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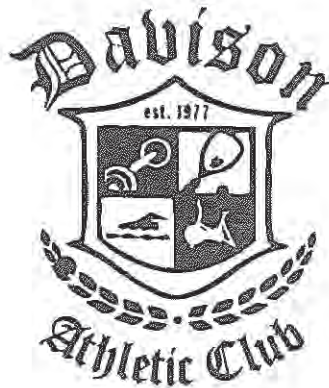
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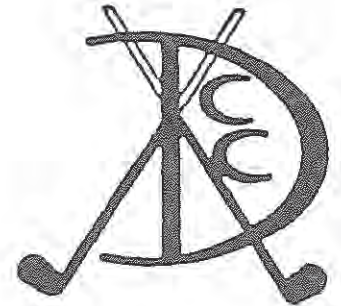
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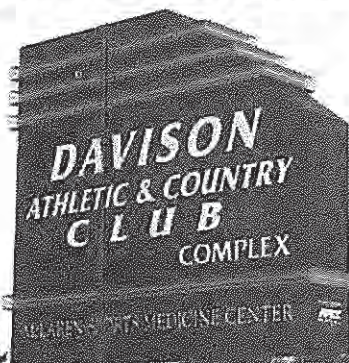


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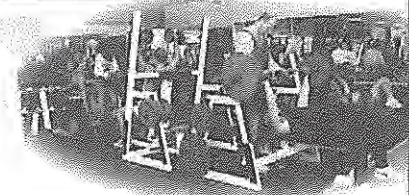
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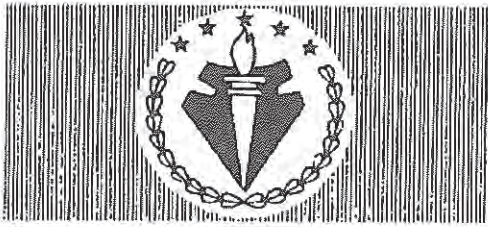


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Tonight we start a new winning streak as we welcome you to Bonaparte's and the 19th annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

A "commitment to quality" is a phrase that could be used to describe this year's individual inductees.

Joe Byrd, Ray Collard, Harold Kaczynski, Eugene Marve, Ed Novak and Ed Pearce are not only being honored for their personal achievements. They are being honored for their dedication and commitment to the sport they played, their families and to the city of Flint.

Dr. Gerald Piesko and Audrey Smith are this year's recipients of the Special Service Award. Their "commitment to quality" has had a positive impact on hundreds of young Flint athletes.

Also tonight, for the seventh year, the GFASHF inducts three teams who have contributed quality competition and success to the city's athletic traditions.

We are proud to honor the 1953 Flint Northern baseball team and the 1938-39 and 1939-40 Flint Northern basketball teams as the scholastic teams and the 1951 James Lumber basketball team as the non-scholastic team.

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

The board of directors also wishes to express our sincere appreciation to The Flint Journal. The Journal's sports staff, with its excellent articles, have contributed immensely to the success of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

The Flint Journal's "commitment to quality" is further demonstrated by their contribution of the magnificent Hall of Fame plaques which are on display tonight. These plaques will be permanently enshrined in the Flint Hall of Fame located in the lobby of the IMA Sports Arena.

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ED "SHORTY" PEARCE

He Starred Among Giants

While Ed Pearce died at a young age, he left a lifetime of memories.

Pearce, being inducted tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, was killed 53 years ago when his bomber went down over French Morocco Nov. 22, 1943.

He starred at Northern High as a quarterback, leading the Vikings to an undefeated season and a Saginaw Valley Conference championship as a senior in 1935 while winning the Valley scoring title with 44 points. During the '35 season, Pearce scored all but one of the Vikings' touchdowns in conference play.

Ned Purdy, Pearce's brother-in-law, recalls the Viking great going to get his first football uniform at the old Northern High School.

"Eddie came over to the house and they were handing out uniforms at Northern and I went up there with him," Purdy said.

"I don't know if they had a list of names they were calling off and giving the uniforms to, but Eddie wasn't on the list. He was the last one there and they ran out of uniforms, so he said to the equipment manager, 'Well I want a uniform and I don't care what it looks like.'

"He went in and came back out and everything he had didn't match, but Eddie put it on, and before the year was out he was playing with the varsity."

So began a six-year run in which a 5-foot-7, 165-pound boy known as "Shorty" became a Flint football hero.

Those heroics carried over to Pearce's career at Michigan State.

He played for the Spartans in 1937, '38 and '39, and was the only sophomore in '37 to earn a varsity letter, playing right halfback and defensive back.

In his junior and senior seasons, Pearce played against Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon of the University of Michigan.

Not one to let his on-field rivalries carry off the field, Pearce made friends with many opponents.

In a December 1939 letter, Spartan football coach Charles Bachman wrote Flint Journal sports editor M.B. Cossman, "I don't believe I ever had a football player who was more popular than Lt. Eddie Pearce and who, because of his fine spirit of cooperation, contributed so much to our football team."

In these days of specialized positions in the sport of football, it's hard to imagine players like Pearce who played on both sides of the ball.

In 1938, Pearce played 57 of a possible 60 minutes in a game against Marquette. In a game against West



Virginia, he returned an interception 67 yards for a touchdown.

Pearce also led the Spartans to the 1938 Orange Bowl against Alabama Poly, which later became known as Auburn University.

Bachman said Pearce was the best working right halfback he had ever coached and told a Journal reporter, "If Northern has any more like Eddie, we can use them."

After entering the Army Air Force, Pearce played on a traveling military team out of Fort Knox, Ky., known as the Armodiers.

He scored on an 82-yard interception return against the Mighty Iowa Seahawks and also played against Ohio State, Indiana, the University of Detroit and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

After earning his flight wings at Stuttgart, Ark., in July, 1943, Pearce returned home for a 10-day leave to visit his wife, Marion, and their son, Eddie Jr., who was just 10 months old when he saw his father for the last time.

On Nov. 29, 1943, Marion Pearce was informed in a War Department telegram that her husband's death had been confirmed, just two weeks after he had left for his overseas assignment.

He left not just a wife, son and family, but countless friends he'd made over the years.

"Everybody thought the world of Shorty Pearce," Purdy said.

EUGENE MARVE

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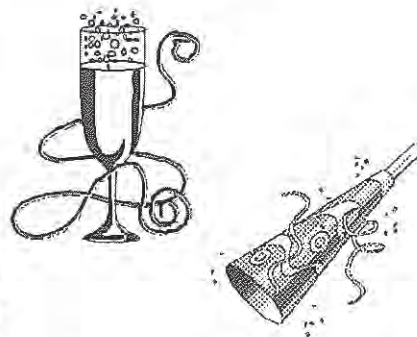
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EUGENE MARVE

Took Advantage of Pro Career

It was the message every athlete dreads, but knows will ultimately come.

"Hey, coach wants to see you in his office. Now."

For Eugene Marve, that message arrived in March 1993. The coach was Bobby Ross, then with the San Diego Chargers, now with the Detroit Lions.

Marve had a feeling about what Ross wanted to discuss.

"I said, 'If one of the first things he does is asks me about my family, he's going to release me,' " Marve recalls. "The first thing he said, 'How's your family?' I said, 'They're fine.' We had a meeting. It was a very pleasant meeting."

And when Marve left Ross' office, an 11-year NFL career was over — just like that.

But there were no tears, no complaints, no regrets.

"It was a great relief when I walked out of his office," Marve said. "I knew I couldn't go out there anymore. I had knee surgery and it wasn't going well."

Marve got so much more out of his football career than anyone had a right to expect from a player who was never All-State at Northern High and who played collegiately at tiny Saginaw Valley State University.

It was a career which has earned Marve a spot in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

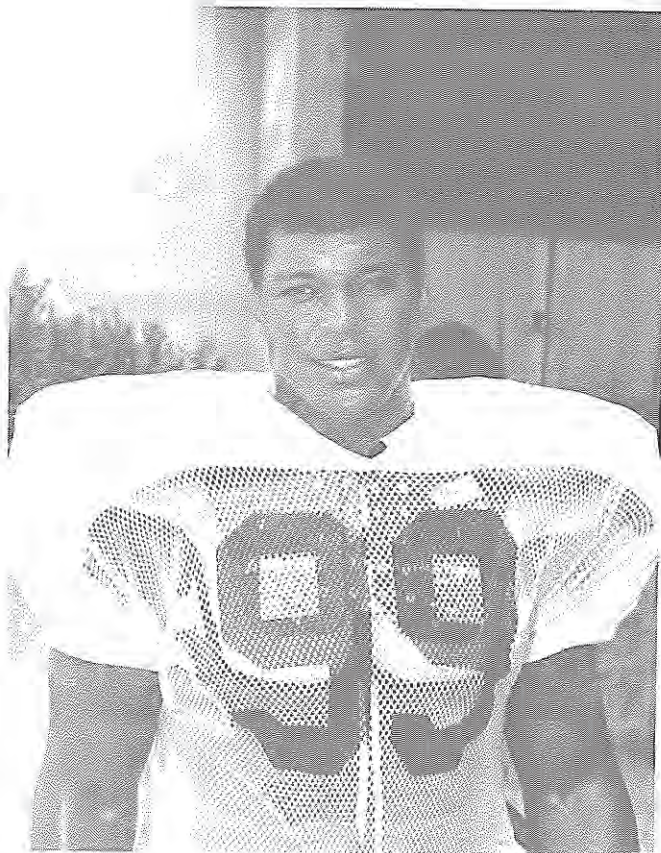
"My friend Booker Moore was inducted (five) years ago," Marve said. "I went to my first Hall of Fame dinner and was amazed with the honor and prestige carried by the inductees. I'm just really humbled, being gathered with so many great athletes and people in the Flint community."

Although he played for a small college, Marve began to attract the attention of NFL scouts his junior year at SVSU. He was picked by the Buffalo Bills in the third round, 59th overall, in the 1982 draft. Marve spent six years in Buffalo, four with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one with San Diego.

He never got to play in a Super Bowl, getting traded by Buffalo three years before the Bills began a four-year run of AFC championships and getting cut from San Diego, two years before the Chargers went to the big game.

"Sure, I would have liked to have had success with Buffalo when success came," Marve said. "On the other hand, I have no regrets there. I feel very fulfilled and grateful to Buffalo to give me the opportunity to play six years. We played some great football. Our won-loss record wasn't the best, but having been able to be a National Football League player was a big honor to me."

Marve began preparing for life after the NFL early in his career. After signing with the Bills, he purchased homes



in the Flint area during a period when prices were low. He now owns 65 houses in the area, earning a living as a landlord. Marve moved to Tampa Bay 11/2 years ago, but maintains a residence in the Flint area and returns every two months or so to tend to his business.

After retiring, he completed his degree in criminal justice at Saginaw Valley.

"As I started speaking more and more in the community and talking to kids, I realized how important education is and how statistically fortunate I was to play pro ball," Marve said. "One in 500,000 are selected to play professional sports. The odds are you'll play three years when you make it."

"There's a myth that people think you've hit the Lotto, just because you play pro ball and you'll be OK the rest of your life. That's not the norm. The norm is three years and get on with the rest of your life. I promised myself I'd complete my degree."

Marve is grateful to have extended his career eight years beyond the NFL average. He's also grateful to have grown up in a community in which youngsters had so many athletic opportunities.

In the 1985 season, Marve was one of 10 active NFL players from the Flint area. This year, there are four.

"There was a great environment for sports in the Flint community," he said. "There are a bunch of sports guys. These guys aren't just coming up on their own. They're coming up because of a great community, a great sports ethic."

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HAROLD KACZYNSKI

Multiple Highlights Made Full Career For 'Scrap Iron' As Athlete, Coach

Ask Harold "Scrap Iron" Kaczynski about his most memorable accomplishment in athletics and you probably won't get an answer.

It's not that Kaczynski is bashful, antisocial or forgetful. He just has trouble narrowing it down to one thing.

No wonder.

With a resume like Kaczynski's, singling out one accomplishment as a clear-cut No. 1 would be like asking John Lennon and Paul McCartney to name their favorite Beatles tune.

Consider the following:

- After being a sophomore rescued from the "scrub squad" - as Kaczynski called it- he scored a touchdown on his first play from scrimmage and was promptly nicknamed "Scrap Iron" by former Central High football coach Howard Auer.

- By 1939, he was an All-Saginaw Valley halfback who led the Indians to the brink of an unbeaten campaign before falling to Northern in the season finale.

- At Central Michigan University, Kaczynski was voted the Most Valuable Player on the football team as a sophomore before departing for 40 months of World War 11 service in the Air Force. When he returned, Kaczynski was named Little All-America for CMU.

- After graduation in 1946, Kaczynski coached football (as well as several other sports) at White Cloud and Belding before moving on to Frankenmuth, where he started the varsity football program.

- In 1962, he was named Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Coaches Association, which also inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 1975.

Now, he's one of the new inductees into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

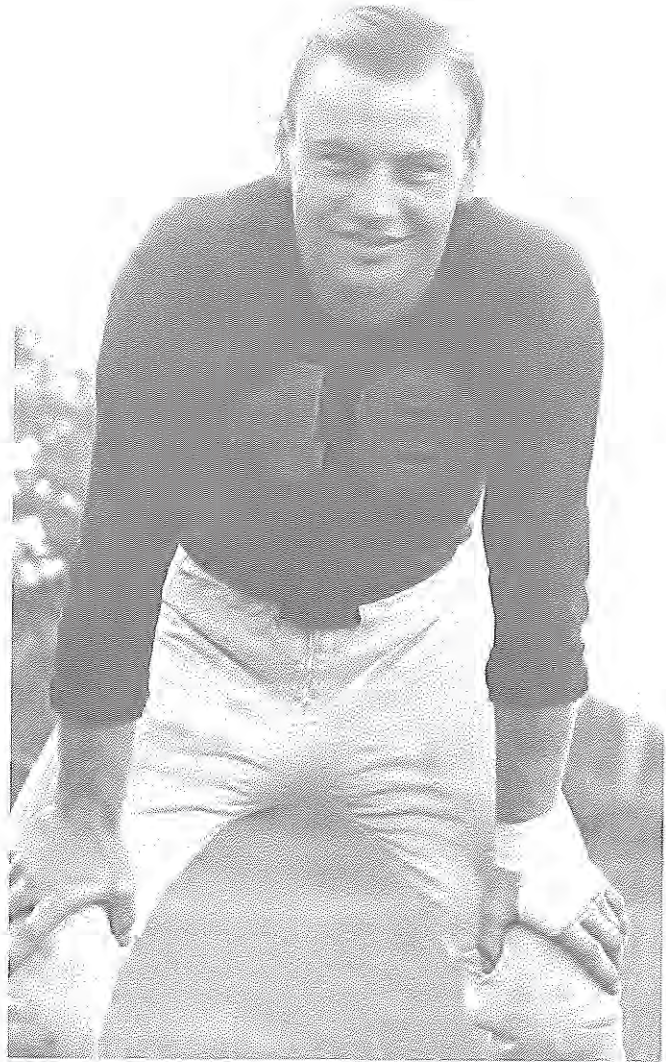
Yet, if really pressed, Kaczynski will admit one highlight makes him as proud as any. And it came when he was coaching Frankenmuth.

"There are quite a few, but coaching 31 straight (victories), I felt very good about that at Frankenmuth," he said.

The 31 straight victories might sound modest compared to modern streaks like Montrose's 80-gamer that ended last season, but Frankenmuth's streak was a monster considering where the Eagles came from.

