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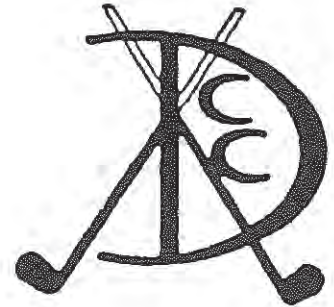
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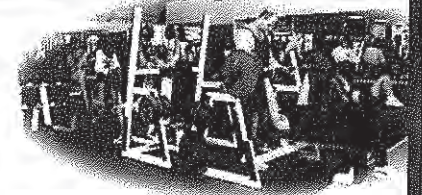
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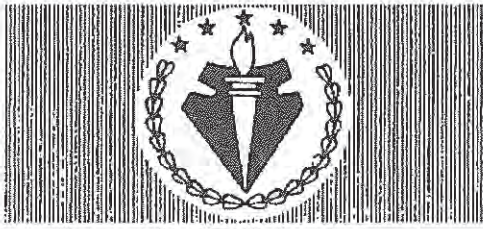
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Welcome to the City of Flint and the revitalized Ramada Plaza Hotel. Tonight we are here to honor "our heroes" as the Board of Directors of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame presents the Class of 1999.

Few cities have seen in any one period of their histories as many talented and dynamic athletes as Flint has produced in this century.

The late Fred Trosko, a Flint Hall of Famer, once said, "the ultimate honor is to be a hero in your hometown."

Tonight, Dick Leach, Dar Christiansen, Deanne Moore, Ricky Patton, Paul Staroba, the late Varnard Gay and the late Joe Dowdy are being honored for their heroic achievements and contributions to the sports world.

Leo Donoghue will receive this year's Special Service Award and three teams will also be honored.

The concept of team sports is based on the theory that a whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The humility that comes from being part of a group is what enables that group to do incredible things.

The teams being honored tonight have accomplished incredible success. They are the 1939 St. Mary basketball team, the Flint Northern basketball teams of 1970-71 and 1971-72 and the 1975 Bishop Construction baseball squad.

As I end my last year as president of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, 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 for its excellent articles and contributing the magnificent Hall of Fame plaques which are on display tonight. These plaques will be permanently displayed on the Flint Hall of Fame walls in the lobby of the IMA Sports Arena.

Enjoy your evening

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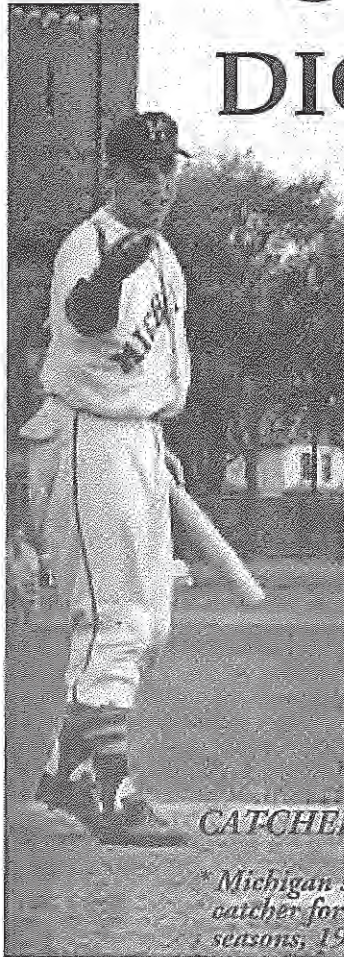
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WIDE RECEIVER

** 1970 All-Big Ten First-Team.*

** Finished career at Michigan tied for fifth in career receptions (58), and sixth in receiving yards (818).*

** Played for Cleveland Browns in 1972, and Green Bay Packers in 1973.*

** Member of Bo Schembechler's first Big Ten championship team of 1969.*

DICK LEACH

His Commitment Never Wavered

Dick Leach made an early commitment to Flint and never wavered.

When retirement came 30 years later, he still was involved as a key athletic administrator for the Flint Board of Education.

Added to three years as a three-sport athlete at Central High, the 67-year-old retiree is well qualified for membership into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Induction will add another triumvirate to Flint's hall of heroes. Twin brother Bob — younger by four minutes — was added in 1991 and son Rick in 1994.

The Leach trio parallels the induction of Jennie Barclay Weiss in the 1980 charter group, and her brothers Jimmy Barclay in 1982 and Bill Barclay in 1986.

Leach, who retired in 1988, said, "I'm elated to be part of that illustrious group in the Hall of Fame. It's a special honor because several good friends also are being inducted this year.

"I was born and raised in Flint and wanted to stay. I was away for a few years, but I was willing to do anything to get back."

Getting back came in 1959 as an assistant football coach and head baseball coach on Southwestern High's athletic staff. He advanced to head football coach and held two head jobs before moving to the administration building. He was a consultant in physical education, athletics and recreation for 24 years and executive secretary of the Saginaw Valley High School Athletic Association for 18 years.

His active career as player and coach was relatively brief but was eminently successful.

He earned seven letters in three sports at Central High, playing for six teams which won or shared Saginaw Valley championships. He captained the football and baseball teams and was All-Valley quarterback in 1949 when the Indians were co-champions.

During that time, he played for Oakley Traynor Post, which won the 1949 American Legion state championship.

He was too small to play football beyond his freshman year at the University of Michigan, so he concentrated on baseball. He caught every inning in every game in 1953 when the Wolverines won the school's first NCAA championship.

He played in the Detroit Tigers' farm system after graduation in 1954 until Uncle Sam beckoned for two years in the Army.

He coached at Romulus for two years before coming to Southwestern.

"I would do almost anything to get back to Flint," he



said. "I turned down a couple offers on a higher level because I felt there was more need to work with young people during their formative years.

"I had the best job in Flint."

Leaving coaching was difficult after winning a Valley baseball title and sharing the football crown at Southwestern.

"It probably was the toughest decision I ever made," Leach said. "I really enjoyed coaching and teaching. It's one of the greatest experiences anyone could have."

He had earned a noteworthy niche in baseball. In 1963, a Chicago White Sox scout called Leach "the finest high school baseball coach in the country. He's got a great future."

Hal Newhouser, the former Tigers' star who's in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, said at that time, "The word's out on Leach. Baseball men have their eyes on him."

Significant involvement continued after leaving coaching.

He had a key role in the 1969 installation of AstroTurf at Atwood Stadium — only the third such surface in the country — and directed state track meets at Houston Stadium for 11 years. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1989.

There's special pride in having the Saginaw Valley's awards for male and female scholar-athletes of the year named in his honor.

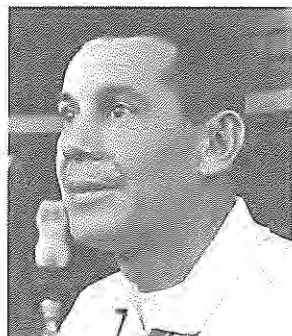
He is immediate past president of the Sports Sages of Michigan, an organization limited to 400 members with at least 25 years of sports involvement, and has been president of the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Flint.

In a touch of irony, he earned a special award from the Michigan State alumni club of Genesee County.

Nowadays, there's special interest in five children and 13 grandchildren.

An avid outdoorsman, he spends considerable time at the Durkee Lakes Club, a 6,000-acre layout near Fairview. Hunting usually takes a back seat to wildlife photography.

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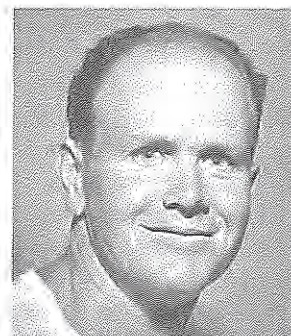


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JOE DOWDY

His Coaching Style Ahead of Its Time

Joe Dowdy became head basketball coach almost by accident, but stayed 15 years to become the winningest hardwood coach in Central High's modern era.

His career record of 157-109 for 1952-66 has been surpassed by incumbent Stan Gooch, but Dowdy's mark remains significant because it came in an era when "sure" victories in the Saginaw Valley Conference were almost as rare as dinosaurs.

The native of Leslie, Ark., won five City Series championships, two Valley crowns, six district titles and twice reached the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Class A state tournament.

He was a hero to his players and was in that role to the end.

He drowned on April 10, 1996, while rescuing a 10-year-old grandson who was floundering in the surf near Clearwater, Fla. Dowdy was 75.

A year later he was honored posthumously by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

He is being honored again tonight with induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Dowdy came to Central in the fall of 1948 from Michigan Normal (now Eastern Michigan) as an assistant in three sports but mostly in football.

He was shifted to basketball and served two years under Dick Evans and one under John Hoekje before the latter's unexpected resignation triggered Dowdy's elevation to head coach.

Purists might argue that he was short on basketball fundamentals, but he was an amazing motivator. Dowdy seldom had a tall player but offset that shortcoming by 32 minutes of run-and-shoot ball-hawking.

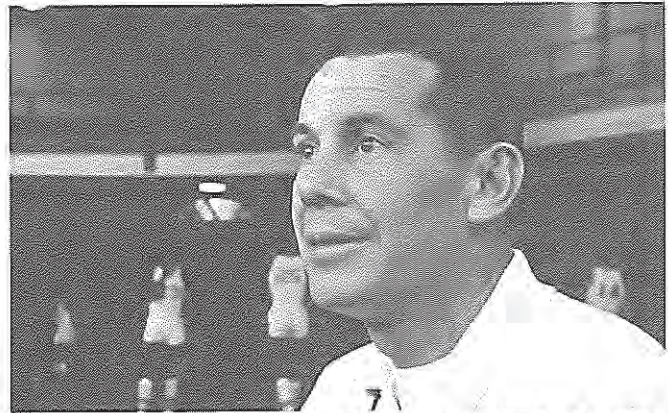
His devoted players would run until near exhaustion. Dowdy would call timeout, reinforce his philosophy, and the Indians would run again.

Among his All-Valley players were Don Steffen, Clarence Peaks, Joe Quarles, Ed Nyberg, John Kirk, Cloyce Dickerson, Jerry Roberson and Keith Richardson.

"I have only fond memories of Joe and enjoyed playing for him," said Nyberg, All-Valley for the 1955 state semifinalist. "That was my first exposure to the half-court press. Dale Kingsbury and I were bigger than most guards on the other team so we were the trappers.

"Dowdy knew about us from the time we were 12 or 13 because he scouted the area which fed Central. Most of us in the McKinley area played all sports in a field near Cody School that we called the Cody Bowl. Seven of the 14 players on that team were Cody Bowlers."

Gooch, who was Dowdy's junior varsity coach for seven seasons and took over for him as varsity coach for the 1966-67 season, said: "He gave me my big break in



coaching when I joined the staff. He never had a big man but he accented quickness and recruited players who could jump. Opponents knew they would have to score a lot to beat him."

The run-and-gun style completely changed Central's image. Before Dowdy, the Indians had reached 60 points only four times in their history, including a record of 66.

The Tribe hit 60 or more in 26 of his first 56 games, including a record 105 against Saginaw in 1955. That effort still ranks in the school's top 10. Quarles scored 43 points, a record which lasted 13 years and is one point shy of the current mark.

Dowdy's first team had a shaky 4-11 record but the Tribe had winning records in 10 of the next 12 years. Included was an 18-2 mark in 1957-58, the school's best in 37 years 11-1 in 1921. A 17-3 mark in 1963-64 was bettered only twice and only three other teams lost as few as three in 43 years.

Dowdy had to overcome the opening of Southwestern High which lured away most of his projected 1958-59 team and he finished 1-14. He rebounded to 13-6 the next year.

Several Central stars transferred to Northwestern which opened in 1964-65 but he had a creditable 6-10 record.

He left Central in May, 1966, for a position in the Board of Education's pupil personnel division and completed 38 years of service in Flint before retirement.

Dowdy casually referred to himself as a "high class truant officer," but his boss, Ken Green, said, "He was a lot more. He was our office's liaison with the courts and did a super job with kids who got into trouble.

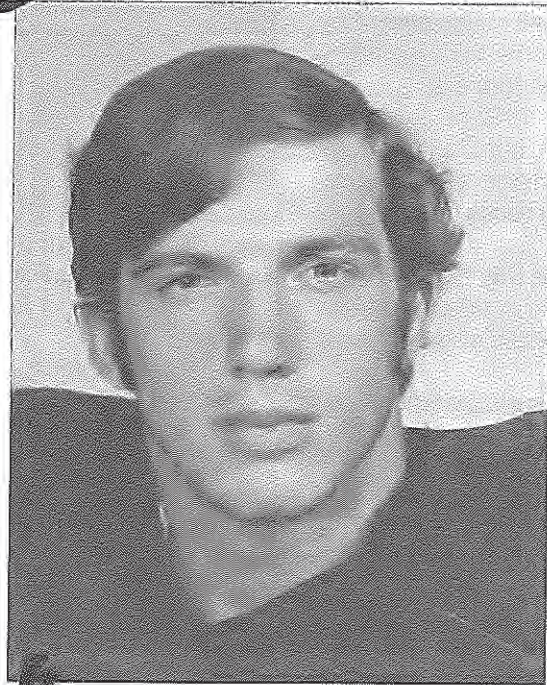
"He was around the courthouse so much that people thought he was an employee. He knew the routine so well that he practically ran the place.

"He knew more people than anyone. When we went to Angelo's for lunch, he needed 10 minutes to get to the back because he stopped to greet someone at almost every table."

Dowdy's reputation as an organizer led to his involvement as director and co-director of the Mott Relays for 13 of the meet's first 17 years.

He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1982 and honored in 1986 with the Sports Service Award of Mott College's Bruin Club.

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PAUL STAROBA

The Kid from the Little School Was a Giant Between the Lines

Paul Staroba stood by the players' tunnel at Michigan Stadium, watching the Wolverines come out for the annual spring football game.

It was the mid-1960s, and Staroba's high school coach had brought some of his players down to watch what was then an informal contest.

As the players filed past, Staroba's coach leaned over and spoke to his 6-foot-3, 195-pound protégé.

"Look at them," said Jack Pratt, the football, basketball and track coach at St. Matthew High. "You're as big as they are, and you run just as fast."

That was Pratt's way of convincing a kid from a Class D high school that he could play major college football.

"Another time, he took us to Tiger Stadium to watch the Lions," Staroba recalled. "He said, 'Some day we're going to come down here and watch you play.' He put the belief in my head that I could play at that level. He planted the seed: 'Don't be in awe of these guys.'"

Staroba took that advice and ran with it. Already an All-State athlete in football and basketball at St. Matthew, he carried Pratt's words through an All-Big Ten football career at Michigan and a brief stay in the National Football League.

His athletic success earned Staroba induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Motivation might have helped, but Staroba had the talent. He helped St. Matthew to undefeated seasons in football and basketball his senior year (1966-67), and scored 18 1/2 points as a sprinter and long-jumper in the '66 state track finals.

Still, his size and speed didn't earn an immediate scholarship to UM. He was a walk-on under coach Bump Elliott.

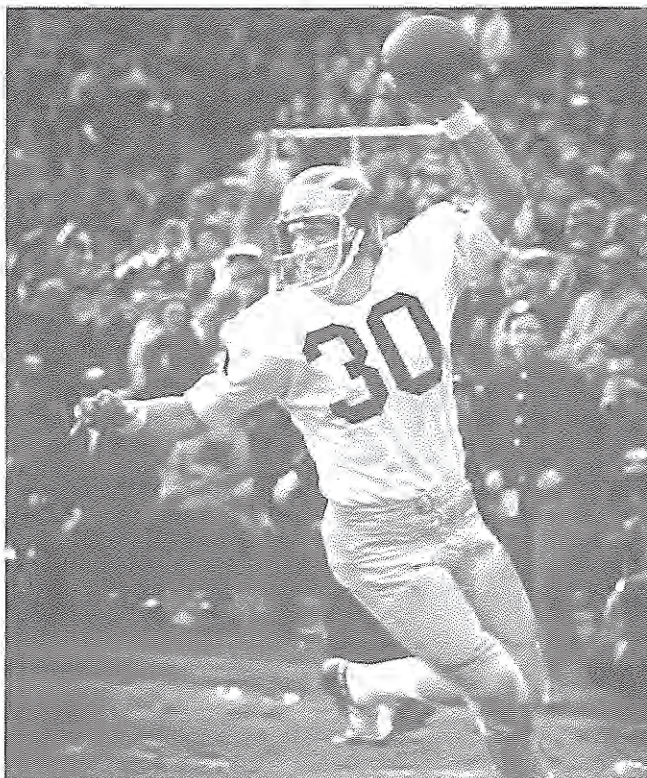
"They didn't really recruit Class D schools," Staroba said. "I paid my first year at Michigan."

