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Induction Banquet*



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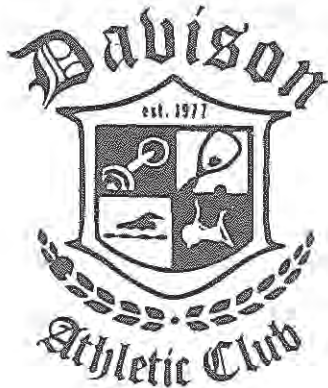
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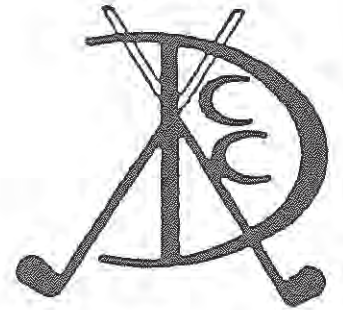
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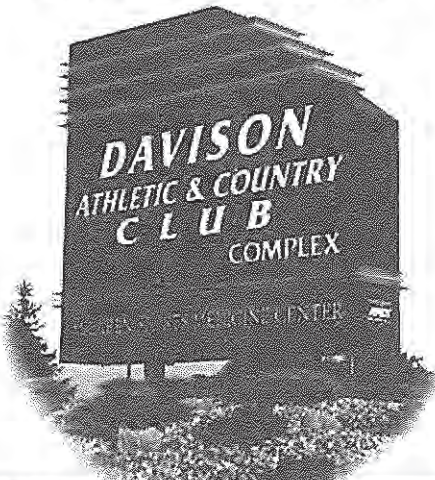
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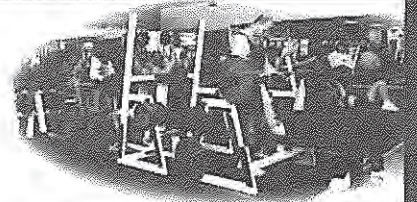
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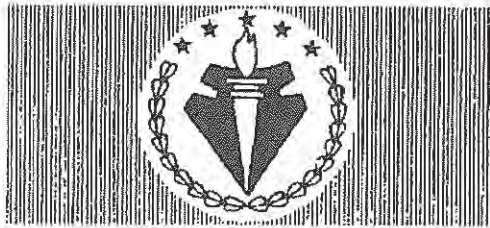
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Welcome to the City of Flint and the new Character Inn Conference Center. Tonight we are here to honor "our sports heroes," as the Board of Directors of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame presents the Class of 2000.

Few cities have produced as many talented and dynamic athletes as the greater Flint area has during its rich sports history. How many cities can boast of having three athletes from one city come together to win a National Championship?

The ultimate honor for an athlete is to be recognized by his or her home town.

Tonight, Tom Alward, Reggie Barnett, Tom Cole, John Lindholm, Jim Morrissey, the late Pete Fornari and the late Willie Moore are being honored for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the sports world.

Frank Gallagher 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. What makes great teams great is that everyone has a role to play to make that team successful.

The teams being honored tonight have achieved incredible success. They are the 1940 Yellow Dogs Softball Team, the 1941 St. Michaels Football Team, and the 1976 Flint Southwestern Football Team.

As I complete my first year as President of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, I would like to thank you for being with us tonight, because 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 Greater Flint Hall of Fame walls in the lobby of the IMA Sports Arena.

Enjoy your evening

*Craig Coney*

Craig Coney  
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## TOM ALWARD

# 'Pure' Football Is His Favorite

Tom Alward has played college football on Saturdays at Nebraska and on Sundays in the National Football League.

These days he's calling the shots on Fridays on high school football fields. And he couldn't be more satisfied.

"Friday night football is the greatest," said the eight-year Goodrich head coach. "It's the sport in its purest form. I played at all levels and I can speak to that. That's what it's all about. I wouldn't trade Friday nights."

In fact, Alward, who is among tonight's inductees into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, traded the possibility of an extended NFL career for an opportunity to coach and be home more.

After the 6-foot-4, 230-pound offensive lineman became the first player signed by the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers and was the highest-rated offensive lineman on the Bucs' inaugural 0-14 team in 1976, he was cut the following season and declined to pursue a position on another team.

"(Head coach John) McKay was obviously under a lot of pressure to make moves and my attitude was not the greatest as far as the direction we were headed and I'm sure it affected my play," Alward said. "Other teams contacted me and I'd like to think I would have been able to make another team but I just wanted to get on with my life."

He had married his high school sweetheart, Darlene (Bendall), a year earlier and his son, Trevor, who later played for him at Goodrich, had just been born. They wanted to settle down, so they returned to Michigan.

Alward said his parents (Vern and Dorothy) and several coaches were major influences in his life. Vern Alward coached at Bendle and Lakeville and was an athletic director.

"It's very humbling to have my name associated with the great names at the IMA," Alward said. "It just happens to be my picture and name on that plaque, but there's so many people behind that that are the reasons I'm there."

Alward said he just wants to be the kind of positive influence on young men that he had in his life.

"I've been fortunate to be around great people at all levels and it's hard not to be successful when surrounded by those people," he said. "I just hope I have an impact on a young person's life to help him be successful down the road. Football teaches you a lot about life."

Alward earned 12 varsity letters at Bendle in football, basketball and baseball. He was a 1970 Class C All-State basketball selection, averaging 22.2 points for a 19-2 team that reached the Class C quarterfinals in the state tournament. He played defensive end and tight end on a



football team that won the County B League title in his senior year.

His freshman season of football at Nebraska in 1970 had a difficult start, but a rewarding finish. He played on the scout team offense, practicing against the Cornhuskers' smothering number one defense.

"It was just practice, practice, practice," Alward said. "But that was my best year. I turned the corner to being a football player. I learned so much about hard work and struggle against what seemed to be insurmountable odds."

Three games into his sophomore season he became a starter at offensive guard and he remained there through his senior year.

His most memorable Nebraska game was the 1974 Sugar Bowl, in his final game, as the Huskers rallied for a 13-10 win over Florida.

Alward played in the College All-Star Game in Chicago against the Pittsburgh Steelers after being selected in the sixth round of the NFL draft by the New York Jets.

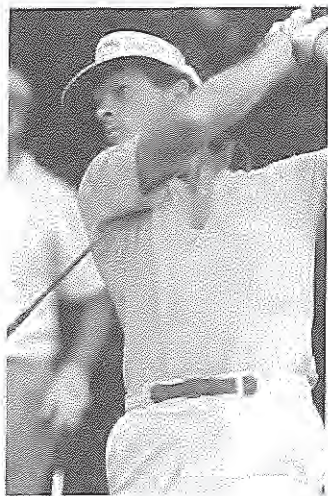
He was one of the Jets' final cuts and spent one season with Birmingham in the World Football League, before going to Tampa Bay.

"I just wanted to see if I could do it and it worked out," he said of playing in the NFL. "I played for a year. That was a long year. We had a 43-man roster and 24 were on injured reserve. Over half the team got hurt."

But Alward, who played both guard and center because of the injuries, wasn't one of them.

"The thing I was most proud of was I never went to the training room," he said. "I was the only one on the team never to do that."





***Congratulations  
John Lindholm  
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into the Greater  
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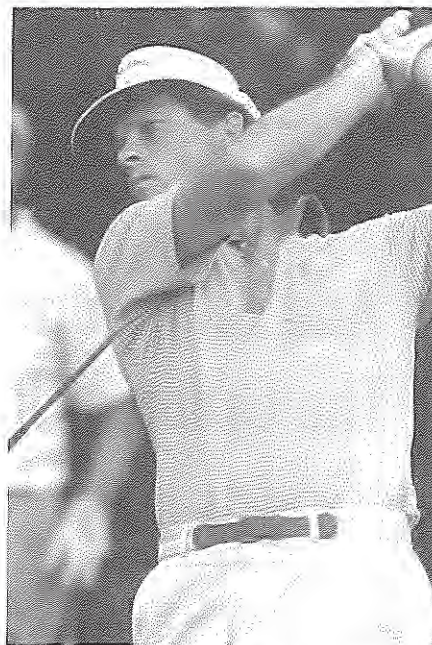


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# JOHN LINDHOLM

## *UM Course No Obstacle In Michigan Amateur*



It took more than 30 years, but John Lindholm finally conquered the University of Michigan Golf Course, something he was unable to do when he was a student there in the '60s.

After graduating from Grand Blanc High in 1963, Lindholm headed to UM to further his education and a golf career that began in high school.

Lindholm showed enough promise during his first college tryout that he was told to give UM's golf team another shot later in the year. The problem was, Lindholm's grades weren't up to his normal standards so he put the clubs away and pulled out the books full time.

"I went out for the team but it was one of those things where they said, 'Come back in the fall and we'll see,'" Lindholm recalled. "I really hadn't gotten the grades I wanted my first year and didn't want to spend the time playing golf."

"I had been a very good student in high school and when I first got to Ann Arbor, I wasn't performing at the same level. So I wasn't going to be able to take a long time out during the day to go play golf."

Instead, Lindholm bore down and earned his degree in 1967. He followed by earning a law degree from Wayne State University and after a stint in the Navy, went to New York University to study tax law.

Finally, upon returning home to Flint, Lindholm's golf career resumed in the mid-1970s. He won virtually every championship in the Flint-area before capturing the state's most coveted tournament, the Michigan Amateur Championship in 1997.

Not only did Lindholm win the state amateur at age 51, but he did it back in Ann Arbor at UM.

The cycle was complete and Lindholm was on his way into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame where he is one of seven individuals

being inducted tonight for their prowess.

"The one that's the hardest to win is the state amateur because the level of competition is better than at the GAM (Championship) or Mid-Amateur," Lindholm said.

"The grueling process of match play you can't compare.

"I never really thought I played that golf course very well (in the past). That week, I don't want to say I was in a zone, but I felt very comfortable. I was hitting the shots you needed to hit. Of all the difficulties I may have had on that golf course as an undergraduate student, they seemed to go away. I played very well that week."

Did he ever.

In five days, Lindholm played 36 holes of stroke play before winning five straight matches. He beat medalist (and current pro) Shawn Koch 2 and 1 in the second round of match play after Koch had come within one shot of the qualifying record. Then, he knocked off 18-year-old Danny Janson — an Ohio State recruit and son of legendary Michigan PGA member Lynn Janson — in a 19-hole semifinal match.

Lindholm became the Flint area's first state amateur champion in 23 years when he defeated UM's Michael Harris (another current pro), 1-up in the final — and on Harris' home course no less.

"I beat Shawn Koch, Danny Janson and Michael Harris," said Lindholm, who reached the semifinals in 1991. "Any one of those would have been a major victory and to do all three is what you need to do to win it."

Locally, Lindholm has won the City Amateur and City Best-Ball crowns as well as a record six Genesee All-Star Golf Classic titles. The All-Star is the most prestigious tournament in the Flint area.

And to think Lindholm didn't even

rate an invitation to the first All-Star before winning the second tournament in 1975.

Lindholm has represented Michigan in countless events and is no stranger to national competition. He was the only amateur to make the cut in the 1997 U.S. Senior Open — two weeks after his state amateur victory — and he's also played in the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur.

Now he's a Hall of Famer.

"It's a true honor," said Lindholm, 55. "There are very few golfers in there. There are an awful lot of baseball players, football players and basketball players, so it's really an honor even to be considered as a golfer."

"I'm really overwhelmed by it. It's kind of a crown on the success I've had over the years. It's validation. You think what you've accomplished is something not too many people have accomplished but you're not really sure. To be elected to this Hall of Fame says 'Yes, it's something not many people have done.'"

Lindholm plans to play competitively for at least another 10 years and, barring any health problems, thinks he can remain a force on a local, state and national level.

He might even be the first player to win the Michigan Amateur in his 60s.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TOM COLE**

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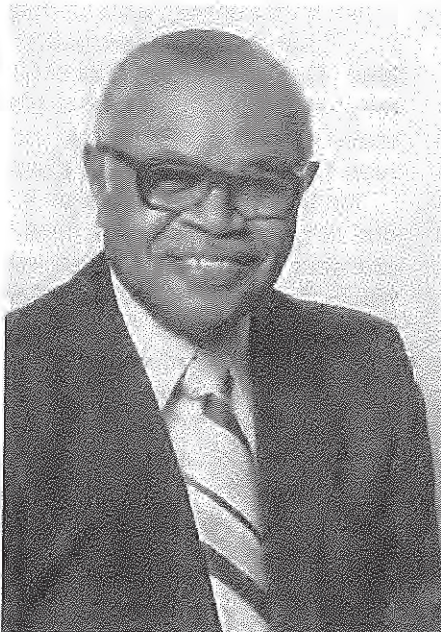
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*Your sons Alvin, Gerald,*

*Jimmy (deceased),*

*Bill & Annette, Ray*



# WILLIE MOORE

## *True Hall of Famer In Everything He Did*

Willie Moore was made to be a Hall of Famer.

Not that he was an All-American in any particular sport.

It's what he gave to all sports that made him so special.

He was a standout softball player in Flint in the 1940s and '50s, an accomplished bowler in the middle-age stages of his life, then an umpire who always called them fair and square to end his sporting career.

That he earned an unusual amount of respect anywhere he went is testament to the man.

Good deeds followed Willie Moore everywhere.

That's a big reason why he is now a member of four sports Halls of Fame. He has been inducted into the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame, the Flint African American Hall of Fame and the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame.

Moore, who died in February 1994, would be honored to be included in the 2000 class of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

His acceptance speech would be short, however. Willie was a humble man, a man of few words. When he did say something, everybody listened.

He was a pioneer for his race also, one of the first great black bowlers in this city, and Genesee County's first African American umpire.

His athletic career began at Berston Field House and Northern High in the late 1930s.

He played baseball, softball and football.

Moore probably could have been an outstanding football player for the Vikings but he injured his arm. He tried to keep it a secret at home but his mother found out.

End of football career.

So Moore wound up being a star baseball player at Northern in the spring, a standout softball player on Berston's dusty field during the summer months.

In his 20s, Willie played second base and short fielder for the M&S Orange Hall of Fame softball team and he was one of the standouts on the 1940 Yellow Dogs team that is also being honored tonight.

To earn extra money, Moore became a pin-setter at bowling establishments around Flint.

At his home on Damon Street sit 20 or more bowling trophies earned during a career which didn't begin until Moore was almost 40.

"Early on, they didn't let black bowlers into bowling alleys in Flint," he said a few years ago. "I started as a pin-setter. That's how I got hooked on bowling."

Moore harbored no ill feelings over a societal ill when he was a youngster. His motto was to be patient and one day good things would come his way.

And they did.

If they had an umpires' Hall of Fame, Moore would



assuredly be included in that group.

During his more than 30 years as an umpire in the Flint high school and city amateur leagues, Moore was recognized as perhaps the top baseball official on the diamond.