When Frankenmuth opened in 1955, many of the students had never even heard of football let alone played it. So to say Kaczynski was starting from scratch would be an understatement.

The Eagles were so green during their first season, Kaczynski had to explain the most basic elements of the game to his new students. That included the concept of a first down, how to put on equipment, and what the players at different positions were responsible for doing.



Frankenmuth's first season actually consisted of nothing but scrimmages - and against junior varsity teams, to boot.

The first was a classic.

Frankenmuth was penalized on its first seven offensive plays before fumbling the ball on No. 8, which saw the opposition decline yet another penalty. One player went so far as to ask Kaczynski if it was OK to tackle the ball carrier after he had already dodged the blocker.

But things quickly changed.

"I went in there the first year and we didn't play a schedule," Kaczynski recalled. "We scrimmaged everyone and they kicked our butts pretty good. But

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Flint Central High School

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JOE BYRD

Golden Gloves Punches Become Ticket to Olympic-Class Fame

Boxing has carried Joe Byrd all around the world.

He has also received accolades from all over thanks to the sport. However, the honor he'll receive tonight, being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, will rank right up near the top.

"There is nothing like being honored by your own people," Byrd said. "I've been honored all over, but it's still best to get that at home.

"When I got back from the Olympics there was a big group of people waiting for us at the airport. They had a celebration at the (Genesee Valley Mall). That was nice, but when I got to my house there were balloons there and my family waiting for me. That one at home made me feel best of all."

Byrd, a former amateur and professional boxer, is perhaps best known as coach of the 1992 United States Olympic boxing team.

His career in boxing began in 1957. At that time he had no idea he would go as far in the sport as he has. He said his goal at that time was just to get free tickets to the Golden Gloves Tournament.

"It was kind of funny," Byrd said with a laugh. "I was working at Martin School and I got into it just playing around. I signed up and I was going to get some tickets so I could sit at the IMA and watch my friends. But I was there and some older gentleman told me they were calling for me. I went ahead and did it and stopped my first opponent.

"People were coming up to me after telling me how good I'd done and shaking my hand. I thought, 'Oh God, it's in my blood now.' Once boxing is in your blood that's it."

Byrd continued in the sport, winning city championships as a light heavyweight in 1958, 1960 and 1961.

He won a heavyweight champion-



ship in 1962 and went on to take the state title as well. Shortly after that, he decided to turn professional, and in a span of 10 years he posted a record of 31-17.

While he was fighting as an amateur, he also began to train other fighters, building the Flint Police Athletic League team into one of the best in the country.

His Flint PAL teams produced a wealth of top-notch amateur boxers including Tim Littles, who won a world amateur title and later went on to fight for two world championships as a professional.

His crowning moment as a coach came late in 1991 when he was named coach of the 1992 U.S. Olympic team.

"I was nervous and happy, I wasn't expecting that. I didn't know what to do," Byrd said. "That definitely stood out."

That Olympic trip was made even more remarkable as he had two sons, Chris and Patrick, at the Olympic trials. Chris, his youngest son, brought

back a Silver Medal from Barcelona in the 165-pound division.

All five of Byrd's sons have fought professionally as has his daughter, Tracy. Chris, Patrick and Tracy are still active in the sport.

"I was surprised to hear I was going to be inducted into the Flint Hall of Fame," Byrd said. "I wasn't looking to go into this Hall while I was still active. I'm happy to get this honor while I'm still here to see it.

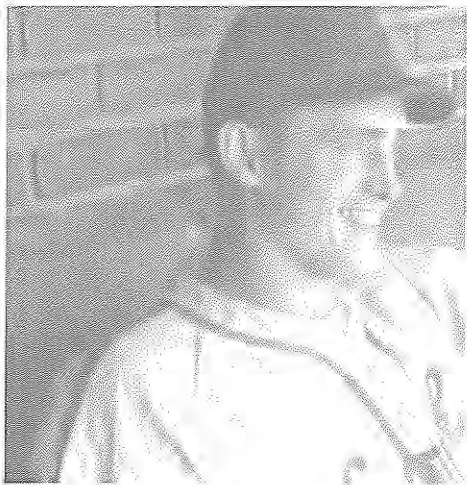
"I was hoping Chris would win a world title before I go in so that could be on the plaque. But Tracy already won one, so that's special, too."

Now 62, Byrd and his wife, Rose, still reside in Flint. He spends a good portion of his time training boxers at his gym on Dewey Street.

"I tell my sons and my whole family I'm getting up in age," Byrd said. "When I pass the torch on, I want them to keep going forward with it.

"That's the most important thing. I might have two or three of my kids going into this Hall one day."

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ED "BIG ED" NOVAK (NOWACZYK)

Big Games Made Him Play Bigger

They called him "Big Ed," for the simple reason that it differentiated him from his shorter twin brother, "Little Ed."

As time went on, though, the word "Big" took on more meaning when you were talking about Edward Novak.

He was big, all right — 6-foot-3, according to his family; 6-4 or 6-5 in the eyes of former teammates, opponents and writers. And he had some bulk — from 170 pounds in high school to as much as 230 in later years, by some estimates.

But more than that, Ed Novak always seemed to come up "big" in the athletic arena.

An imposing center in basketball and an intimidating pitcher in baseball, Novak was the kind of guy you didn't want to face with an important game on the line.

He carried St. Mary High to the state Class C basketball championship in 1939, and his fearsome fastball mowed down batters at every level from high school to the Detroit Tigers. Those accomplishments have earned him individual induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. He was previously inducted as a member of the 1946 and '47 White Seal Beer basketball teams.

"He was one of the most dominating athletes in a game that I ever saw, in baseball as well as basketball," said fellow hall of famer Bernie Compton, a teammate of Novak's at St. Mary and on various Flint recreation teams.

"He didn't care who the opponent was or how good they were supposed to be, he thought he could beat them. And he usually did."

Almost every team Novak played for captured some kind of championship. It was no coincidence that:

- St. Mary claimed three districts,



two regionals and the state championship with Novak in the middle. Overall, the Wildcats won 51 of 58 games during his career.

- The AC Spark Plug baseball club of 1938 was runnerup in the American Legion state finals.

- The 1947 Cook's Drugs ballclub took the city regular season and play-off titles, and Novak won the opener of the national tournament with a six-hitter.

- Emerson Inn was the city Class AA basketball king in 1949 and '50. His will to win was evident to Journal sports writer Maurie Cossman, who wrote of Novak prior to the 1939 basketball quarterfinals: "He's the kind of player who is at his best when the going gets tough. He makes an excellent foundation for a championship hope."

In tuning up for the tournament, St. Mary often scrimmaged Northern, which won the Class A title that year. Legend has it that Northern refused to schedule a game against St. Mary until the Novak brothers graduated.

"I don't know about that," disputed Northern's Ed Krupa. "But I thought they were good enough to play with us."

"Ed was very tough. We had to keep him from driving to the basket, and we had to fight very hard to keep position on him under the boards."

Although Novak's athletic career went as far as professional minor league baseball, that '39 state basketball championship was perhaps his most memorable accomplishment.

He reached double figures in all seven tournament games, in an era when teams rarely scored in the 40s. Three times in the finals against Holland Christian, he put St. Mary ahead, and his court-length pass to Edwin gave the Wildcats a 17-15 edge.

In the fourth quarter he hit two field goals and a free throw, and again found his brother under the basket for a score. The Wildcats won going away, 31-21.

After a 260-point season, Novak was chosen first-team All-State in all classes by both the Detroit Free Press and Detroit Times. The Free Press honor came in a vote of more than 400 coaches around the state, and the paper called him "by all odds, the best player on any parochial team in Michigan."

He earned a scholarship to Michigan State and planned to play for the freshman team. But Novak and academics didn't mix well, and he soon quit school, transferring the scholarship to his brother.

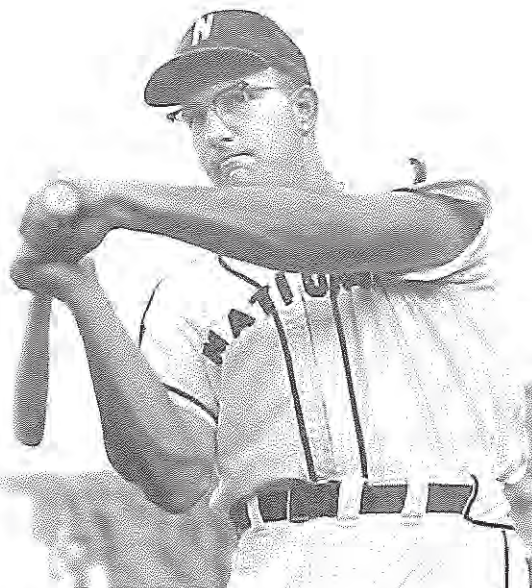
"Dad always said Edwin had the brains and he had the brawn," said

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RAY COLLARD

Pitcher's Enemy in City Baseball

Ray Collard was the dominant hitter of his era in Flint amateur baseball.

He set a record which has existed for 34 years and should survive well into the 21st Century.

He was riding the crest of four consecutive batting championships (1961-64) in the City Baseball League when he retired at age 30 because of employment requirements.

No other player owns more than three batting titles in the 90-year history of the CBL. Four straight seems almost impossible to duplicate.

He was only a year out of Northern High when he averaged .340 in 1953, triggering a career mark of .370 for nine complete seasons and parts of four others.

He ranked among the top six hitters six times, reaching a peak of .486 in 1961 and following with .380, .451 and .386. He led the league in hits four times and twice in runs batted in and doubles.

He played for four regular season championships and three all-season champs when the playoff champion met the regular season winner. He played every position, capping the cycle as a pitcher in the 1964 playoffs when he manager National Carpet.

His career actually spanned 15 seasons. He played 1956-57 in Lansing while living there.

He played in three games at age 16 in 1951, split 1952 between American Legion and the CBL, played most of 1955 in a college league in Nova Scotia and played three games in 1965 before retiring.

He had an amazing ability to make constant contact, striking out only 39 times in 804 at-bats, including eight strikeouts in 348 appearances enroute to four batting titles.

He said, "That 385-foot wall at Atwood Stadium was too tough for right-handed hitters, so I traded power for contact. I'd dream of waking up as a left-hander to hit against the short rightfield wall."

He hit only four homers in the CBL. He also drew only 53 walks, significantly low.

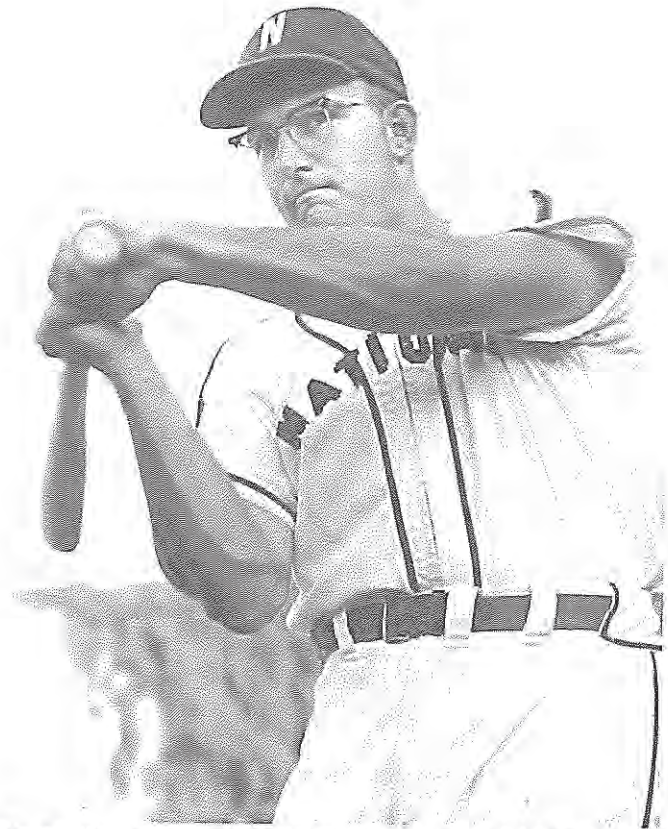
He said, "If I hit the ball somewhere, there's a chance of getting on base. There's no sense waiting out the pitcher if you get a good pitch."

His CBL prowess is the principal reason for his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

There are other reasons:

•He was voted the most valuable player in the 1951 American Legion Junior Baseball state tournament at Iron River. He batted .500 and drove in nine runs to help Fisher Post capture the title.

•He was a three-year letterman (1954-56) at Michigan



State, helping win the Big Ten title and finishing third in the 1954 College World Series. He had college batting averages of .313, .289 and .300 and was named most improved player in 1954.

•He earned two letters in basketball and two in baseball at Northern, helping win Saginaw Valley Conference championships in both sports.

"I'm really honored to be chosen because there are so many great athletes in the Flint area," said Collard, 64, a resident of Swartz Creek. "It's a special honor because I played on the same team with some people and played against others who already have been inducted."

Thoughts of a professional career were virtually nonexistent.

He said, "I didn't hit for power and I had no speed. It was time to work for a living."

He held several positions for the Flint Board of Education, retiring after 20 in his last post as testing consultant. He and wife, Geri, had three sons, Joe, Dan and Chris. Dan is deceased. There are four grandchildren.

He emphasizes three men for significant roles in his career.

•His late father, Joe, was an accomplished baseball player, briefly playing in the minors and starring in local amateur leagues.

"He was still throwing batting practice for me when he

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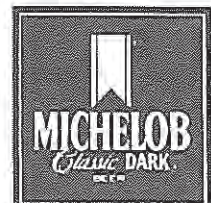
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Sunday summer nights were always early-to-bed nights for Audrey Smith.

She'd set the alarm clock for 5 a.m. Monday, then toss and turn all night, worrying and hoping that nothing would go wrong on the following day, a kids' golf day.

It never did.

For 33 years, Smith was a supervisor for youngsters in the Flint Junior Golf Association.

But she was more than that. Try mother hen, confidant, adviser, organizer, or just plain pal.

It's why Smith is being honored with the Special Service Award tonight by the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"You know, in all the years I did that job, I never had one problem with the kids or the parents," she said. "I think that's kind of amazing. I don't know if that would be the case today."

Smith was part of the FJGA from 1959 to 1983. She worked for six directors, Don Jarrard, Larry Cunningham, Don Jones, Steve Braun, Steve Presser and Bob Bernstein.

You want organization? Ask Bernstein, the current FJGA boss, about Smith's organizational skills.

In his first year on the job, he knew Smith was the record-keeper. He made a visit to her house to find out how to run on eof the most prestigious youth golf programs in America.

"She had moved all of the furniture out of her living room," said Bernstein. "There, on the carpet, were all these manila envelopes, with blue tags, green tags and yellow tags.

"This was before the day of the computer. If we had to do that today, her living room wouldn't be large enough. But she had everything in the right order then. She was a terrific organizer. I relied on her a great deal."

Needless to say, the FJGA ran like clockwork on Monday mornings as thousands of kids learned about the game of golf.

Some youngsters remember Smith, too. Most of them have grown to adulthood.

Craig Mengel, once an outstanding junior golfer, likened Smith to a china doll.

"The thing I remember most about Audrey Smith was how well manicured she was," said Mengel. "She never had anything out of place. She always looked like a million dollars.

"But she was great to us kids. She always seemed to take an interest in everybody. She cared about everybody."

Smith's younger daughter, Patti, helped her through the grind of Monday morning FJGA golf.

And when it was over, out went the cards on the carpet again, in preparation for next Monday's play.

"I never was a good golfer, but I loved being around golf and I loved being around kids," said Smith. "Flint junior golf is one of the most wonderful programs we've ever had in this area. I'm so happy it has grown so big and has become a big part of kids' lives during the summer months."

