers, including six that have only one inductee.

Pam Stockton Brady (badminton), Herb Washington (track), John Matthews (wrestling), Ken Morrow (hockey), Bart Markel (motorcycle racing) and Ann McLogan-Herman (swimming) are the only GFASHF members in their sports.

Among the women, all except Sophie Kurys (baseball) compiled Hall of Fame credentials in one of the less popular sports.

Jennie Weiss, the only woman inducted in the inaugural ceremonies in 1980, was honored for golf. The other women who followed her into the Hall of Fame in addition to those mentioned were Sue Novara-Reber (cycling), Peg Hammond (tennis) and Jeanette Robinson (bowling).



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.



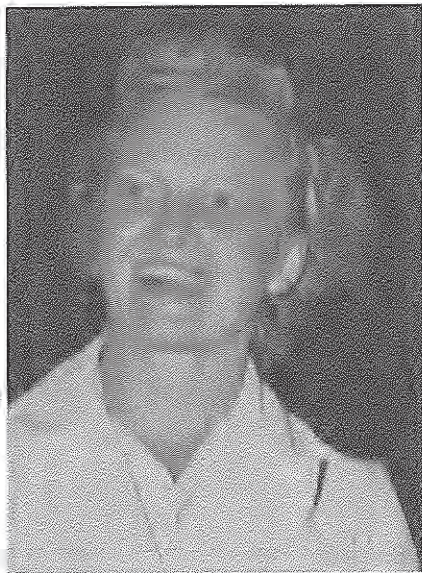
HOWARD "GUS" HUGHES
1984

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.



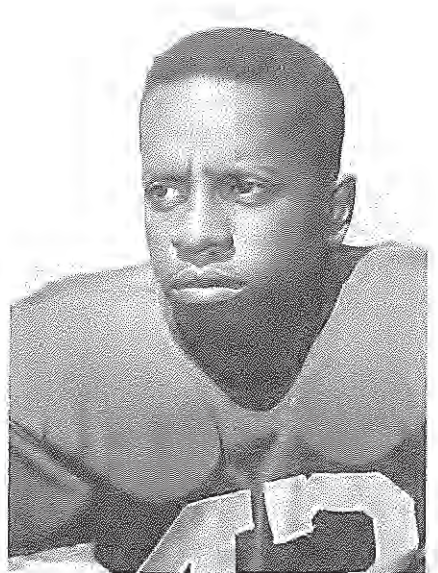
HOWARD GILROY
1984

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.

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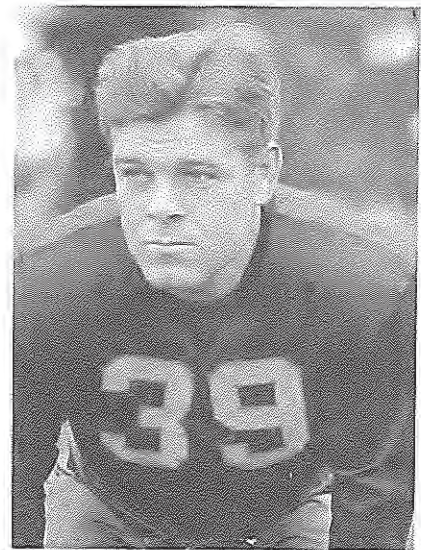
The nominating process is easy. All that is required is to submit the name of the individual or team on a nominating form. In many cases GFASHF will do its own research on the candidates, but it is helpful to include the name of a contact person on the nominating form if additional information is needed.

Members of the GFASHF board of directors can assist in obtaining the forms. There are separate forms for nominating individuals, teams or persons for the Special Service Award.



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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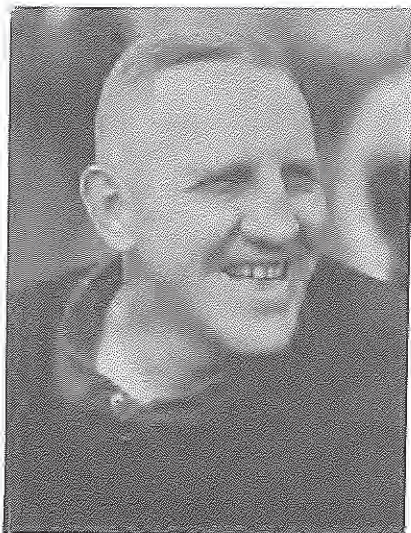


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1985

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.



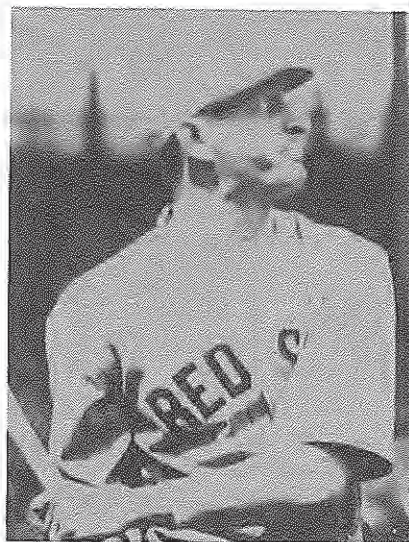
NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

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.



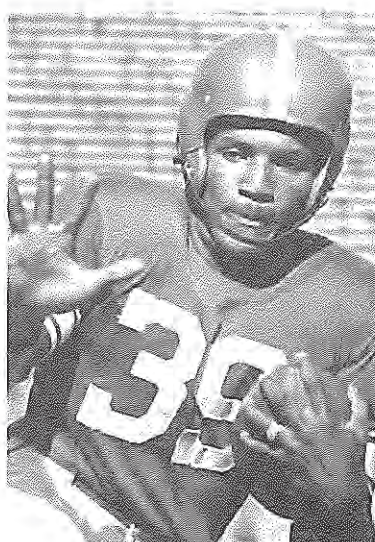
KEN FAILING
1985

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.