Baseball coaches liked to see Moore standing behind the plate calling balls and strikes.

Not that Willie Moore, the umpire, didn't have his disputes.

Once, when fellow Hall of Fame inductee Pete Fornari was a catcher in the city league, Moore had the final answer.

In disputing a few ball and strike calls, Fornari piped to Moore behind him, "I guess the lights are out in the park tonight."

To which Willie replied, "Well, I guess you're out of the game tonight!"

When Moore missed a rare call, he'd be up front about it, admitting the mistake to any coach who might challenge him at the plate or on the basepaths.

"I'll get the next one right," he would say with a smile.

How could any coach argue with that response?

He and his wife, Evelyn, raised five sons, Alvin, Gerald, Jimmy, Willie, Jr. and Ray.

Jimmy, who died two years ago, was an outstanding pitcher at Northern in the 1950s and 60s. His dad was an umpire then, also. But Willie, for appearance's sake, refused to umpire games when his son was pitching.

Willie Moore rubbed people the right way. He was that way with everyone he met in 77 years of life.

He was a man of principle and integrity, perhaps respected more for those traits than anything he may have accomplished in athletics.

It would be difficult to find anyone who didn't have a kind word to say about Willie Moore.

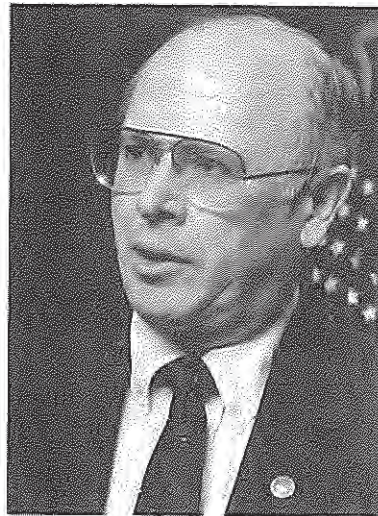
That's probably why he found an easy road to somebody's Hall of Fame.

Willie Moore is a true Hall of Famer.



# Congratulations Dad!

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With Love,

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## TOM COLE

### *Leader in a Golden Era in Flint Sports*

Tom Cole traded dentist's tools for a baseball glove and never looked back.

Approaching his 70th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, he can sit back to try on the several hats he wore in a splendid career which spanned all or parts of six decades.

Now he's into his seventh decade as a volunteer consultant for refurbishing baseball facilities at Broome Park and Whaley Park which began earlier this month.

Baseball is Cole's first love, stemming from participation in the earliest Boys' Baseball Program after World War 11, but he was prominent in developing soccer, high school hockey, summer basketball and volleyball during their heydays in the 1960s and 1970s.

"I like all sports," he said. "If I didn't know the finer points, I was willing to learn because it meant so much to the people who were involved, specially the younger participants."

Sports earned his complete attention as a sophomore at Western Michigan. He was enrolled in the pre-dental curriculum but also trying to earn a spot on the baseball team. A counselor suggested he might have to choose between dentistry and baseball so he chose baseball.

He said, "I never regretted the decision. The last fifty years have been wonderful."

He spent 33 years with the Flint Board of Education, retiring in 1990 to become superintendent of the Flint Parks and Recreation Department for two years.

He presided over the local amateur baseball program during its peak in the 1960s and '70s when more than 6,500 participated in the youth program, the adult programs serviced 45 teams and new stadiums were built at Broome Park and Whaley Park.

AstroTurf was installed at Atwood Stadium and Houston Stadium was built during that period, events which allowed Cole to further develop the programs for which he was responsible.

This work, plus fine athletic careers at St. Michael and Western Michigan and several good years in the City Baseball League, earned Cole induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

At WMU, Cole overcame wildness as a sophomore to post a combined won-lost record of 14-3 for his last two seasons with a superb strikeout-walk ratio of 112-54. He helped the Broncos finish No.3 in the College World Series and was named to the Mid-American Conference all-star team in 1951 and 1952.

He was named honorary captain of the 1952 team and was inducted into Western's Hall of Fame in 1989.

Cole said, "That was a pleasant surprise to be remembered after so long."

He was signed to a contract by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952, but a two-year stint in the Army and a back injury



nullified his pro career.

Frank Manley lured him back to Flint as part of the expanding community school program and Cole spent six years as a school director until moving to the Administration Building as a consultant in recreation.

During time as a community school director he was chairman of the Flint Olympian Games. He was commissioner of the Greater Flint Hockey Association among other duties as an administrator.

But his chief job was commissioner of the Flint Baseball Commission. He took that job in 1964 and the Boys' Baseball Program grew to 23 centers and more than 6,500 youth at its peak. He originated the Greater Flint Area High School Baseball Tournament, now 32 years old.

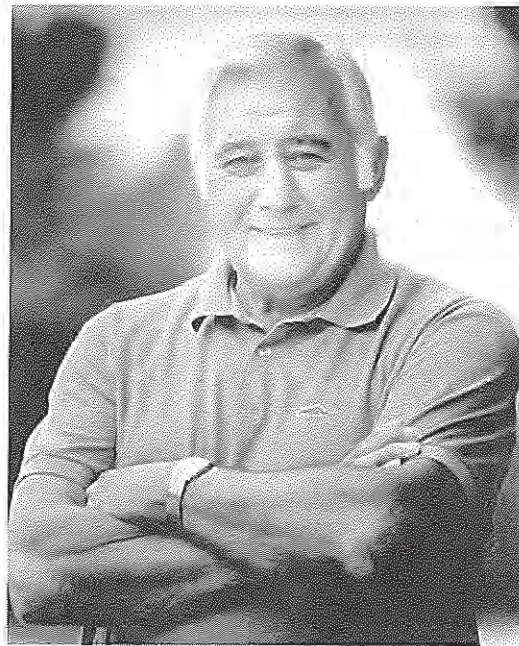
"This was a great time to be in Flint," Cole said. "We had four soccer matches each night under the lights at Atwood and other centers at Broome, Southwestern, Scott and Durant-Tuuri-Mott. We had 10 volleyball leagues, basketball at almost every school and junior high athletics were prominent.

"We had junior high football at Atwood and furnished the equipment. I remember losing only one jersey and that's because a boy was taken to Hurley and the jersey was cut off for treatment.

"I was lucky to have great staff people. I won't attempt to list names because there are dozens. But they know who they are and they're a large part of the reason I'm going into the Hall of Fame."



# CONGRATULATIONS!



*Pete Fornari*

**Greater Flint Area  
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*From Your Family and Friends*

*Tony, Cory, Whitney, Sedrick & Dominic Fornari*

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*Rose, Ray & Angie Tucci*

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# PETE FORNARI

## *Iron-Fisted Leader On and Off Field*

Nothing got past Pete Fornari.

Students at Mandeville and Carman high schools learned early on the futility of trying to pull one over on the master of discipline.

Football opponents made little progress against Fornari-coached defenses.

Baserunners in the City Baseball League found it unhealthy to challenge Fornari on a play at the plate.

His children, especially, knew they couldn't keep anything away from dad.

"If you got a swat in school, you were going to get another one when you got home," said Tony Fornari, the older of Pete's two sons. "He was very strict, but I turned out to be a better person for it."

Lots of his former athletes feel the same way about Pete Fornari, a coach, teacher and athletic director who ruled firmly but fairly for 38 years in the Carman-Ainsworth school system.

"It got me through the Army," said Eugene Goulet, one of Fornari's earliest Mandeville players. "If you could play for Pete, you could get through anything."

"He was famous for knowing everything that happened to our players all the time. If something happened on the north end, he would know about it Monday morning. And nobody got sent to the principal's office, you got sent to Fornari's office. That was a long walk."

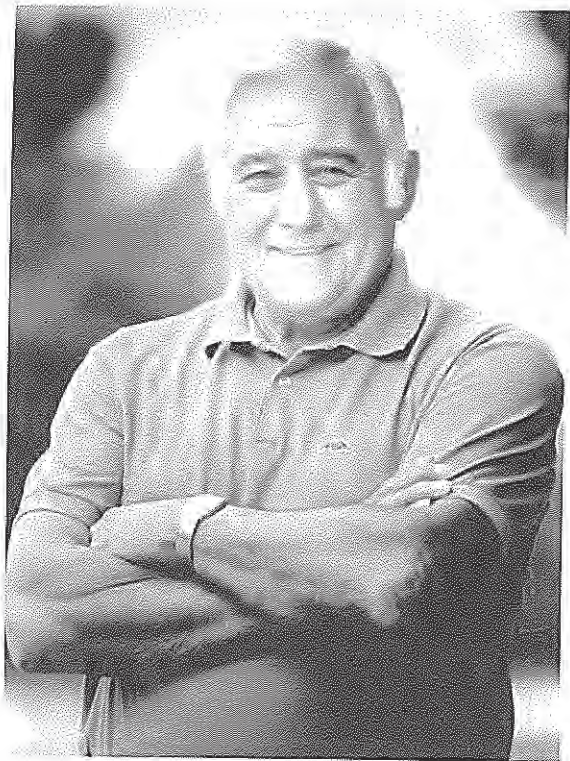
"He was a very hard-nosed guy, but he was in your corner all the time," said Scott McCollum, a three-sport athlete at Mandeville in the early '50s.

Fornari, who died in 1990 at age 69, goes into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame with multiple credentials. Beyond the field of education, he was a fearsome catcher and lifetime .353 hitter in the CBL, a leader in the Flint Boys' Baseball Program for 16 years and a respected game official in football and basketball.

Before arriving in Flint in 1948, he had captained the All-Detroit baseball team and been acclaimed the best athlete among 17,000 in the Detroit City League in 1938. He earned six letters in football and baseball at Michigan State in a collegiate career interrupted by World War II. He played football for the Army's 90<sup>th</sup> Division in Europe before a battle wound sent him to Manchester, England, where he met his future wife, Irene.

Fornari launched his coaching career at the same time Mandeville started athletics, and he was the Spartans' first coach in football, basketball and baseball. He added track in his second spring and years later told *The Journal*, "We practiced track for an hour, then baseball for an hour and a half with the same kids."

His football teams were instantly successful, going 13-1-1 over the first two years. His 1951 squad went 9-0, outscored the opposition 203-6 and finished third in the state Class C rankings. None of the Spartans' first five



opponents even crossed midfield.

A picture of that team still hangs on a wall at the Farmer Jack's grocery store on Corunna Road.

"Most people would give him credit for turning the community around and giving a bunch of hard-nosed kids something to do," said Jack Williams, whose tackle for a safety beat Hoover, 2-0, on an ice-slicked field that year.

When school let out for the summer, Fornari put on the catcher's gear. He played 11 years in the CBL, winning the batting championship with a .414 mark in 1955 at age 34 and missing two other titles by .001.

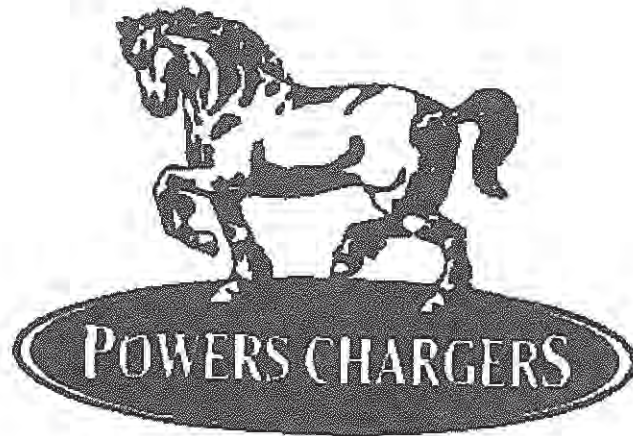
His presence behind the plate became intimidating.

"They'd try to barrel Pete on a play at home and they'd just bounce right off him," said Erv Saultman, a teammate of Fornari's on the Menn's Clothes and Pfeiffer Beer teams. "Bill Billings, who played football at Michigan, tried to move Pete once and broke his leg. Pete was like a block of granite."

With 18 years as athletic director at Mandeville and Carman and 37 years as a Michigan high school official, Fornari spent countless nights away from home. But he maintained an influence on his children and picked the right moments to be there — like the night Tony's field goal beat Grand Blanc 9-6 and gave Flushing the 1973 Big Nine Conference football crown.

"He was there, even though he had things going on at Carman," said Tony, who later followed his dad into officiating. "I got to work on my dad's crew in 1989, his last year. That was an honor for me. I wish I would have started earlier, but he never pushed me into anything."





## Powers Catholic High School Proudly Salutes



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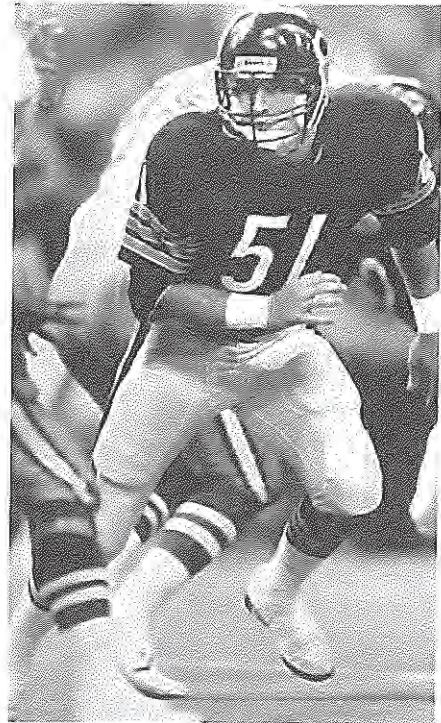
● **Tom Cole** ● **1941 St. Michael Football Team**

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# JIM MORRISSEY

## *Makes Hall of Fame History for Powers*



He achieved his fame on the football field, and those who knew him at Powers Catholic High certainly remember that.

But when Jim Morrissey's name comes up around Powers, it's his character which is recalled most fondly.

"He was a very quiet, humble young man, all through high school," said Kathy McGee, his homeroom teacher at Powers. "When he came in, he was a pretty good-sized freshman, but he was very quiet and very meek. When you watched him on the football field, he wasn't quiet there at all. He hasn't changed. I couldn't think of a nicer person to be inducted into the Hall of Fame here."

Morrissey, a linebacker for nine years in the National Football League, is the first athlete in the 31-year history of Powers to earn induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Morrissey broke into the NFL with one of the greatest teams of all-time, the 1985 Chicago Bears, who selected him in the 11<sup>th</sup> round of the draft after he received All-Big Ten Conference honors at Michigan State. Morrissey's teammates voted him the Most Valuable Player after his senior season.

Cracking the Bears' lineup was tough, but Morrissey found himself on the field his rookie year in Super Bowl XX with 10 minutes left in what would become a 46-10 Chicago rout of the New England Patriots. Morrissey, who played almost exclusively on special teams that season, picked off a Steve Grogan pass and returned it 47 yards to New England's 5-yard line.