At one time, near the end of her career, Smith was offered the job as director but turned it down because, "basically, I liked being out there with the kids on the course. I could not have done that as a director and probably wouldn't have had the time to organize everything the way I wanted to."

Smith said she also liked the idea of taking her kids to a different golf course in Genesee County every week.

"I'll be honest," she said. "I was not a golf instructor. Goodness, those kids couldn't have learned much golf from me. But I wanted to make sure they had some fun and everybody got off the tee at the right time."

Since retiring from the FJGA, Smith has had her fair share of problems. She's battled and won three bouts with cancer. Her husband, Robert, has suffered a couple of strokes.

Audrey Smith walks with a cane occasionally, but always manages to have her hair done once a week. Like in her former FJGA days, she has to look right to feel right.

"Those 33 years were some of the best years of my life," she said of her association with the FJGA.

"I got to know a lot of kids. I hope most of them might remember me in some way. I remember all of them."

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DR. GERALD PIESKO



Dr. Gerald Piesko expects to be awed when he steps on stage at tonight's induction ceremony of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's unbelievable. These Guys are heroes of mine," Piesko said. "I grew up in Flint watching these guys play ball and to be honored by the Hall is more than I ever expected."

Piesko, 58, is being honored for his contributions to Flint-area sports in the field of sports medicine.

He's been a sports fan his entire life and once hoped to be a football player in the mold of his uncle, Leo Sugar, a 1988 inductee.

"Leo was my hero and I thought I'd be a football player like him," he said. "He very calmly advised me that I didn't have what it took, broke my heart and suggested I concentrate on school."

Piesko took Sugar's advice, graduating from Northern High in 1957, UM-Flint in 1962 and the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo., in 1966.

After serving as a battalion surgeon in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War he returned to Flint to practice medicine.

"I'm a home-grown boy," he said.

He formed the Greater Flint Sports Medicine Center in 1980 and has served as team physician for Flushing High, Powers Catholic and the Flint Bulldogs, Spirits and Generals.

Piesko said it was a combination of his love of sports and the realization that athletes needed a special place for medical attention that motivated him to open the Sports Medicine Center and volunteer his

time in providing sports medicine to the various teams.

"My partners and myself are basically people who love sports medicine and it's a way to be near the action and help the athletes," he said. "I came to the realization that injured athletes really had no place to go after a Friday night football game and so I formed the Sports Medicine Center."

Piesko also got a taste of sports franchise ownership when he bought an interest in the Flint Spirits hockey club.

Piesko hasn't confined his activity in sports medicine to the Flint area. He's been instrumental in creating a certification process for sports physicians through the American Osteopathic Sports Medicine Association.

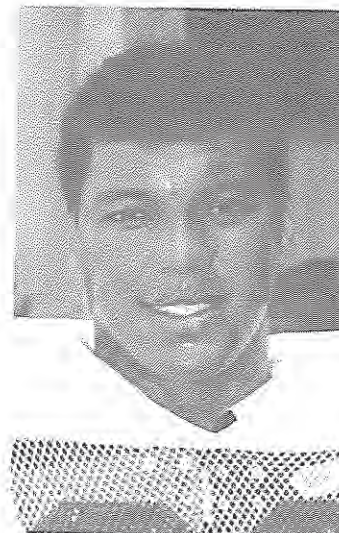
He served on the board of the AOSMA for 10 years and served as president in 1996.

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NORTHERN HIGH BASKETBALL 1938-39, 1939-40

Galling Setback Spurred Vikings

It started with a loss.

Before Northern High reeled off 36 straight basketball victories and two consecutive state championships in 1939 and '40, there was that 14-11 defeat at Saginaw.

It wasn't just another setback. The Vikings had already dropped four of eight games in what was shaping up as a mediocre season. But this one was different.

This game of Feb. 3, 1939 was a galling, humiliating, rock-bottom defeat. Everything went wrong and nothing went in the basket. Northern didn't even score in the first half.

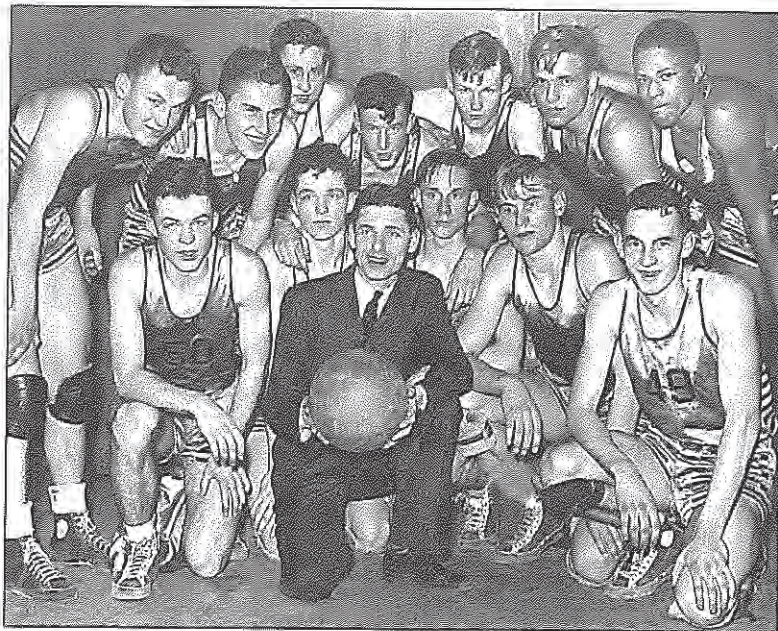
Jim Barclay, the normally cool-headed Vikings coach, was livid. As guard Bob Holloway recalled, "It was not a pleasurable ride home."

Starters were benched. Eddie Krupa and Len Sweet were temporarily booted off the team. Barclay considered firing the entire varsity and working with sophomores toward the next season.

Out of those ashes rose the most dominant high school basketball team Michigan had seen to that point. The Vikings did not lose again for two years. Few of their next 36 games were even close.

Beginning with a 33-15 thumping of Bay City the following week, Northern won the final 11 games of 1939. Then the Wonder Boys picked up the ball and ran unscathed through 18 games of the 1939-40 campaign.

Those two teams are being inducted as a single entry into the



The 1939 Northern High team after it won the state Class A championship. (Kneeling from left): Wayne Christenson, Ralph Gilbert, coach Jim Barclay, Len Sweet, Earl Kelly, Dick Holloway. (Standing from left): Ed Zbiciak, Eddie Krupa, Bob Holloway, John Anderson, Steve Zofchak, Bud Fromholz, George Mills.

Team roster

John Anderson, John Bero, Wayne Christenson, Clifford Fielder, Bud Fromholz, Ralph Gilbert, Bob Holloway, Dick Holloway, Earl Kelly, Eddie Krupa, David Levenson, George Mills, Dan O'Hare, Len Sweet, Ed Zbiciak, Steve Zofchak.

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

The rosters of each team varied only slightly, but the difference in chemistry was huge. Barclay juggled the lineup throughout 1938-39, trying 11 different players as starters. The only constant was Earl Kelly, a 6-foot-2 All-State center who carried the team to the state title.

The starting lineup of 1939-40 was a pat hand. The emergence of four unbeatable athletes provided Barclay with a smooth-running machine that hit opponents from all sides. Krupa, Sweet and the Holloway cousins — Bob and Dick — had led Northern to an undefeated football season in the

fall, and they had grown accustomed to winning.

The legend of the Wonder Boys was born. It eventually grew into 29 straight football games without a loss, and the first 35 of 36 consecutive basketball victories with those four boys in the lineup. Barclay later called it the greatest team of his coaching career.

"I honestly felt we couldn't lose," said Bob Holloway. "It's not bragging, we just had such a good team."

"We expected to win, Krupa said. "When the score got tight, we'd just go to work a little harder."

In '39, though, they were still just part of Barclay's juggling act. Kelly was doing most of the scoring, and getting just enough help to keep Northern winning.

The Vikings barely survived their first regional game, holding off Jackson, 26-25, after leading 22-10. In the quarterfinals against Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, Kelly and Steve Zofchak combined for 10 straight points in a 2:15 span of the fourth quarter to

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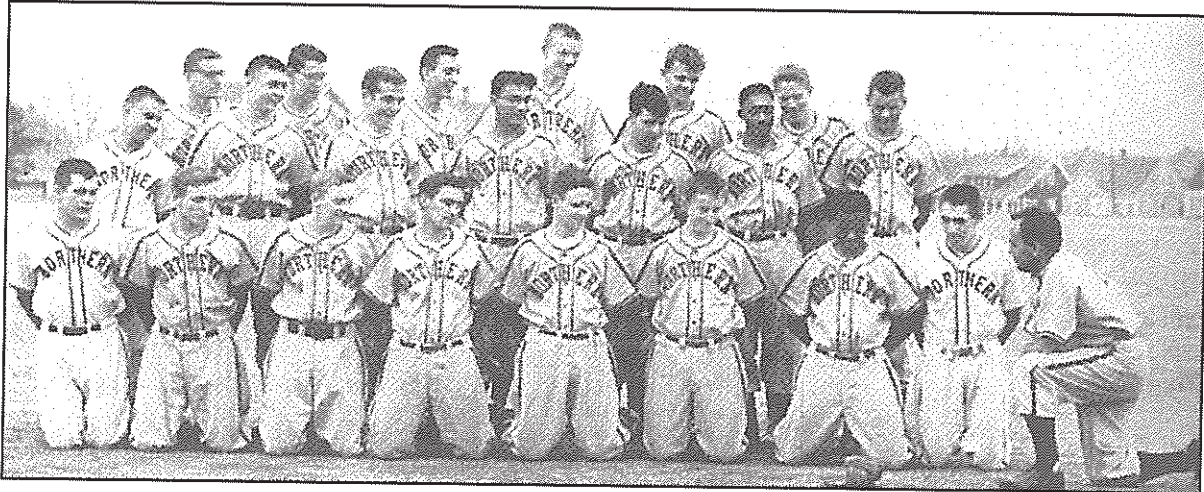


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NORTHERN HIGH BASEBALL 1953



The 1953 Vikings: (Top row from left) Leon Stacey, Don Youmans, Jim Vukovich, Joe Roberson, Jim Johnston, Walt Johnson. (Middle row) Danny Szabo, Dick Thayer, Tom Pendell, Danny Lazar, Bruce MacLean, Mose Rison, Steve Boros. (Kneeling): Larry Boucier, Chuck Blackburn, Ernie Myers, George Cimermanic, Don Jenkins, Jim Hardy, Art Edmonds, Bob Jobe, coach Burt Smith. Not pictured is Frank Manley.

Winning Was Routine Experience

The 1953 high school baseball season was just one leg of a much longer journey for the Northern High team of that year.

Most of those boys played so many games with so many teams over so many years that it's difficult for them now to isolate a six-week, 16-game campaign in the spring.

Much of the squad also played together on the Fisher Post 342 American Legion teams during the summers of 1951 and '52. On alternate days they would play with a Class C team in the Boys' Baseball Program. Over a three-year period, they played probably 120 ballgames together.

The high school season must have felt like spring training.

Of course, it was much more than that. The 1953 Northern High team went undefeated through 10 Saginaw Valley Conference games and beat Central both times for its fourth straight City Series title.

The roster listed 22 players, but the '53 Vikings won with basically the same star-studded lineup every day.

The driving force was pitcher Joe Roberson, a 6-foot-6, hard-throwing senior who started and won nine of the 10 Valley games. He later pitched in the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm system

and recently capped his career as athletic director at the University of Michigan.

"I was a typical left-hander — fast and wild," Roberson said. "I threw hard, but it was always an adventure to find out where it went."

Like any good pitcher, Roberson modestly credited the defense behind him.

"The outfielders did as well as they could, they just didn't play high enough, was all," he said.

"Don't let him kid you," said outfielder Frank Manley. "Joe was awesome in high school, junior high, all the way up. He wasn't wild at all except when he was pitching to us, his teammates."

For the record, Roberson went 9-0 in the Valley with 100 strikeouts in 55 innings. He walked 24 and allowed 23 hits.

He got lots of support. The Vikings outscored Valley foes, 73-18. Manley, in one three-game stretch, had nine hits. Second baseman Dan Lazar wrecked Bay City one day with two triples, two singles and five RBI.

It says a lot about the Viking lineup that future Detroit Tiger Steve Boros was a relatively weak link. He batted low in the order and had 16 errors at

shortstop.

"That was not Steve's highlight year," Roberson noted. "But he matured after he went to Michigan."

Also going on to play ball at UM were first baseman Jim Vukovich and third baseman Ernie Myers. Completing the starting nine were Jim Johnston and Bruce MacLean in the outfield and Tom Pendell at catcher.

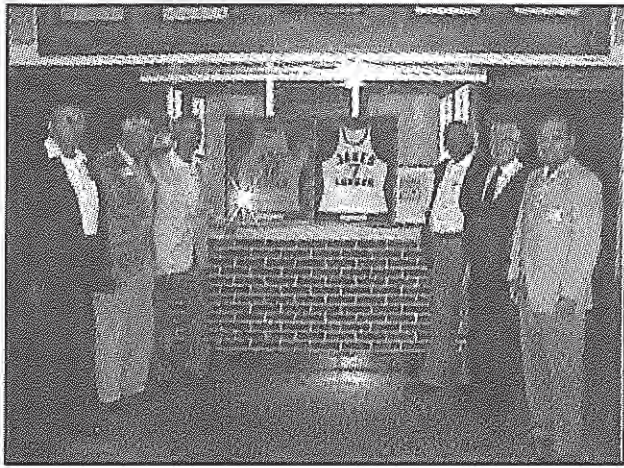
The critical point in the season was a mid-May showdown with Central. Before more than 1,200 fans at Atwood Stadium for each game, Roberson pitched a pair of three-hitters, winning 1-0 on Monday and 3-1 on Thursday. He fanned 15 Indians in the second game.

There was no state tournament at the time, so the season concluded with a Memorial Day invitational at Battle Creek.

Northern beat Detroit Catholic Central 5-3 in the opener as Roberson went the distance for his 10th win. The Vikings then lost, 7-4, to Battle Creek as Vukovich homered and MacLean drilled three hits. Northern's final overall record of 11-5 included two earlier losses to Battle Creek and a doubleheader sweep by Hamtramck.

At least half the team had gone
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JAMES LUMBER BASKETBALL 1951

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They had an NFL player on the front line and three coaches in the lineup.

With four guys standing 6-foot or taller, they towered over most other teams of the era. Everybody on the roster could score and play defense.

Altogether, it was an unbeatable combination of brains, brawn, size and talent that made up the James Lumber basketball team of 1951. A powerhouse in Flint's tough Class AA league, the 12-man squad went 25-5 overall and captured the Michigan Recreation Association state championship that year.

Their success has earned the 1951 Lumbermen entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It was one of the most well-rounded teams I've ever seen," said Clare Weaver, the tallest player on the team at 6-3. "Somebody was always hitting, and we played well together. Nobody tried to hog the ball; we were all willing to pass off. I think that's why we went as far as we did."

The most glamorous name on the team was Lynn Chandnois, because he was playing halfback for the Pittsburgh Steelers at the time after an All-American football career at Michigan State. But Chandnois was just another Flint guy on this club.

"We were just a bunch of guys that used to chum around," said Chandnois, the brawn of the team at 6-2 and 195 pounds.