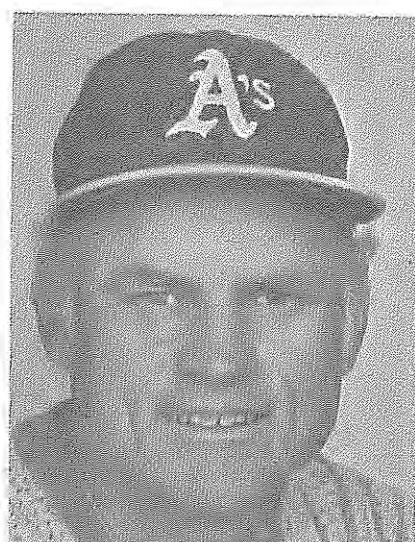
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

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.



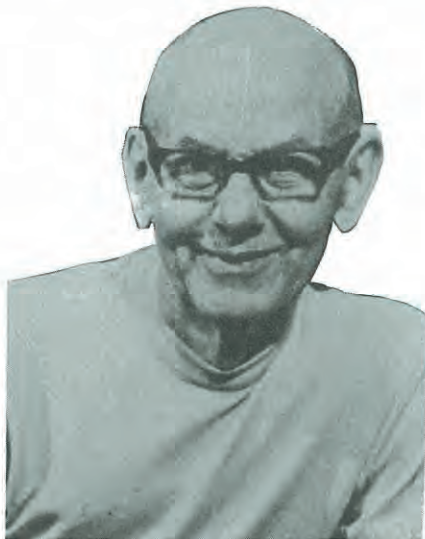
1986
JEANETTE ROBINSON

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.

White Seal's Dominance Combined Talent, Savvy

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and Blewett added 52. Kupper contributed 37 and Winer 29, all four scoring in double figures at least once.

The 1946 team almost didn't get into the state tournament. It cruised into the CBL playoffs with a 15-game winning streak and took a 16-game streak into the semifinals but was ambushed twice by Fisher CIO. Given another chance in a special playoff, White Seal downed Fisher by 50-33 with Kupper scoring 15 points and Bob Marzonie 13, then repeated the victory with Big Ed scoring 18 points in a 42-32 win.

It won the first two state tournament games in a breeze, then encountered trouble. A 42-33 defeat by Highland Park in the semifinals led to the protest.

Briggs said, "They brought in some guy who played at Wayne State and

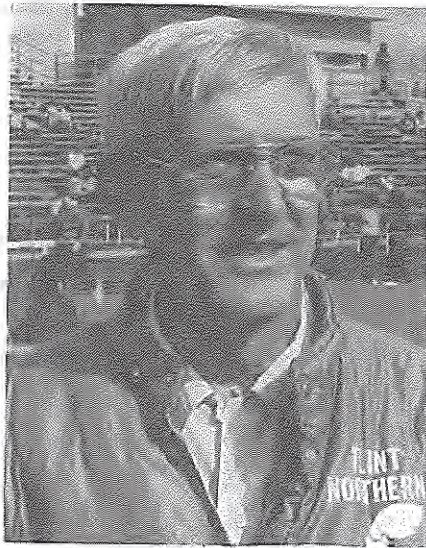
he scored 30 points. We protested mainly because two of our good players, Jack Morse and Chuck Smith, were declared ineligible before the tournament. We might have beaten Highland Park if we had those two."

The championship game against Midland Dow Police was a nail-biter. Midland had lost only once to that point -- against White Seal -- and the biggest lead was three points. Novak sent the game into overtime with a successful free throw.

In overtime, Big Ed made two field goals and Kupper and Winer contributed free throws in the two-point victory.

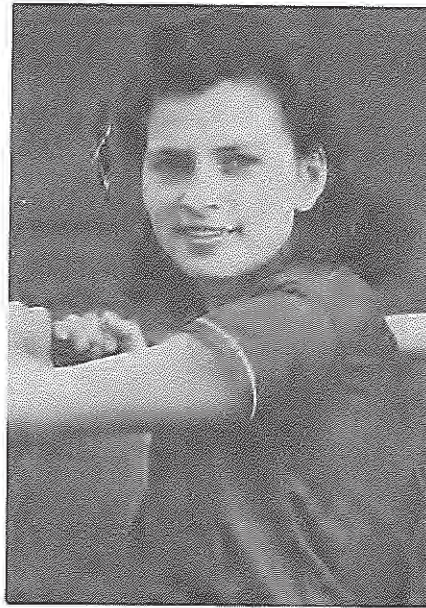
Bob Marzonie scored 27 points in the three official games, Novak scored 26, Kupper 14, Winer and Bernard Marzonie 11 and Blewett and Briggs nine.

Balanced scoring really was the key to success.



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.



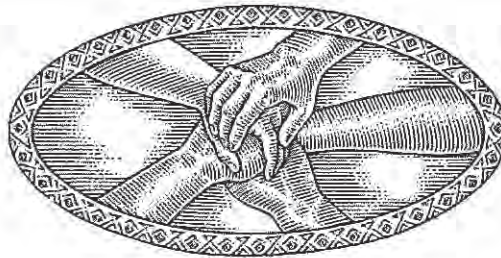
1986
SOPHIE KURYS

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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**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.



1987

TED PRICHARD

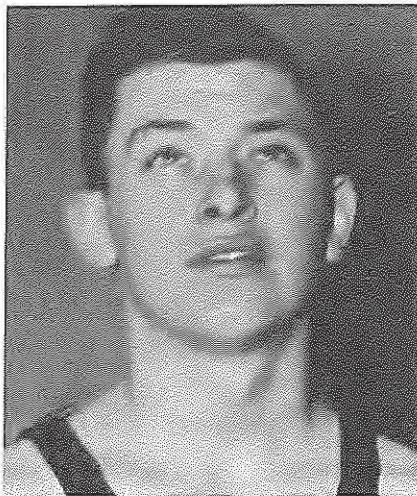
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



1987

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.



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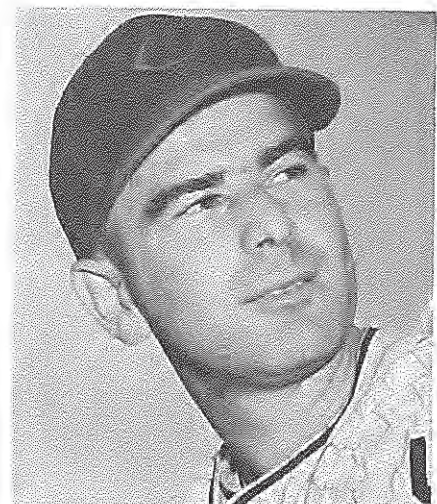
**1987
JO LAKE**

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.