It was the ultimate Super Bowl souvenir, but it's no longer in Morrissey's possession. Instead, it is proudly displayed in the trophy case at Powers.

That, in and of itself, speaks volumes about Morrissey's character.

"He donated the ball to the school," said Ron Rolak, an assistant coach at Powers when Morrissey played on the varsity in 1979 and 1980. "There's only one of those and he could have easily wanted to keep it for himself. I can't say enough about what a fine individual and community-minded person he is."

Morrissey's nine-year NFL career is about nine years longer than anyone expected. He was not only an 11<sup>th</sup>-round pick, but he was among the Bears' final cuts before the 1985 season. The Bears resigned him after the first week of the season and he played in all 15 remaining regular season and three postseason games.

He went on to play eight full seasons with Chicago and two games in 1993 before being released. After six games that season with Green Bay, Morrissey called it a career.

"Every year Mike Ditka addressed the whole team and said he didn't care in what round you were drafted or how good you looked in the paper," Morrissey said.

"If you could compete for him on his football field, you could make his football team. It's something I needed to hear as a rookie, because the odds were definitely against me at that point."

The odds were even greater that Morrissey would wind up sharing a piece of the Super Bowl spotlight with guys such as Walter Payton, Jim McMahon, Mike Singletary, William "Refrigerator" Perry and Richard Dent. But there he was in the fourth quarter of a blowout game, lining up at linebacker next to eight-year roommate Ron Rivera.

"I didn't practice too much with the defense," Morrissey said. "I'm asking Ron, 'Ron, where do I go?' He told me if they pass to just fall back into the

flat. As I turned to look at the quarterback, the ball was coming to me. It was a gift."

Morrissey eventually earned a starting job on defense from 1988-92. In 114 NFL games, he had nine regular-season interceptions for 52 return yards. His career-high of three thefts came in 1988.

When Morrissey left football after his stint with the Packers, he did so with no sense of sorrow.

"It was easy for me," he said. "I played nine years. When the Bears let me go after the third game (of 1993), I kind of had it in my head I still could play.

"Then I was out five weeks and the Packers picked me up. Being with them the remainder of the season, getting into a new system, it gave me a better outlook.

"Mentally and physically, I couldn't compete anymore. It kind of helped me out. I was ready to cut ties and move on."

These days, Morrissey works as a financial planner with Axa Advisors in Northbrook, Ill. He has lived in the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire, Ill., for 9 ½ years with his wife, Powers graduate Amy Mondelli; and children Michael, 12; Caitlin, 10; Anna, 8; and Matthew, 4.



# ***REGGIE LAWRENCE BARNETT***



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# REGGIE BARNETT

## *Academic Success Always Came First*

Before the football games and the track meets, there were always the books for Reggie Barnett.

He thirsted for knowledge the same way he fought off tacklers and wide receivers.

Barnett worked harder in the classroom than he did on the athletic field.

"I got a 'B' once," said the former Central High all-A student. "I probably deserved it, too."

Tonight, 30 years after he almost led Central to a mythical state Class A football championship and starred as a sprinter in track, Barnett is joining the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's an honor to be included with the great athletes who have passed through this city," Barnett said. "I'm particularly proud to have grown up on the same street as two other former inductees, John Mathews and Clarence Peaks.

"I grew up in a time when so much was available to young people in Flint. It enriched my life very much."

Barnett had an insatiable appetite to be the best he could be, on and off the athletic field.

But he was a scholar first, athlete second.

After graduating from Central with high academic honors, he accepted a football scholarship to Notre Dame where he played three seasons under coach Ara Parseghian. In 1973, Notre Dame won the national championship, defeating Alabama, 24-23, in the Sugar Bowl.

Barnett was an academic All-American that year, and graduated from ND with a 3.73 average.

He was drafted by San Diego of the National Football League but released prior to the regular season.

Instead of being disappointed, Barnett simply channeled his efforts to academics again.

He enrolled at Duke University and earned law and business degrees in four year's time.

Barnett has been employed by IBM for the past 21 years. Today, he lives in Southfield with his wife, Bernadell and their two daughters.

He has fond memories of his athletic days in Flint.

In 1970, he was the star halfback for Central's football team which was ranked No. 1 in the state all season until it lost to Northern, 32-27, in the annual Thanksgiving Day game at Atwood Stadium.

The loss still haunts Barnett.

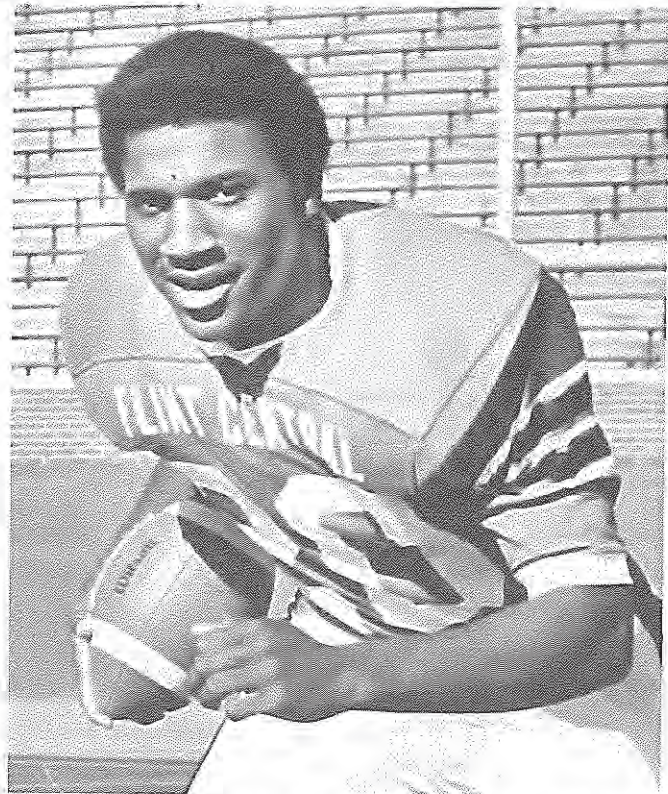
"I got the feeling that people were upset with me that day because I didn't score a touchdown," Barnett said.

In his senior year at Central, Barnett ran for 731 yards on 114 carries and was accorded first team All-State honors. But he played only half the time on offense, alternating with another player, Andre Stocker.

It was coach Dutch Schrotenboer's way of keeping both players fresh and healthy throughout the season.

After starting on Central's basketball team, Barnett placed second in the state Class A track meet in the 100 and 220-yard sprints.

Shortly thereafter, he headed to Notre Dame.



"I had a chance to go to Michigan State but I felt it was too close to home," Barnett said. "My family could still get down to South Bend to see me play."

At Notre Dame, Barnett was housed in a freshman football dormitory with other recruits. The story goes that Barnett was upset because he couldn't study at night — too much noise in the dorm.

He pleaded with the coaching staff and was given a private room.

One of the not-so-fond memories at Notre Dame was starting at cornerback as a sophomore when the Irish played top-ranked Nebraska in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

"We got beat by Nebraska (40-6) and I got burned by Johnny Rodgers, their Heisman Trophy winner," Barnett said. "They ran a big picture on the front page of the Miami Herald the next day, Rodgers running by me. I won't forget that picture."

But a year later, Barnett played on a national championship team when the Irish beat Alabama in New Orleans.

In his senior year, Barnett was named most valuable player when Notre Dame defeated Alabama again, 13-11, in the Orange Bowl.

After college, the job offers began pouring in. Barnett sifted through all of them and is happy he chose IBM. His quest for high academics at a younger age have paid off handsomely.

"In the house I grew up in, (Reggie has seven brothers and sisters), we always had to get our schoolwork done before we could do anything else," Barnett said.

Barnett's mother, Dora, believes Reggie might have been a bit more zealous than his siblings.

"He always said books were the main thing," said his mother. "He wanted to do everything right in the classroom."



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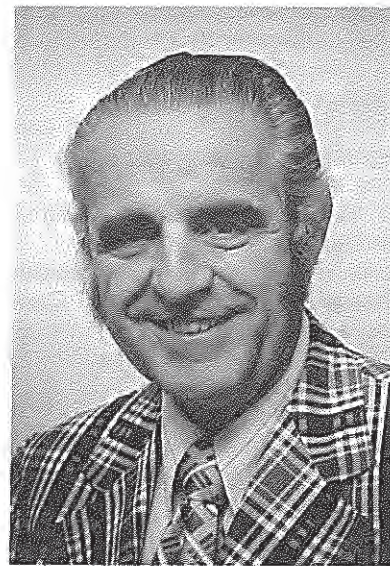
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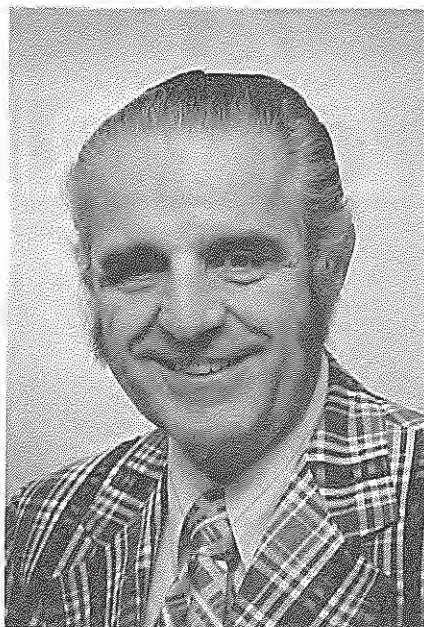
***FRANK  
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# Special Service Award

## FRANK GALLAGHER



Frank Gallagher brought professional hockey to Flint and his 1968 dream continues to delight area hockey fans.

He's been gone from active ownership of the Flint Generals since 1975 but his legacy remains in the new Generals who play in a new United Hockey League.

His skill as an owner set the tone for an upsurge in the International Hockey League which usually struggled from year to year, once being reduced to two teams.

Now the IHL is an 11-team circuit stretching from Florida to Manitoba and Detroit to Utah, expanding from the "bus league" of those early years to the present-day "airplane league." The last franchise to be awarded cost \$6 million. Gallagher paid \$8,000 for the original Generals.

"I got out too soon," he said with a laugh from his home in Deerfield Park, Fla.

Gallagher, who turned 86 in October, said, "Hockey was very good to me and the Flint fans were great. They supported a brand new team almost from the start and they were behind us even when we struggled to become competitive.

"We usually had a competitive team but I regret being unable to give them a championship. They deserved it."

He operated the Generals for six seasons until selling the franchise to a four-man Flint group but remained as a consultant. Except for a brief term as interim commissioner, he remained when the franchise was shifted to Saginaw and continued until

the club was sold to San Diego in 1990.

Gallagher was one of several founders of the IHL at a meeting on Dec. 5, 1945 in Windsor, Ont. He was named assistant to Fred Huber, who was the IHL's first managing director. Huber also was public relations director for the Detroit Red Wings and enlisted Gallagher as team statistician. He tracked such items as shots on goal, faceoffs won and lost, plus-minus numbers, etc.

General Manager Jack Adams and Coach Tommy Ivan were the first to use such statistics to gauge players' performances and Gallagher's system spread to other National Hockey League cities. Ivan later became general manager of the Chicago Blackhawks and was Gallagher's partner in owning the Generals.

Gallagher is receiving the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Special Service Award for bringing the Generals to Flint and establishing high standards for organization and integrity.

He gained experience as the general manager for Port Huron's IHL debut in 1962, winning one regular-season championship and one Turner

Cup in four seasons. He left to bring the new Columbus franchise into the league and was assistant to the president at Muskegon for one year.

When he learned of a new building in Flint, he secured the right of first refusal from the Industrial Mutual Association board.

That became a key point when the arena construction was delayed by a building trades strike and the team, which was scheduled to begin play in 1968, was delayed a year. By then at least four other groups were seeking the franchise.

Gallagher said, "The IMA people showed integrity by supporting me. They even gave me a job as commissioner of the youth hockey league."

The first home game drew an encouraging 3,182 fans on Oct. 19, 1969. But the third game, on Halloween, lured only 1,484.

The franchise took off after Christmas. Only eight of 36 games drew more than the 4,021 seating capacity but five of the last seven had standing room.

That was the signal for the better. There was SRO for 31 of 39 games in 1970-71, including the last 18. Attendance for 1970-71 and 1971-72 averaged 4,174 or 103.6% of capacity.

Attendance averaged 3,955 for 234 games in Gallagher's six seasons.

Other IHL teams adopted his entrepreneurship out of envy.

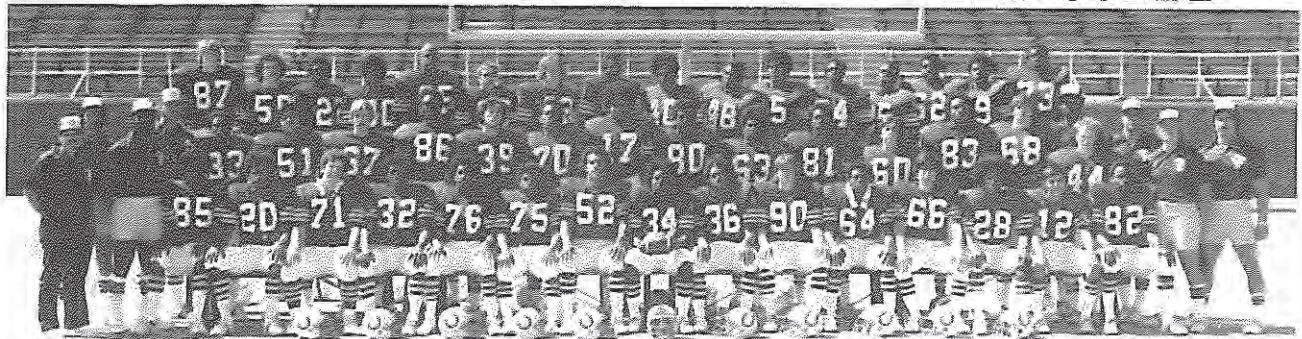
He said, "Considering the problems of playing during the winter and battling possible bad weather, we did great and that's a tribute to Flint fans."