Other regulars were Bob Torrey (6-foot) at center, Len "Goose" Jasinski and Tony Majda at guard and Len Sweet and Jack Marlette at guard or forward. Jim Lane (6-2) provided more size off the bench, and Bond French, Fran Oldham and Neal Peel contributed solid backup play.



Sponsor Lew James (second from left) accepts trophies won by his James Lumber basketball team in 1951. (Standing from left): Lynn Chandnois, James, City basketball commissioner Red Harrell, Tony Majda, Len Sweet, Jack Marlette, Len Jasinski, coach Howard Nelson. (Seated) Jim Lane, Bond French, Clare Weaver, Bob Torrey.

Sweet and Chandnois are already individual members of the GFASHF.

The Lumbermen were coached by Howard Nelson, who kept the powerful machine running smoothly from the bench. But much of the defensive strategy was devised by Sweet, Jasinski and Marlette, all of whom coached high school teams.

Sweet in particular had a keen eye for defense.

"Len Sweet was the smartest man on coaching I had been around," Weaver said. "He could look at somebody, watch him play a little bit, then turn to you and say, 'You do this to the guy and he won't score.' He was terrific."

Invariably, it was Jasinski who drew the toughest defensive assignment. He excelled at shutting down high scorers, but the former All Saints High star also gave James Lumber an outside scoring threat, as did Majda, who played at Central Michigan, and Marlette, who grew up on Hoosier-style basketball in Indiana.

Chandnois, with an unstoppable hook shot, frequently led the team in scoring, but box scores consistently showed three and four Lumbermen in double figures. Weaver scored a lot on offensive rebounds, and Oldham

was a fast, hard-driving guard.

The Class AA campaign was a season-long race with Emerson Inn, the two-time defending champion. Emerson broke a first-place tie with a 56-51 victory over James on Feb. 19, but two days later a lineup of just five Lumbermen — mostly subs — kept James' title hopes alive with a four-point victory over fourth-place Schupbach Brothers.

A week later, Emerson was stunned by fifth-place Herrlich's Drugs and finished the regular season tied with James Lumber at 17-4. In a one-game playoff, Chandnois scored 20 and Lane 15 as James led all the way in a 58-47 victory.

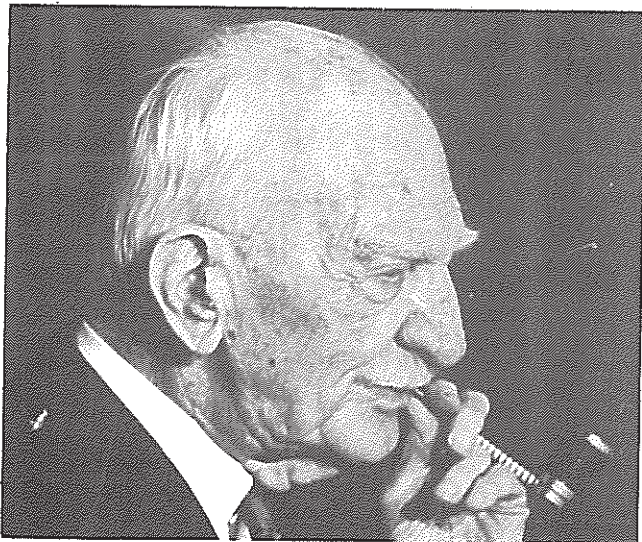
Then it was the Lumbermen's turn to be shocked, as third-place Allsports knocked them out of the city playoffs, 49-44. It would be their last loss of the season.

James swept Schupbach in a best-of-three series for a state tournament berth, but suffered a different kind of setback several days later when Oldham was seriously hurt in a traffic accident and lost for the season. In his final game, Oldham had led the team with 15 points.

The Lumbermen easily won a dis-

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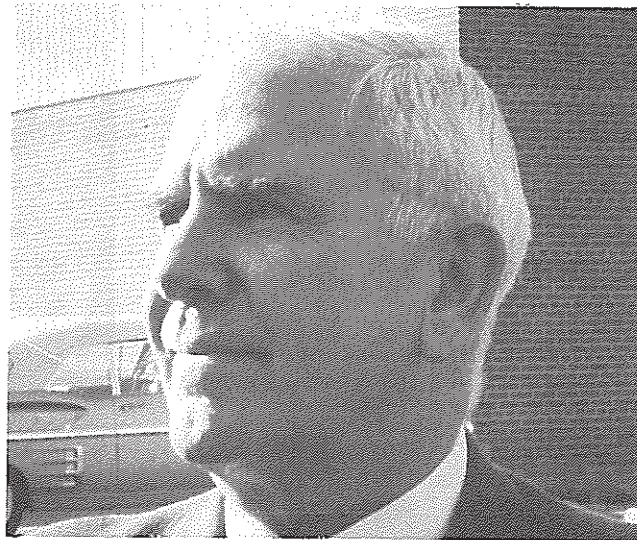
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1980

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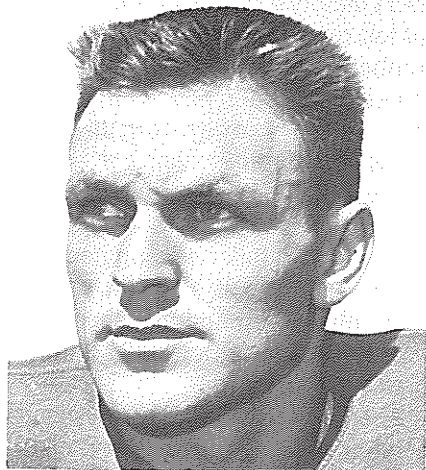


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A result of his intense interest in Flint area youth, Manley inspired C.S. Mott to finance a pilot program in sports and recreation. As a result, the Mott Foundation was created and the community school philosophy adopted. The combination of Manley's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

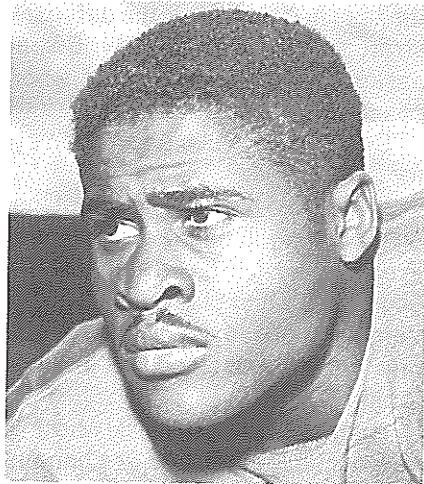
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1980

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.



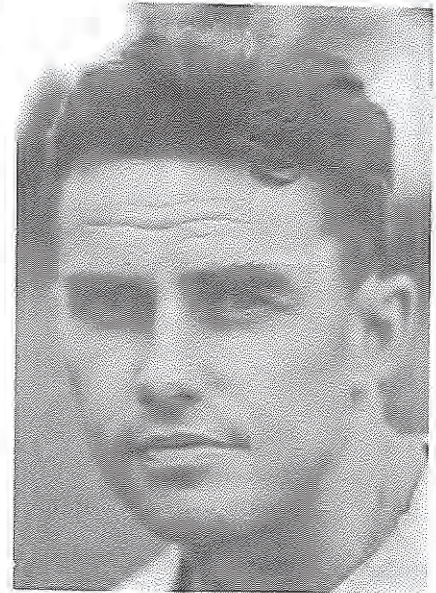
**1980
STEVE BYSCO**

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.

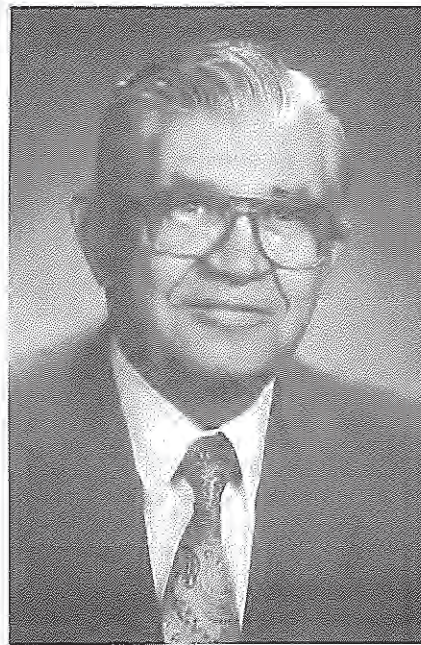
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1981

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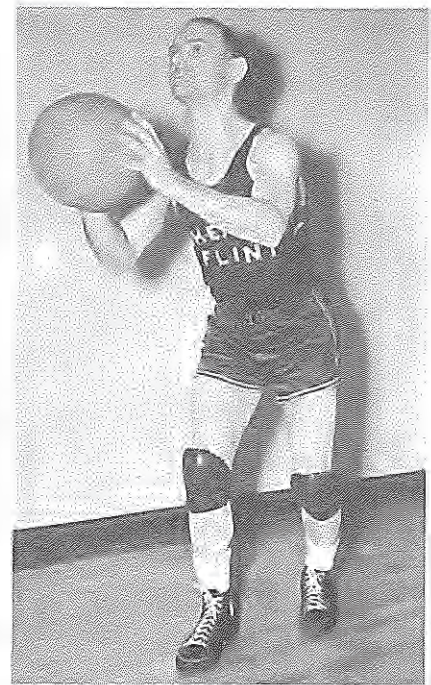
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981

**Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

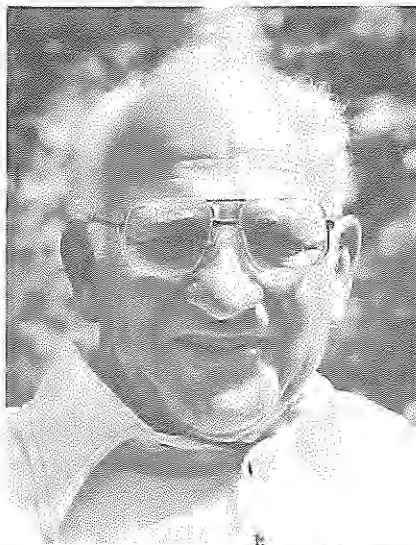
His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



1981

CHET LIPSKI

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



1981

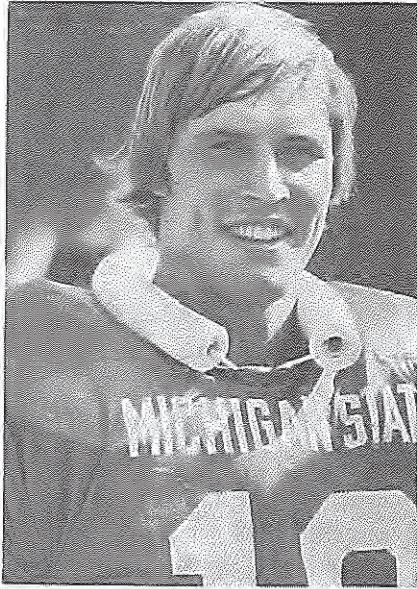
DOUG BLOM

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

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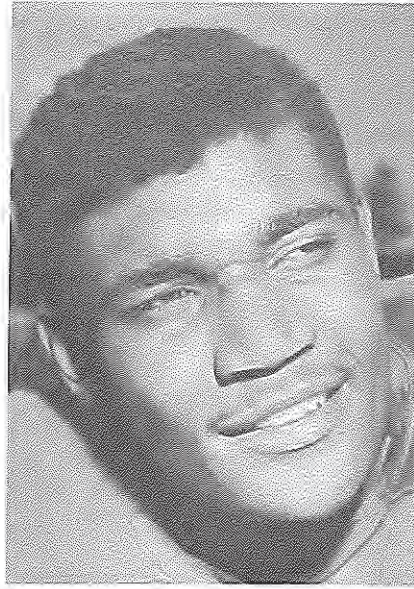
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1981

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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Harold Kaczynski

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when we played the next year, you could see when (opponents) came on the field that they felt like they had a pretty easy ballgame.

"And we really blasted some of them."

So much so that four years latter, the Eagles were riding a 31-game winning streak.

Kaczynski retired from coaching in 1965 after compiling a 66-12-2 record at Frankenmuth. He returned to Flint to run the youth sports programs at Whittier Junior High before retiring.

Today, the 77-year Kaczynski splits his time between Cheboygan and Tucson, Ariz., where he lives about seven months a year.

As for that nickname, Kaczynski still laughs when telling the story.

"When I went to Flint Central, there were only two Class A high schools in town," he said. "They had three or four varsity teams. There was the varsity, the reserves and then they had what they called the scrub squads.

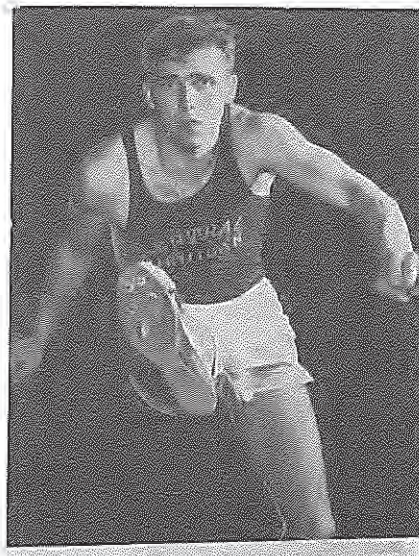
"I was on one of those scrub squads and the coach came over one day during the first few practices and took us over (to the varsity practice) and a miracle happened. I scored on my first play.

"I never got back to the line of scrimmage that year, but I wasn't quitting."



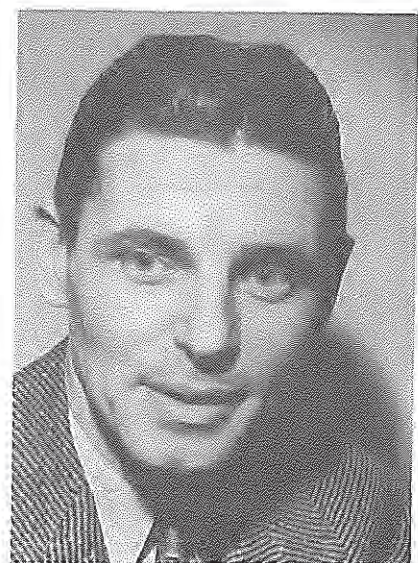
**1982
FRED TROSKO**

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).