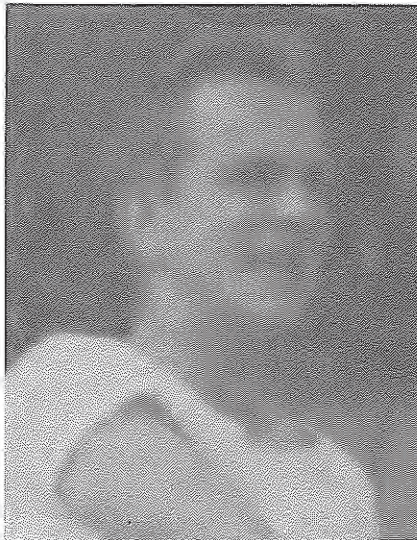
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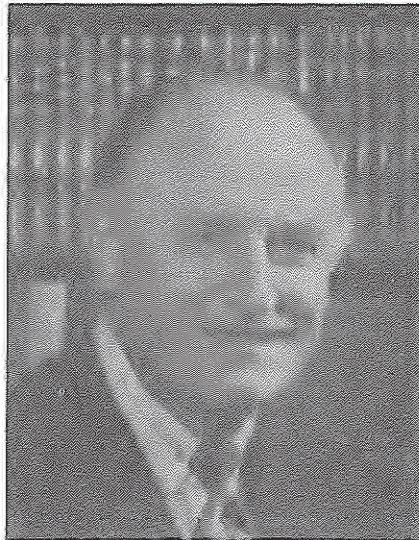
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1988

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**

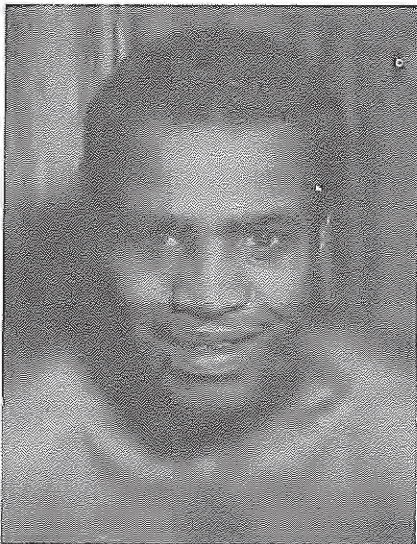
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who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

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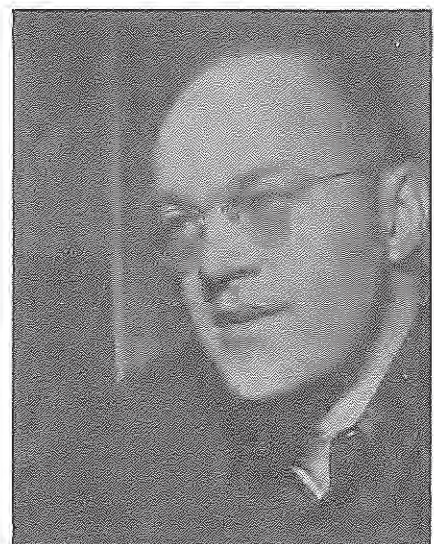
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The Flint area has long had a tradition of producing extraordinarily talented athletes in a multitude of activities.

Because of that tradition, another tradition has been born: The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

The program, being held for the 16th time tonight, is scheduled to always be staged on the first Saturday in December.

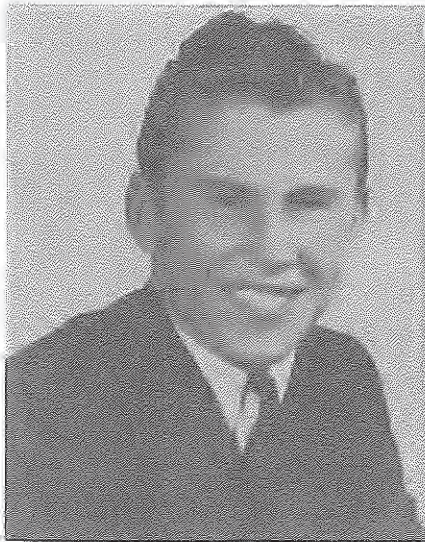
That means you can make your plans now for 1996. The 17th annual induction ceremonies will be held Dec. 7.



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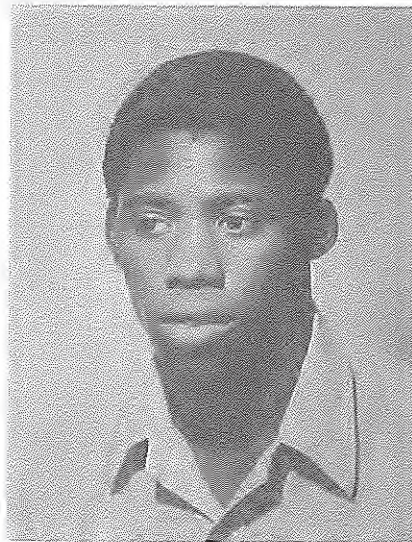
HOWARD AUER

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.



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.



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.