He sold the team because his wife,

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# Congratulations To The 1976 Football Team



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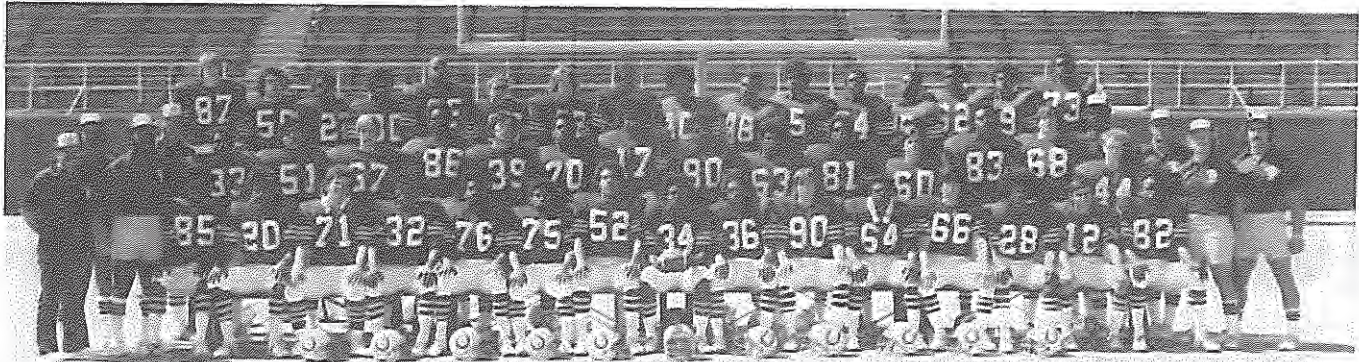


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# SOUTHWESTERN HIGH FOOTBALL 1976



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## Only a Computer Could Stop These Colts

Nothing human could beat Southwestern High on a football field in 1976.

The Colts simply had two many offensive weapons, no apparent weaknesses and a supreme confidence that they could not lose.

It took a computer in Lansing and a young, imperfect playoff system to prematurely sideline one of the best prep football teams in Michigan history.

"That's the only year in my coaching career I never thought anyone could beat us, no matter who it was," said Dar Christiansen, who coached Southwestern to seven straight City Series championships.

"There were other years when you'd go into a game and you knew you had to be on top of your game to win. But that team was so talented and so fast, I thought we could have played pretty well against some of the smaller colleges in the state."

Nearly everyone else agreed, and Southwestern was ranked No. 1 in Class A by all four polls in the state, going wire to wire in the Associated Press writers' poll.

But the 2-year-old playoff format allowed only four teams per class into the postseason, one per region.

Southwestern's 9-0 record was matched by Midland Dow, and the Chargers edged out the Colts by 2.5 points in Region 4.

Dow, ranked seventh in the AP poll and dubbed "Southwestern's proxy in the playoffs" by one Flint Journal article, won both its playoff games - 34-27 over Lincoln Park and 36-27 over Farmington Hills Harrison - and claimed the Class A championship.

The frustrated Colts, ranked fourth in the nation by at least one magazine, could only watch.

"I'm still depressed about it because we were far and away the best team in the state," said Booker Moore, Southwestern's All-State running back who went on to play with Penn State University and the Buffalo Bills.

"I don't think I'll ever shake it. When you know you're the best and don't get a chance to prove it, you feel like something was taken from you."

Dow had dropped out of the competitive Saginaw Valley Conference after the 1975 season and played an independent schedule, which included two Class B schools. The Chargers and Colts had two common opponents in '76, and both of them beat Midland and Saginaw Arthur Hill by similar scores.

But Southwestern never had any burning desire to get a shot at Dow.

"I didn't have any hard feelings," said Christiansen. "I just wish they'd stayed in the Valley and hammered it out there."

"We just wanted to play the top teams," said Moore. "We even scrimmaged against the best and beat them - teams like East Lansing and Traverse City."

Quarterback Jim Buterakos had a dream game in mind.

"I wanted the Saginaw Arthur Hill team of '73 that was unscored on," he said. "I think that would have been a better matchup than Dow - great defense against a great offense."

With Moore, Buterakos and split end Rodney Feaster leading Christiansen's wide-open attack, the Colts trampled the Flint record book and scored 400 points, an average of 44 a game. Among the City records:

- Moore's 21 touchdowns, 138 points and 1,263 rushing yards;

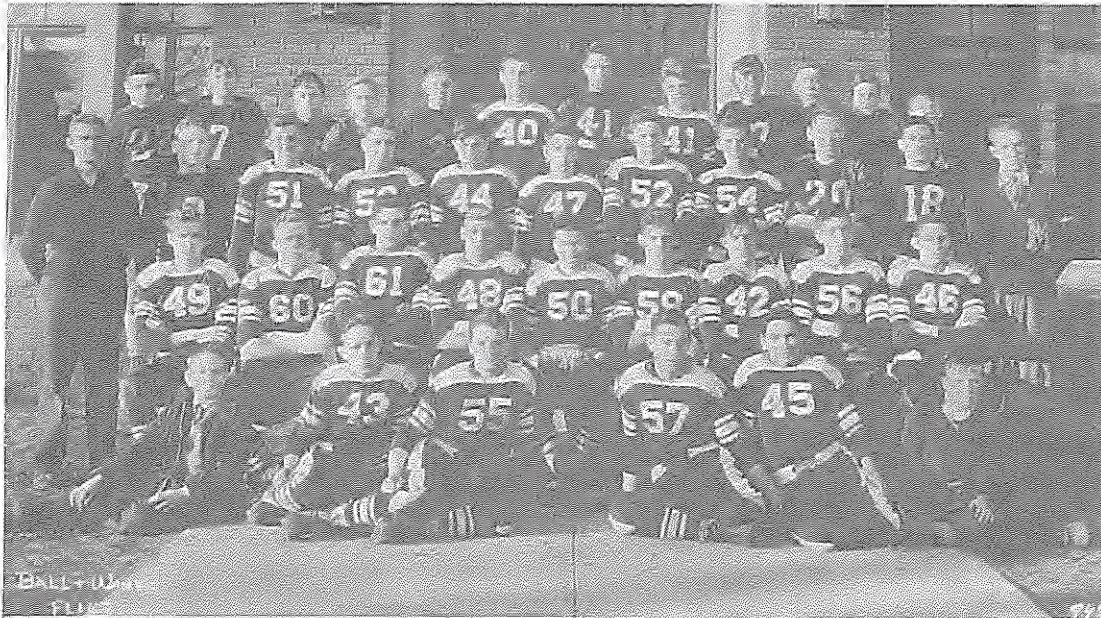
- Feaster's 44 catches, 906 yards and 14 TDs;

- Buterakos' 61.9-percent pass-completion mark.

Reggie Mitchell led the City in rush-  
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*The St. Michael Alumni Association Salutes  
Our 1941 Football Team  
on Its Induction into the Greater Flint Area  
Sports Hall of Fame*



**Keith  
Neault**



**Jim  
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# ST. MICHAEL HIGH FOOTBALL 1941



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## 'My Most Versatile' Coach Tom Smith

Even the waterboy was good.

Everything about the 1941 St. Michael football team was top-grade – from the revered coach, Tom Smith, to the multi-talented captain, Clete LaSalle, all the way down to a grade-school waterboy named Mike Goggins, who would go on to become one of the school's best players in his own day.

The '41 squad was St. Mike's 10th straight City Parochial League champion and the second undefeated, untied team in Smith's six years as coach. But Smith singled it out as "the best balanced team" he'd ever coached and said, "We've had some high-scoring teams in the past, but none was as versatile as this."

The Mikes went 8-0, outscoring their opponents, 158-22 and shutting out half of them.

They crowned the season with a 37-2 thrashing of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart in the Saginaw Valley Parochial League championship game at Atwood Stadium.

There seemed to be no weaknesses.

The line was experienced and big. Junior right guard Jerry Harland was the lightest at 155 pounds but had been starting since his freshman year. Senior tackle Dick Lawrence weighed 180, and other surviving members of the team say senior center Art Dietrich anchored the front at 200; right end Bob Harbin was at least 190 and senior right tackle Paul Ehlen ranged anywhere from 170 to 250,

depending on whose memory you're tapping.

"Most of the guys on the first-team line were 165 to 190 pounds," asserted Jim Behan, a 165-pound junior backup center and the team's unofficial historian.

Behind that wall, Devere Ranville was a small (5-7, 150) but smart quarterback who knew what to do with the ball in the single-wing formation.

"I could throw short passes over the center and off to the end," said Ranville. "Paul Bennett could catch anything. Then there was (right halfback) Don Parrott, a hard-hitting kid, and (left halfback) Cliff Jake, who was tremendously fast. "But mostly, I handed the ball to Clete."

LaSalle was a 5-4, 170-pound fullback who "could hit like a 250-pounder and throw the ball 60 yards," Ranville said.

"He could pass, run like a deer and was also a good kicker," said Harland. "When he went back, they didn't know whether he was going to run or kick the ball."

Like most St. Michael players, LaSalle deflected all praise to Smith.

"He was my biggest influence," LaSalle said in November 1997, four months before his death. "I had the talent and he told me what to do with it. He formed it all for me. I just looked up to him so much."

Smith readied his Class C team for the season by pitting it against Class A powers Northern and Central in

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# FLINT YELLOW DOGS SOFTBALL 1940



Front row (from left): Luther Williams, Sonny Wells, Willie George Hamilton, J.C. Ross, Reuben Dudley, batboy, Raymond Brackens, Wayne Thomas, George Mills, Bob Pea.  
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## *The Name Meant Excellence on Diamond*

Nobody really knows how the Yellow Dogs got their nickname.

It wasn't a sponsor. It wasn't a business.

In the early years of fastpitch softball, though, the name came to stand for excellence on the diamond. From 1937 through 1942, the all-black team tore up recreation leagues in Flint, barnstormed around the state and rarely lost a game, even against the popular Joe Louis Brown Bombers of Detroit.

"We won just about all our games," said Eli Copeland, the team's right-fielder and best hitter. "We had some of the best athletes in the state, and wherever we went we drew huge crowds."

That was especially true in the summer of 1940, when the Yellow Dogs reached their peak with championships in the Industrial Mutual Association circuit, the league playoffs and the Class A state tournament. They went 31-5 in games reported by *The Flint Journal*, but that record doesn't include their weekend trips to other towns or some of the exhibitions they hosted at Athletic Park.

"We traveled quite a bit over the state, mostly on weekends," said second baseman Wayne Thomas. "Traverse City, Alma, Midland, Saginaw, Bay City. There were a number of very good fastpitch teams around, and sometimes we'd go in and play the same team Friday night and Saturday.

"We did lose a few, but we won most of them."

Thomas was one of several Yellow Dogs who excelled athletically at Northern High. Willie Moore, Bobby Pea, Eddie Pea and Luther Williams were four others, and Floyd Bates had been a track and field sensation at Central.

The Dogs had four dominant pitchers in Bobby Pea,

A.J. Granberry, Willie George Hamilton and Oliver "Twist" Roland. Granberry was the entertainer of the group, able to pitch behind his back and throw strikes "10 out of 10 pitches," said Copeland. But Pea was the ace, a control artist who relied not on the strikeout but on the speed of his teammates in the field.

"I didn't know anything but the windmill fastball," Pea said modestly. "I didn't have a changeup. I just had that good defense behind me."

Thomas remembers turning double plays with short-stop Johnny Ross even when nobody was on base, just for the practice. Bates joined Copeland, Dusty Winslow and Ernest Dorsey in burning up the outfield, and Moore played "short fielder" or rover. Charlie Dyer was behind the plate, Ray Brackens at third.

During the week, the Dogs did their damage in the IMA, a six-team circuit in which the other five clubs were named for General Motors plants. A 3-2 loss to Buick on May 29 was their only setback of the regular season and rated a six-column headline in the newspaper.

They didn't lose again - officially - until July 21, when a team of fan-selected all-stars from the IMA league beat them 2-1 in a 12-inning, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-hour battle before 1,200 fans at Athletic Park.

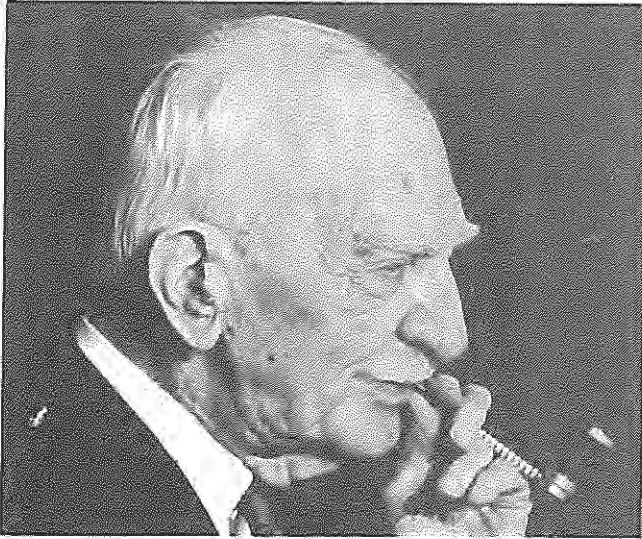
Revenge began the next day, in the league playoffs. The Yellow Dogs outscored four teams by a combined 28-8, capped by Bates' three-run homer over the 290-foot fence in left, the IMA's first over-the-fence homer of the year.

Bates then made a rare pitching appearance to open the best-of-3 finals and fired a two-hitter to beat Fisher No. 1, 7-1.