Staroba eventually earned a scholarship as a punter and wide receiver, and went to the Rose Bowl with Bo Schembechler's 1969 team.

He led Big Ten punters as a senior, booming kicks of 64 and 63 yards in consecutive games and averaging a UM-record 41.5 yards per punt.

He was a first-team All-Big Ten end in 1970, an honor helped immensely by a big game at Wisconsin on Oct. 31. He caught six passes for 178 yards and helped UM seal a 29-15 victory with a 21-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.

"It was one of those days when everything went well," said Staroba, who feels he should have had another TD on a 70-yard catch that day. "We had one played called the throwback, where the quarterback rolls out and throws



back to the other side of the field. I just outjumped the guy and was racing for the end zone. I got to the 5-yard line and ran out of gas. Somebody tackled me from behind.

"Today I tell everyone I got to the five, dove for the end zone and landed on the three."

Staroba was drafted in the third round by the Cleveland Browns, but spent the 1971 season on the taxi squad. After playing there in '72, he was traded to George Allen's Washington Redskins in '73. He was cut before the end of the season, but picked up by Green Bay after the Packers' punter was injured.

Staroba was out of the NFL for a couple of years and had started a career with Tom Ryan Distributing in Flint, when he noticed that the Detroit Lions were having trouble with their punting game.

"I always felt I was a good punter, and you always feel like you can still do it," he said. "I called Bo and told him I was thinking of trying out with the Lions."

Pratt notwithstanding, Staroba says Schembechler gave him the best advice he's ever received.

"He said, 'Once a jock, always a jock. Stay where you are,'" Staroba recalled with a laugh. "I was married and had a young daughter. Your mentality wants you to keep doing something, but when you've got a good start on a good career, you should probably stay with it."

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VARNARD GAY

Coaching and Running His Lifelong Passions

If you ran cross country for Varnard Gay, you ran hard.

It wasn't just that Gay was a demanding coach who drove his runners to reach their ultimate potential. The tough part was that there never was a chance to slack off, to cut a corner or two in practice.

You can't do that when the coach is at your elbow every step of the way.

Through most of his 36 years coaching Flint area cross country and track teams, Gay personally escorted his charges through their practice runs.

A former high school and college champion himself, he never stopped running, even after his retirement in 1971. Only in the last few years of his life did he surrender to arthritis and back pain, and even then he continued walking, up to six miles a day. He was healthy right up until his death at age 88 in 1993.

"He was a taskmaster, but since he ran himself — and he was no youngster — he lived what he preached to the kids," said former Northern High coach Norb Badar, whose track teams battled Gay's runners in the 1960s.

"He pushed the kids harder, and that was why he was successful," said John Shaw, a state half-mile champion under Gay in 1961 and currently cross country coach at Goodrich.

In a 36-year coaching career from 1936-71, Gay produced three state championship teams at three different schools in three different classes: a Class D track title at Mt. Morris St. Mary in 1937, a Class B cross country crown at Kearsley in '44 and a Class A harrier title at Central in '58.

A popular misconception through the years credits Gay with the 1938 Class C-D cross country title, which would have given him titles in all classes. But that Mt. Morris St. Mary team finished second to Lansing St. Mary by eight points, 50-58.

Gay also coached at Hoover and Utley high schools, and in one 12-year period his teams won 11 Genesee County League track titles.

In 1956, he started a track program from scratch at Flint Junior College, and within 15 months the Bears were state junior college champs.

"That's how good he was," said former Central track coach Carl Krieger, whom Gay assisted for 11 years.

Krieger let Gay mold his distance runners at Central, and says the Indians led the state meet in distance points for 15 consecutive years.

Besides Shaw, Gay's individual state champions include Central miler Jim Love in 1966, Central half-milers George Friedriechsen and Gary Crenshaw in '59, Indian medley relay teams in both '58 and '59, Tribe half-miler Wylie Rogers in '58, and Harold Flynn, who was Class D cross country champ at Hoover in 1940 and set the state mile record at 4:37.6 the following spring.

In 1977, Gay was the unanimous choice for the inaugural Kermit Ambrose Award, awarded by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association for lengthy service in cross country.

As tough as he was coaching, Gay was also a compassionate father figure who made his athletes' problems his own.

"Varnard was always there for you," said Shaw. "We didn't have a lot of money, and a lot of times he'd either lend me or give me money when I needed it. The reason I have a class ring is because of Varnard Gay.

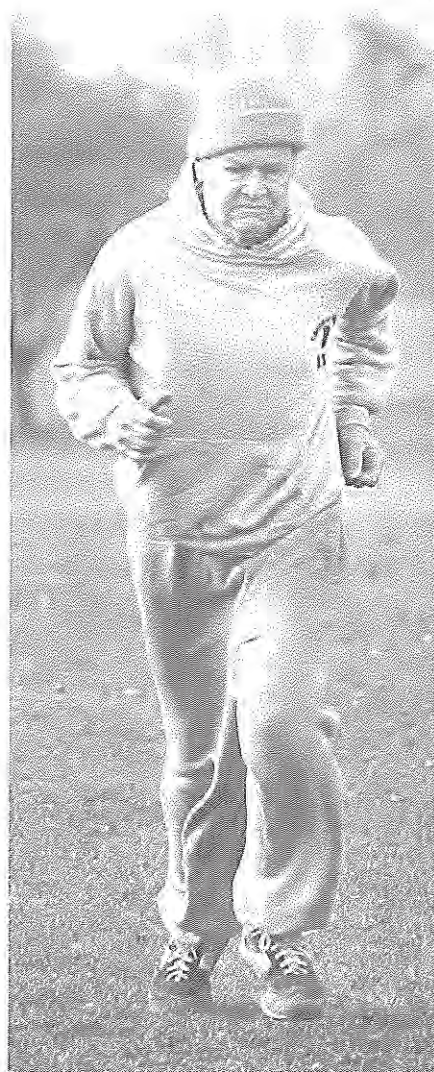
"He did things like that for a ton of kids."

At Flint Junior College, Gay accommodated his runners' class and work schedules to the point that he coached them in shifts from noon to 6:30 every day. At no time were there more than six runners on the track, and the mile relay team that clinched the state meet in Grand Rapids never ran as a unit until that day.

His soft heart likely developed during his own childhood. Four years after his birth in a Washington logging camp near the Canadian border, Gay's mother died, and he and three brothers were adopted by another Washington family.

He came to Flint in 1926 to join his father in an automotive plant, but soon left for Western Michigan University.

"I came here, but I didn't like the



work," Gay said in an interview a few years before his death. "I decided to go to college and become a coach."

At WMU, he anchored the two-mile, four-mile and distance medley relay teams, and he narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S. Olympic steeplechase team in 1932.

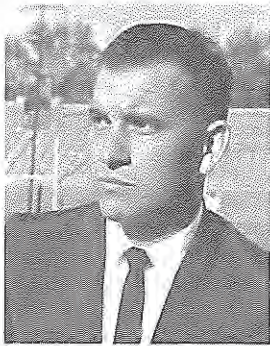
He started his teaching career at Mt. Morris St. Mary in 1935.

"I don't know what I would have done if I hadn't been a coach," Gay said in 1989. The main reason I went into education was to be a coach."

He became a state legend in the profession, and even his adversaries couldn't help but like him. Badar ignored the long-standing Central-Northern rivalry when it came to Varnard Gay.

"Back then, there was a division between coaches of Northern and Central, but we never found it that way," Badar said. "He was a good friend of mine."

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DAR CHRISTIANSEN

An Innovator Who Changed City Football

Dar Christiansen, a man of magical dreams and innovative style, changed the face of high school football in Flint.

Three yards and a cloud of dust were not part of his philosophy.

Rather, the long pass, generated from multiple formations and operated with the precision of pro-like quarterbacks, made his kind of football a harbinger for the future.

His players loved it. The fans adored it.

Opposing teams dreaded lining up against Dar Christiansen-coached teams.

How possibly could they defend it? Not many did.

In seven years as head coach at Flint Southwestern, Dar's teams never lost a City Series game (21-0). Christiansen compiled a fabulous 56-8 record over that span, winning five Saginaw Valley Conference championships, twice being ranked No. 1 in the state Class A polls.

His 56-8 mark is the best winning average (.875) of any football coach in Flint history.

"I didn't know that," Christiansen said. "It makes me feel proud. I was blessed to have some outstanding athletes and I feel I was prepared for the job because I'd learned from some outstanding coaches when I was younger."

As an assistant coach at Flint Central in the 1960s, Christiansen tutored under men like Bob Leach and Joe Dowdy.

In 1967, Christiansen landed the head coaching job at Flushing High, his alma mater. Inheriting a team with six straight losing seasons, Christiansen guided the Raiders to a 22-11-3 record over four years.

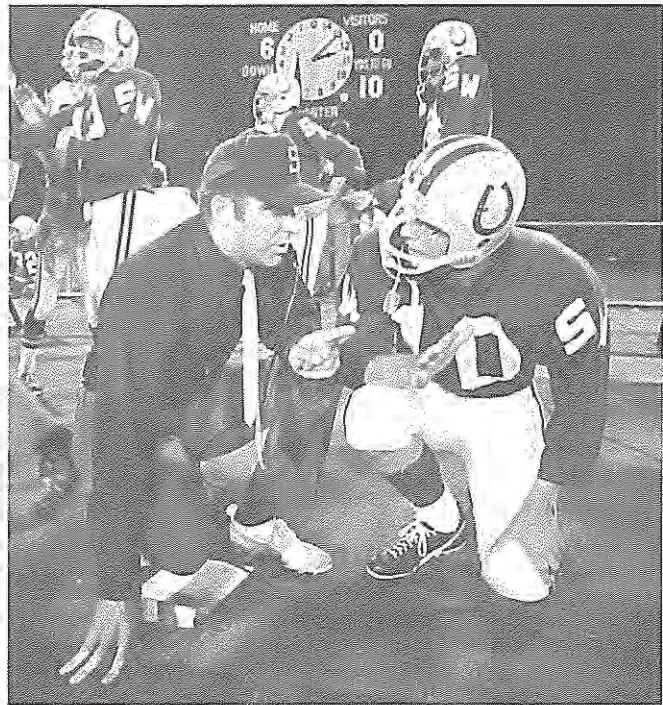
He was named head football coach at Southwestern on April 1, 1971. From that moment on, city football would be viewed in a different, charismatic style.

"I didn't realize how tough and physical the kids were in the city and the Saginaw Valley until I arrived at Southwestern," Christiansen said. "Tom Jobson (Christiansen's predecessor) had prepared them well. We had some tough kids on that first Southwestern team."

Try Reggie Williams, Mel Edwards, Ricky Taylor and Van Nicholson for starters. That quartet of players formed perhaps the best defensive team in Colts' history.

All Dar had to do was install his offense. SW breezed to an 8-1 record that season.

Christiansen remembers the first time he faced state power Bay City Central and its legendary coach, Elmer Engel, at Atwood Stadium.



"I don't think they were quite ready for what we had to throw at them that night," Christiansen said. "We beat them, 44-28. But Elmer got back at me the next year at his place."

The list of great athletes under Christiansen's reign reads like a who's who in Flint sports history.

Players like Williams, Edwards, Rick Leach, Gene Johnson, Ricky Patton, Booker Moore, Rodney Feaster, Reggie Mitchell, Gary Lee and Brian Carpenter, all of whom were All-State athletes.

Williams, Patton and Moore went on to perform brilliantly in the National Football League. Leach became an All-American quarterback at the University of Michigan.

All of them owe a debt of gratitude to Christiansen for developing skills needed to ascend to the next level.

It was not uncommon to see the Atwood Stadium press box filled with college coaches in the 1970s, watching the Southwestern Colts unveil their magical offense week after week.

Many left shaking their heads on how a passing attack could be so successful at the high school level. Coach Dar provided some tips on winning at their own level.

"I probably alienated some college coaches by telling them how to win with the passing game," Christiansen remembers. "Maybe that prevented me from getting a job in the collegiate ranks."

Sadly, Christiansen left Southwestern after the 1977 season because he was laid off from his teacher's job at the school.

"I thought a coach should be in school where the students were," he said. "And we used a lot of off time for preparation for games. Being out of school, I could not do that."

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Fenton High School Congratulates

Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

DEANNE MOORE
(Class of 1980)
and **BILL HAJEC**
(Class of 1960)

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The staff and alumni of Fenton High School are proud of these two individuals and their many accomplishments. Thank you for your contributions to our athletic traditions.

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DEANNE MOORE

She Made History at Fenton, MSU

If Deanne Moore had come along just 10 years later, she might have added the ultimate distinction to her impressive athletic resume.

She might have been an Olympian.

But Moore's days as a competitive softball player ended a decade before women's softball became an Olympic sport in 1996.

So, she had to settle for this:

- Leading Fenton to state Class B championships in 1979 and 1980.

- Earning a scholarship to Michigan State and using it to pursue a career as a physician's assistant in Lansing.

- Breaking nearly every batting record at MSU from 1981-84.

- Becoming the only All-American in MSU history in 1983 and the only softball player before this year to earn the Spartans' Female Athlete of the Year award.

And now this:

Moore is the first softball player and the first athlete from Fenton High, a school with a rich athletic tradition, to be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was shocked, amazed and surprised," Moore said. "But in everything I'm truly honored, because there have been some great athletes that have participated in greater Flint sports. To be included as one of them is beyond my expectations."

Moore did participate in two U.S. Olympic Festivals in 1983 and 1986, but never had the chance to advance to the next level.

Not that she dwells much on missed opportunities.

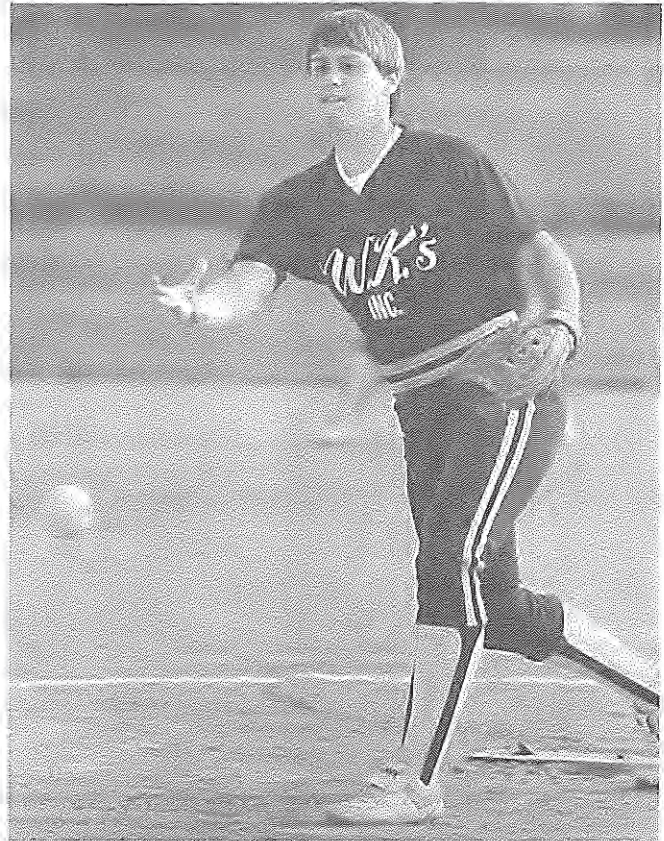
"There's timing in everything," Moore said. "One of the young ladies I did play with in Connecticut, Dot Richardson, was very prominent in the last Olympics. She's still going strong and she's older than I am. There was always that possibility, but I really don't have any regrets about it. There's timing in life."

Besides, she had far more opportunities in athletics than women who preceded her by 10 years or so.

Softball became an NCAA and Big Ten Conference sport in 1983, Moore's junior year at MSU. Before that, the governing body was the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. When Moore was a freshman, MSU finished seventh in the national AIAW tournament.

Softball didn't become a varsity sport at MSU until 1972. Records for those early years are so sketchy that the school individual records didn't begin getting compiled until 1980.

"I'm happy I was born at a time when girls' athletics and women's athletics were so much more acceptable," Moore



said. "You could play with freedom. The rules were advanced. It was a very active game, a physical game. I have no regrets at all with my athletic career."

Her athletic career began in the Lake Fenton summer league when she was about 8. She attended Lake Fenton High before transferring to Fenton her junior year.

"My dad tells the story of a neighbor lady who came down the street and asked if I could play," Moore said. "The rest is history. The first team I played on, we were the 'Pink Poodles.'"

Her family took annual spring trips to Florida, one of the reasons being the opportunity for Moore's brothers to play baseball before high school practices began up north.