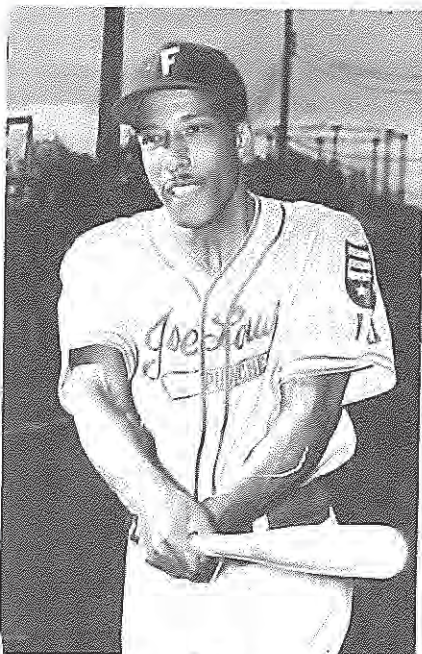
**1982
JIM PODOLEY**

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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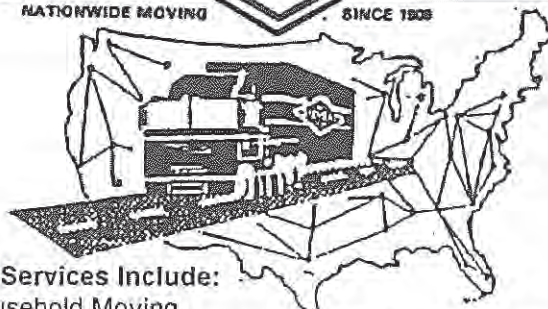
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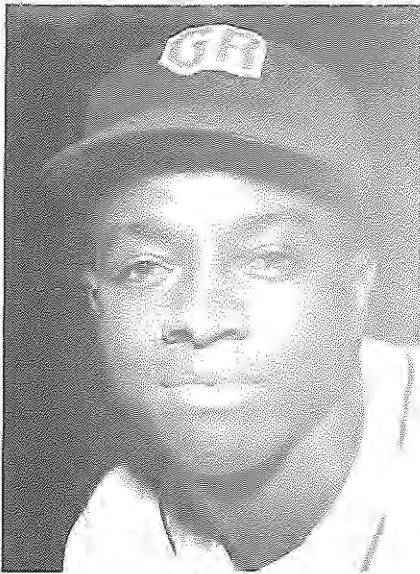


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1983

DAVE HOSKINS

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



1983

**HAROLD "TUBBY"
RAYMOND**

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



1983

BOB ROWE

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

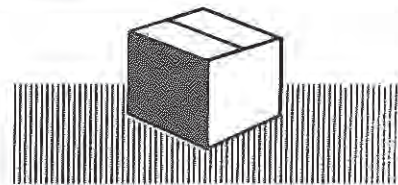
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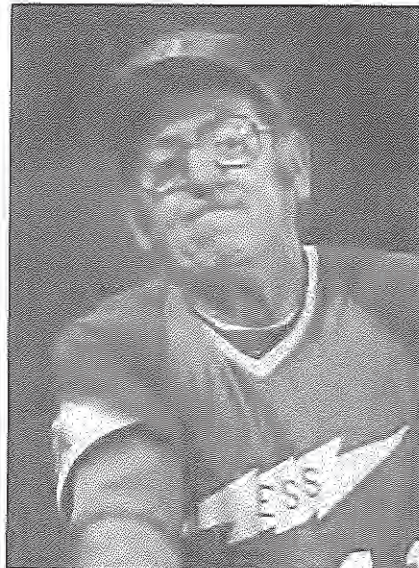
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**1983
PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

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



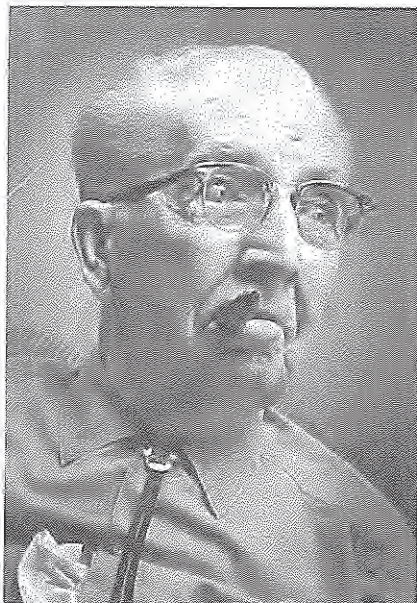
**1983
JIM DOYLE**

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



**1983
BILL HAMILTON**

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



**1983
Special Service Award
T. J. HALLIGAN**

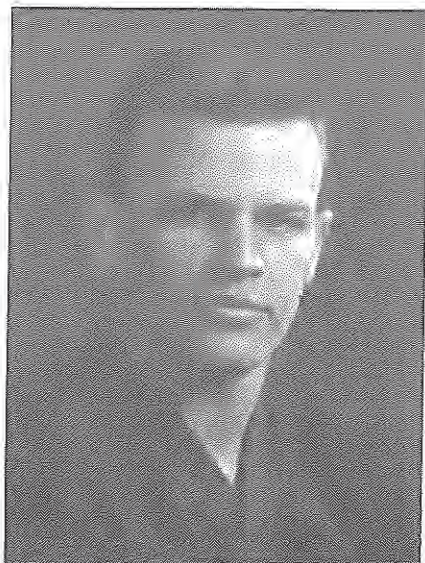
An area bowling proprietor for 40 years, Halligan was also president of three minor leagues of professional baseball and remained active in community bowling and baseball endeavors until his death in 1968.



**FRED LAWSON
1984
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD**

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

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DOMINIC TOMASI
1984

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



JAMES R.
"JIMMY" JOHNSON

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



HOWARD "GUS" HUGHES
1984

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



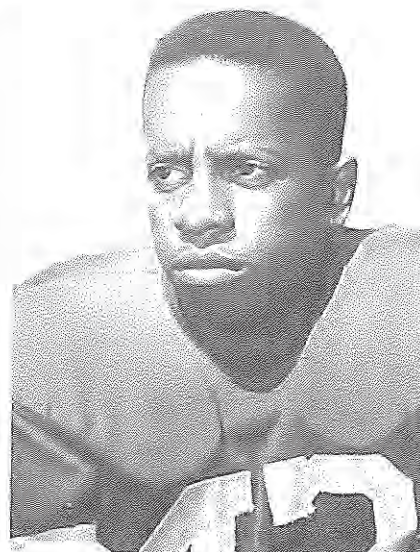
HOWARD GILROY
1984

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



PEG HAMMOND
1984

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



JESSE THOMAS
1984

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

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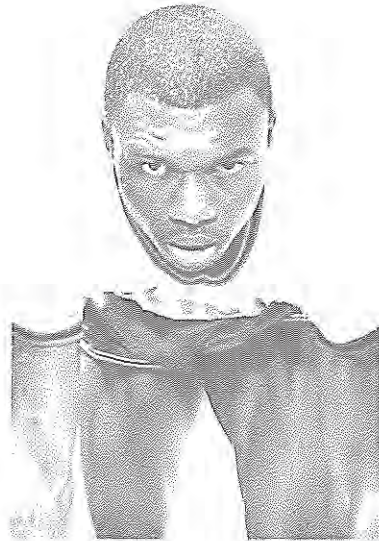
No matter how significant the accomplishments of an individual or team may be, a nomination is necessary in order for that person or team to be considered.

Do not take for granted that an individual's or team's credentials are so well known that induction will be automatic.

All of those who will be inducted tonight or have been inducted previously had to be nominated first.

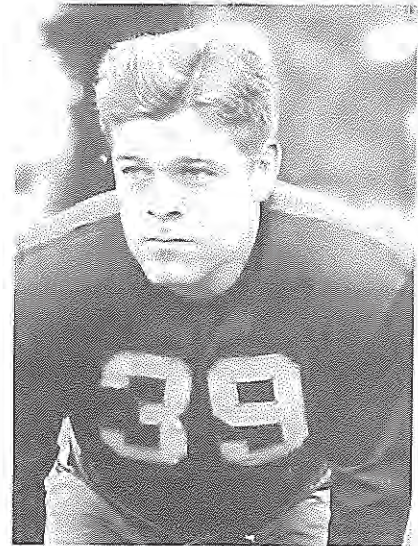
The nominating process is easy. All that is required is to submit the name of the individual or team on a nominating form. In many cases the GFASHF will do its own research on the candidates, but it is helpful to include the name of a contact person on the nominating form if additional information is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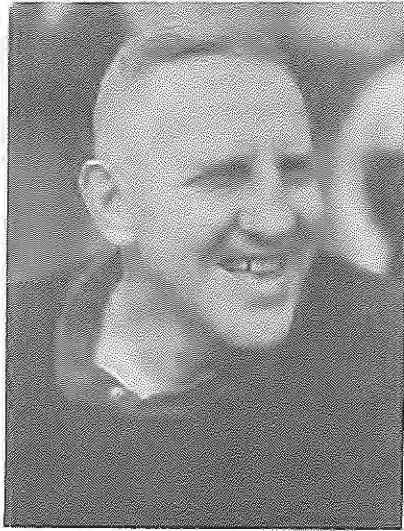


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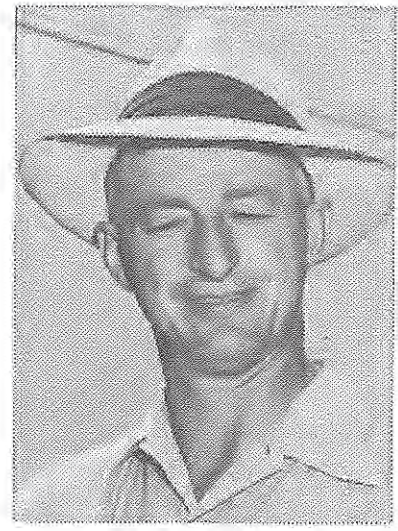
STAN BROOME
Special Service Award
1985

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



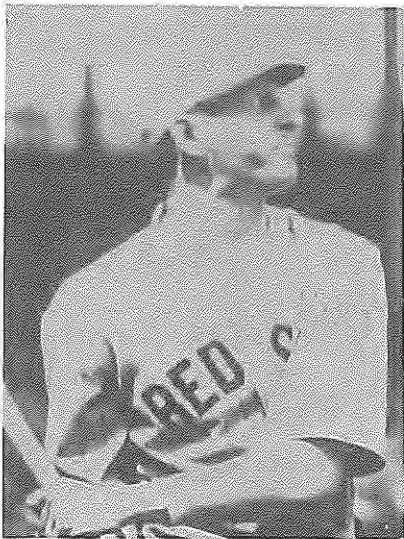
NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

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



KEN FAILING
1985

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



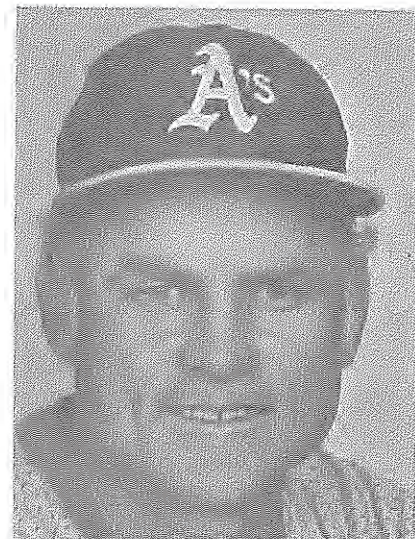
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

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



LEROY BOLDEN
1985

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



STEVE BOROS
1985

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



1986

BILL BARCLAY

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



1986

JEANETTE ROBINSON

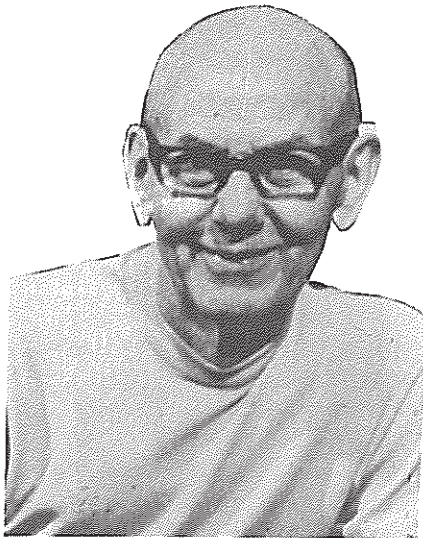
Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



1986

**Special Service Award
BILL MINARDO**

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



1986

OLLIE CRAVEN

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

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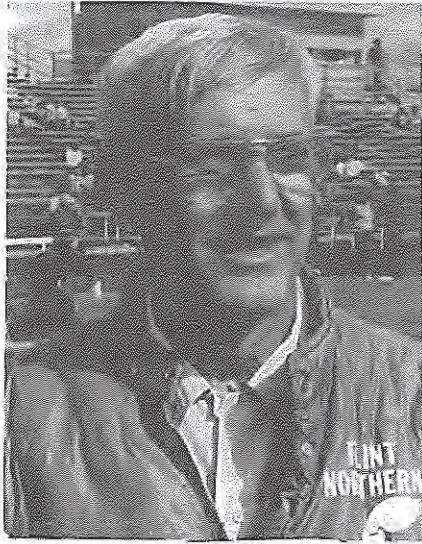
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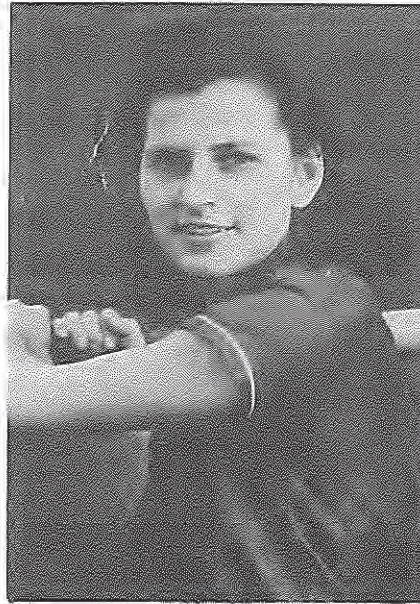
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1986

NORBERT BADAR

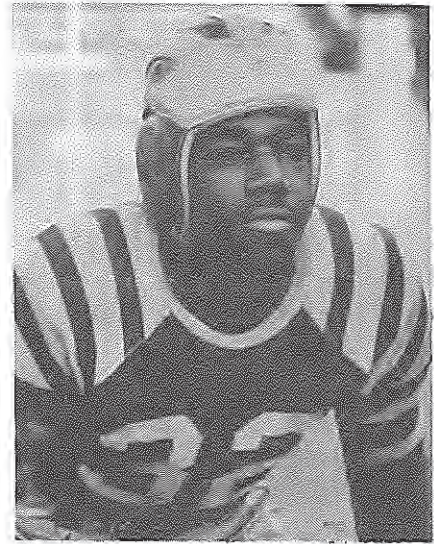
Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



1986

SOPHIE KURYS

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



1986

ELLIS DUCKETT

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

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Special Service Award**

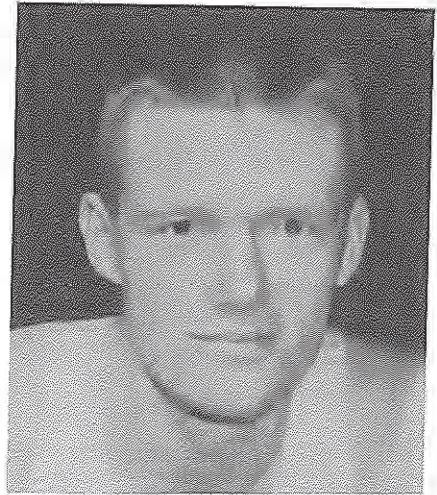
Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



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TED PRICHARD

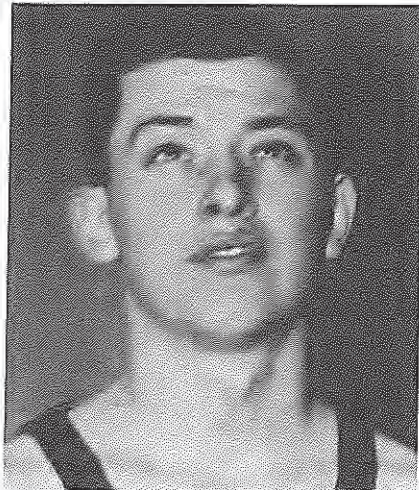
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



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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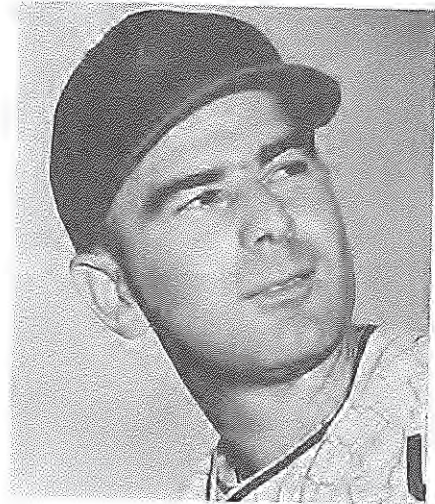
**1987
JO LAKE**