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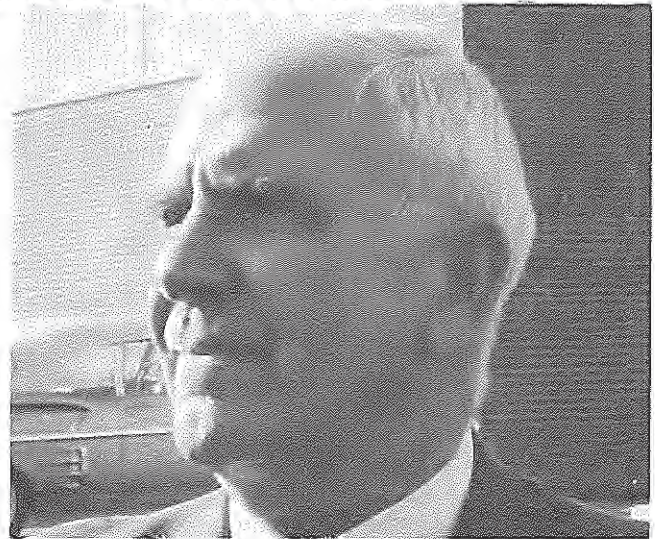
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1980

## CHARLES STEWART MOTT

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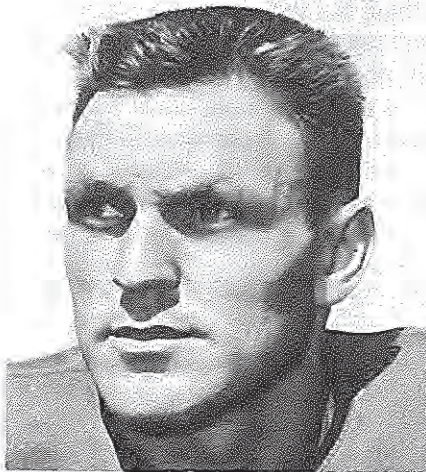


1980

## FRANK MANLEY, SR.

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

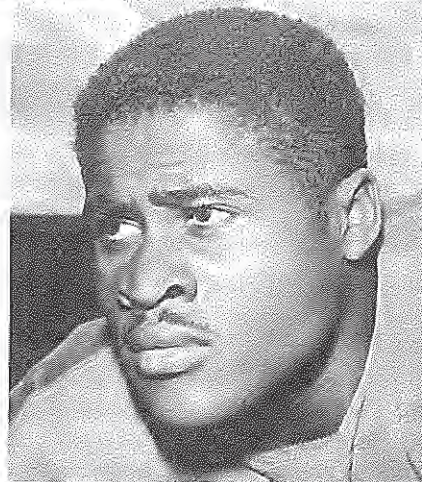
## Inductees in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



1980

## LYNN CHANDNOIS

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



1980

## DON COLEMAN

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

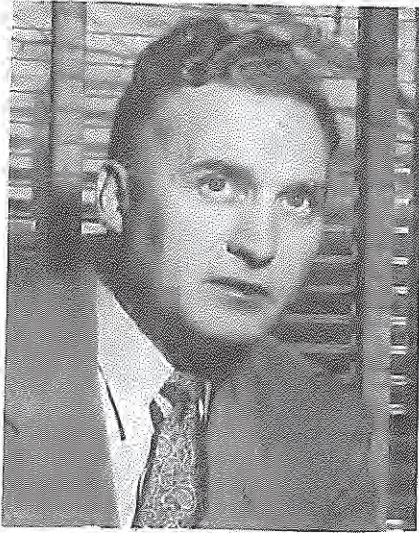


1980

## JENNIE WEISS

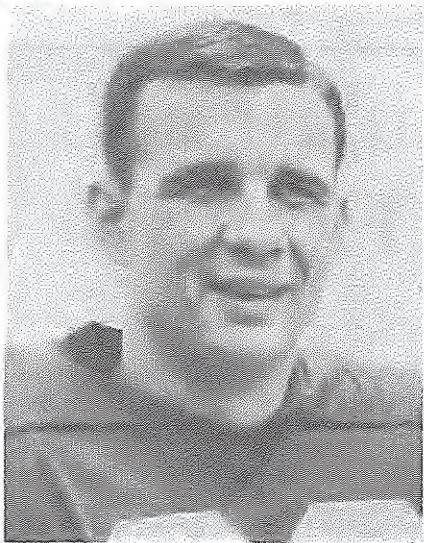
One of the outstanding golfers in Michigan history, Janet (Jennie) Barclay Weiss won the Women's State Amateur Championship a record five times, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1957. She recorded a record 40 match-play victories. Mrs. Weiss won several other titles and was inducted into the Michigan Amateur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





**1980  
LLOYD BRAZIL**

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



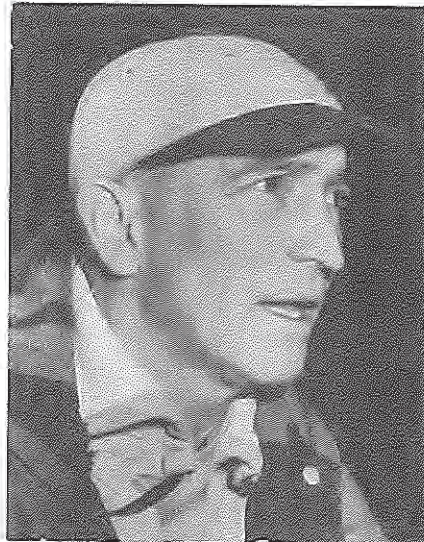
**1980  
PAUL KRAUSE**

A 14-letter winner at Bendle High, Krause went on to Big Ten Conference fame in football and baseball at Iowa. He then competed 16 years in the National Football League, being Rookie of the Year with the Washington Redskins and then playing in four Super Bowls with the Minnesota Vikings. He set the NFL record for interceptions with 81, before retiring in 1980.



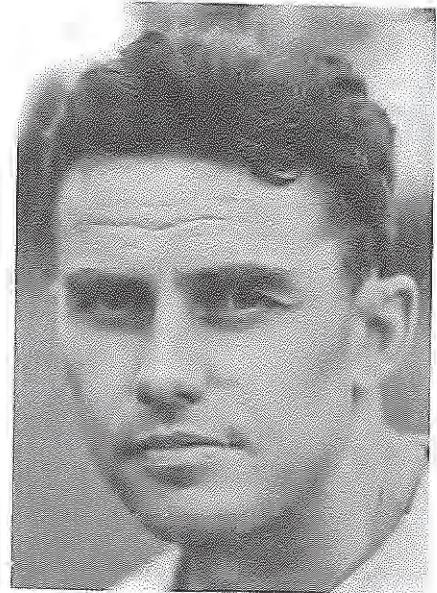
**1980  
STEVE BYSCO**

Considered a natural athlete, Bysco excelled in basketball, baseball, and bowling. He was a semi-pro center in basketball, a minor league baseball pitcher, a manager and coach. His 300 game in the City Bowling Tournament was the first in history. His 787 actual, also in the City Tournament at a different time, paced a 1,378 doubles. Bysco also wrestled and boxed.



**1980  
GUY HOUSTON**

Noted for his work in race relations while coach and principal at Northern High, Houston was the first high school coach to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. His 148-41-13 record as football coach included 12 Saginaw Valley Conference championships in 24 years. His teams also won state titles and under his direction Northern became known as the "School of Champions."



**1980  
TOM SMITH**

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

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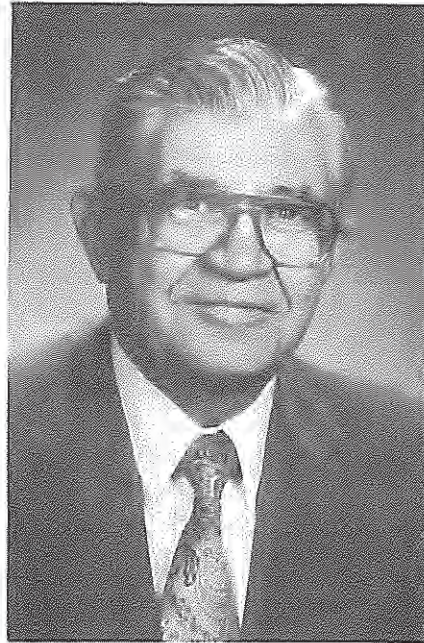




**1981**

**MERV RETTENMUND**

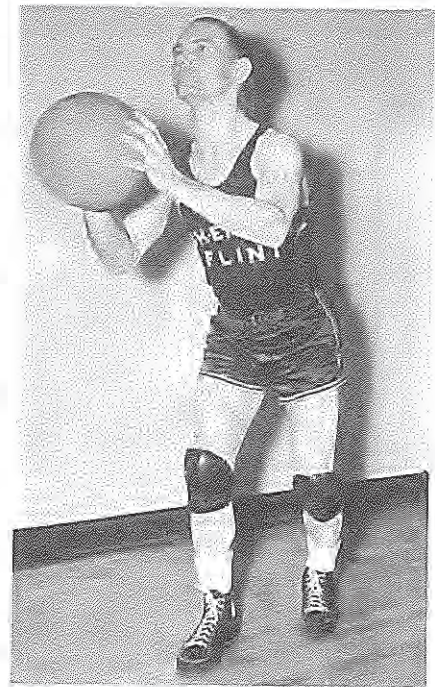
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



**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**

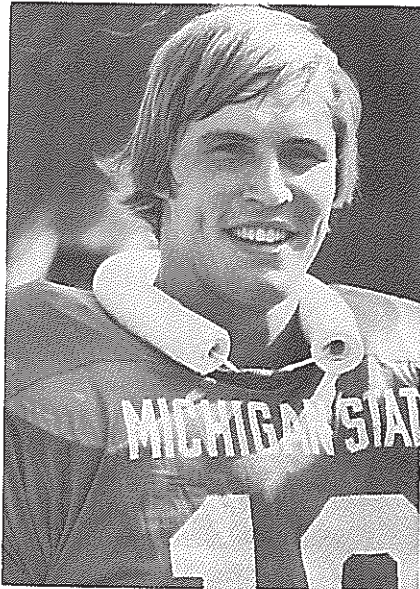
The greatest amateur golfer in Flint area history, Blom won 19 City Amateur Championships and more than 50 titles over a 25 year span. He also played in the National Amateur and U.S. Open Tournaments.

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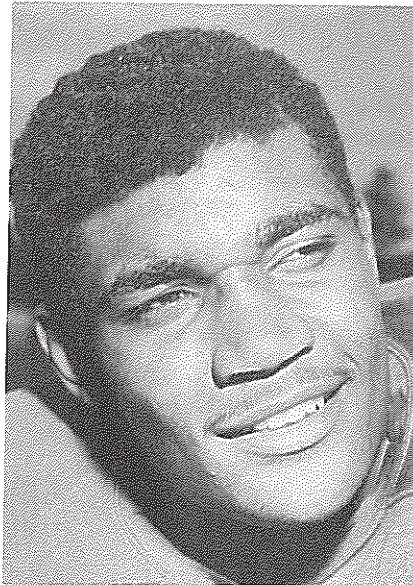
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**1981  
BRAD VAN PELT**

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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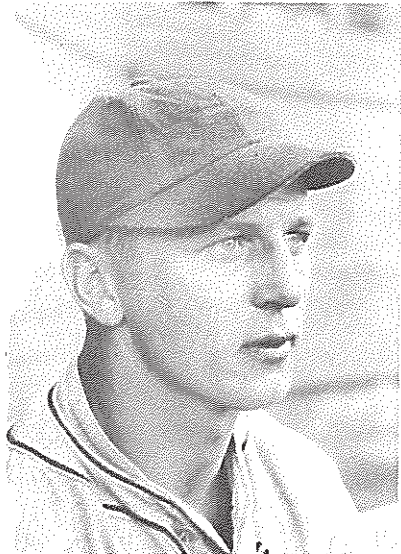
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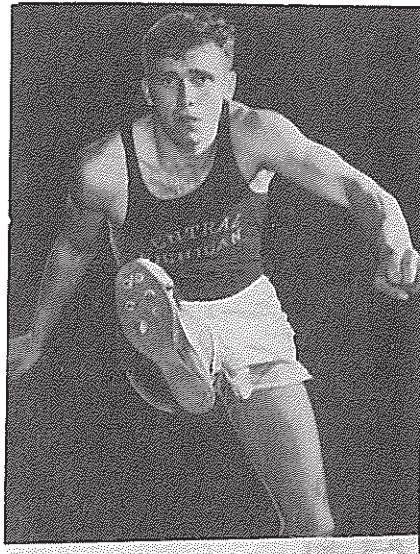
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**1982  
FRED TROSKO**

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



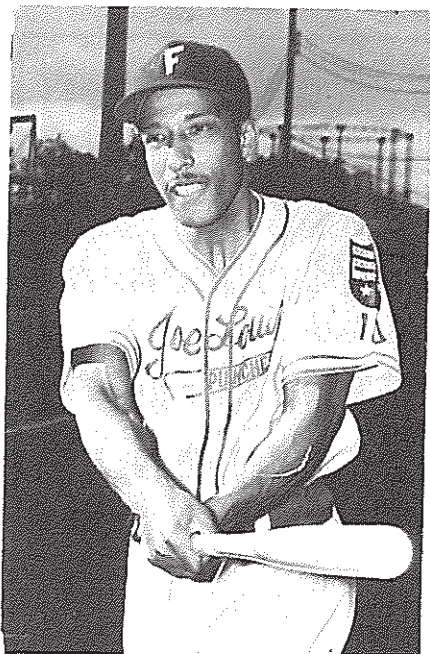
**1982  
JIM PODOLEY**

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



**1982  
JIM BARCLAY**

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



**1982  
FLOYD BATES**

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

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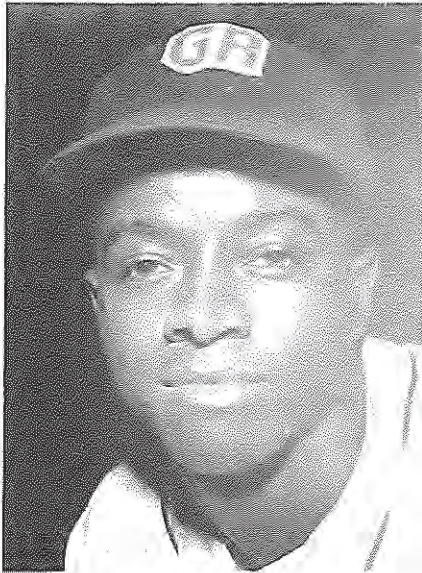
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**1983  
DAVE HOSKINS**

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



**1983  
HAROLD "TUBBY"  
RAYMOND**

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



**1983  
BOB ROWE**

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

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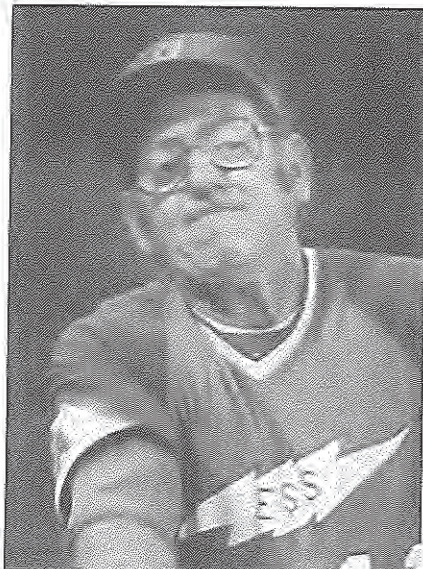
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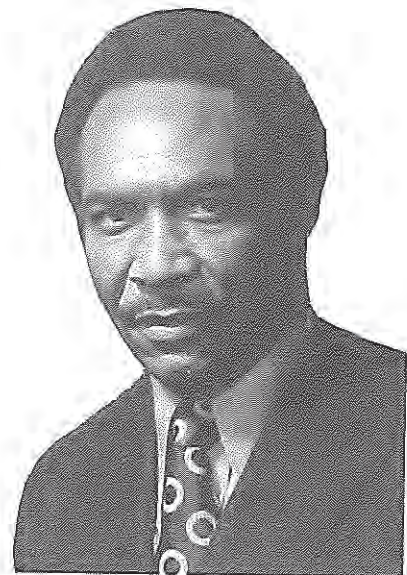
**1983  
PAM STOCKTON  
BRADY**

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.