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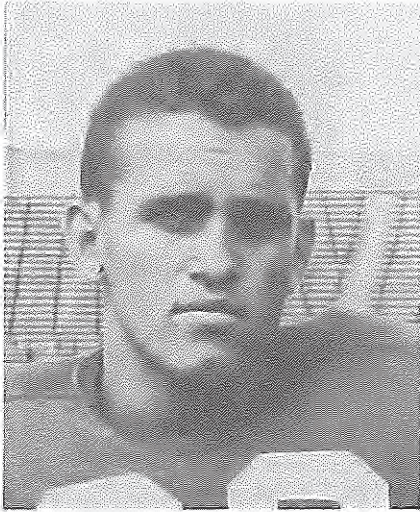
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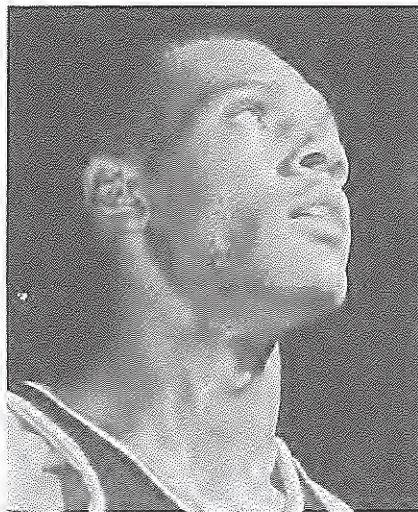
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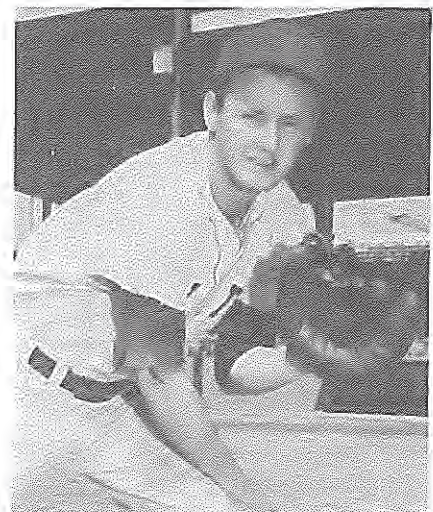
**1989
BOB SUCI**

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.



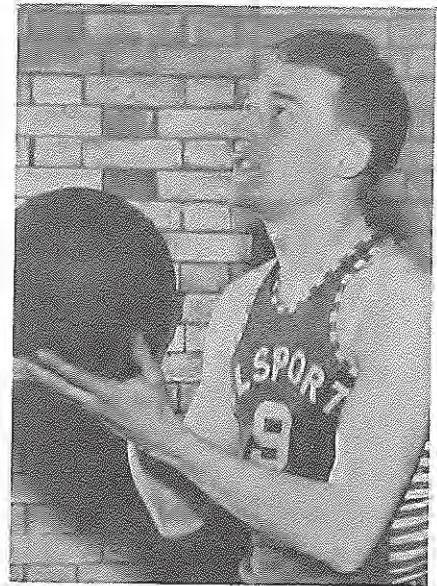
**1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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



**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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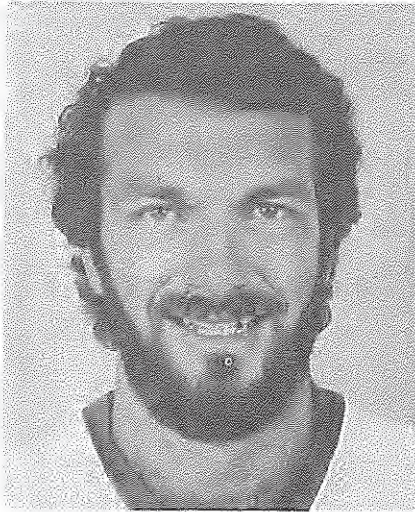
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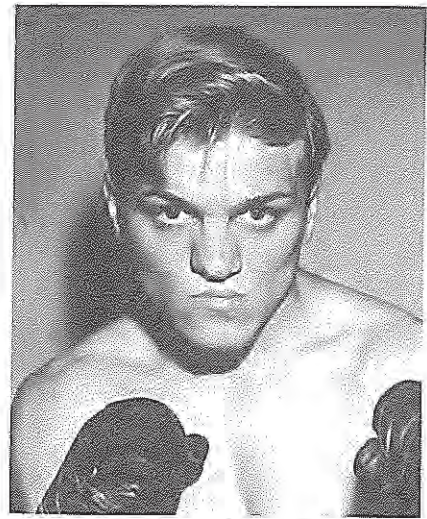
**1990
KEN MORROW**

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.



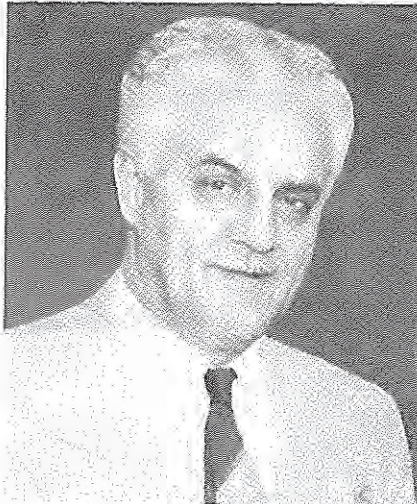
**1990
AL JOHNSON**

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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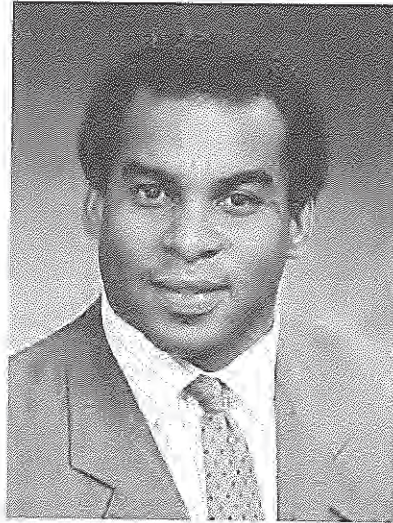
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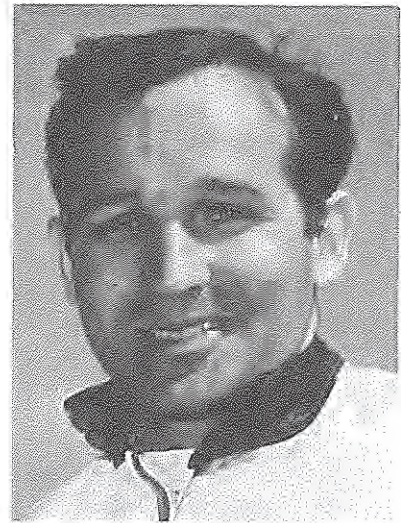
**1990
BOB HARVEY**