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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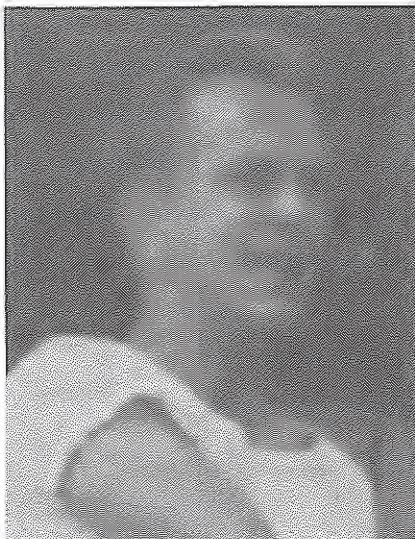
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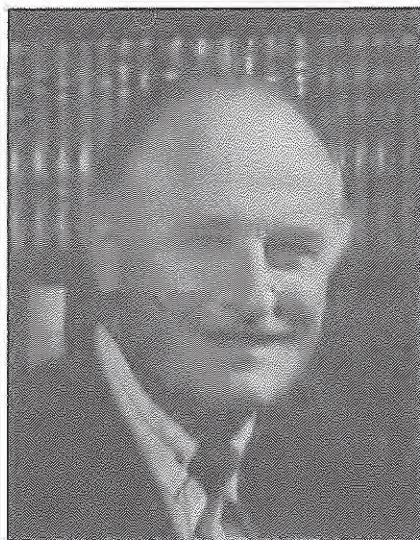
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1988

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**

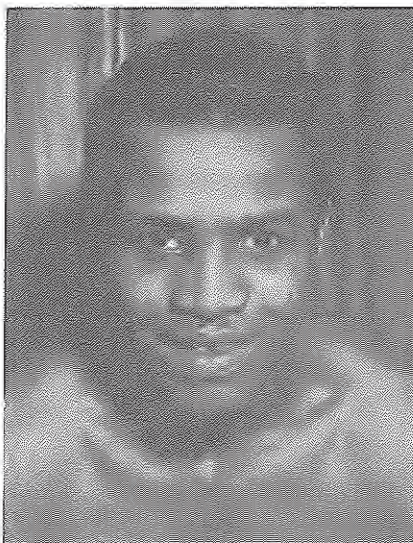
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who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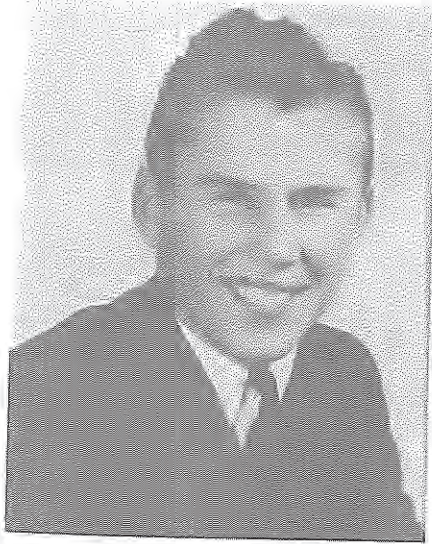
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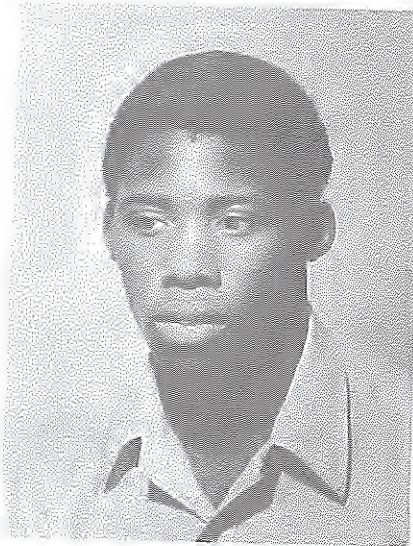
HOWARD AUER

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.



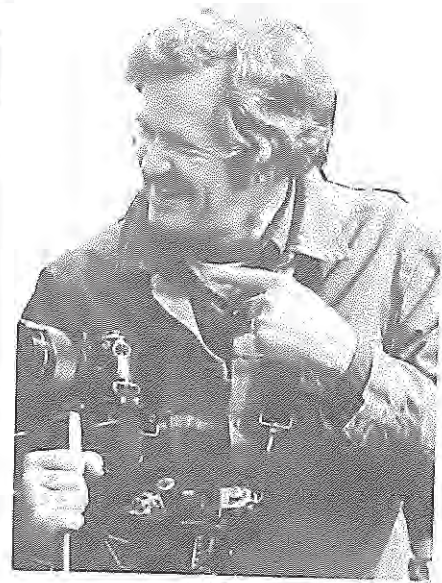
1988
ED KRUPA

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.



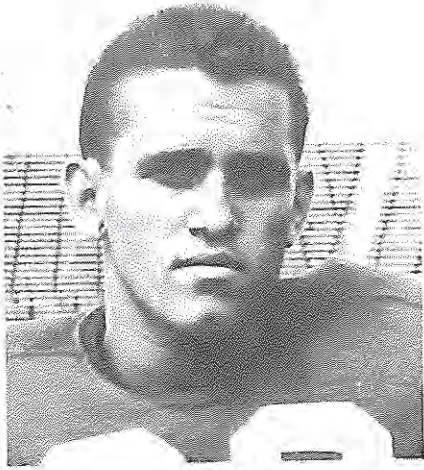
1989
BARRY EDMONDS
Special Service Award

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.



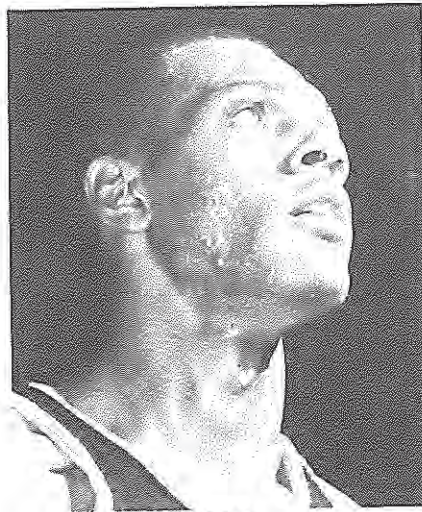
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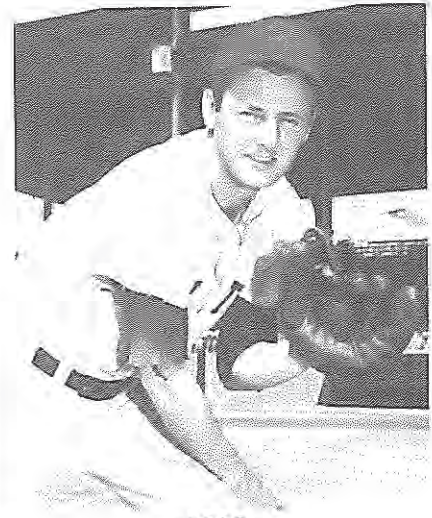
**1989
BOB SUCI**

Suci, a defensive back, played pro football for the Houston Oilers and Boston Patriots. He played offensive and defensive halfback at Michigan State from 1959-61. At Grand Blanc High, he totaled 15 letters in football, baseball, basketball and track.



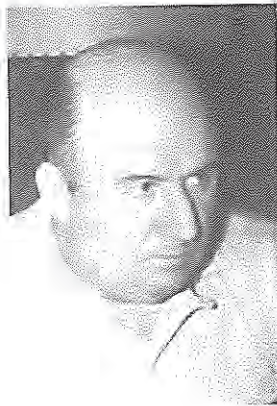
**1989
GENE SUMMERS**

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



**1989
RAY SEIDEL**

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



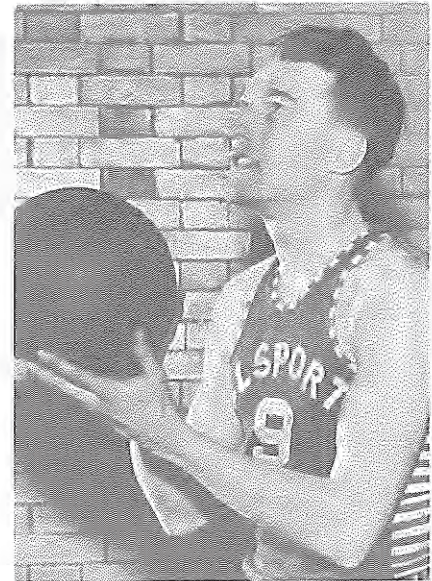
**1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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



**1989
MIKE GOGGINS**

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

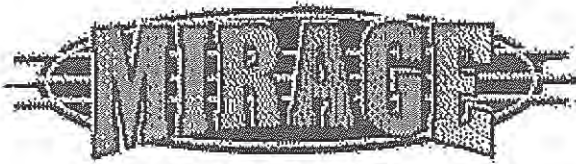


**1989
JACK MORSE**

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

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Ray Collard

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was in his 50s," said Ray Collard.

•He added, "Burt Smith was an amazing coach at Northern. He stressed the fine points which made the difference between winning and losing. I sat on the bench for the entire season as a sophomore because he believed observing was important to learning."

•He also praised the late Don Morrow who was an outstanding minor leaguer in the Detroit Tigers' farm system before returning to Flint and starring in the CBL. Collard said, "He was so graceful, everything seemed so easy. Watching him was a treat whether you were playing on the same team or playing against him."

Earning the Hazen (Kiki) Cuyler award in the 1951 American Legion tourney was a major career highlight.

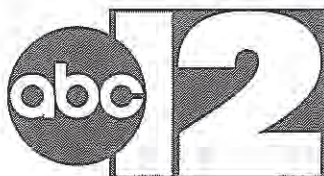
Cuyler, a native of Harrisville, played in Flint before starting an 18-year major league career which led to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and was a friend of Joe Collard. A pitcher, Collard had a specialty of handcuffing Cuyler with a side-arm curve. The latter sought Collard's advice about overcoming his handicap and the two remained friends until Cuyler's death in 1950.

Ray knew Cuyler from the latter's visits to their home, so winning the Legion MVP was extra special.

When he called home from Iron River, Ray said, "I got it for you, Pop."

Now he's also joining Cuyler as a Hall of Famer.

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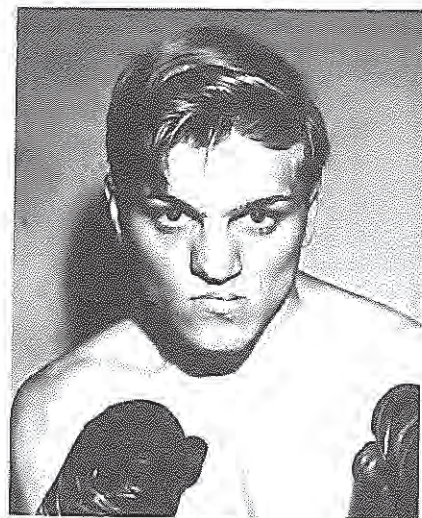
**1990
KEN MORROW**

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.



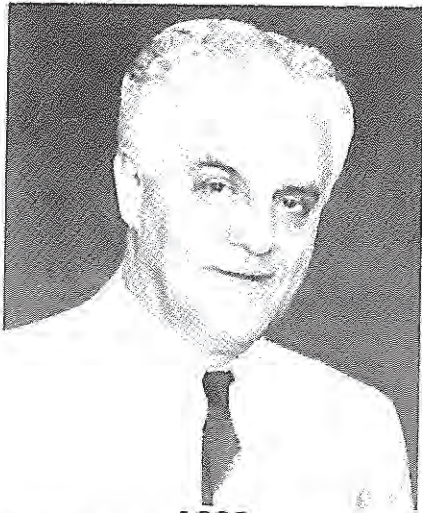
**1990
AL JOHNSON**

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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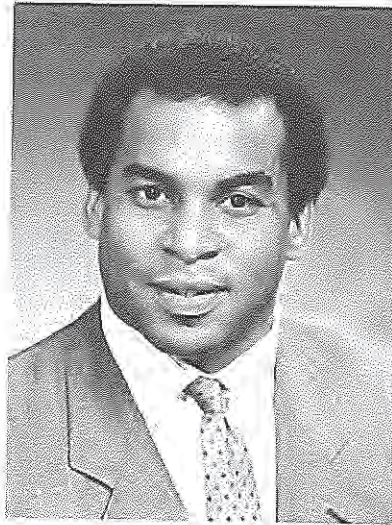
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**1990
BOB HARVEY**

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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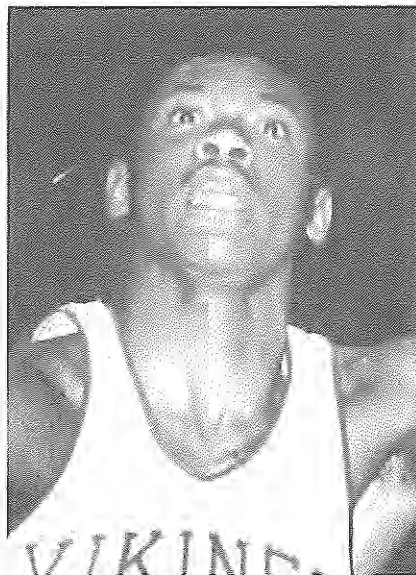


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**1991
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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 1974 national championship team. He was an All-State end at Northwestern High.




**1991
TERRY FURLOW**

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



**1991
RON PRUITT**

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



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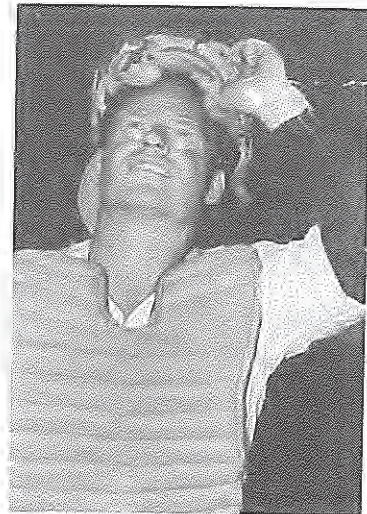
**1991
ANDY MacDONALD**

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



**1991
BOB LEACH**

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



**1991
JOE KINZEL**

Kinzel excelled in several sports. He played minor league baseball, won the National Southpaw Golf Championship and was an outstanding bowler and figure skater. He pitched for Central High from 1935-37 and threw the first no-hitter in a city championship baseball game beating Northern 1-9 in 1937. He once struck out 11 straight batters without allowing a foul ball.