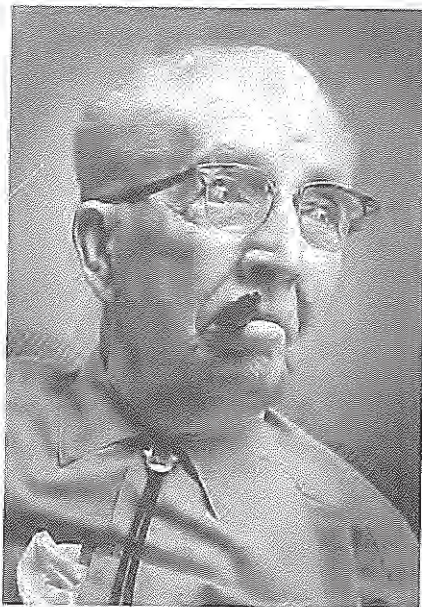
**1983  
JIM DOYLE**

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.

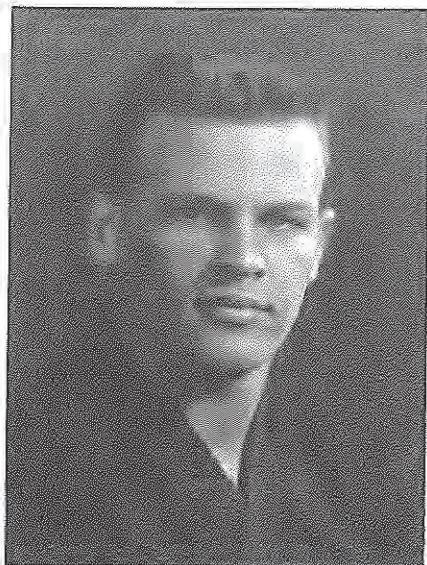


**FRED LAWSON  
1984  
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD**

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.



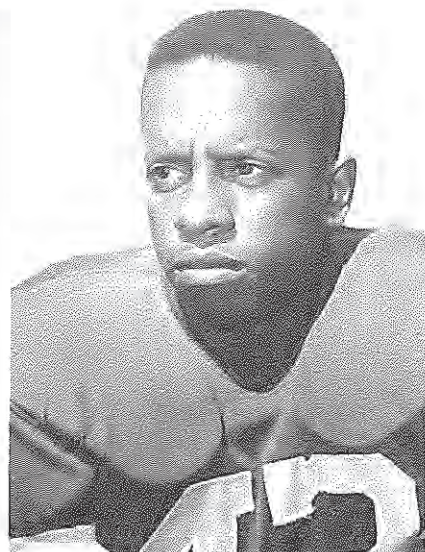
**HOWARD GILROY**  
1984

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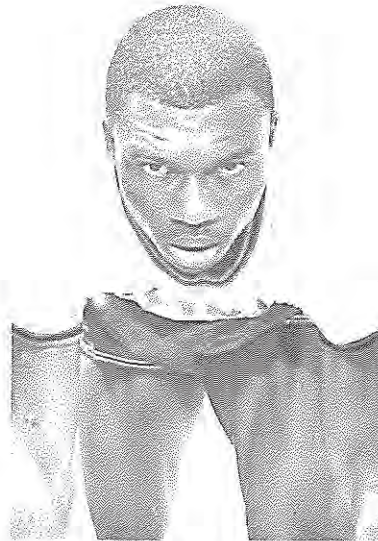
No matter how significant the accomplishments of an individual or team may be, a nomination is necessary in order for that person or team to be considered.

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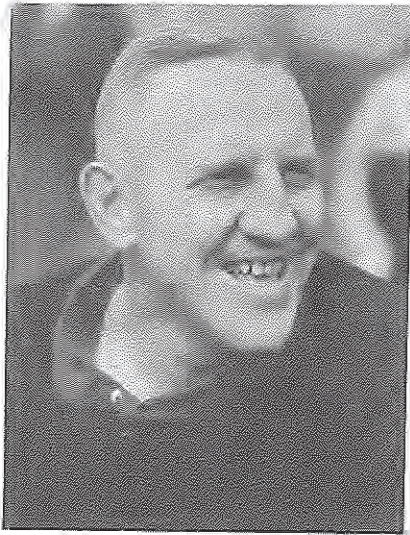
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**STAN BROOME**  
**Special Service Award**  
**1985**

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.



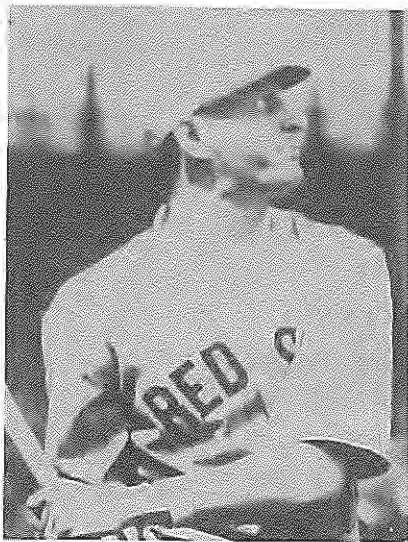
**NAP LA VOIE**  
**Special Service Award**  
**1985**

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.



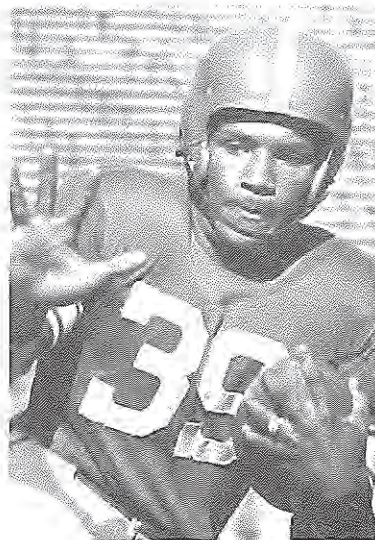
**KEN FAILING**  
**1985**

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.



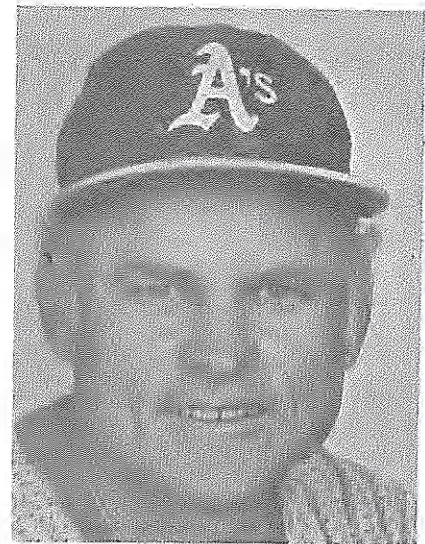
**MIKE MENOSKY**  
**1985**

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**

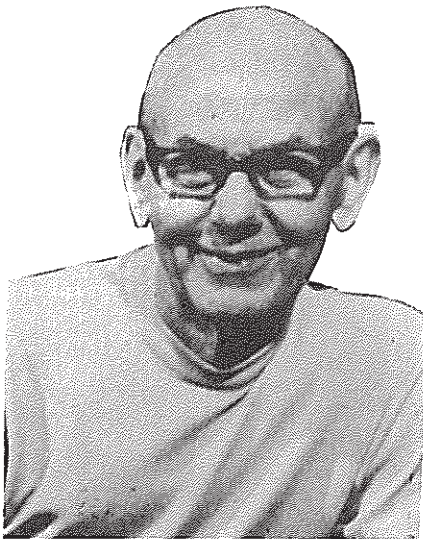
Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



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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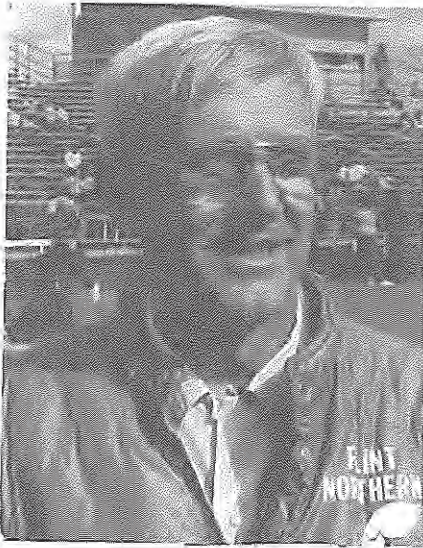
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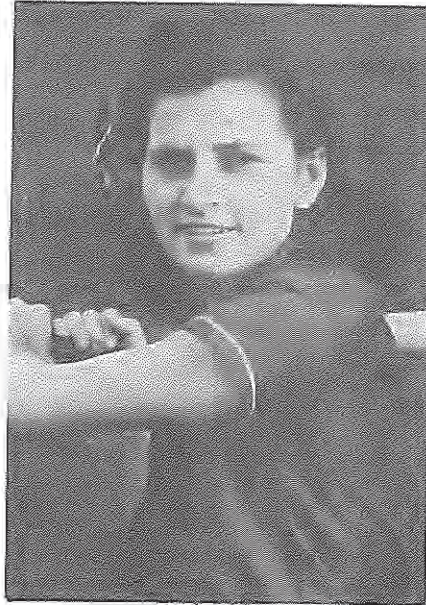




1986

**NORBERT BADAR**

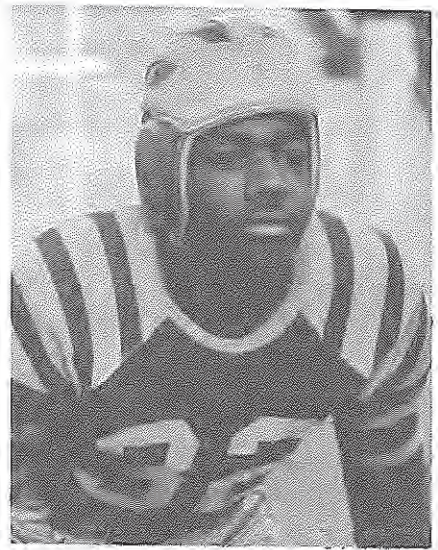
Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



1986

**SOPHIE KURYS**

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



1986

**ELLIS DUCKETT**

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

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**1987**

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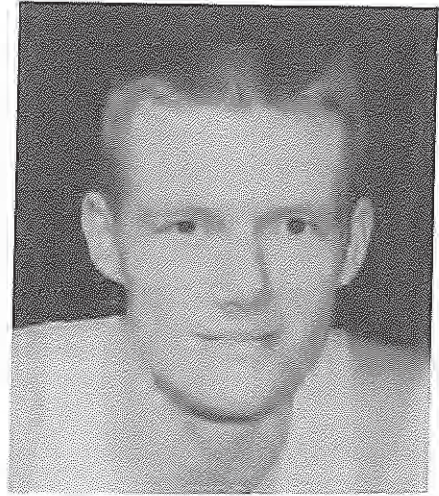
Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



**1987**

**TED PRICHARD**

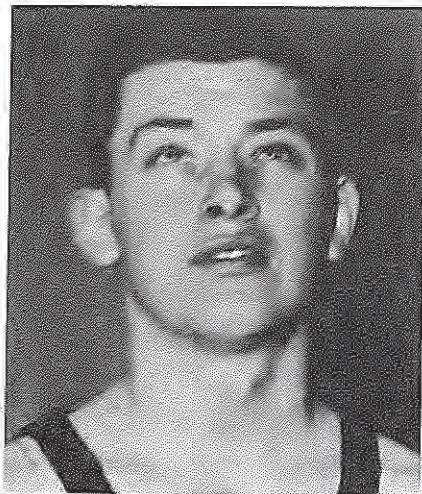
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



**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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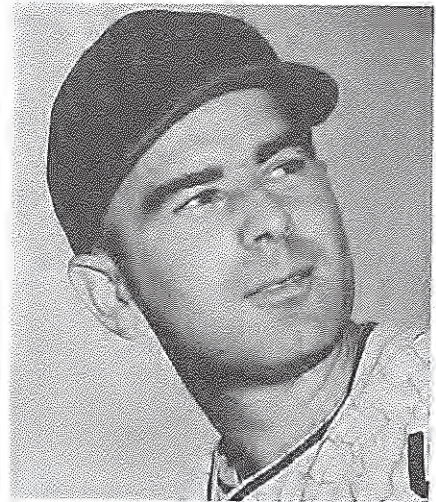
1987  
**JO LAKE**

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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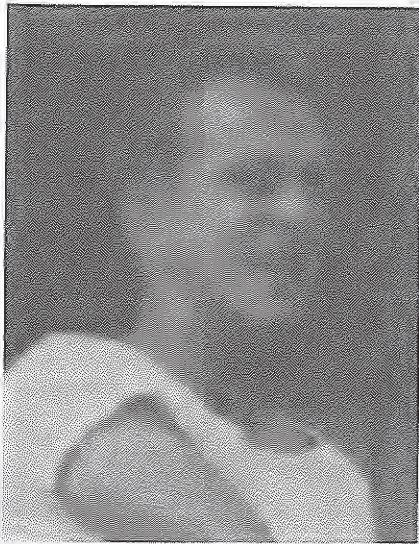
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1988

**BOB FLEISCHMANN**

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



1988

**J. VINCENT MURPHY  
Special Service Award**

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

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1988

**PETE FUSI**

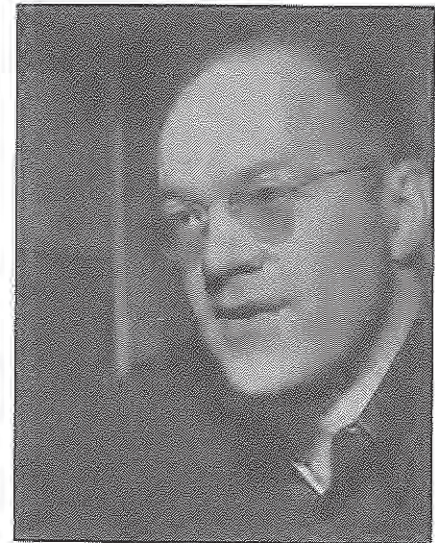
Fusi was a center on the Michigan State University football team from 1946-49. At Northern High, he was All-Saginaw Valley in football in 1942-43 and All-State in 1943. He later was an outstanding high school football coach.



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.