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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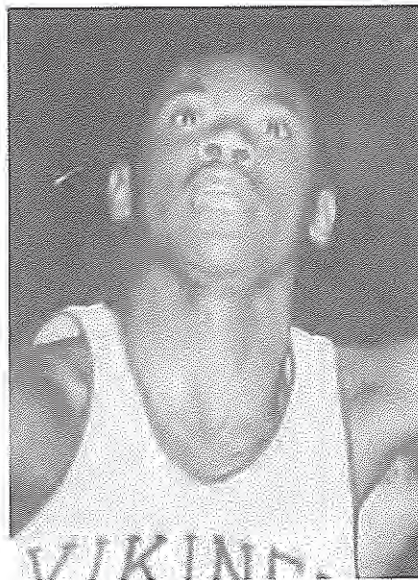


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**1991
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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 1978 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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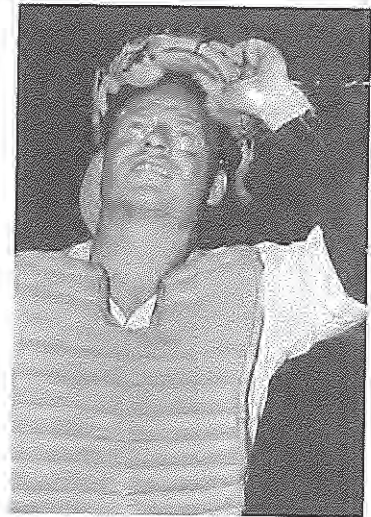
**1991
ANDY MacDONALD**

MacDonald was the nation's leading small college passer at Central Michigan University in 1950-51 and earned All-American honors. He was head coach at Northern Arizona from 1965-69 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 41-18-3 record.



**1991
BOB LEACH**

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



**1991
JOE KINZEL**

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

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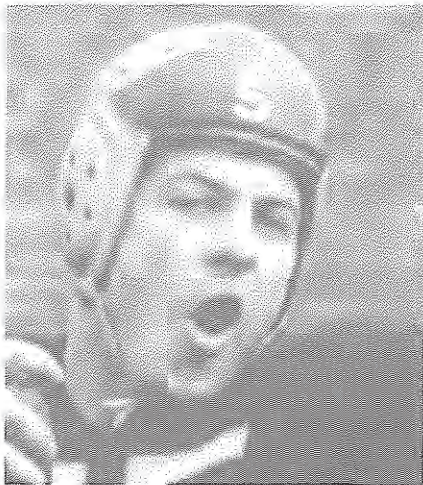
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**1992
GEORGE GUERRE**

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.

The '42 Vikings

19	Aurora, Ill.	7
21	Bay City	0
19	Saginaw	7
21	Owosso	0
23	Pontiac	7
14	Grand Rapids South	0
18	Saginaw Arthur Hill	7
19	Central	0
154	W-8, L-0	28

Varsity letters — Seniors — Vernon Brady, Eulias Carpenter (3), Capt. Bill Csapo (2), Chet Durkacy (2), Les Gratton, Bill Gordon, Bill Hamilton (2), John Major (2), Howard McIntosh, Joe Metar, Fred Okal (2). **Underclassmen —** Jim Clevenger, Commodore Coles, James Copeland, Harold Fielder, Pete Fusi (2), Bobby Lawrence and Harold Raymond. (2) refers to number of letters.

Reserve letters — Ray Hehn, Calvin McCullough, Allen Davies, John Grab, Nathaniel Howison, Emery Hresko, Sol Isaac, Stan Kuick Jr., Archie Morrison, William Richiger, Larry Soldan, Waldo Weller, John Zelenko and Joe Zofchak.

Managers — Bill Hess, Stan Mackey, Bob Polovina and Ed Romanowski.

Mayford Meredith also played but was not listed among award winners.



**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 All-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.

Overachieving Vikings Perfect

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coach when he grabbed me by the neck. I can laugh about it now, but I was scared to death at the time."

"Coach used that telegram bit several times," Carpenter said. "I never realized coach had so many dying relatives. I think he was glad to get rid of the older guys so he could recycle those pregame talks."

As frequently was the case, the

Valley championship hinged upon the annual Thanksgiving Day game. Central had won five straight without yielding a touchdown in the conference.

In weather described as the worst since the 1929 game at Viking Field, Northern was 19-0 winner before 15,300. The Indians stymied Northern's vaunted running game, but Hamilton surprised the Tribe by completing six passes for 69 yards, three of which led to touchdowns.

The pregame hype of a duel between Hamilton and Central's Lynn Chandnois produced a friendly controversy which never was settled.

Hamilton was overtaken by Chandnois after a 58-yard run. Chandnois insists he caught Hamilton because he was faster, but Hamilton insisted he was tackled only because Chandnois had a good angle.

Hamilton died last June without a solution.

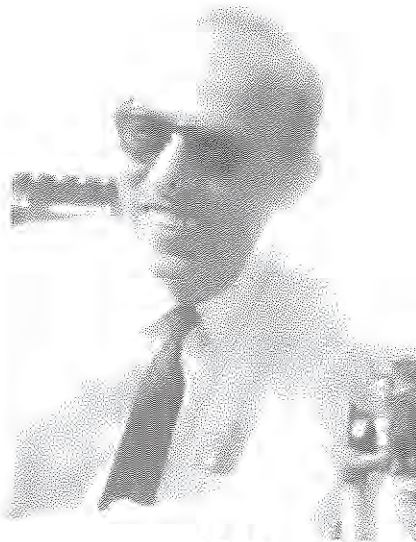
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Scoring			
	TD	XP	Total
Bill Hamilton	15	0	90
Les Gratton	5	0	30
John Major	0	12	12
Joe Metar	2	0	12
Jim Clevenger	1	0	6
Bill Csapo	0	1	1
Emery Hresko	0	1	1
Team safety	0	0	2
Totals	23	14	154



**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.



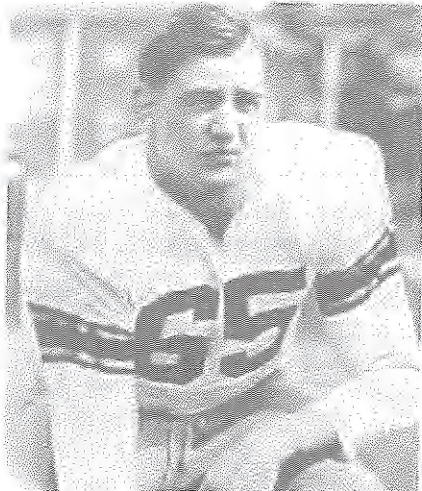
**1992
DOUG MINTLINE
Special Service Award**