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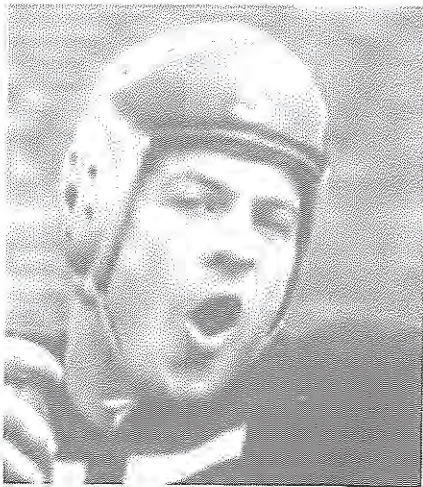
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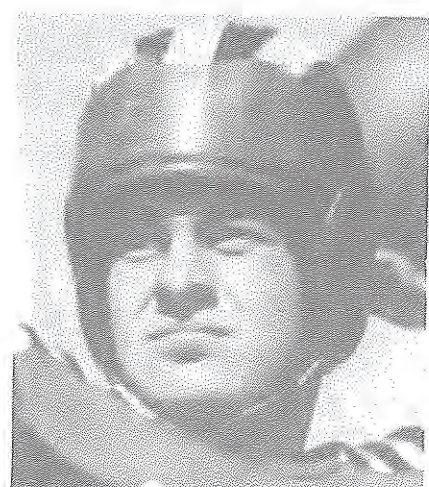
Two-time honorable mention All-American halfback at Michigan State in 1946 and '48. Ranked 13th nationally in total offense at Michigan State after gaining 1,029 yards in 1946. Selected for the 1948 North-South College All-Star football game. Earned All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors after helping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



1992

STAN GOOCH

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



1992

TONY BRANOFF

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

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trict game at Saginaw, 77-55, then rolled into Battle Creek on March 30 for the final three games. But now they were without Jasinski, who was to be the best man in a friend's wedding that weekend. A Saturday morning semifinal loomed against Fort Custer and its star player, "Jumping" Johnny Wilson, who had played the previous season with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Sponsor Lew James so desperately wanted Jasinski to guard Wilson that he offered to fly him from Bishop Airport after the wedding, to Battle Creek for the game, and back to Flint for the reception.

"He had it all figured out," said Jasinski. "The wedding was at 10, the game was at 2 and the reception was at 5 or 6.

"I was torn, but I knew if I went I'd sure as heck want to stay for the final game (Saturday night). I had an obligation, so I stayed."

James used just eight players in sweeping the three games: 52-36 over Ypsilanti, 50-41 over Port Huron (Wilson scored 17), and 42-38 over Highland Park.

Eight of the 12 players returned in 1952, when James won the Class AA regular season and playoff titles. Their quest for a repeat state championship ended in a quarterfinal loss to Dearborn.



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.



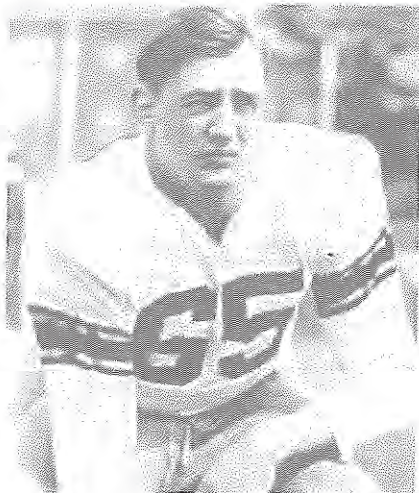
1992
DOUG MINTLINE
Special Service Award

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.



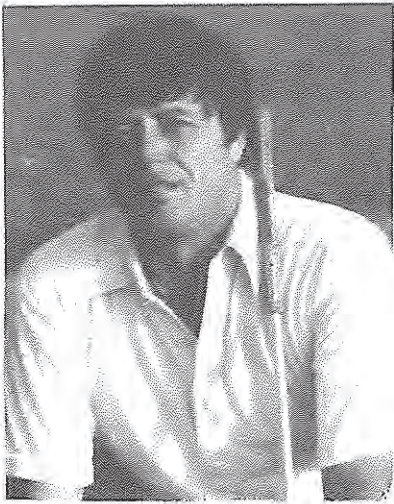
1992
BILL YAMBRICK

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.



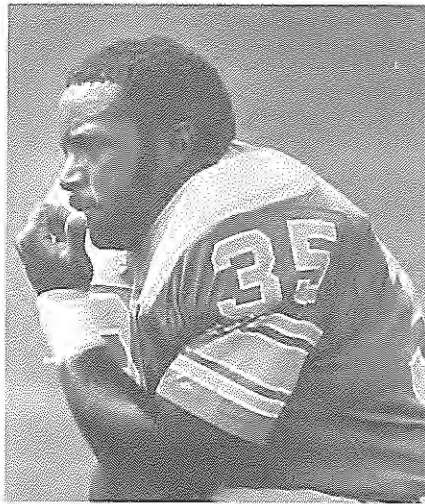
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The IMA Sports Arena is home for The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The beautiful plaques you see on the easels tonight will be on permanent display in the Sports Arena lobby. There are plaques for 132 individuals already adorning the walls, and soon there will be 140.



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.



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.



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.

Northern Baseball

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much further the previous summer in American Legion ball. A common practice of the day was that high school teams would stay virtually intact in the summer and play under the sponsorship of a Legion post. It wasn't quite as competitive as high school ball — until the tournaments began.

With basically the same starting lineup, Fisher Post 342 went 20-4 and captured its second straight state Legion championship. Vukovich won the Kiki Cuyler Award, honoring the Most Valuable Player of the state finals.

The summer season also gave some of Northern's bench-warmers their moment in the sun. Pendell got to do some pitching, which allowed Jim Hardy to handle the catching chores.

Chuck Blackburn, who played little for Northern as the No. 2 hurler behind Roberson, seized the opportu-

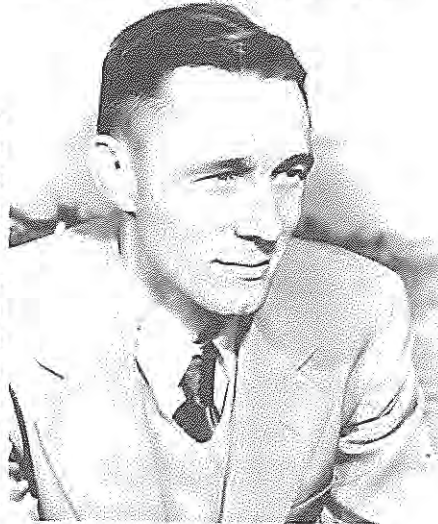
nity with Fisher Post. He quit a summer job in order to play in the Legion postseason where he won all three clinching games in the city, district and zone tournaments.

Five players — Lazar, Myers, Vukovich, MacLean and Roberson — had played for the '51 Legion state champs as well. When they also helped a city recreation team win the Class C title, they passed up the resulting trip to Briggs Stadium.

"It was more prestigious to win the state Legion tournament," Lazar said.

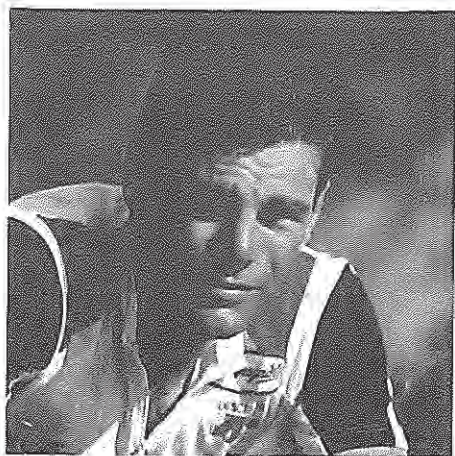
The Fisher teams lost in the Legion regionals both years, but the 43-8 record they carved over those summers laid the foundation for Northern's Valley run in 1953. Vikings coach Burt Smith must have loved conducting the tryouts that spring.

"It was highly competitive just to make the team," Manley said. "We had nine guys who all thought they were Kiki Cuyler Award winners."



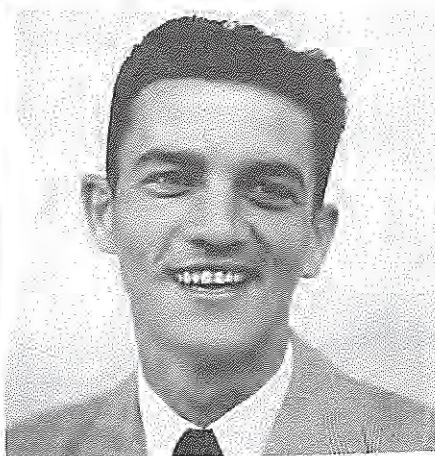
1993
LEN SWEET

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.



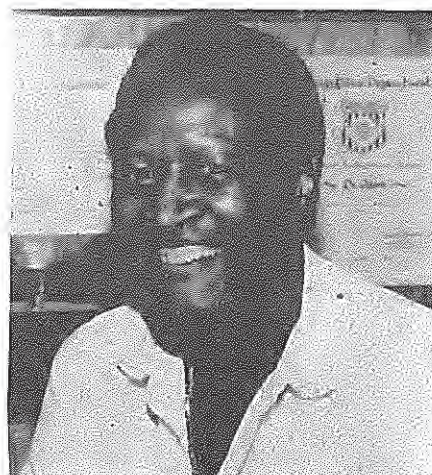
**1993
MIKE SECREST**

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



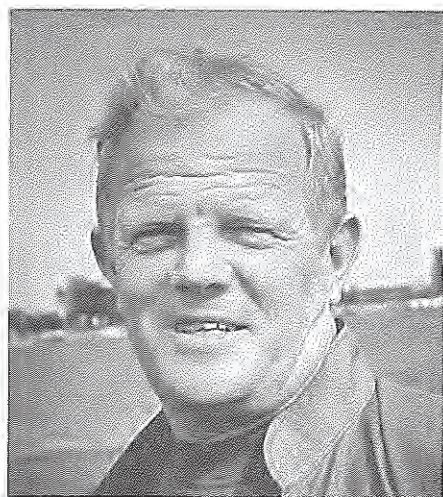
**1993
JOHN BERO**

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



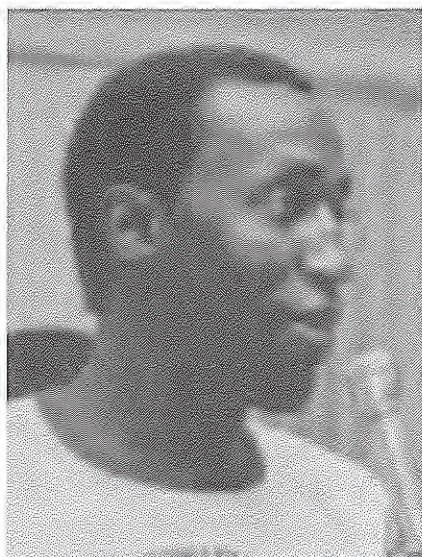
**1993
HERB ODOM**

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



**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.



**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.



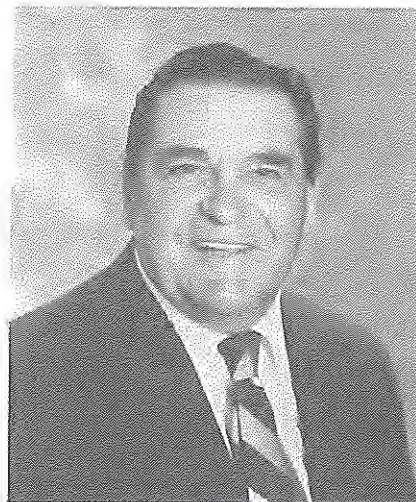
**1994
Joe Pitock**

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.



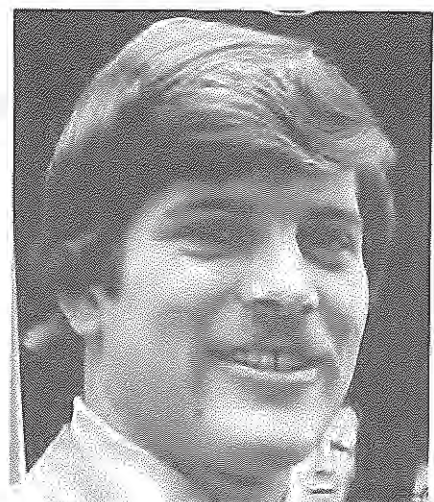
1994
Cotton Goodell

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 Tallahassee, 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.



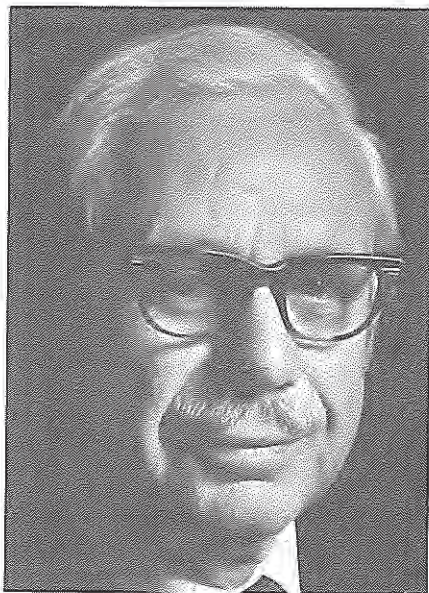
1994
Wally Jakowczyk

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.



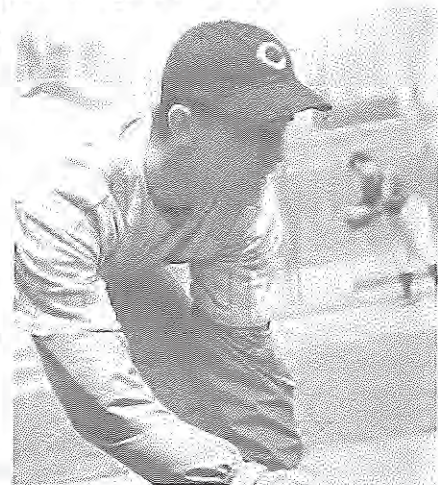
1994
Hira E. Branch
Special Services Award

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.



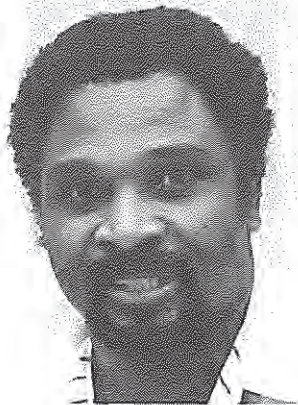
1995
Jack Petrill
Special Service

An outstanding promoter whose efforts attracted some of the biggest athletic events in Flint history, including the General Motors Tri-State Amateur Boxing Tournament in 1936 attended by 22,000 at Atwood Stadium. Was the Recreation Director of the Industrial Mutual Association, a member of the Flint Park Board, chairman of the Michigan Amateur Athletic Association and an appointee to the 1932 United States Olympic Committee.



1995
Andy Sabota (Pelio)

Set the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring record in 1936 when Northern finished with a beaten season and won the State Class A basketball championship. A unanimous selection to the All-Valley first team one year after helping the Vikings reach the finals of the 1935 state tournament. Played several seasons of minor league baseball, batting .340 for Tiffin, Ohio in 1939. Hit 16 home runs for the Flint Gems of the Michigan State League in 1940.



**1995
Grover Kirkland**

Guided Northwestern to successive state Class A boys' basketball championships in 1984 and '85 while appearing in the semifinals for three straight years. His Northwestern teams set a state Class A record by winning 60 consecutive games from 1984-86. Under Kirkland Northwestern set a Saginaw Valley Conference mark by winning four successive league championships with undefeated records from 1983-86. During this period his teams also set Flint record by winning 20 consecutive City Series games.



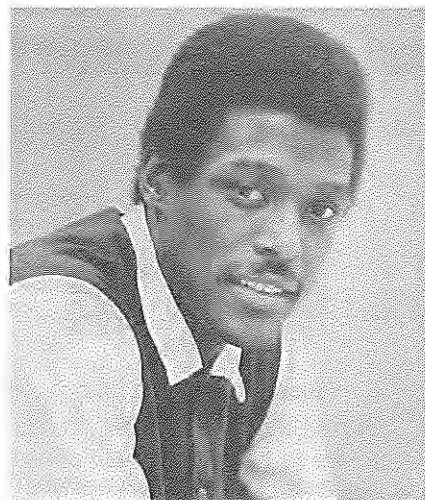
**1995
Dorothy Kukulka**

Coached Northern to state record four successive Class A girls' basketball tournament championships from 1978-81 and five consecutive appearances in the final game. Named Associated Press state Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1980 after coaching Lady Vikings to back-to-back undefeated seasons that were part of a state-record 76-game winning streak. Had career coaching record of 189-37, for winning average of .836.