"They'd have batting practice," Moore said. "We'd hardly get out the door to go and I'd say, 'Dad, when can I bat?'"

Moore developed into one of the greatest hitters in MSU history.

She still ranks in the top 10 in most offensive categories. When she graduated, she was first with a .299 career average, 549 at-bats, 164 hits, 77 runs-batted-in and 22 doubles. She was second with eight homers and 36 extra-base hits.

In 1984, she became one of only two softball players to win MSU's Sportswoman of the Year award.

"I grew up being a Michigan State fan," she said. "Then having the opportunity to play at Michigan State was a dream come true. To be Sportswoman of the Year at the

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RICKY PATTON

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Ask former Southwestern High football coach Dar Christiansen about running back Ricky Patton and an interesting story comes to mind.

It's not a tale about a long touchdown run, though he had plenty of those.

It's not a story about a game in which he piled up a ton of yards, though he had plenty of those, too.

It's not even a story about Patton playing in a Super Bowl at the Silverdome, although Christiansen has fond memories of that day as well.

What comes to mind is a story about Patton playing on the scout team.

"This was during Rick's junior season," Christiansen said. "He got upset about the way the defense was playing in practice. He didn't think they were working hard enough.

So later I looked at the scout team huddle and he was at tailback. I told him I don't want my first-team tailback on the scout team.

"He said, 'yeah you do when they (the defense) are playing like that.'

"That got the defense better. The games were easier for them after having to go against him in practice. They didn't go easy on him, either. I held my breath every practice, hoping someone didn't pop him."

That kind of dedication to his teams helped Patton achieve great things on the football field and induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Patton starred for the Colts in the early 1970s. He set records for yardage in a single game (273 against Powers Catholic) and a season (974 in 1973).

"I think one of the outstanding plays I remember was against Flint Northern his senior year," Christiansen said.

"He was well scouted, the opposition was always looking for him. During that game he scored a touchdown from about 65 yards out and it got called back because of a penalty. The next play we switched him to fullback and Northern's players couldn't find him. On that play he ran 70 yards for a touchdown."

After Southwestern he headed south to Jackson State University, but wasn't comfortable there and transferred to Ferris State. However, Big Rapids didn't work out, either, and he wound up returning to Mississippi to have a better chance at making it to the National Football League after spending one season with the Bulldogs.

"I liked Ferris State and I liked playing football up there, but I realized I had made a mistake," Patton told *The Flint Journal* in 1978. "I knew I had to go back to Jackson State, or play for a bigger school if I had any chance at all at professional football."

Patton earned NAIA All-America honors at Jackson



State and was also a National Black Network All-America selection at the historically black school. He realized his dream of playing pro football when he was chosen by the Atlanta Falcons in the 10th round of the 1978 NFL draft.

His pro career got off to a slow start with the Falcons as he played mainly on special teams and as a reserve. He also spent a season with the Green Bay Packers before catching on with the San Francisco 49ers where he finally got a chance to play regularly.

The highlight of his pro career came as a member of the 49ers when he returned to Michigan to play in Super Bowl XVI.

Patton was the leading ground gainer in that game, rushing for 55 yards on 17 carries as the 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals, 26-21.

He competed against former Southwestern teammate Reggie Jackson, a linebacker for the Bengals, in that game.

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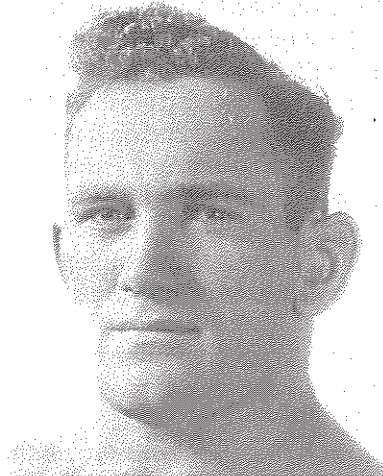
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The Donoghue family, both those in the Flint area and all the wonderful relatives in Canada, wish to express their sincere and grateful thanks to all those who had a part in the honor bestowed on our loved one. We like to think Leo knows what is going on and he would be thrilled!

Thanks again - so very, very much!

Frances Donoghue
and Son, Dan

In Loving Memory of
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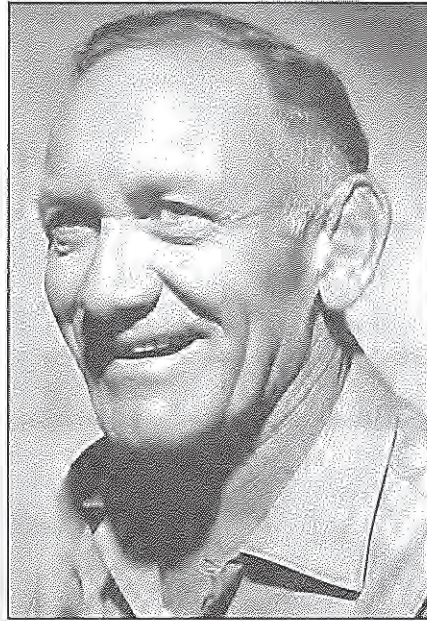
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Special Service Award

LEO DONOGHUE



Flint was the hot spot in the state for professional wrestling in the 1930s and Flint resident Leo Donoghue ruled the mats.

Donoghue brought countless championship bouts to Flint as the state welterweight wrestling champion in the '30s and brought many more as a "rasslin" promoter until his death in 1978 of a heart attack.

For all the kids he helped, the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is awarding him its Special Service Award.

As a 20-year-old working in a gas station ice house, he was discovered tossing 300-pound blocks of ice by amateur wrestler Tommy Loranger. His small size (5-foot-8, 144 pounds), coupled with his strength and conditioning impressed Loranger and he recruited Donoghue into the Flint wrestling scene.

He competed in his first match two weeks later, pinning Dale Haddock in 12 minutes at IMA Auditorium. Less than a year later, he held the Michigan state welterweight belt.

That was a title he held until he was drafted into World War II. In fact, he still holds that title, technically.

"You know, I'm still actually the welter champ of the state," Leo ex-

plained in a 1952 story in *The Flint Journal*. "I still have the belt. I defended it a lot and the state dropped the idea of a belt while I still had it and there has never been another champion of Michigan."

He ended World War II with seven bronze stars, a purple heart and several awards for heroic rescue missions on the Rhine River.

"One thing about Leo," his widow Frances said. "When somebody asked him about the war, he had a pat answer: 'I'm a citizen of the U.S., was drafted, served my country and I'm back now and that's all over.'"

It wasn't for two more years that his wife found out why he received one of his bronze stars.

His unit was going to surprise the Germans, but the Germans ambushed them. The unit was signaled to retreat, but Leo turned to a buddy in the boat and decided to continue to pull his wounded comrades out of the water.

He was in the Army Combat Engineers where he made five European amphibious landings and was discharged in 1945.

Donoghue and Art Butterfield had started the Flint Athletic Club, called *The Arena*, on North Saginaw Street

in 1936 and he began promoting bouts for boxing, wrestling and "rasslin."

He drew the biggest gate of his career at *The Arena* when he fought Dale Haddock. His last bout was a tag team on July 6 of that year.

"Donoghue never really bought the hype part of it, but made it work in a combination with super salesmanship. It was one of the most colorful parts of Flint area sports history," wrote Doug Mintline, former *Journal* sports editor, in a column.

The popularity of his wrestling programs in Flint did give him a good reputation, which he used to help area youngsters.

"He was very different," Frances said. "He always acted tough, but had a heart like a marshmallow. He would go to the courts and tell the judge that he'd take them under his wing and the judges would let the youngsters go.

"He really enjoyed, years later, when the boys would stop by and say hello. He was really proud of that.

"You could stop in *The Arena* when you go by and always find five, six, 10 kids. I couldn't even begin to say how many kids he helped."

His wife still lives in Flint and his son, Dan, lives in the Durand area.

Flint Northern Community High School

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1970-71 & 1971-72

State Basketball
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Principal

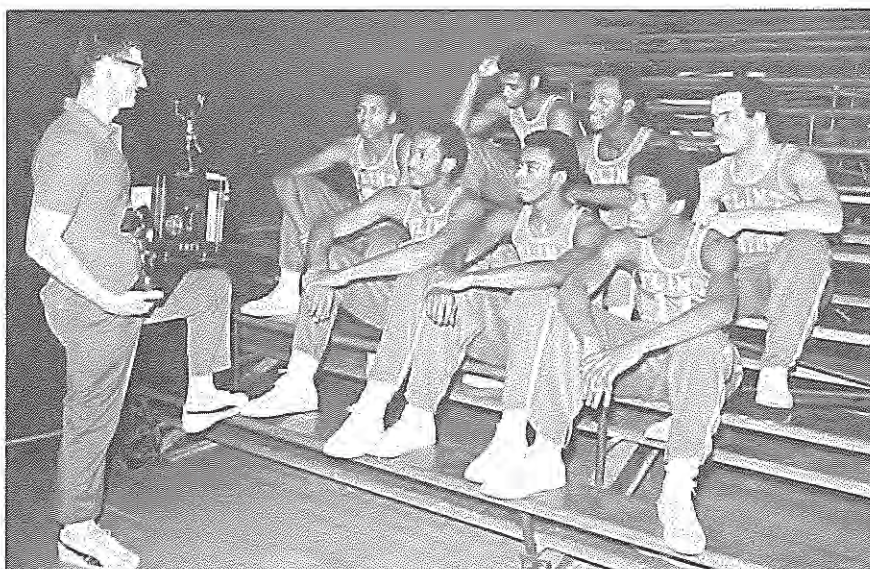


Buddy Kimura
Athletic Director

NORTHERN HIGH BASKETBALL

1970-71, 1971-72

Northern Basketball
1970-71 Roster
 Wayman Britt
 James Britt
 Tom McGill
 Barry Menefee
 Ron Polk
 Ray Bridges
 Rick Jones
 Dennis Johnson
 Steve
 Hammerburg
 Glen Key
 Asive Thompson
 Matt Rivette
 Howard Hughes
 Tony Stewart
 Tom Jackson
Coach:
 Bill Frieder



Northern High Coach Bill Frieder shows the district and regional trophies won by his 1971 team that included (front row from left) Rick Jones, Wayman Britt, Ron Polk and Barry Menefee and (back row from left) Tom McGill, James Britt and Tom Jackson.

Northern Basketball
1971-72 Roster
 Wayman Britt
 Terry Furlow
 Rick Jones
 Joel Ragland
 Dennis Johnson
 Ray Bridges
 Glen Key
 Asive Thompson
 Matt Rivette
 Mike Yambrick
 John Ragland
 Sanders Howell
Coach:
 Bill Frieder

Extraordinary Balance Key to Greatness

They are still regarded as two of the finest high school basketball teams in Flint history.

Players from the 1970-71 and '71-72 Northern squads will tell you they are THE best, even in the face of those great Central and Northwestern teams that dominated the state in Class A in the 1980s. They didn't have individual stars like Eric Turner or Glen Rice, but the Vikings claim they had better all-around teams, and their 47-2 record makes a strong case.

In the fall of 1970, though, nobody at Northern was dusting off the trophy case in anticipation of a state championship, let alone two in a row. The Vikings had not won so much as a district crown since 1959.

In retrospect, though it's easy to see how the basketball moons aligned over Northern in the winter of 1971.

In the previous 3½ years, two new coaches had arrived from Alpena and two talented brothers had moved here from North Carolina. Tom McGill was primed to set the Flint Class A single-season scoring record. The Vikings caught a couple of breaks in

the tournament, and even the superstitions of their coach went Northern's way.

You gotta be lucky, and I've been fortunate all my life," said Bill Frieder, head coach of both state championship teams. "I moved here with the head coach, Dick Dennis, from Alpena. Dick did a nice job turning the program around, then he went into administration. And then Wayman and James Britt transferred in from North Carolina."

Not that everything fell into Frieder's lap. The former Saginaw High player personified the team "hard work," and sold that philosophy to his players. When a job kept Dennis in Alpena for the summer of '67, Frieder didn't wait around. He was launching a new Northern tradition as early as May.

"All of a sudden this little 5-9 white guy shows up at the end of May telling them they go to go to work, and they didn't even know him," Frieder said. "I was on their porches wanting to know why they weren't at practice. I took teams down to Detroit to scrimmage,

and that was unheard of back then. The kids responded, and I got a lot accomplished in June, July and August."

While Dennis was improving the varsity, Frieder built a 29-3 junior varsity record. After taking a year off in opposition to a teachers' strike, Frieder accepted the head coaching job on June 18, 1970.

Joel Ragland and Wayman Britt still shudder at the practice sessions Frieder imposed — the wind sprints from baseline to free throw line and back, to midcourt and back, etc.

"They called them 'lines.' We called them monsters," said Ragland, a starting guard on the 1972 team. "Everybody hated them with a passion."

"One day," recalled Britt, a starter on both teams, "somebody didn't run them fast enough, and we had to do them over again. We were probably the best conditioned team around. We had to be against teams like Pontiac Central."

The Chiefs were the only team to beat Northern those two seasons,

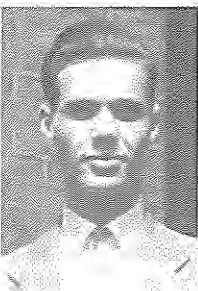
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St. Mary's State Champs, 1939

24 Wins, 2 Losses



Players



Russ Thomas
 Jim Hyde
 Harold Dolan
 Jack Atchison
 Bernie Compton
 Paul Goyette
 Gerard Norman
 Harold Ruddy

Gerald Bruder
 Fritz Vanitvelt
 Leo Kerrigan
 Pat Dowdall
 Edward Novak
 Edwin Novak
 Mike Quinn
 Frank Moore



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 Fritz Vanitvelt
 Natalie St. Martin
 Ben Nelson
 Pat Dowdall
 Larry Marx
 Leo Kerrigan

Dan Bates
 Richard DuCharme
 Vivian Carriveau
 Frank Moore
 Lucille Choiniere
 Eugene Madore

Deceased Class Members

Edward Novak
 Edwin Novak
 Mike Quinn
 Frenchy Normand
 Margie Kennedy
 Irene Derscha
 Margaret Coates

Bill Kerrigan
 Harold Dolan
 John Donnelly
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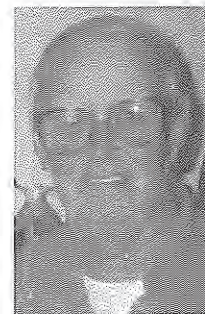
ST. MARY HIGH BASKETBALL 1938-39

St. Mary Basketball 1938-39 Roster

Pat Dowdall
Leo Kerrigan
Gerald Normand
Edward Novak
Edwin Novak
Mike Quinn
Fritz Vanitvelt
Jack Atchinson
Don Bates
Gerald Bruder
Bernie Compton
Harold Dolan
Paul Goyette
Russ Thomas
Frank Moore
Coach:
Ken Failing



Don Bates



Frank Moore

St. Mary Coach Ken Failing holds the game ball while posing with his team after the Wildcats won the 1939 state Class C basketball championship.

St. Mary's Feat Still Stands Alone

They started playing together in fifth grade.

They went 22-0 as freshmen.

They reached the state quarterfinals in both their sophomore and junior years.

Several times they scrimmaged — and occasionally beat — mighty Northern to prepare for the postseason.

By the time St. Mary High's Wildcats got to the 1939 Class C state basketball tournament, there were few teams in the state that could even challenge them.

Nobody came close in the tournament as St. Mary flicked away its first six opponents by at least 12 points each, then pulled away from Holland Christian in the fourth quarter for a 31-21 championship victory. That capped an 18-2 season, and the seniors on the team concluded a three-year run with a mark of 51-7.

The coach was Ken Failing, but the true architect of this powerhouse was the Rev. Louis Gauthier, pastor at St. Mary and a firm believer in the value of athletics.

"Father Gauthier was the one who started sports at St. Mary's," said Fritz Vanitvelt. "He started leagues among the grade school kids, and we were coached by high school players. From the fifth grade on, we were playing basketball all the time."

Maybe it was planned, but more likely it was fate that teamed Vanitvelt with fellow 10-year-olds Pat Dowdall, Leo Kerrigan, Gerald Normand and twins Edward and Edwin Novak in the tournament games. It was only 1932, but already the nucleus of the '39 championship team had been formed.

As they grew, Edward Novak sprouted into "Big Ed" and became the dominant player as a 6-foot-3 center. His brother became "Little Ed" as a 6-1 forward, Kerrigan and Normand also played forward, and Dowdall was at guard. Vanitvelt developed into the prototypical sixth man, playing better off the bench than as a starter.