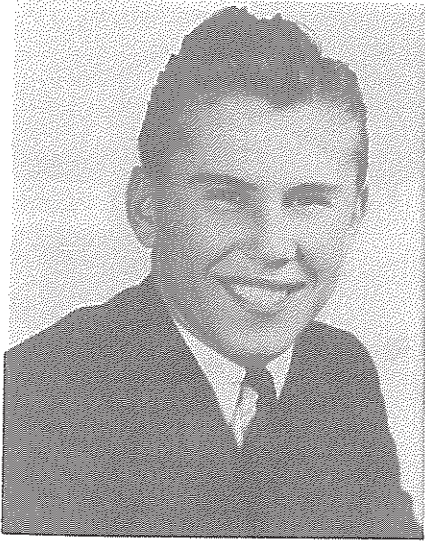


1988

**HOWARD AUER**

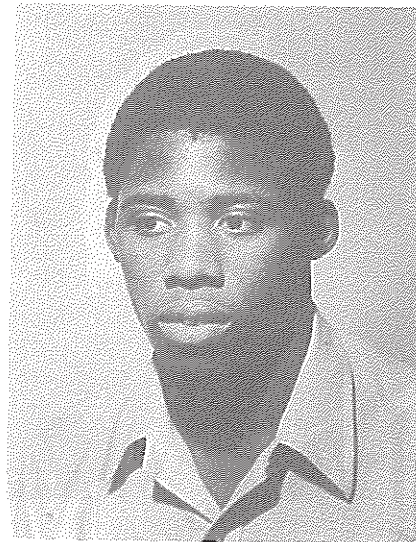
Auer had an 83-39-5 record as football coach at Central High from 1939-53. His unbeaten 1947 team was voted state Class A champion. Auer played tackle at the University of Michigan from 1929-31.





**1988**  
**ED KRUPA**

Krupa was All-State in football and basketball at Northern High in 1939-40 during the Wonder Boys era, when the Vikings had a 25-0-2 record in football and won 35 straight basketball games and two Class A state titles. He won four letters in basketball, three in football and two in baseball. Krupa played halfback at Notre Dame in 1942-43.



**1988**  
**JOHN MATTHEWS**

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



**1989**  
**BARRY EDMONDS**  
**Special Service Award**

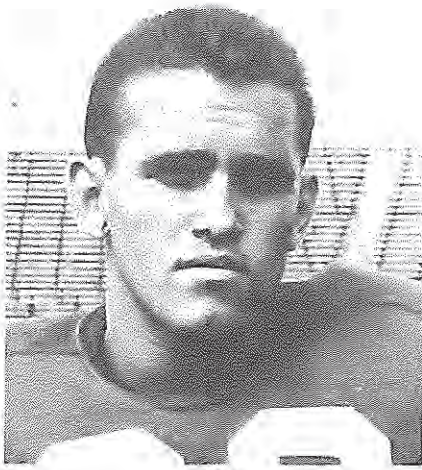
Edmonds was an award-winning photographer at The Flint Journal whose outstanding photographs documented sports events, big and small, in the Flint area from 1955 until his death in 1982. He also judged photo contests and conducted photo workshops at area schools.



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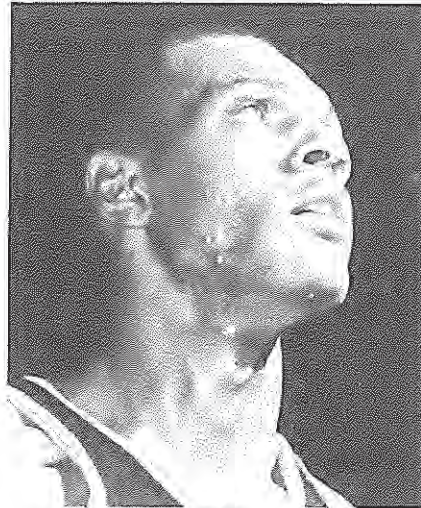
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**1989  
BOB SUCI**

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.



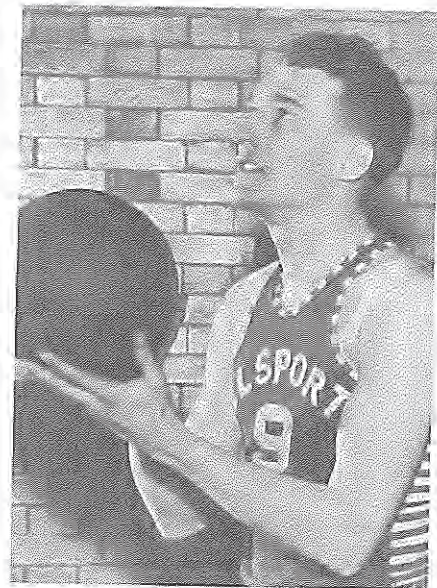
**1989  
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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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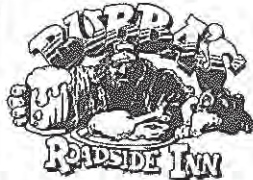
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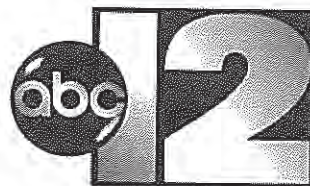


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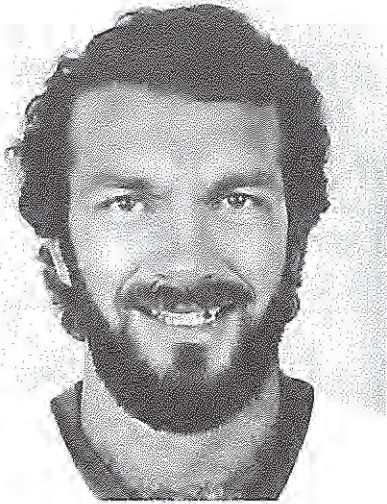
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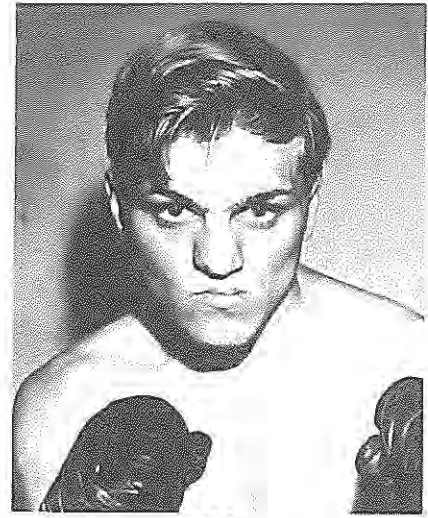
**1990  
KEN MORROW**

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.



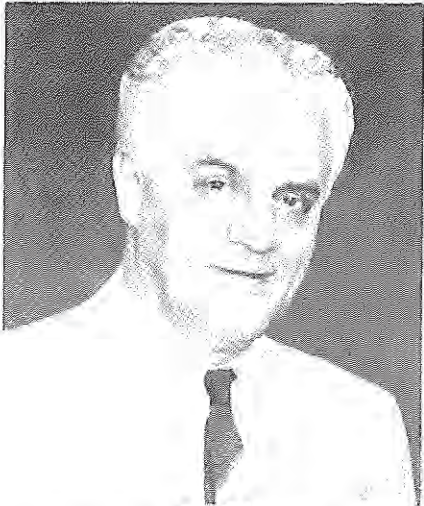
**1990  
AL JOHNSON**

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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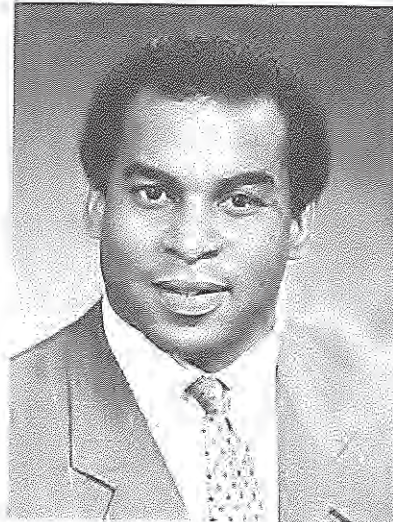






**1990  
BOB HARVEY**

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



**1990  
REGGIE WILLIAMS**

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



**1990  
BART MARKEL**

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

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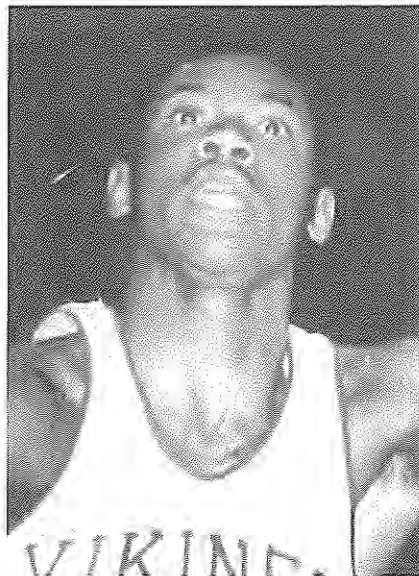






**1991  
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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



**1991  
TERRY FURLOW**

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



**1991  
RON PRUITT**

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



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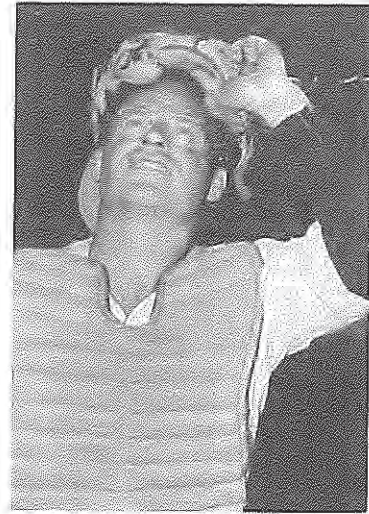
1991  
**ANDY MacDONALD**

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



1991  
**BOB LEACH**

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



1991  
**JOE KINZEL**

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

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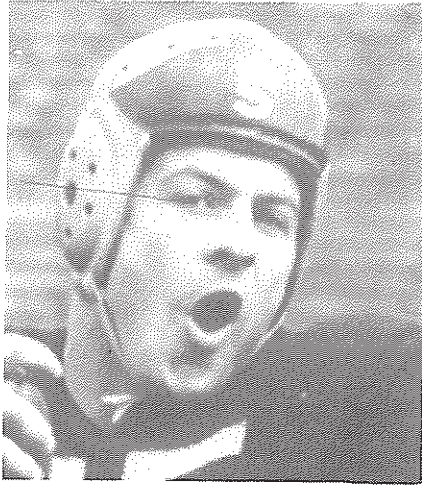
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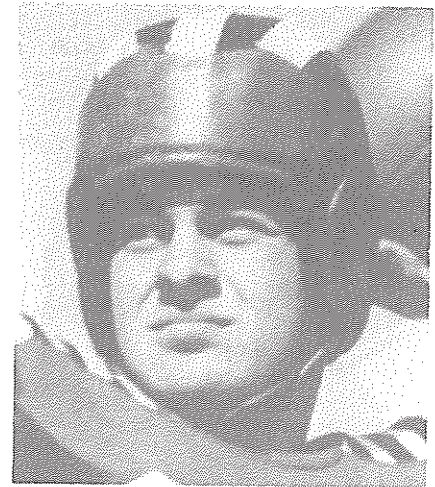
**1992  
GEORGE GUERRE**

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



**1992  
STAN GOOCH**

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



**1992  
TONY BRANOFF**

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

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**1992  
J.B. COOK**

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



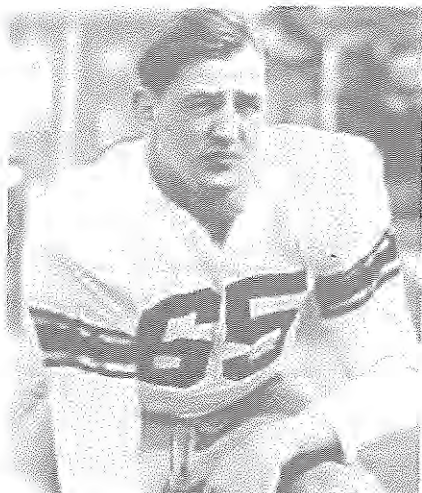
**1992  
DOUG MINTLINE  
Special Service Award**

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



**1992  
ANNE McLOGAN-HERMAN**

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



**1992  
BILL YAMBRICK**

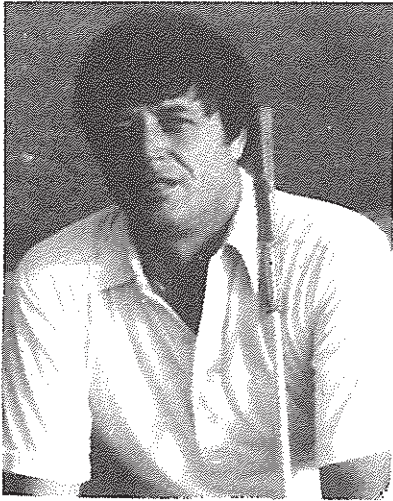
Durable, two-way standout at Western Michigan University where he helped the Broncos to an undefeated season in 1941. He was elected captain and named the Most Valuable Player in 1942 after a season in which he intercepted nine passes in six games. A member of WMU Hall of Fame, Yambrick holds school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



## Plaques on Display at IMA

The IMA Sports Arena is home for The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The beautiful plaques you see on the easels tonight will be on permanent display in the Sports Arena lobby. There are plaques for 148 individuals already adorning the walls, and soon there will be 156.