**1995
Nick Manych**

Earned All-Genesee County honors two years in both football and baseball and three-time All-Conference selection in football at Eastern Michigan University where he captained the team in his senior season, 1954, to the Interstate Intercollegiate Conference championship. Earned 10 letters at Eastern including in basketball and baseball. Was drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League in 1954.



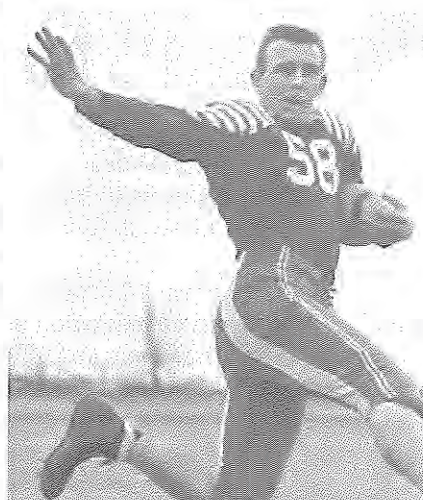
**1995
Justus Thigpen**

The first Flint player to reach the National Basketball Association, joining the Detroit Pistons in 1973 and playing with the Kansas City Kings in 1974. A two-time All-Conference selection at Flint Junior College. Was the leading scorer at Weber State in 1968 and was named to the All-Conference first team in 1969 after leading Weber State to Big Sky Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament.



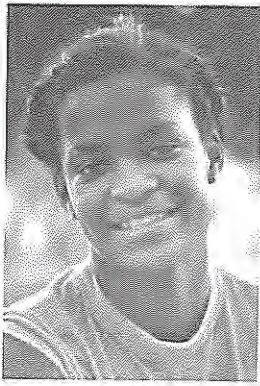
**1995
Chub Guzak**

Played two seasons of football, basketball and baseball at Northern before signing minor league baseball contract. In seven seasons of minor league baseball he batted above .300 six times, including .363 for Flint in 104 games in the Class A Michigan State League in 1941. Third leading scorer in Saginaw Valley Conference basketball in 1934, captained Northern to runnerup finish in 1935 State Class A basketball tournament.



**1995
Jim Crang**

A 13-letter-winner during four-year career at Beecher High where he was an All-State halfback in football and in track ran a record time of 22 seconds in the 220-yard dash. Scored 63 touchdowns in four seasons, including 20 as a senior. Led Beecher to 33-2 record during football career including perfect 9-0 seasons in 1949 and '52. Was recognized in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" for scoring a perfect 500 in a physical fitness test.



1996
Pamela McGee

One of the most successful basketball players in Flint history. She became the first Flint basketball player to receive an Olympic Gold Medal as a member of the triumphant U.S. Women's team in 1984. At Northern she combined with her twin sister, Paula, to begin an unprecedented dynasty in state high school girls' basketball. Northern posted back-to-back undefeated seasons in her final two years culminating in state Class A tournament championships in 1978 and '79. Starred collegiately at Southern California where the Lady Trojans compiled a record of 109-18 during her four-year career capped by NCAA championships in 1983 and '84.



1996
Paula McGee

A forceful inside player whose talents helped to make Northern High unstoppable and contributed to a four-year era of national dominance by Southern California. At Northern, Paula and her twin sister, Pamela, were two pillars of power as the foundation for a state-record winning streak that would reach 76 games. Northern completed undefeated seasons by winning its first two of four straight state Class A championships in 1978 and '79. Combined with her sister to produce similar success at Southern Cal including successive national championships in 1983 and '84 and a four-year career record of 109-18.



1996
Art Johnson

Rookie of the Year in the Canadian Football League in 1961 and later received All-Pro honors during his seven-season career at Toronto and Calgary. All-State halfback at Northern High in 1953 when he led the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring. Later starred as a two-way halfback at Michigan State University where he averaged seven yards per running attempt in 1957 while scoring seven touchdowns. The versatile Johnson also played basketball and ran track in high school. Won city track championships in the 100 and 220-yard sprints in 1953 and '54 and led his team to the state medley relay record.

"Big Ed" Novak

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Force service in World War II.

From the Flint leagues to the minors, he pitched at least four no-hitters.

In 1947, he set down 12 consecutive Detroit Tigers in an exhibition at Atwood Stadium. That same year, he threw three straight shutouts in city play. He signed minor league contracts with the Tigers (1941) and New York Giants (1948), and opened the latter season with a game-winning pinch hit for Ogdensburg, N.Y., in the Class C Border League.

Flint's Jim Massar played against Novak in that circuit.

"Ed could throw a ball through a wall, but he was wild as a wet hen," Massar said. "One day he hit me two times in row with pitches."

A history of wildness probably cut short Novak's pro career, but an arm injury in the early '50s definitely ended his playing days. He married in 1954,

helped Dorothy raise eight kids and worked more than 30 years in the used car business. He died in 1987 at the age of 66.

True to his character, Novak never talked about his career once it ended. His own wife knew almost nothing about it, until she came across a box in the basement one day.

"I said, 'What's this?' " Dorothy recalled. "He said, 'Oh, I don't know. Throw it out.' "

Inside the box was virtually every newspaper clipping from Novak's career, neatly organized by his father, Joe. Appropriately for someone called "Big Ed," the collection was huge. It filled seven scrapbooks.

But beyond all the honors and fame, people remember something else big about "Big Ed" Novak: His heart.

"As talented as he was, I just remember him for his kindness," Massar said. "He would do anything for you. He was truly a gentle giant."



1996

Harvey Ethier

Special Service Award

A fixture in high school athletics for 50 years, he was a charter member of the board of directors for the Flint Area Parochial Conference, which he served as league president and business manager. Coached all sports at St. Mary's High including baseball for several seasons in the 1940s when he would not accept compensation in order to help the program survive financial problems. He received numerous plaques and awards for his contributions. His dedication to St. Mary's athletics was underscored when shortly before dying he requested contributions be made to the school's athletic fund instead of flowers at his funeral.



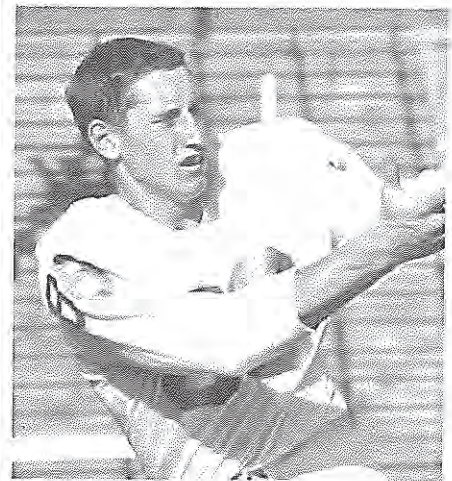
1996
Bill Blamer

Compiled a winning average of .722 in superb basketball coaching career at Flint Tech High and Flint Junior College. At Flint Tech, Blamer's teams were 101-52, winning three district championships, one regional crown and reaching the final four in the state high school tournament. His Flint JC teams won five conference championships. Blamer guided the Bears to three regional titles in the national junior college tournament including in 1961 when they reached the national semifinals. Five of his players gained All-American honors.



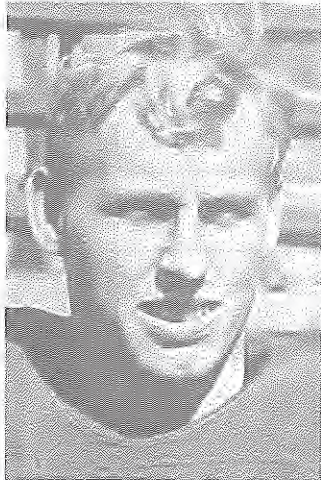
1996
Don Jarrard

Dedicated much of his life to golf as a player, coach and community leader. As the golf coach at Flint Junior College, Jarrard's teams fashioned a gaudy record of 495-75 while winning 18 state championships in his 33-year career and reaching the national tournament finals 10 times. Jarrard directed the Flint Junior Golf Program from 1950-60. Won numerous city and state tournaments as an amateur player, was captain of the Michigan State University golf team and later became the golf professional at Willow Wood Country Club.



1996
Carl Cmejrek

Earned nine letters in football, basketball and baseball at Southwestern High and played football and baseball at the University of Michigan. Was a member of the UM's 1965 Rose Bowl football team and made the All-Big Ten Conference baseball team as a sophomore in 1965 when he led the league with a .453 batting average. Played professionally in the Baltimore Orioles' organization, then returned to Flint where he helped Bishop Construction to the Stan Musial Division national baseball championship in 1975.



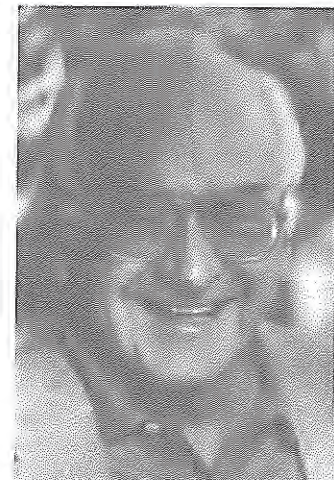
1997
Hank Minarik

Two-way end in football at Michigan State University. Chosen to play in the 1951 College All-Star game against the Cleveland Browns. Named to several All-American teams and played in the 1950 North-South Shrine Game. Drafted in the second round by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1951 and named the team's Rookie of the Year. All-State in football at Central High in 1945.



1997
Joe Ponsetto

First freshman to start at quarterback at the University of Michigan. In 1944 he was named to the All-Big Ten Conference team as a sophomore and also named to the All-American blocking team. He was captain of the Michigan team in 1945. Named quarterback and captain of the All-Saginaw Valley Conference football team in his senior season at Central High in 1942.



1997
Clete LaSalle

Multi-talented star at St. Michael High where he earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. Named to All-City football team in 1941. Compiled a 9-0 record on the City Baseball League championship team of 1947. Pitched for the Flint Eagles and Flint Blue Devils semi-professional baseball teams. Hurlled the Flint Firemen to the AAA softball championship in 1941.

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Lamar Gant

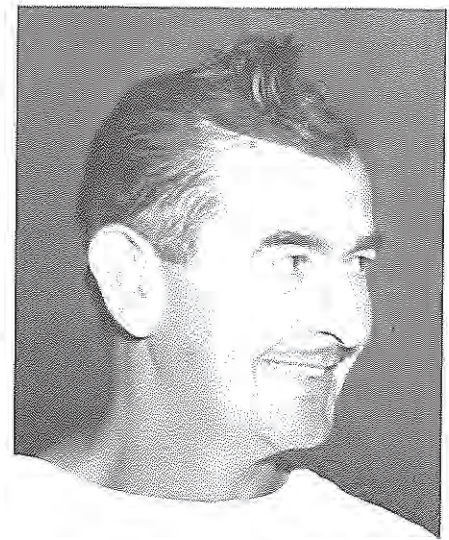
Won a record 15 world powerlifting championships from in the 123 and 132-pound weight classes. Set state, national and world records in the bench press, squat and deadlift while also establishing records for total lift. Became the youngest ever to win a world championship when he succeeded in Birmingham, England at the age of 18 in 1974.



1997

Bernie Compton

Extraordinary leader and unselfish team leader. Earned seven letters at Western Michigan University where he captained the freshman basketball team and varsity baseball team. Member of the 1943-44 WMU basketball team that was ranked fourth nationally. At St. Mary High he was a leader on the 1939 team that won the State Class C championship.



1997

Fred Turner

Won eight major city golf championships during an exceptional career of more than 20 years including five City Amateur titles, the City Publinox and City Seniors. Highly regarded throughout Michigan and winner of the prestigious State Amateur Championship in 1952. Multiple winner of the IMA Brookwood club championship.

Northern Basketball

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erase a 30-25 deficit in a 38-31 win.

In the semis, Kelly and Bud Fromholz engineered a rare fastbreak that gave Northern a 22-21 lead in a 23-21 squeaker over Pontiac. In the finals, before 5,000 at IMA Auditorium, Kelly and Ralph Gilbert scored nine points each in a 37-27 rout of Muskegon Heights.

It was the last chance the rest of the state had to beat Northern. There would be no stopping the Vikings in 1940.

A key coincidence around this time was a rule change dropping the tipoff after every basket in favor of inbounding the ball. The game now revolved less around the center as speed, passing, shooting and defense became more important.

The change was perfectly suited to the Vikings.

"We were fast, we could move the ball and our strong point was de-

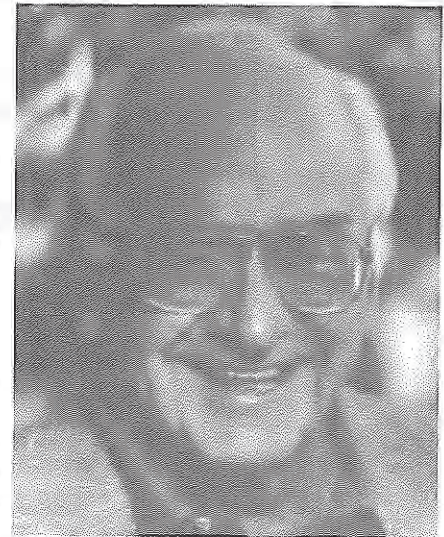
fense," Krupa said.

Only seven of Northern's 18 games that season were decided by less than 10 points. The school scoring record fell on Feb. 16 in a 54-24 rout of Owosso.

The Vikings' toughest game of the tournament was against city rival Central in the semifinals, with Northern winning, 28-23.

A record 7,500 fans watched Northern become the first team to win a state title in Michigan State's new Jenison Field House. All 12 Vikings played as Northern throttled a taller Dearborn Fordson team, 28-17. Bob Holloway led everyone with 10 points.

The winning streak was extended into the 1940-41 season. The Wonder Boys made it 35 in a row in their final game on Jan. 17, then graduated in mid-year, as was common in those days. Their replacements won one more game, then fell, 27-22, to Saginaw Arthur Hill on Jan. 31.



1997

M.B. Cossman

Special Service Award

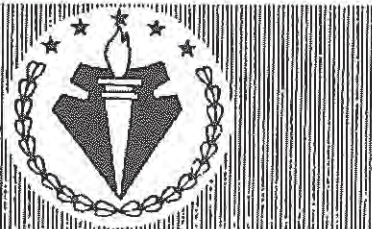
Energetic promoter of Flint sports during a 19-year career as a sportswriter and sports editor of The Flint Journal. Was a member of the Flint Baseball Commission, vice president of the Central League Baseball Writers Association and a member of both the Baseball and Football Writers Associations of America.

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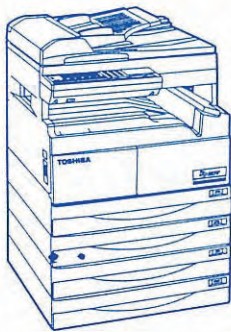
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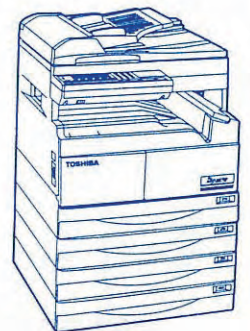
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