In 10th grade, a 5-10 guard named Mike Quinn transferred in from Central and completed the core of seven

players who would carry the '39 team.

"Seven of us guys — that was our team," said Dowdall. "The rest of the guys didn't play much, unless we were way ahead."

For the coaching job, Gauthier in 1933 had brought in Failing, a former professional football and basketball star who played halfback for the Canton, Ohio Bulldogs in the early days of the National Football League. Failing continued his job at the Flint Chevrolet plant while playing for city recreation teams.

"He would bring his (rec) players over to scrimmage us and rough us up," said Vanitvelt. "He thought that was good for us. And it was."

Failing also was big on conditioning, defense and scouting opponents, but his offense was built around one player. "Big Ed" averaged 13 points in an era of low-scoring games, hit double figures in all eight tournament games and was voted first team All-State by two Detroit newspapers.

"That was the offense," said Vanitvelt. "You'd get it into him and if

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 Randy Pruitt
 Whitey Rettenmund
 Marc Tate
 Tom Wojcicki

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Regular Season**
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 Paul Meunier
 Wayne Schmitz
 Rod Scott



National Title Built on Record Pitching

Amazing pitching was the key ingredient in Bishop Construction's march to the 1975 national championship in the American Amateur Baseball Congress' Stan Musial Division.

Timely hitting took second billing to manager Andy Sventko's pitchers who broke a 41-year-old record that still stands in the Battle Creek tourney.

The Builders own Flint's only national championship in adult baseball, earning their induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Bishop also was national runnerup in 1972 and 1982.

Pitchers nowadays are credited with "quality starts" by hurling six innings and allowing three earned runs or less.

Tom Wojcicki, Bill Hajec, Barry Pertler, Scott Pickvett and Bill Davis made that statistic look like child's play.

Each pitched one of five complete games spread across 44 innings and allowed a combined five earned runs for a record ERA of 1.02. They allowed only 30 hits and 14 bases on

balls which were offset by 26 strikeouts. Three opponents' runs were unearned.

The Builders won the nationals by a combined score of 31-8, including a 7-3 victory over Levittown, N.Y., in the title game with Davis allowing four hits. All opponents' runs were unearned because of six Bishop errors.

Randy Pruitt hit a solo home run and Bob Holec a two-run shot in the title game. Randy Adams also drove in two runs and Glenn Davidson one.

Wojcicki allowed eight hits in a 4-0 victory over Norway, Iowa, in the first game. Then Hajec pitched an eight-hitter in a 10-inning 5-4 victory over Levittown. Pertler followed with a five-hit, 6-0 shutout of Knoxville, Tenn., and Pickvett pitched a five-hit, 9-1 victory over Melrose Park, Ill., to reach the finals.

Wojcicki, Hajec and Pertler were season-long mainstays for Bishop, which had a final 34-8 record. Davis was added from Tharp Refrigeration in the City Baseball League and Pickvett, a Mott College player from

Pinconning, was added after the district tournament.

Position players were catchers Holec and Tom Day, infielders Pruitt, Adams, Whitey Rettenmund, Barry Hershon and John Hautala, outfielders Davidson, Carl Cmejrek and Marc Tate and utility player George DePillo.

Four others played a total of nine regular season games.

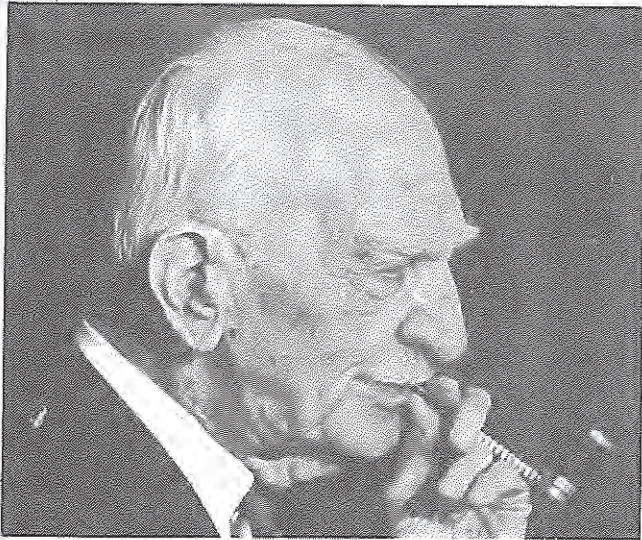
The team was almost completely home grown. Cmejrek, Adams and Day were from Southwestern, Pruitt and Holec from Central, Rettenmund from Northwestern, Hautala from Northern, Hajec from Fenton, Pertler from Swartz Creek, Tate from Bendle, Davis from Montrose and Davidson and Hershon from Kearsley.

Wojcicki (Chelsea) was on Hamady High's faculty and DePillo (Detroit) was an administrator for the Flint Board of Education. Along with Holec, they were first-year Bishop players.

Hautala died in a 1980 Marine Corps airplane crash. Sventko died in 1997.

Pertler said, "We've contacted
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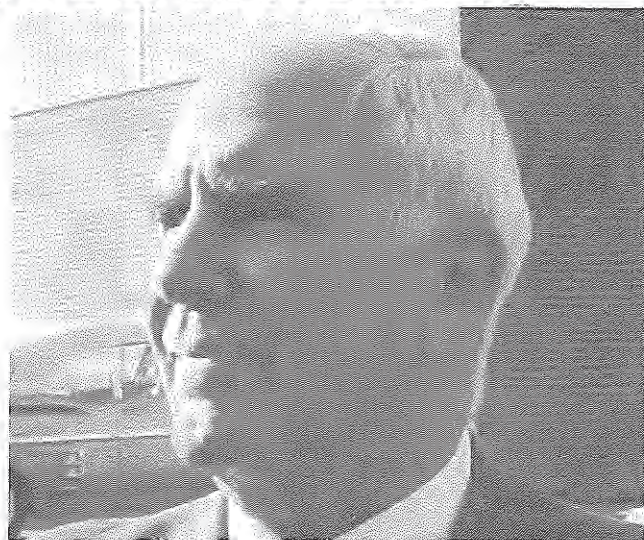
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



1980

CHARLES STEWART MOTT

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

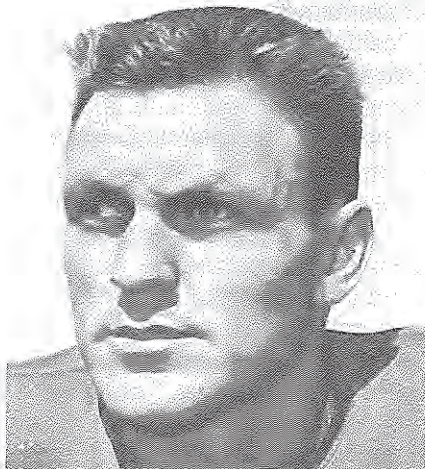


1980

FRANK MANLEY, SR.

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

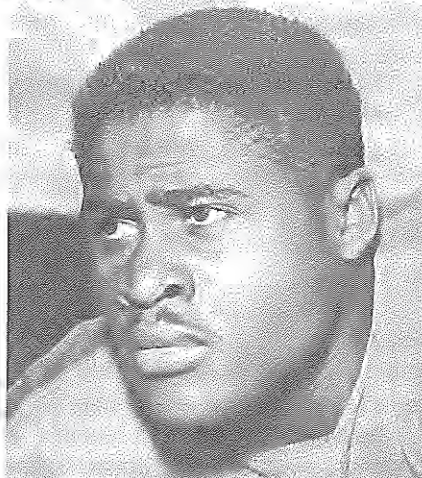
Inductees in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



1980

LYNN CHANDNOIS

All-City, All-Saginaw Valley Conference, All-State, All-American, All-Pro. Chandnois established Michigan State University football records on offense and defense, which stood the test of time. He was named the NFL Player of the Year in 1952. For 24 years he held the NCAA record for yards returned with pass interceptions. Twice he led the NFL in kickoff returns. Chad has been a member of the Hall of Fame selection committee since 1993.



1980

DON COLEMAN

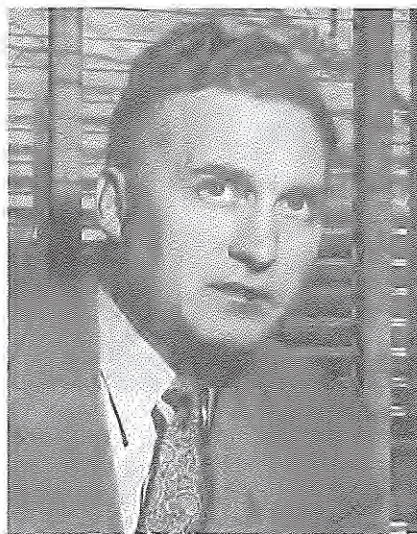
Considered by many to be the greatest player in Michigan State University history, tackle Coleman was a unanimous All-American. He also was elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1975. All-City, All-Saginaw Valley, All-State, Coleman was especially honored when his Michigan State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



1980

JENNIE WEISS

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



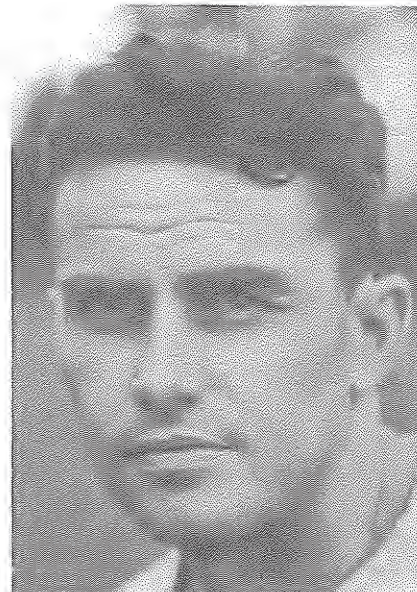
**1980
LLOYD BRAZIL**

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



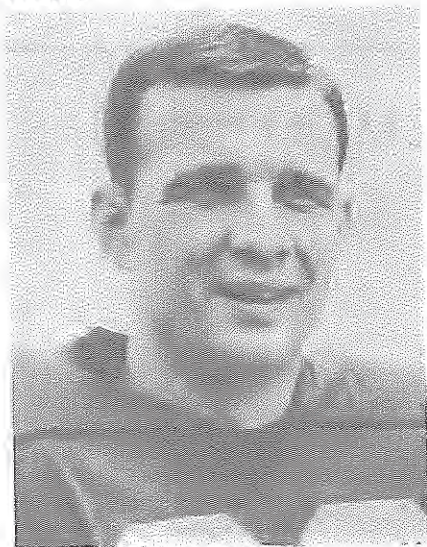
**1980
STEVE BYASCO**

Considered a natural athlete, Byasco 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. Byasco also wrestled and boxed.



**1980
TOM SMITH**

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



**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
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."

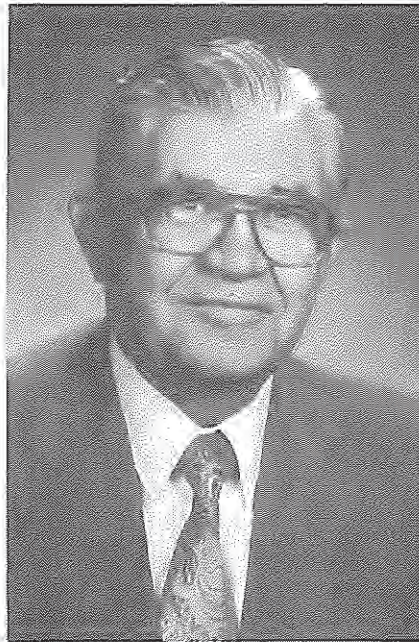
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1981

MERV RETTENMUND

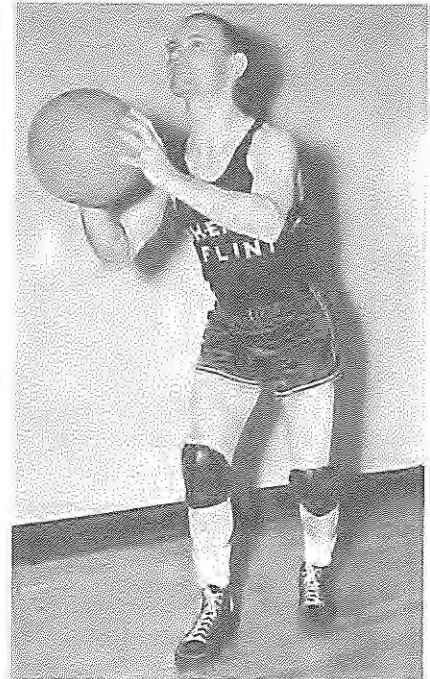
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981

**Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

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



1981

CHET LIPSKI

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



1981

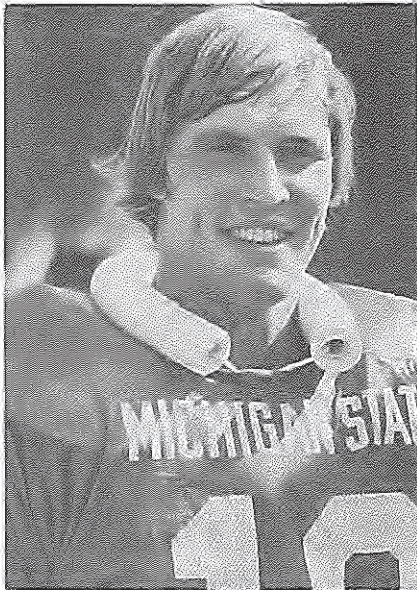
DOUG BLOM

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

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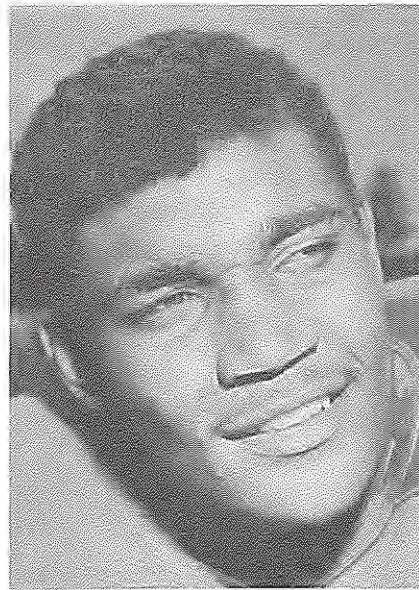
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**1981
BRAD VAN PELT**

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



**1981
CLARENCE PEAKS**

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



**1981
ROGER BERNARD**

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



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1982

SUE NOVARA-REBER

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



1982

LEO SUGAR

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



**Special Service Award
1982**

EVERETT A. CUMMINGS

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

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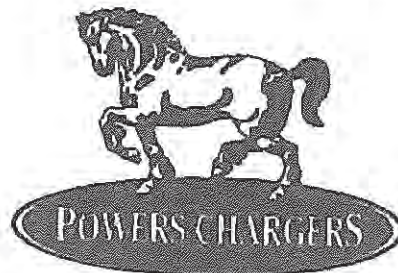
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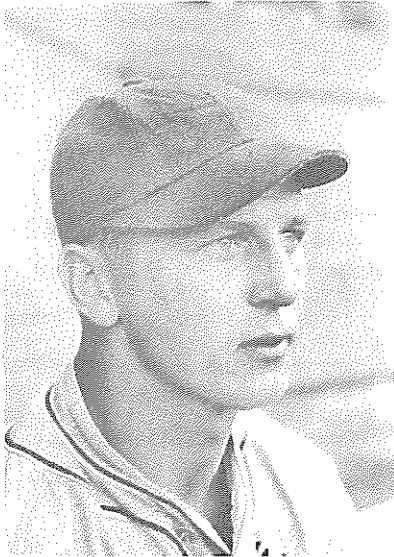


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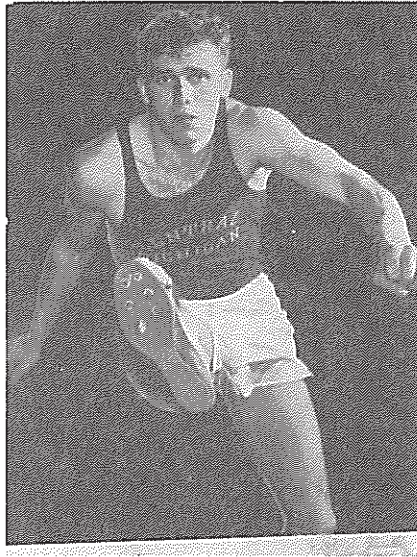
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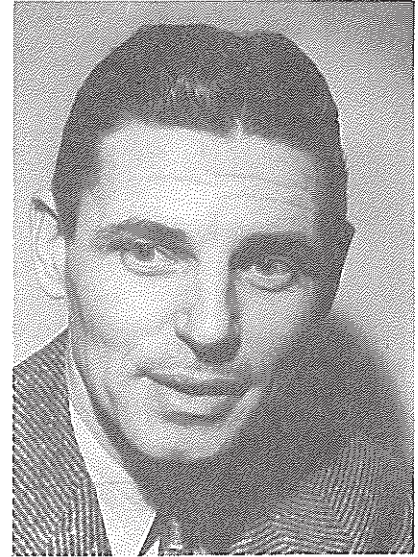
**1982
FRED TROSKO**