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**

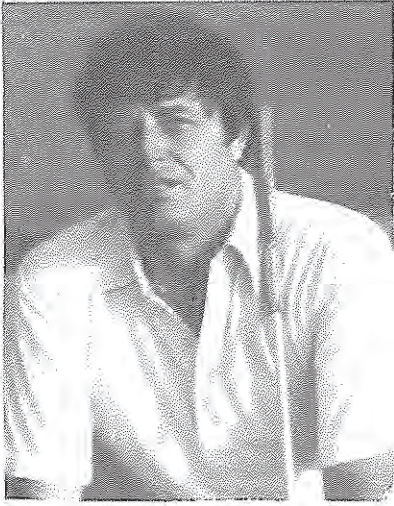
Member of the U.S. Wheelchair team in the 1972 Paralympics in Germany and the 1976 Paralympics in Toronto. Won gold, silver and bronze medals in 1974 Stoke-Madeville Games in England and captured one gold and two silver medals in the backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke in the 1975 Pan American Games 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**

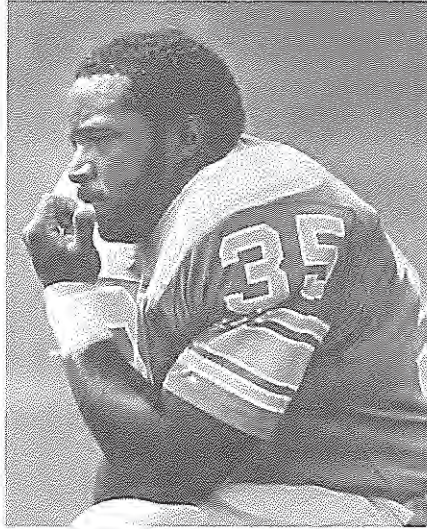
Durable, two-way standout at Western Michigan University where he helped the Broncos to an undefeated season in 1941. He was elected captain and named the Most Valuable Player in 1942 after a season in which he intercepted nine passes in six games. A member of WMU Hall of Fame, Yambrick holds school 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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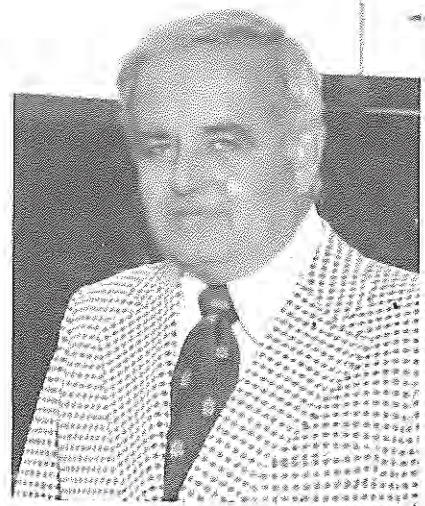
**1993
LARRY MANCOUR**

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.

AREA SPORTS LOST 2 GIANTS IN BRANCH, HAMILTON

The Board of Directors and committee members of The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame extends sympathies to the families of Dr. Hira E. Branch and Bill Hamilton who died within the 12 month since the 15th annual induction program.

Both men's extraordinary contributions and achievements earned them enshrinement into the Hall of Fame where their names will never be forgotten by the Flint area sports community.

Dr. Branch was the 1994 recipient of the Special Service Award and Hamilton was inducted into the GFASHF in 1983.

Dr. Branch was the 18th individual to receive the area's highest award for community service to athletics.

He was honored for 52 years of dedicated service to area athletes.

An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Branch

donated his time and medical expertise on behalf of young athletes whenever he was asked.

He was always on the sidelines during football games at Atwood Stadium, ready to provide immediate medical attention in the event of an injury to a player.

Dr. Branch provided similar service during the annual Flint Golden Gloves tournaments, allowing the trainers and officials to direct their attentions elsewhere and not worry if there would be medical help available.

In his later years, Hamilton will best be remembered for his service to area athletics, too, where he was the longtime director of the Golden Gloves tournament.

He collapsed of an apparent heart attack at Swartz Creek Golf Course where Hamilton was helping to set up

the course for the weekly Flint Junior Golf program.

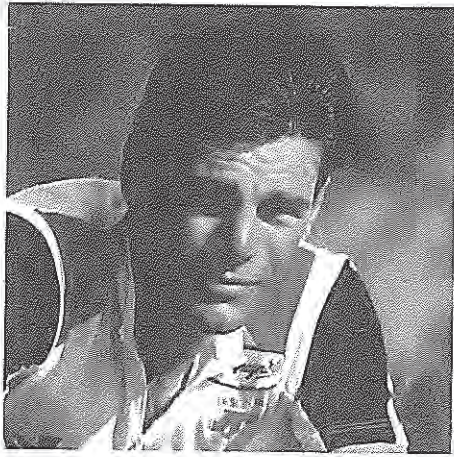
As a youngster, Hamilton was one of Flint's all-time great athletes, particularly in football and track at Northern High.

Hamilton was a senior and the standout player on the 1942 Northern High football team that is being honored tonight for its undefeated season and Saginaw Valley Conference and state championships.

Hamilton later starred in baseball and softball and was inducted into both the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

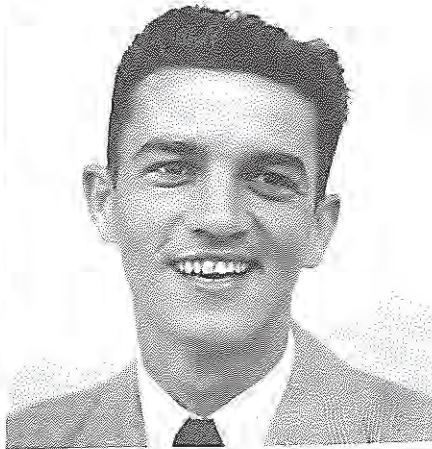
Hamilton also served on the Board of Directors of the GFASHF.

The deaths of Dr. Branch and Hamilton will forever leave a void in Flint area sports.