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



**1982
JIM PODOLEY**

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



**1982
JIM BARCLAY**

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



**1982
FLOYD BATES**

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

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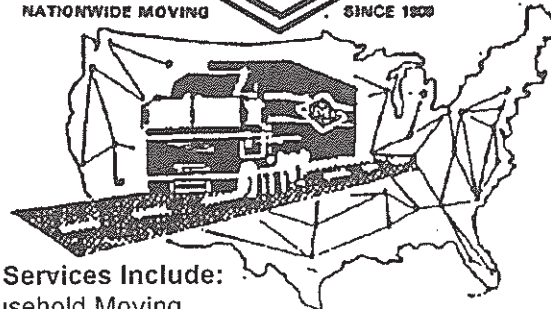
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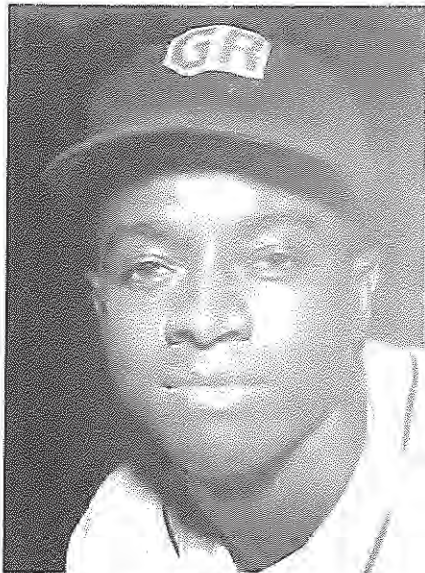


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DAVE HOSKINS

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

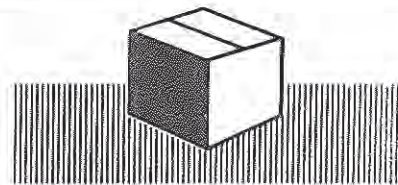
Flushing's Rowe distinguished himself as the Mid-American Conference lineman of the year at Western Michigan University, leading the Broncos to the 1966 MAC title. He later became an All-Pro defensive tackle with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League.

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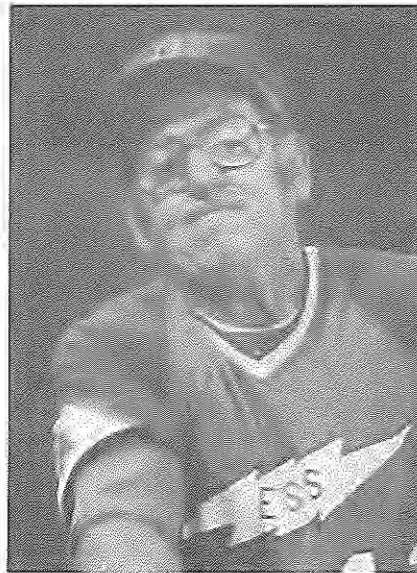
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**1983
PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

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.



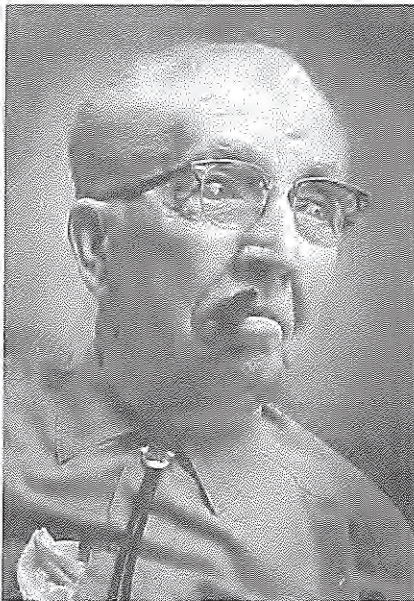
**1983
JIM DOYLE**

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.



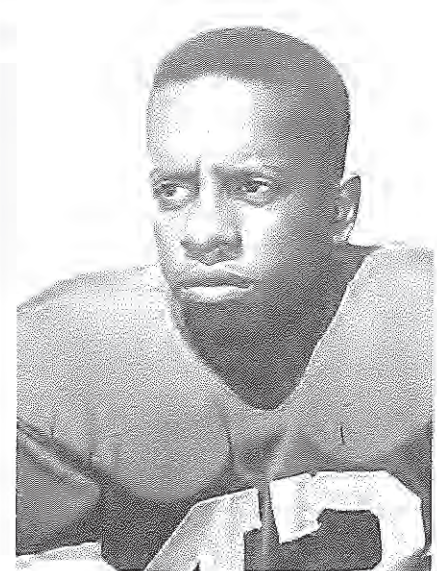
HOWARD GILROY
1984

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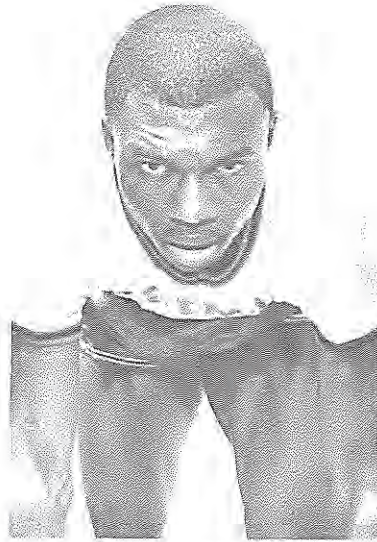
No matter how significant the accomplishments of an individual or team may be, a nomination is necessary in order for that person or team to be considered.

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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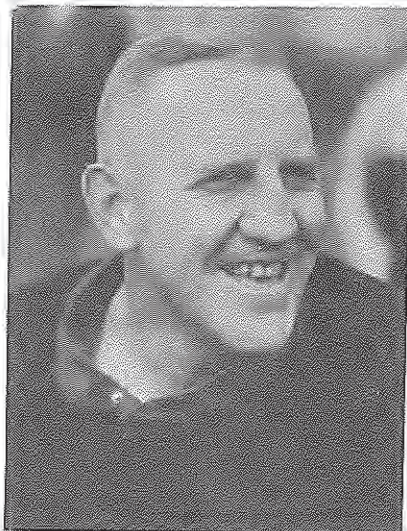


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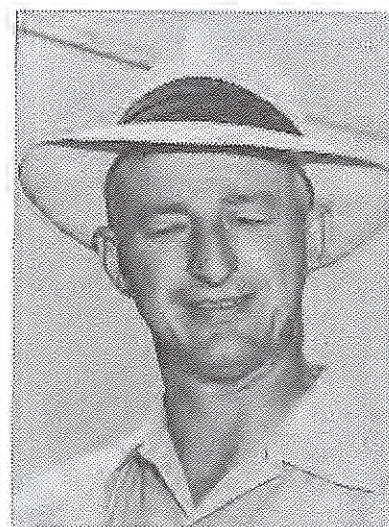
STAN BROOME
Special Service Award
1985

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.



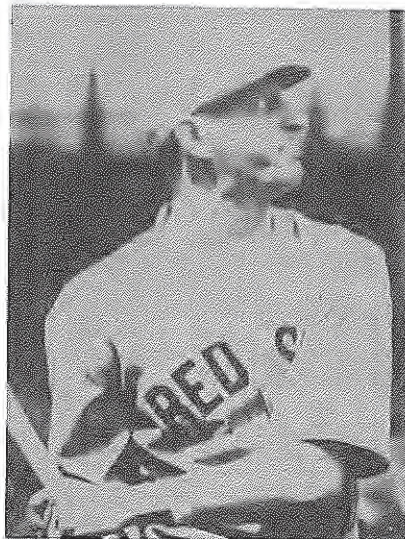
NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

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.



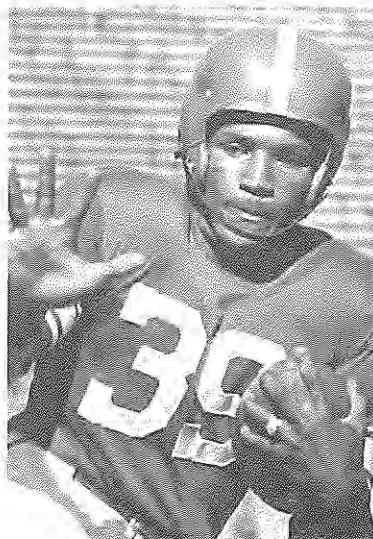
KEN FAILING
1985

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.



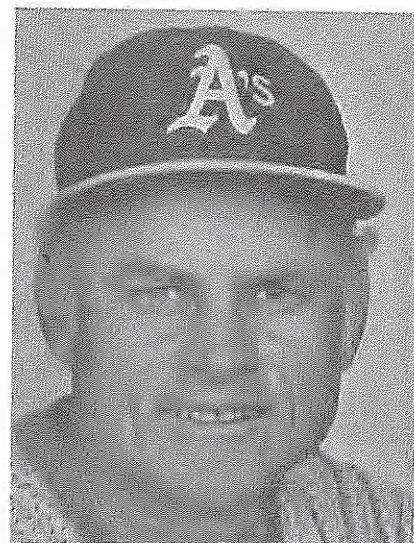
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

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.



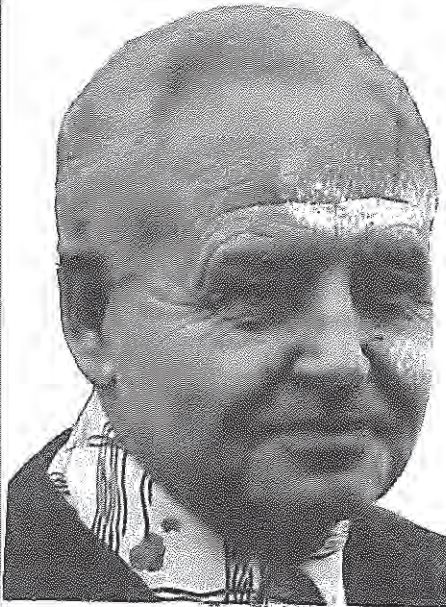
LEROY BOLDEN
1985

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.



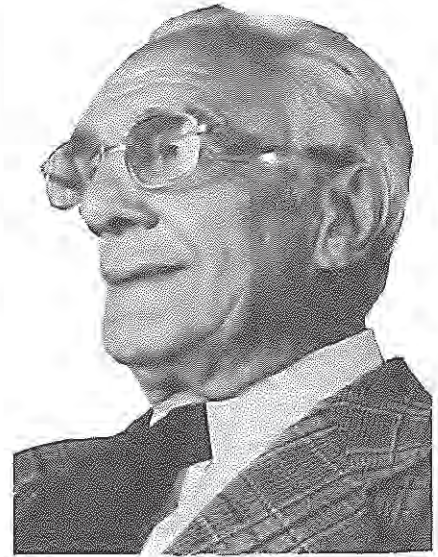
1986
BILL BARCLAY

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.



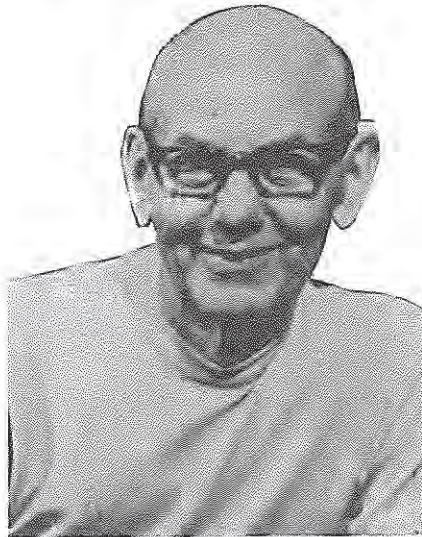
1986
JEANETTE ROBINSON

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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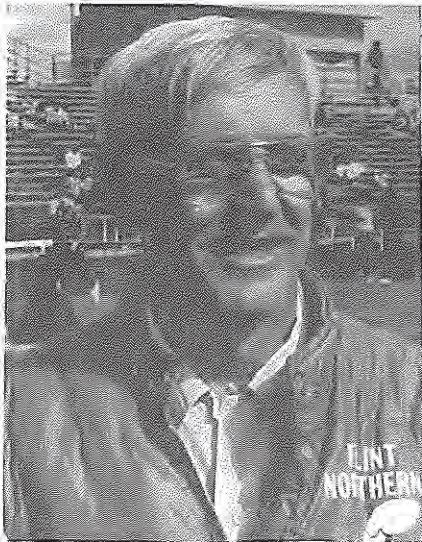
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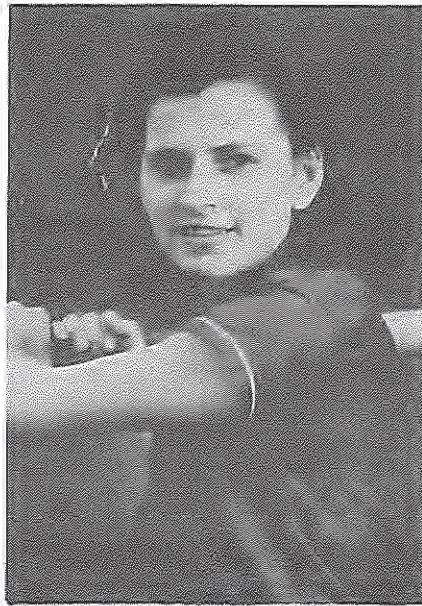




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NORBERT BADAR

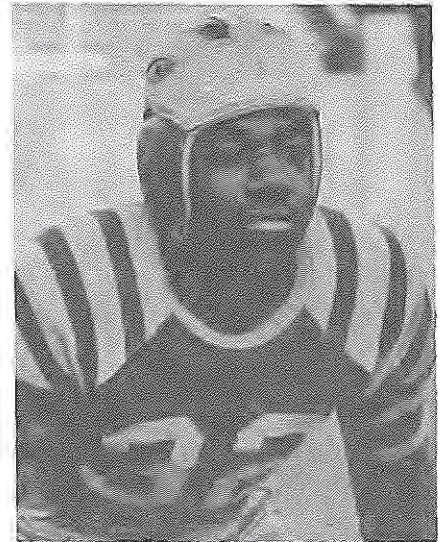
Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



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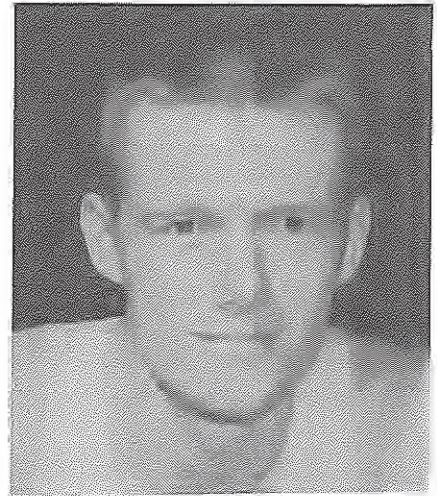
Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



1987

TED PRICHARD

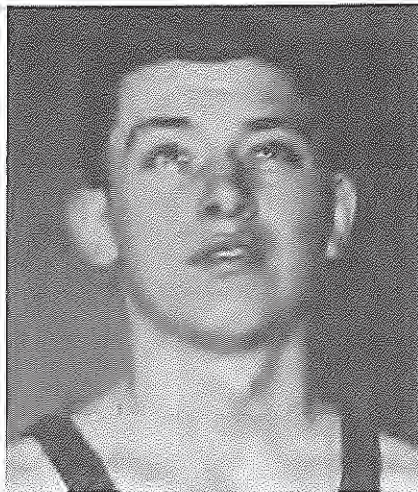
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



1987

M. JOE ROBERSON

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



1987

MEL WINER

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

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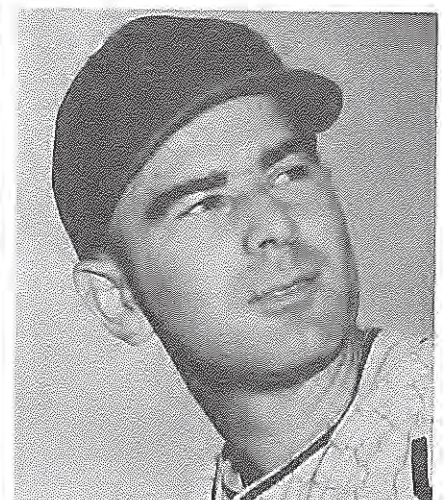
**1987
JO LAKE**

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



**1987
LEON BURTON**

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



**1987
ANDY SVENTKO**

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

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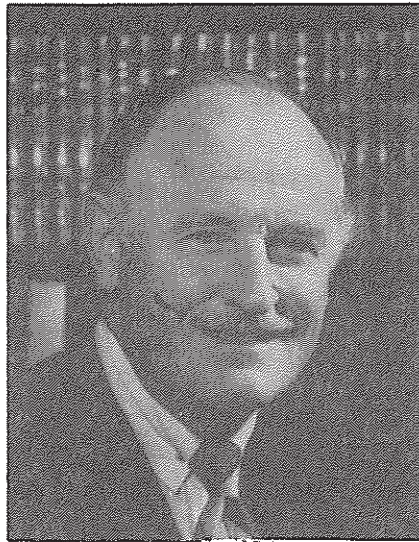
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BOB FLEISCHMANN

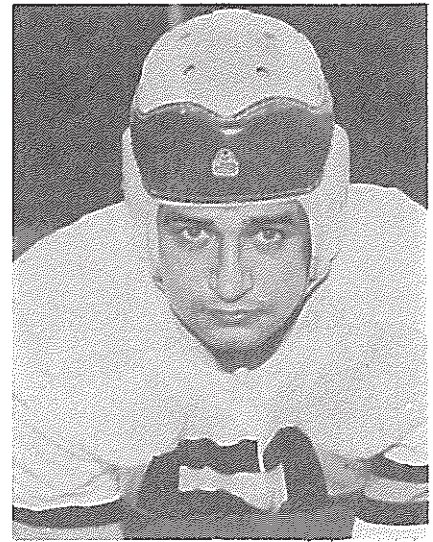
Fleischmann won nine straight City Singles Tennis Championships from 1947-55. He was undefeated for two years while playing for Northern High, and he also played tennis at Flint Junior College and Michigan State University.



1988

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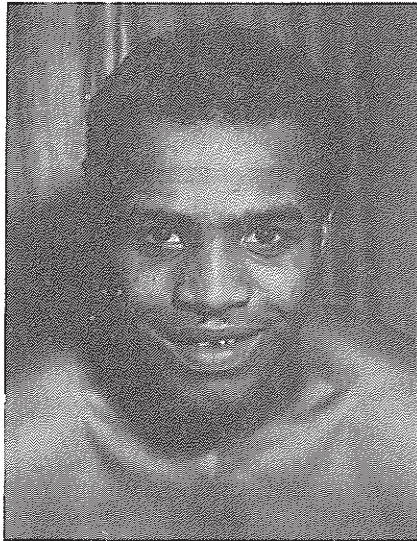
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who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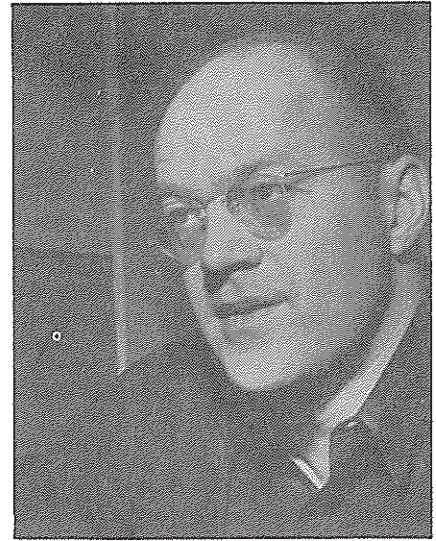
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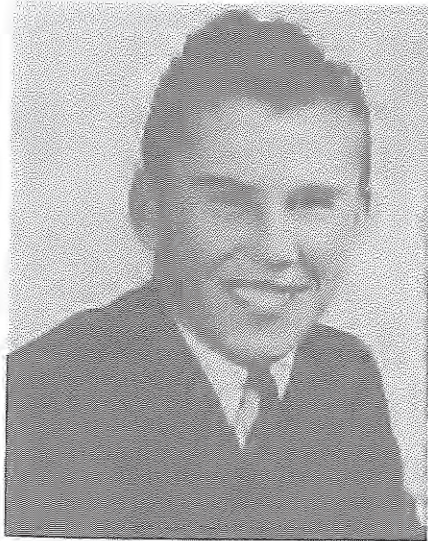
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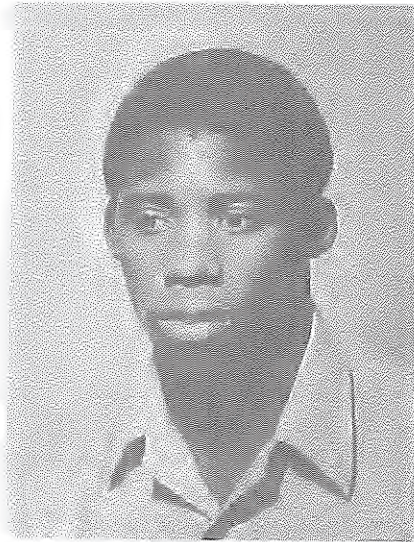
HOWARD AUER

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.



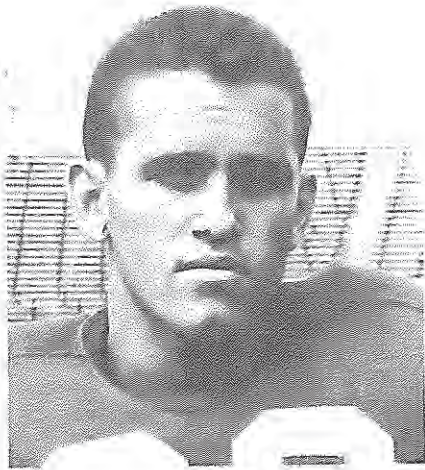
**1989
BARRY EDMONDS
Special Service Award**

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.



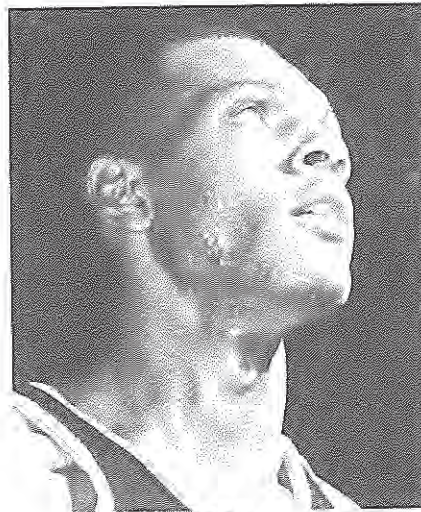
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**1989
BOB SUCI**

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.



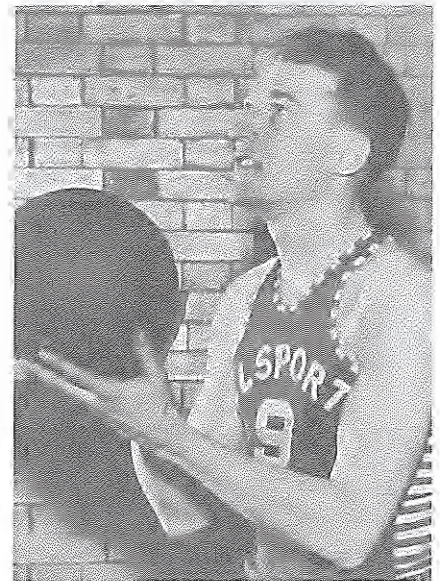
**1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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.

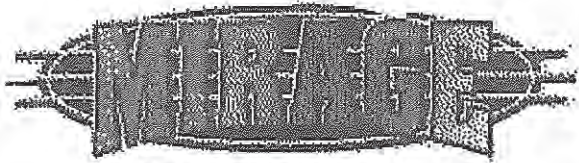


**1989
JACK MORSE**

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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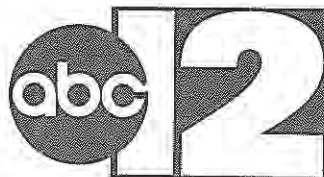


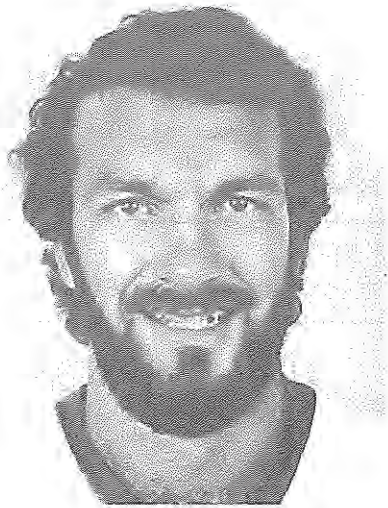
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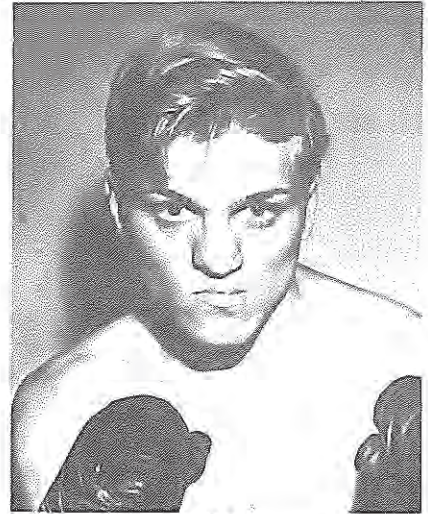
**1990
KEN MORROW**

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.



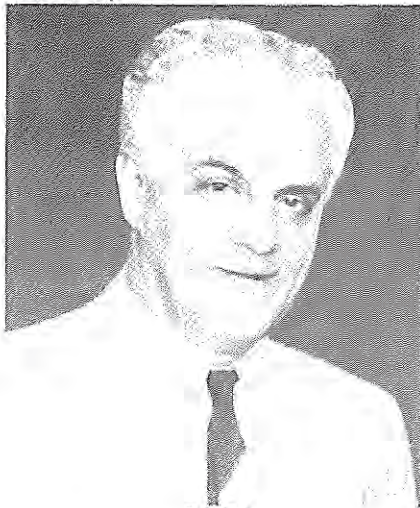
**1990
AL JOHNSON**

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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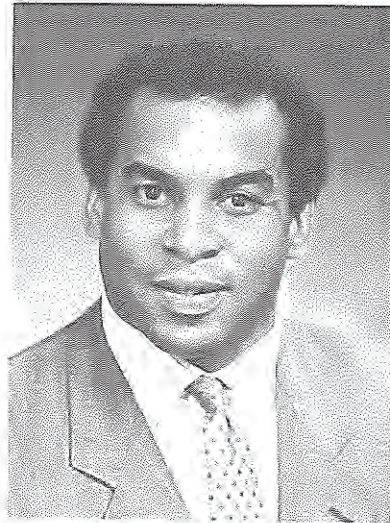
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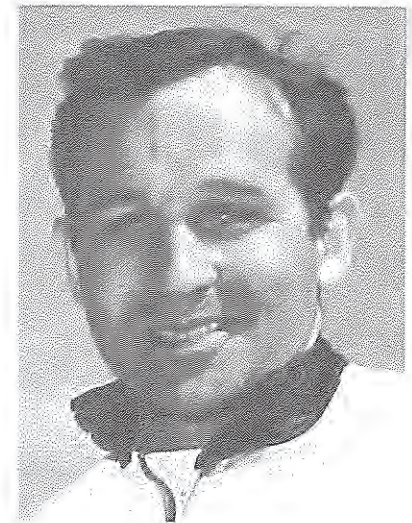
**1990
BOB HARVEY**

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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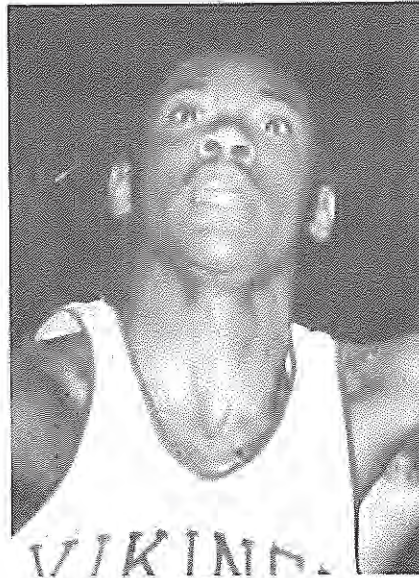


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**1991
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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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Crim and Craig helped make Flint a prominent spot in international road racing through the Crim 10-Mile Road Race, known as one of the top races in the nation. Crim founded the race in 1977, and Craig was the original race director. The Crim later was expanded to several races and attracted 11,638 participants in 1991. Crim races have raised more than \$1 million for charity.





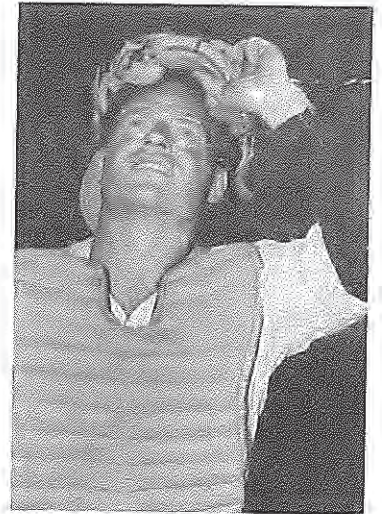
**1991
ANDY MacDONALD**

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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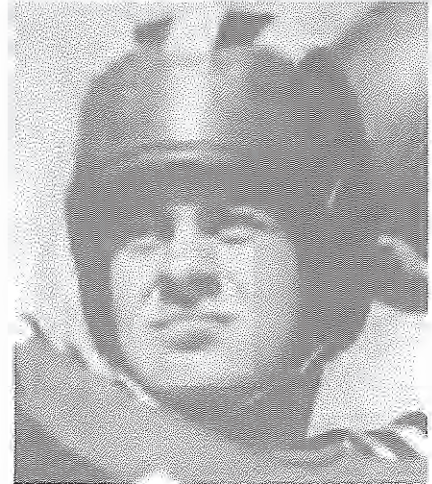
**1992
GEORGE GUERRE**

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



**1992
STAN GOOCH**

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



**1992
TONY BRANOFF**

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

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**1992
J.B. COOK**

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



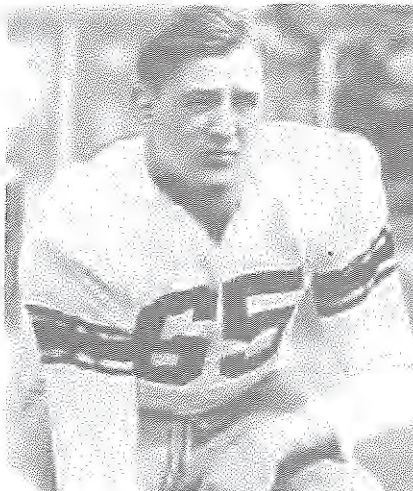
**1992
DOUG MINTLINE
Special Service Award**

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



**1992
ANNE McLOGAN-HERMAN**

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



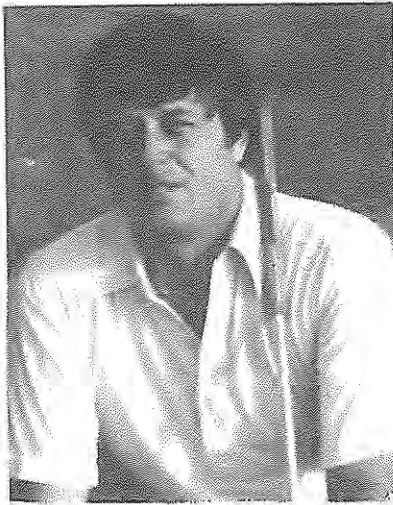
**1992
BILL YAMBRICK**

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



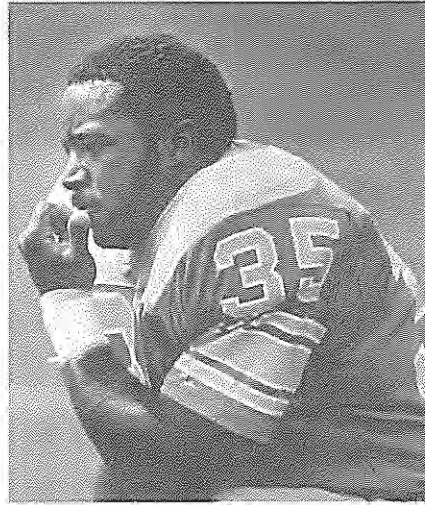
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1993
LARRY MANCOUR

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



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.