**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 Veledrome in Montreal.



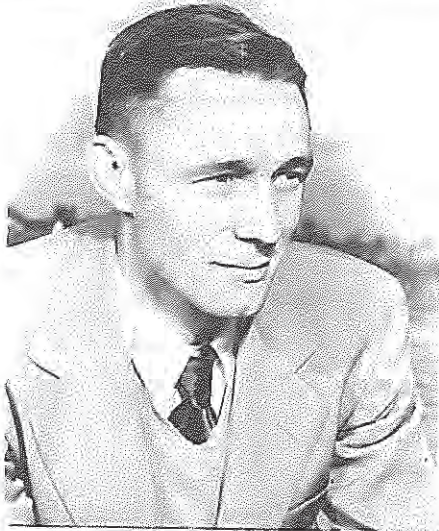
**1993
JOHN BERO**

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.

The '36 Vikings

Regular season

36	Lansing Eastern	22
40	Pontiac	20
43	Saginaw Arthur Hill	16
34	Saginaw	29
38	Central	22
27	Bay City	21
37	Owosso	25
42	Saginaw Arthur Hill	19
30	Port Huron	23
39	Saginaw	31
29	Bay City	18
24	Central	18
27	Owosso	26
33	Pontiac	19

State tournament

33	Lansing Eastern	29
20	Lansing Central	13
30	Central	17
34	Muskegon Heights	24
28	Kalamazoo Central	27

Varsity letters – Andy Sabota, Tony Ananich, Grady Truss, Gus Wells, Frank Budzinski, John Andrykovich and George Wilber.

Reserve letters and state championship medals – Harvey Brewer, Alex Fritzier, Leo Panas, Bob Grimes and Tom Sweet.

Managers – Les McDiarmid, William Keillor, Curtis Wallin and Seymour Moskovitz.

Source: The Flint Journal, April 3, 1936

Northern Young, But Unbeatable

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Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium.

They squandered a seven-point lead in the final three minutes of regulation time. Kalamazoo forced overtime on a field goal with three seconds to play.

Each team scored a basket in overtime, making the score 27-27.

Then came a weird set of tie-breakers. Most field goals were worth five points. Better free throw shooting was worth four points. Fewest personal fouls were worth three points.

Each team made 11 field goals. Northern was 5-for-9 against Kalamazoo's 5-for-15 on free throws. Kalamazoo had 10 fouls, Northern 14.

Thus, Northern prevailed because of free throws 6 1/2-5 1/2.

Barclay said, "We don't like to win by points any more than spectators like to see games decided that way." He even suggested that the Michigan High School Athletic Association declare cochampions.

The rule stood for at least seven years before being dropped.



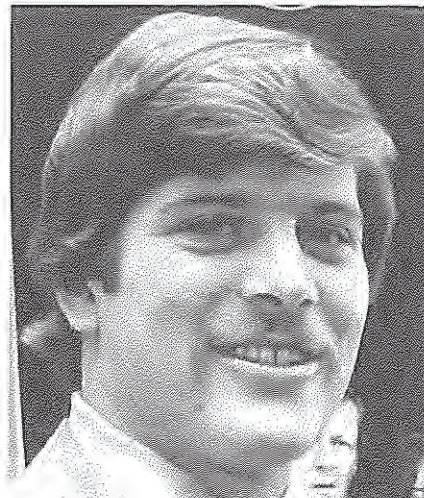
**1994
Cotton Goodell**

Perhaps the fastest person ever to play baseball in Flint and considered by some the city's best natural baseball player ever. Played minor league baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies' system, including at Tallassee, Ala., where he set an Alabama State League record with 31 home runs in 1940. Helped the Flint Indians capture the Michigan State League championship in 1941.



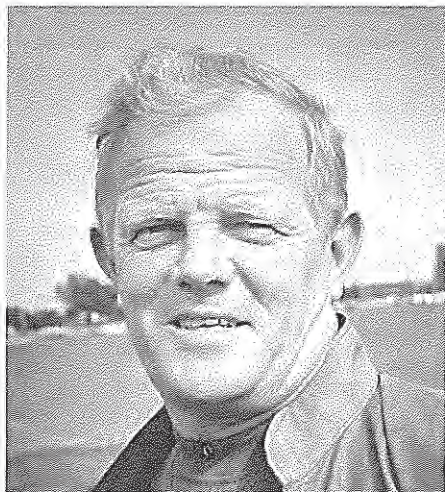
**1994
Wally Jakowczyk**

Starred in three sports at St. Mary High where in 1942 he became the first player from a parochial school to be named to the All-City football backfield. An outstanding performer in American Legion baseball and also in the city league. Played five years in the Philadelphia Phillies' farm system including at Terre Haute, Ind., in the Three I League where in 1948 he batted .333 with 14 home runs.



**1994
Rick Leach**

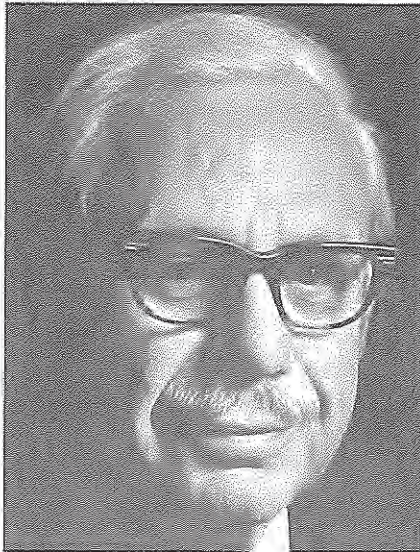
A three-sport standout at Southwestern High, earning Class A All-State honors in football, basketball and baseball. Helped to pitch and bat Carpets by Jim Smith to the 1974 national Connie Mack World Series championship. All-American quarterback in football and outfielder in baseball at the University of Michigan. Finished third in Heisman Trophy voting in 1978 after leading Michigan to third straight berth in Rose Bowl. Drafted in the first round by the Detroit Tigers in 1979.



**1994
Jack Pratt**

The area's all-time winningest football coach and the only man to have reached 200 victories. Including basketball, his teams have won more than 520 games during a coaching career that began in 1959. Coached St. Matthew to three State Class D basketball championships in 1963, '67 and '68. His St. Matthew football and basketball teams were both undefeated during the 1966-67 school year.