St. Mary's Title Season

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he was on — which he usually was — you couldn't stop him."

"Little Ed" gave the Wildcats another scoring threat up front, and Dowdall and Quinn provided outside shooting that kept teams from collapsing on the Novaks.

Before the season started, St. Mary tried unsuccessfully to fill two open dates on its schedule.

"Class C and D teams didn't want to get beat, and A and B teams didn't want to get embarrassed," said Dowdall.

He and Kerrigan both say the reason defending Class C champ Kalamazoo St. Augustine jumped to Class A in '39 was to avoid St. Mary in the tournament. They might be right. The Wildcats beat St. Augustine, 32-25 on Jan. 28.

Whatever confidence they carried into the season, however, was eroded in the third game, a 14-9 loss at

Holland Christian on Jan. 5. The 'Cats didn't score in the second and fourth quarters, and blew a 9-7 lead in the last three minutes.

"I'll never forget that game; I couldn't forget it," said Dowdall. "I must have missed 25 dog shots that night."

"We got our butt chewed out after that game," Kerrigan recalled. "Nobody spoke to us for a couple of weeks."

Another wakeup call came 12 days later when Lansing St. Mary came to town and spoiled St. Mary's fashion show, 26-22. The Wildcats had just received new, purple and white, satin sweatsuits and were ripe for picking.

"They beat us in our own gym like taking candy from a baby," Kerrigan said. "We got our butt chewed after that, too."

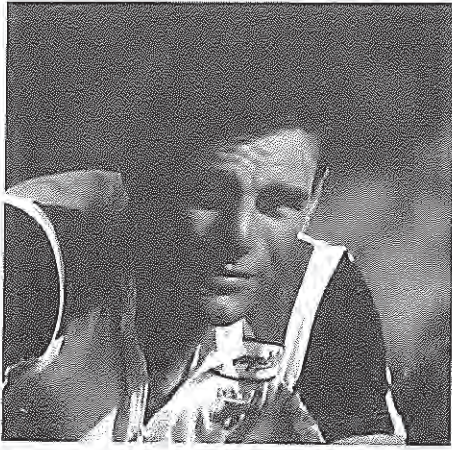
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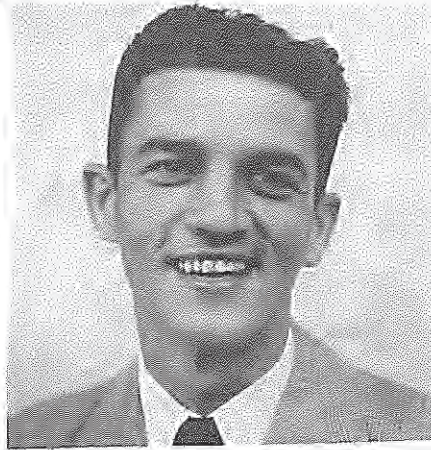
1993
LEN SWEET

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.



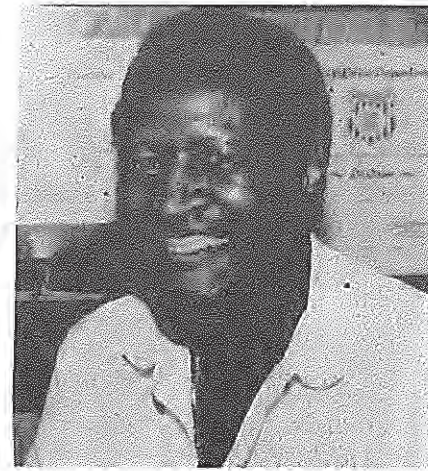
**1993
MIKE SECREST**

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.



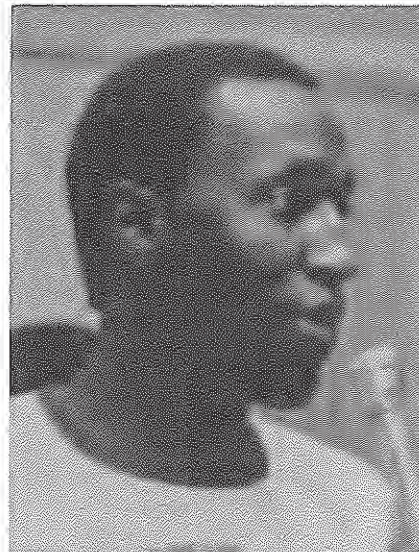
**1993
HERB ODOM**

A state Golden Gloves boxing champion, he won the welterweight title in the 1956 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.



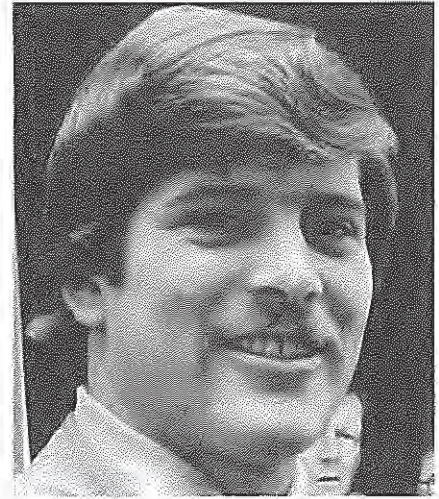
**1994
Cotton Goodell**

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 Tallassee, Ala., where he set an Alabama State League record with 31 home runs in 1940. Helped the Flint Indians capture the Michigan State League championship in 1941.



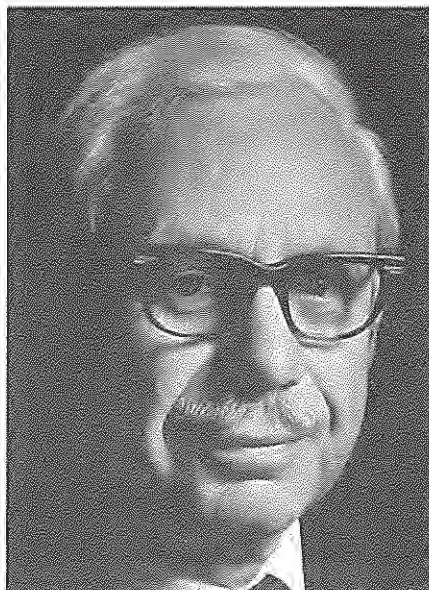
**1994
Wally Jakowczyk**

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



**1994
Rick Leach**

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



**1994
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.



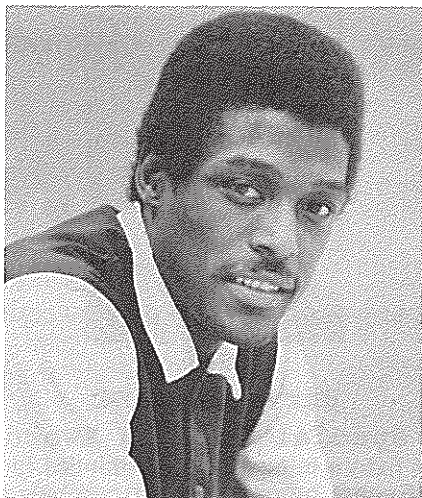
**1995
Dorothy Kukulka**

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.



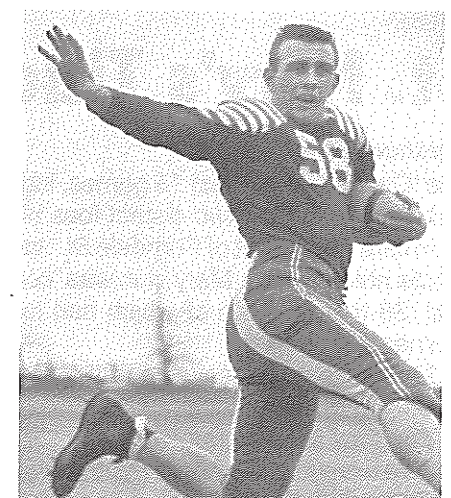
**1995
Justus Thigpen**

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.



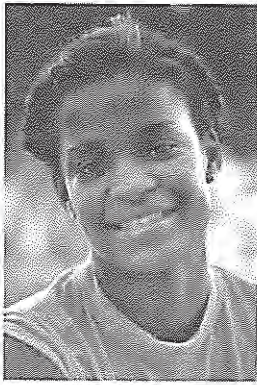
**1995
Chub Guzak**

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**

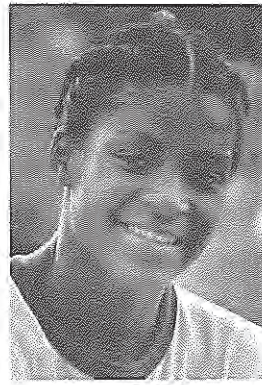
A 13-letter-winner during four-year career at Beecher High where he was an All-State halfback in football and in track ran a record time of 22 seconds in the 220-yard dash. Scored 63 touchdowns in four seasons, including 20 as a senior. Led Beecher to 33-2 record during football career including perfect 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

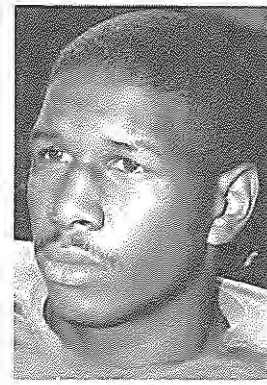
One of the most successful basketball players in Flint history. She became the first Flint basketball player to receive an Olympic Gold Medal as a member of the triumphant U.S. Women's team in 1984. At Northern she combined with her twin sister, Paula, to begin an unprecedented dynasty in state high 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.

St. Mary's Title Season

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The 'Cats won their next 15 games, including a rematch at Lansing St. Mary, and outscored their two district foes by a combined 101-38.

After a 35-20 rout of Ferndale St. James in the quarterfinal, a Flint Journal article noted this St. Mary club was "cooler and more methodical than the '37 and '38 teams," both of which had lost heartbreakers at that stage of the tournament.

The last two games were at IMA Auditorium, and Boyne City went down meekly in the semifinals, 34-22.

The final foe was familiar.

"We were just downright determined not to get beat by Holland Christian," said Dowdall. "We had a grudge against them, and, oh, how we practiced against their offense."

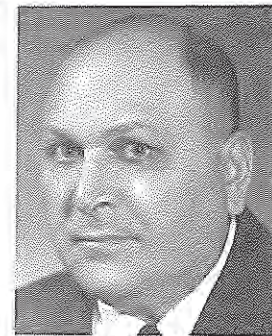
The game seesawed through the first three quarters, the lead changing five times. But St. Mary's defensive style of switching man coverage led to stolen passes, and the Wildcats outscored the Maroons 14-6 in the last eight minutes.

The Novaks combined for 24 points, and Flint had its first — and still its only — Class C boys' hoops crown.

"It was quite a thrill to take a timeout with 28 seconds left and a 10-point lead," Kerrigan said. "It can't be beat."

The 1939 team's success contributed to the individual Hall of Fame status awarded to two of its members.

Failing, who coached the Wildcats for 15 seasons, was inducted into the GFASHF in 1985 and Edward Novak gained similar honors in 1998.



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

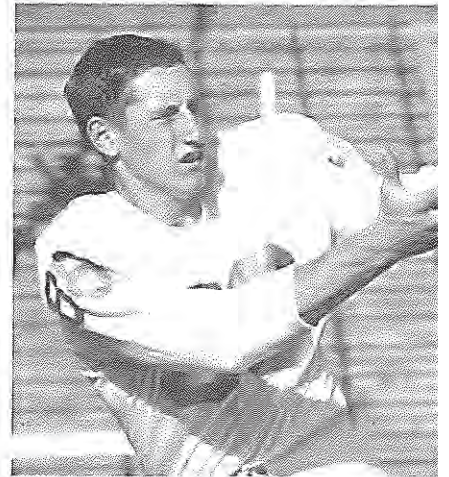
Compiled a winning average of .722 in superb basketball coaching career at Flint Tech High and Flint Junior College. At Flint Tech, Blamer's teams were 101-52, winning three district championships, one regional crown and reaching the final four in the state high school tournament. His Flint JC teams 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

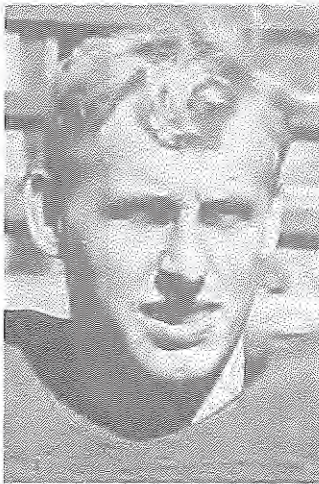
Dedicated much of his life to golf as a player, coach and community leader. As the golf coach at Flint Junior College, Jarrard's teams fashioned a gaudy record of 495-75 while winning 18 state championships in his 33-year career and reaching the national tournament finals 10 times. Jarrard directed the 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.

Football, Baseball Rank 1-2 in Hall of Fame Popularity

With the induction of tonight's six individuals, the membership in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame will swell to 124.

In addition, the late Leo Donoghue Harvey Ethier will become the 24th recipient of the GFASHF Special Service Award, making a total of 148 individuals who have received Flint's ultimate tribute for their accomplishments or contributions in area sports.

Deanne Moore will be the 13th woman to be enshrined for her athletic accomplishments. She is also the first Fenton High athlete, male or female, to be inducted individually.

The number of Hall of Fame coaches will increase to 20 following tonight's inductions of the late Joe Dowdy (basketball), Dar Christiansen (football) and the late Varnard Gay.

Two of the coaches are women, Jo Lake (1987) and Dorothy Kukulka (1995).

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

Including two of tonight's inductees, Paul Staroba and Ricky Patton, football was the major sport on the resumes of 43 men.

Baseball was a principal sport for 22 Hall of Famers, among them Dick Leach who is being enshrined tonight.

Basketball was the third most popular sport, being represented by 13 Hall of Famers.

Moore is the third softball player to be inducted.

A total of 16 sports are repre-

sented by the Hall of Famers, seven that have only one inductee.

Trailing the three most popular sports among the Hall of Famers are golf (five), boxing (five), bowling (three), softball (three), tennis (three) and cycling (two).

The basketball teams from Flint Northern and Flint St. Mary will be the 11th and 12th high school squads to be included since the GFASHF began adding scholastic teams in 1992.

Bishop Construction will be the ninth team to be honored in the non-scholastic category.

Four sports, football, basketball, baseball and track have been recognized in the scholastic team category.

The non-scholastic category's teams have come from three sports, basketball, baseball and softball.

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Lamar Gant

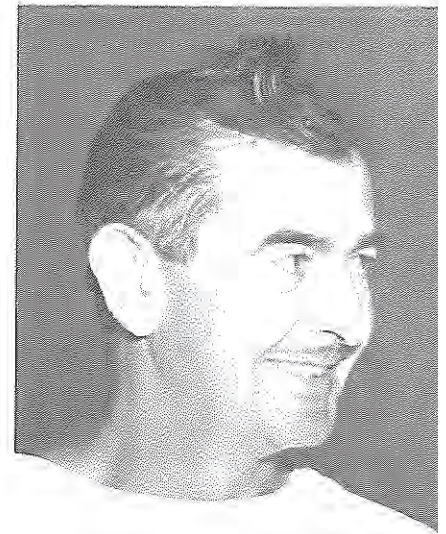
Won a record 15 world powerlifting championships from in the 123 and 132-pound weight classes. Set state, national and world records in the bench press, squat and deadlift while also establishing records for total lift. Became the youngest ever to win a world championship when he succeeded in Birmingham,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



1998

**Audrey Smith
Special Service**

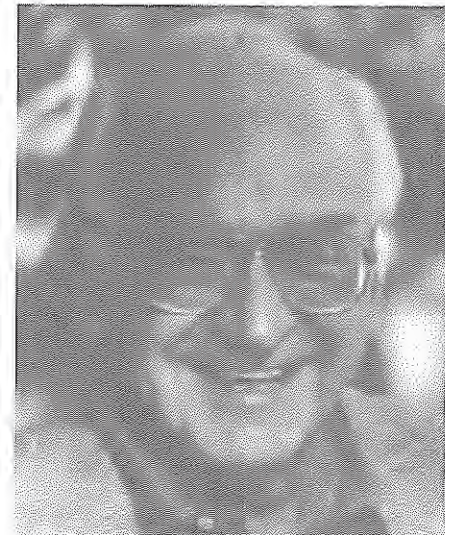
Her name is synonymous with the Flint Junior Golf Association which Smith served for 31 years. She served for many years on the Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games committees and in 1965 was the first female named to be an assistant director of the Buick Open professional tournament at Warwick Hills.



1998

**Dr. Gerald Piesko
Special Service Award**

Piesko is well-known in the Flint area for providing medical care for amateur as well as professional athletes. He instituted the Greater Flint Sports Medicine Center and directed the placement of certified trainers at area high schools. He serves as the team physician at Powers Catholic and Flint's professional hockey teams.



1997

**M.B. Cossman
Special Service Award**

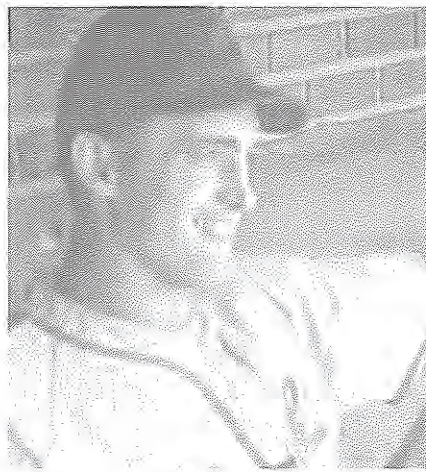
Energetic promoter of Flint sports during a 19-year career as a sports-writer and sports editor of The Flint Journal. Was a member of the Flint Baseball Commission, vice president of the Central League Baseball Writers Association and a member of both the Baseball and Football Writers Associations of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



1998

Ed "Shorty" Pearce

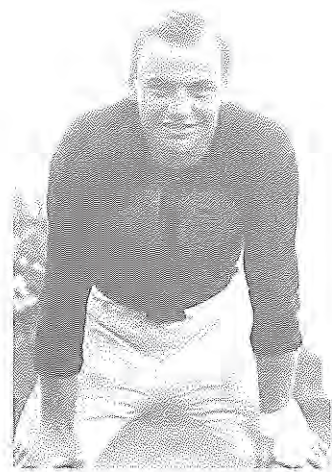
A standout quarterback and defensive halfback on two undefeated Northern High teams in 1934-'35. He led the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring in 1935 when he scored all but one of Northern's touchdowns in Valley games. He starred on three Michigan State College teams from 1937-39. He was the only Spartan sophomore to letter in 1937 and played in the 1938 Orange Bowl against Auburn.



1998

Edward "Big Ed" Novak (Nowaczyk)

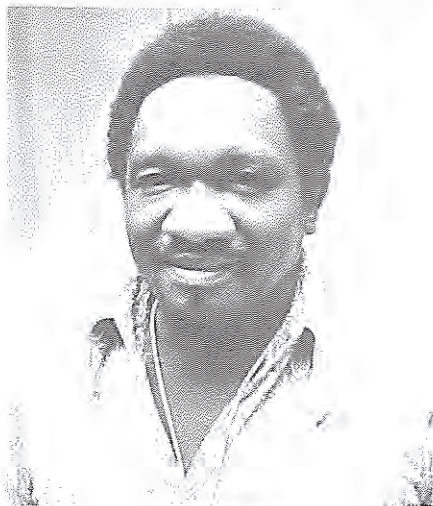
A superb two-sport standout, the 6-foot-5 Novak starred on two city recreation league teams that have been honored by the GFASHF, White Seal Beer (basketball) and Eastside Merchants (baseball). His St. Mary High basketball teams were 51-7, highlighted by the 1939 State Class C championship. Played minor league baseball in the Tigers and Giants' organizations.



1998

Harold Kaczynski

Kaczynski is a member of the Central Michigan University Hall of Fame for a career in which he lettered for three years in football and two years in baseball. A fullback, Kaczynski was named CMU's most valuable player following his senior season. Outstanding halfback at Central High named to All-Saginaw Valley Conference first team in 1939. Is a charter member of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and served 12 years as the organization's first vice president.



1998

Joe Byrd

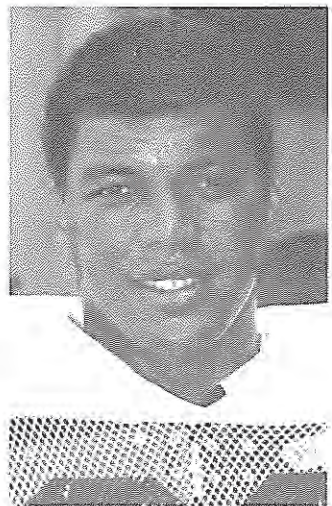
Coached the 1992 U.S. Olympic boxing team in Barcelona. Byrd coached the Flint Police Athletic League for more than 20 years and produced numerous state, regional and national Golden Gloves champions. He began his own boxing career in 1957 and won the city Golden Gloves light heavyweight championships in 1958, '60 and '61. Won the state heavyweight Golden Gloves title in 1962.



1998

Ray Collard

A graduate of Northern High and Michigan State University, he starred in American Legion baseball in 1951 when he was named the most valuable player of the state tournament. He was the most valuable player of the MSU freshman team in 1953 and a year later helped the Spartans capture the Big Ten Conference championship when he was named the team's most improved player.



1998

Eugene Marve

Selected in the third round of the 1982 National Football League draft, Marve played professionally for 11 years, including six with the Buffalo Bills where he set the team's single season record for tackles with 200 in 1986. He also played in Tampa Bay and San Diego. He twice earned All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors at Northern and twice received All-American honors at Saginaw Valley State University.

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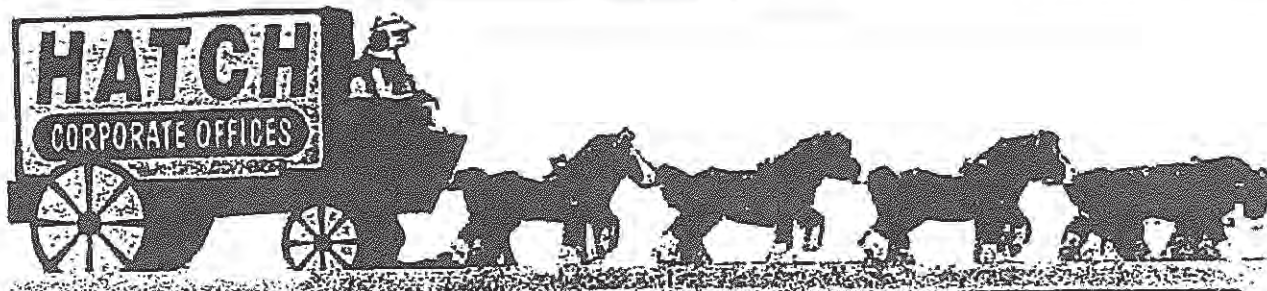
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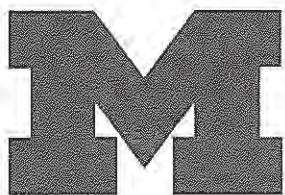
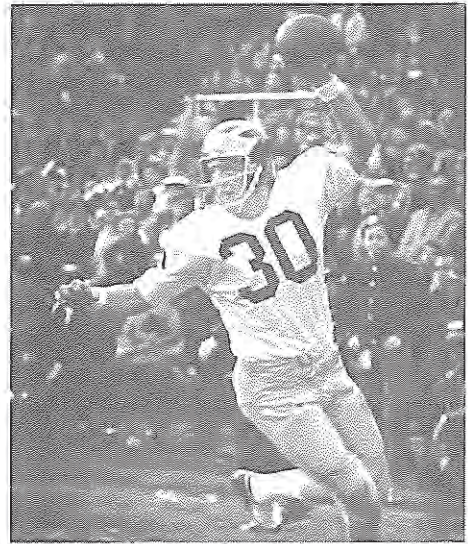
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Bishop Construction Baseball

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everyone except Adams and Davis."

This was a veteran team. Davidson, Rettenmund, Hershon, Tate, Hajec and Pertler played for Bishop in 1972 when it dropped an 8-7 decision to Stamford, Conn., in the finals. Pertler, still active in the City Baseball League at 49, also played for the national runnerup in 1982.

Pertler (80-34) and Hajec (64-10) rank No. 2 and No. 3 in career victories at Broome Park, which opened as Lincoln Park in 1968.

This was Bishop's 10th trip to Battle Creek for state, regional and national tournaments.

"We darned near won

that thing in 1972," said Davidson, who drove in five runs with 7-for-18 hitting (.389) in the nationals. He and Tate hit safely in every game and Adams had five RBI with 7-for-17 hitting (.412) which led the team's .259 average.

Davidson, CBL batting champ in 1968, said, "That team had character. It was one for all and all for one. We had lots of college experience and were motivated. When one guy had a poor game, someone picked him up. Everyone knew his job but everyone also knew that Andy was the man in charge.

"Getting back Tate really ignited us."

Tate was a Bishop original and won CBL batting

championships in 1967 and 1969. He had retired from baseball but Sventko lured him back on July 13 and he responded with a .375 batting average for the final 10 games.

Sventko put the Bishop team together in 1963 and managed CBL teams for 35 years and 1,268 games without an absence. He was inducted into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

The team's origin has been recounted numerous times.

Sventko had no sponsor the day before the entry deadline and had virtually given up hope when Tate's father, who worked for the late Marshall Bishop, got the two together. The entry check was delivered a half hour before deadline.

Gary Baker, who bought

the business, continued as a sponsor until he died in 1994, then Linda Baker became the sponsor. The team dissolved when Sventko became ill.

Sventko's teams won 21 regular season titles, were second nine times and third four times.

The 1975 club had to battle Tharp and Terry Allen Plumbing before winning its eighth straight regular season title with a 19-6 record.

After the rigors of the regular season, the Builders had a 3-1 record in the CBL playoffs, 3-0 in the district tournament and 4-1 in the North Central regional which also was the state tournament.

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Deanne Moore

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at the college I loved, that was truly beyond what I could even fathom would happen."

Moore stopped playing competitive softball in 1986. After trying her hand at slowpitch softball for a few years, she got out of the sport altogether.

These days, most of her time is tied up with her medical career at Blue Care Network in Lansing and with church activities.

She recently returned from a one-week missionary trip to north Africa. Since 1996, she has taken other mission trips to Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Germany and Israel.

Each trip has had a different focus. Some are medical in nature. In others, the group she's gone with has helped to build churches or schools. The primary goal of the most recent trip was to pray for the local people.

"It's really neat to take some of the education I've had and combine it with the spiritual aspect and be able to minister to people and touch other people's lives," Moore said.

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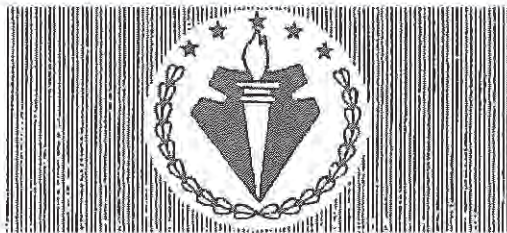
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- 1998 - Flint Northern Basketball 38-39 & 39-40
Flint Northern Baseball 1953

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- 1996 - Buick Recreation Baseball 1936
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- 1997 - Julie's Pawn Shop Basketball
- 1998 - James Lumber Basketball 1951

Northern's Twin Basketball Crowns

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and handed the Vikings the worst defeat in school history, 88-55, on Feb. 27, 1971. The loss also deprived Northern of a Saginaw Valley Conference West Division title, but a bigger prize lay ahead.

Frieder got his first break when Northern drew a bye in the first round of the district. That allowed point guard Ron Polk to heal a muscle tear that had knocked him out of the last two games of the regular season, and he came back with 11 assists and a strong defensive game against Powers Catholic.

In the quarterfinals, McGill, a 6-3 senior forward, overcame a 90-minute pregame nosebleed to score 33 points against Grand Rapids Union, and senior guard Barry Menefee hit four straight free throws in the last two minutes of a 68-62 victory.

Northern took out Kalamazoo Central, 52-40 in the semifinals, but the big news came out of the other bracket, where Detroit Kettering ousted Campy Russell and Pontiac

Dar Christiansen

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So, Dar went to Davison High for three years where his coaching career in Michigan came to an end in 1981.

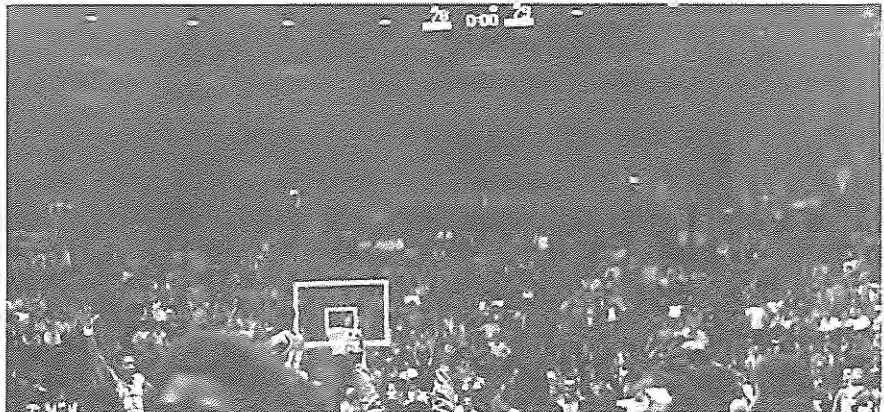
He later was a counselor and assistant coach in Sarasota, Fla. Upon his return to Michigan, Christiansen was named an assistant principal at Brighton High.

He retired a few years ago because of heart problems.

"Booker Moore told me if they cut me open they probably wouldn't find a heart," Christiansen said laughing.

But Christiansen definitely had heart. And a keen mind for the game.

This football legend will be remembered as perhaps the most innovative coach in Flint history.



The Crisler Arena scoreboard flashes the results of the 1971 Class A championship game while Northern fans flood the floor

Central, 70-67. Northern's nemesis was out of the way.

A superstitious Frieder noted snow had fallen on all seven days of Northern's tournament games, and his luck held as flurries flew an hour before the final.

Before 13,609 spectators at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena, McGill scored 24 points to set Flint's single-season record of 551, and Tom Jackson's free throw with eight seconds left sealed a 79-78 victory. The turning point came in the third quarter when Northern held 6-9 center Lindsay Hairston to one basket while McGill sat on the bench in foul trouble.

"We practiced all week long on him," said Britt. "Nate Perry (the JV coach) was Lindsay Hairston. I'd front him and my brother James would be in back of him.

"I think I had 28 rebounds that game. James would block him and I'd go to the boards."

Northern had its first state title since 1947. McGill was a unanimous All-State pick and his No. 54 was retired in April. But a better team was on the horizon.

"This was all new to that first bunch," Frieder said, "but that '72 team witnessed it all and came back with the attitude that we're doing it again."

Wayman Britt was the only returning starter, but Rick Jones, Ray Bridges and Dennis Johnson also came back, and a cocky, 6-4 forward named Terry Furlow came off the JV

team with a new attitude.

"Terry was a talker, and one day we got into a little rift in the lockerroom because of his attitude," said Britt. "But he blossomed in his senior year and began to show he could shoot the jump shot."

All five starters averaged in double figures for the season, and Northern went 25-0 with a ball-hawking, zone-press defense and nearly 58 rebounds per game. Britt typified the all-around talents of each player.

"He played so hard," Frieder said. "He was only 6-3 or so, but he was good enough to keep bigger people off the boards, and then he was so quick they couldn't keep up with him on the transition."

The Vikings ran their two-year winning streak to 33 games and beat Pontiac Central three times, including 74-71 in the final at Michigan State's Jenison Field House. Johnson led the team in scoring at 15.6, and he and Britt were All-State.

"Any individual could have averaged 25 points on any other team," said Ragland. "But we had a lot of respect for each other as players."

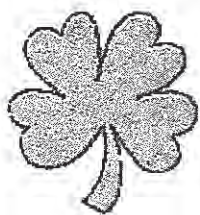
"It wasn't just one player," said Britt. "It could have been, but that wasn't how I learned to play."

Ragland said that's what sets the Vikings apart from other great teams in Flint history.

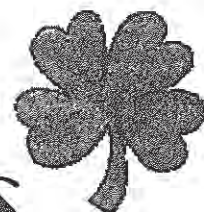
"I watched those teams in the '80s," he said. "They had some talent, but nothing like Northern of '71 and '72."

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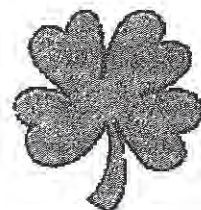
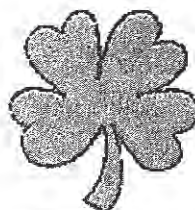
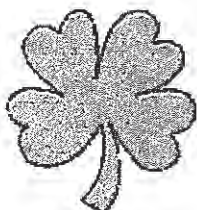
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