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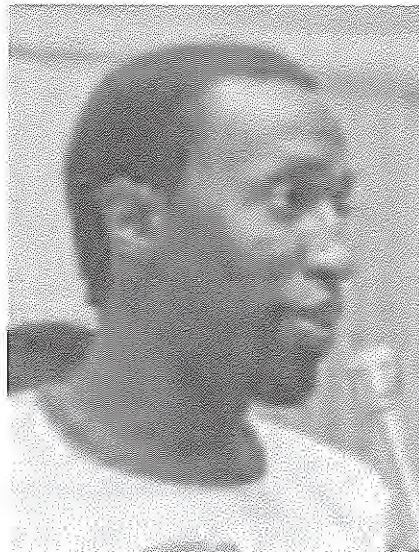


1994

Hira E. Branch

Special Services Award

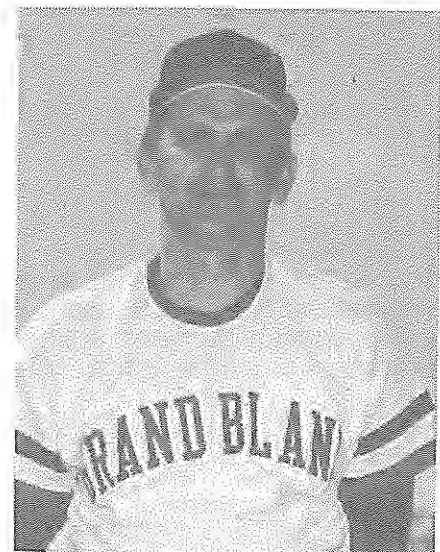
Donated his time and services to high school athletes for 52 years, resetting broken bones, treating damaged knees and straightening dislocated shoulders. A familiar figure on the sidelines at Atwood Stadium for football games and at ringside for the Flint Golden Gloves tournaments.



1994

Trent Tucker

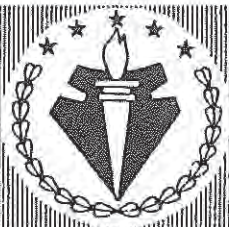
A Class A All-State basketball player at Northwestern High, he gained All-Big Ten Conference honors at Minnesota after leading the Gophers to the 1982 championship. A first-round draft choice by the New York Knicks in 1982, he played 11 years in the National Basketball Association, completing his career as a member of the NBA champion Chicago Bulls in 1992. Still has the Flint single-game scoring record of 49 points.



1994

Joe Pitock

Coached in more high school baseball games, 936, than anyone ever in Michigan. During 39-year career, primarily at Grand Blanc High, his teams compiled record of 566-380. Earned All-Mid America Conference baseball honors at Central Michigan University in 1951 where he set a Chippewas' record that still stands with a .481 batting average and was named the team's most valuable player.



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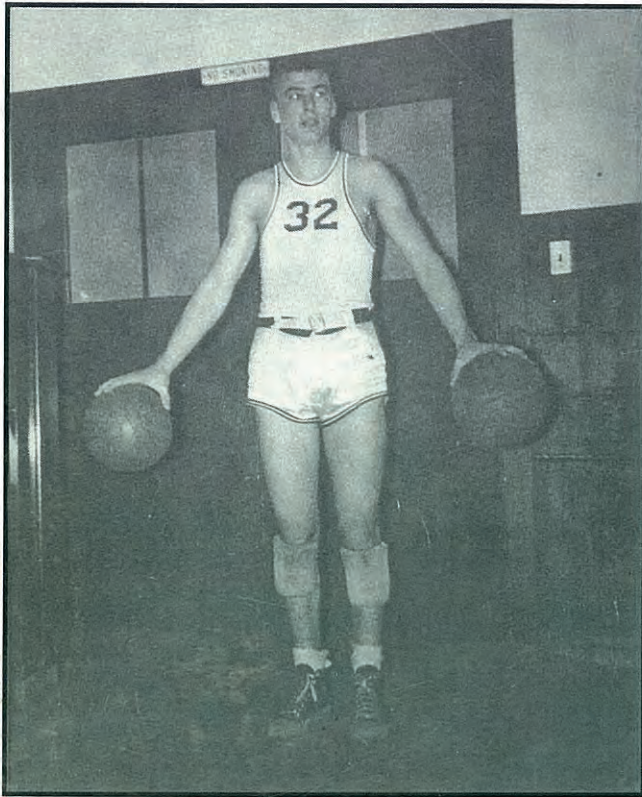
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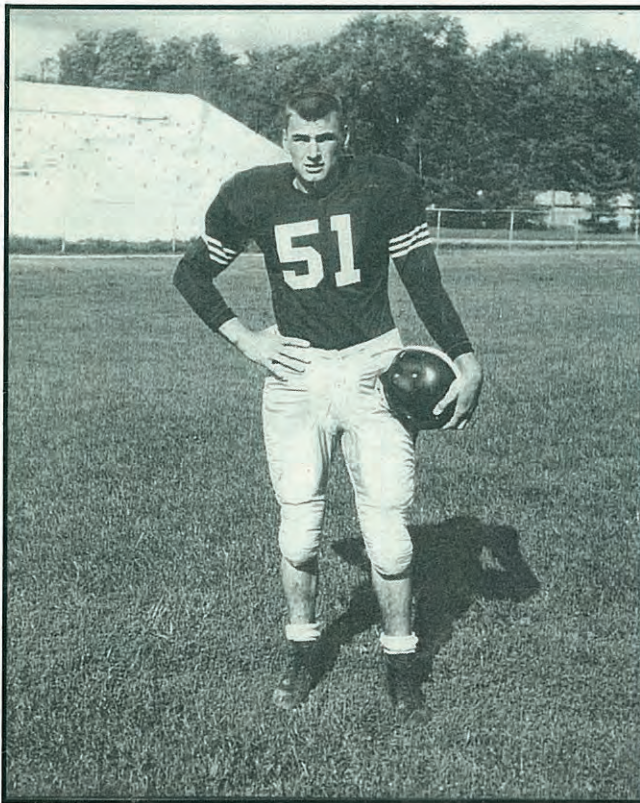
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