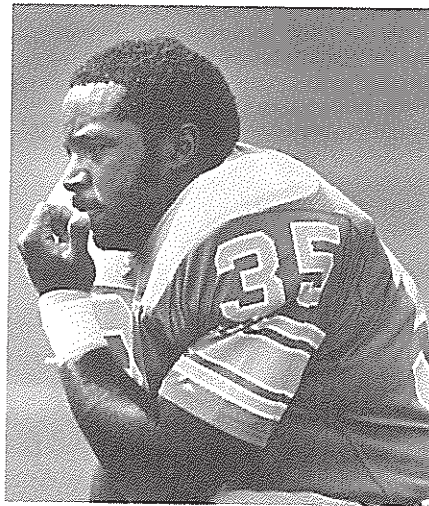




1993

**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.

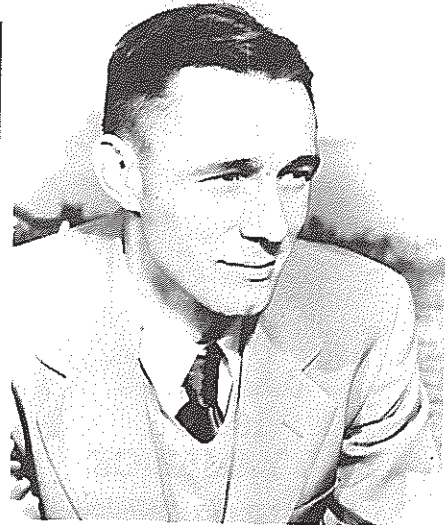
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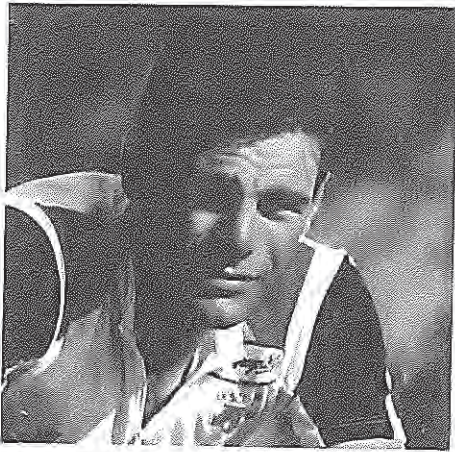


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**LEN SWEET**

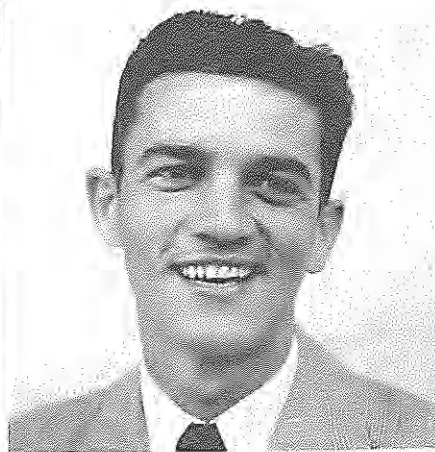
One of Northern High's four famed "Wonder Boys" who in three years never lost a football game and won 34 straight in basketball and two successive State Class A championships from 1938-40. Called by Guy Houston one of the two best coaching prospects ever to graduate from Northern, Sweet guided Dye High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





**1993  
MIKE SECREST**

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



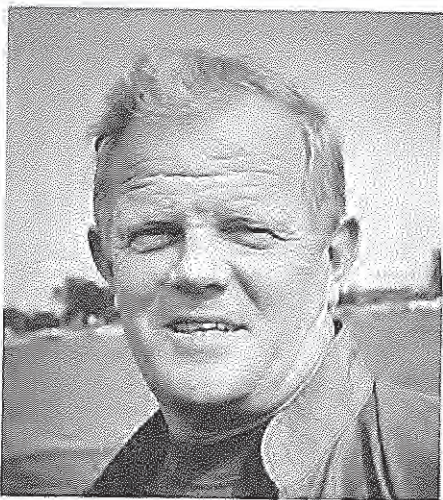
**1993  
JOHN BERO**

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



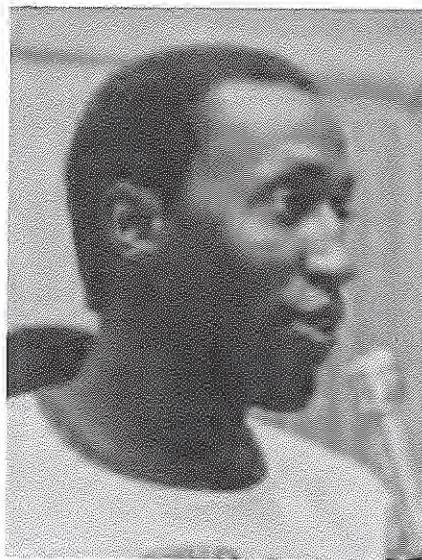
**1993  
HERB ODOM**

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



**1994  
Jack Pratt**

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



**1994  
Trent Tucker**

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



**1994  
Joe Pitock**

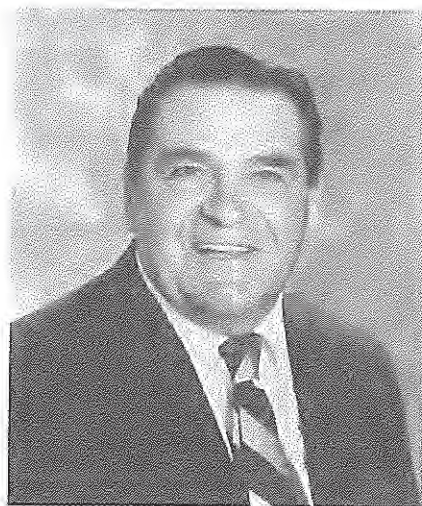
Coached in more high school baseball games, 936, than anyone ever in Michigan. During 39-year career, primarily at Grand Blanc High, his teams compiled record of 566-380. Earned All-Mid America Conference baseball honors at Central Michigan University in 1951 where he set a Chippewas' record that still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





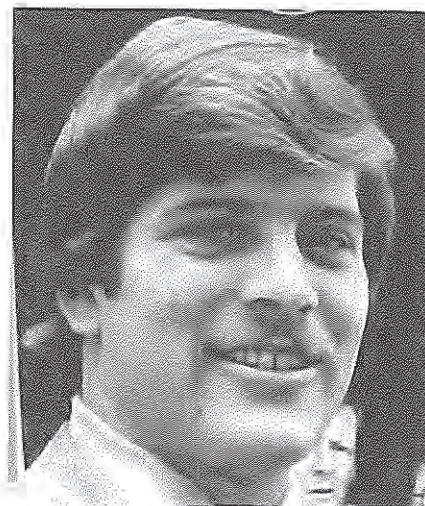
**1994**  
**Cotton Goodell**

Perhaps the fastest person ever to play baseball in Flint and considered by some the city's best natural baseball player ever. Played minor league baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies' system, including at 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.



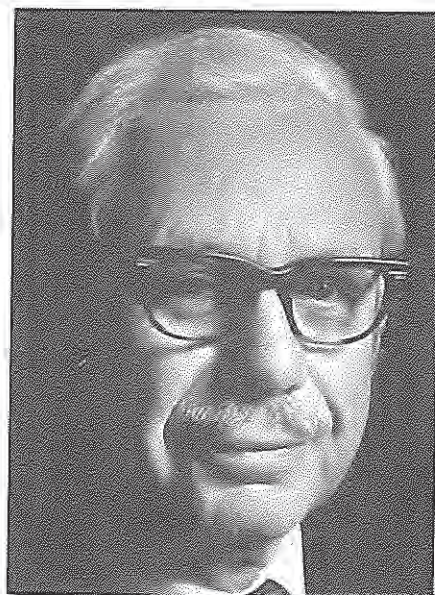
**1994**  
**Wally Jakowczyk**

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.



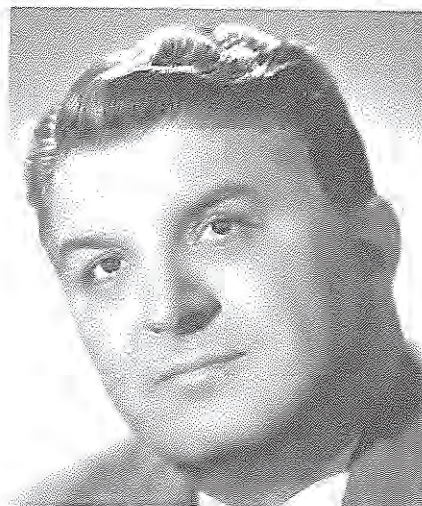
**1994**  
**Rick Leach**

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**

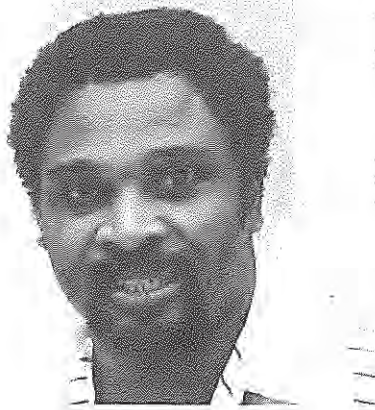
An outstanding promoter whose efforts attracted some of the biggest athletic events in Flint history, including the General Motors Tri-State Amateur Boxing Tournament in 1936 attended by 22,000 at Atwood Stadium. Was the Recreation Director of the Industrial Mutual Association, a member of the Flint 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.



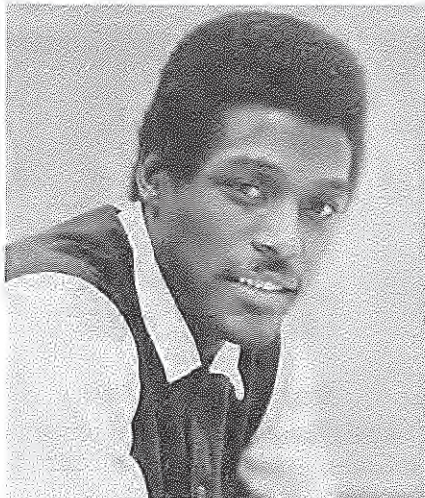
**1995**  
**Dorothy Kukulka**

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.



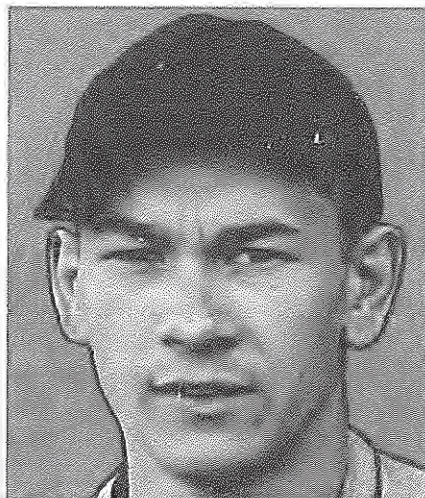
**1995**  
**Nick Manych**

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.

## Yellow Dogs Softball

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Fisher rebounded with a 3-2 win with only nine players, but the deciding game was never played. A rainy summer, combined with the Buick sales convention in August, pushed the game all the way to Sept. 15, by which time Fisher couldn't field a full team and forfeited.

A forfeit also started the Yellow Dogs' state tournament run when AC, missing key personnel, elected not to play in the regional at Atwood Stadium. The Dogs followed with their fourth loss of the season, 7-0 to Buick, but bounced back with 12-3 and 6-1 wins as Buick committed 12 errors in the two games and Granberry threw a three-hitter in the clincher.

The state tournament finals were played in Lansing on Labor Day Weekend.

"We had been there the year before and lost in the final game," said

Thomas. "We vowed we'd be back, and we said we were going to win."

Granberry opened the tournament with a one-hit, 5-0 shutout of Muskegon. Roland followed with a three-hitter the next day, but the Dogs needed the help of five Escanaba errors to win, 3-0. That same day they suffered their fifth, and final, loss of the season, 4-2 to Muskegon.

The Labor Day title game went 10 innings, after Flint scored four runs in the second and Muskegon got four in the fourth. Muskegon overcame eight errors to prolong the game, but couldn't catch up to Copeland's 10th-inning triple to left that scored Granberry for a 5-4 victory.

Like a lot of teams all over the country, the Yellow Dogs were broken up by World War II. Copeland and Moore went on to star with M&S Orange, the 1945 state champ, and both of them are members of several halls of fame.



1996

Harvey Ethier

### Special Service Award

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





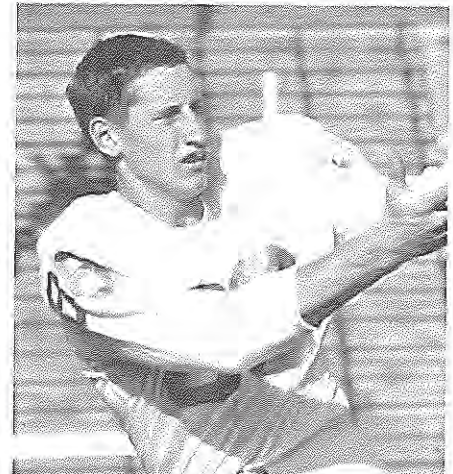
1996  
**Bill Blamer**

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



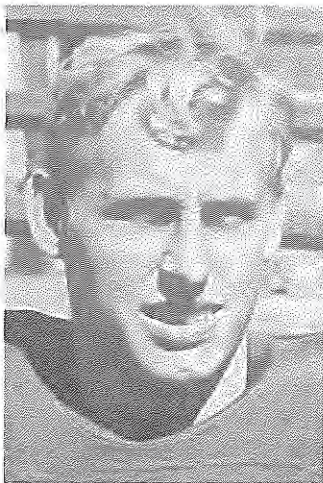
1996  
**Don Jarrard**

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



1996  
**Carl Cmejrek**

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



1997  
**Hank Minarik**

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



1997  
**Joe Ponsetto**

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



1997  
**Clete LaSalle**

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



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## **St. Michael's Perfect Campaign**

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rugged scrimmages. Harland remembers Central's Lynn Chandnois "running over me like a freight train," but the Mikes could dish it out, too.

"One day against Northern, Bill Hamilton was coming down the sideline and Will LaValle knocked him into a bench with a rolling block," Behan recalled. "(Northern coach) Guy Houston starts yelling at LaValle, 'We gotta have this guy for Saturday's game.' Tom Smith came over and said, 'Well, we teach them to hit hard.'"

The Mikes squeaked past Lapeer and Saginaw St. Mary's, both by 6-0 scores, but most of them point to Flint St. Mary's as their toughest foe. Ranville returned an interception 37 yards for a touchdown to give St. Michael a 13-0 lead, but he couldn't stop Wally Jakowczyk's 3-yard run that made it 13-7 at halftime.

"I hit him at the one and he drove me back," Ranville said.

The score stayed at 13-7 through the second half in the infamous Atwood mud, and the only remaining challenge for the Mikes was the race for the precious little hot water in the showers back at school.

"If you weren't the first one there, forget it," said Ranville. "I can remember flying in there and taking fast showers."

LaSalle personally wrecked the Mikes' last two opponents. He scored four touchdowns in a 38-0 rout of St. Matthew, then tallied four more TDs and passed to Art Pratt for another in the finale against Sacred Heart. He was named captain of the All-City team, and Ehlen was also voted to an All-City squad that otherwise was all Northern and Central.

The championship season turned out to be the last hurrah for Ehlen and two other Mikes. Exactly two weeks after the final game, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Several players went off to fight, and Ehlen,

Bennett and Bob Gartland never came home.

"We had two weeks from the day we played Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart until Dec. 7," said Behan. "Two weeks to enjoy the high point of our life. Then it all vanished."

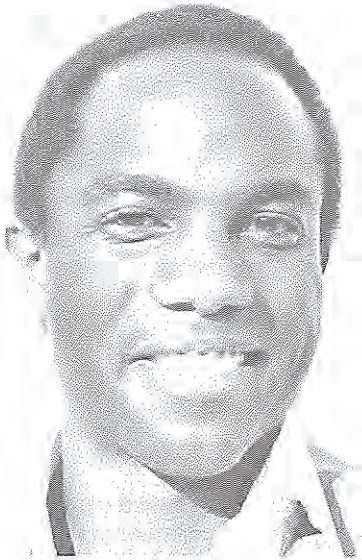
"I came in to school Monday and some of the boys were gone," said John Curtin, a reserve tackle nicknamed "Doc" because his dad was the team physician. "With their parents' permission, they had gone off to join the military.

"I'd like to think they had a chance to reminisce about their times. They were great teammates and classmates."

Curtin's feelings reflect the "St. Mike's Spirit" that graduates of the school carry with them forever, according to Behan. It's a spirit that bonded students in early grade school.

In 1941 that spirit carried a football team to one of the greatest seasons ever on a Flint gridiron.





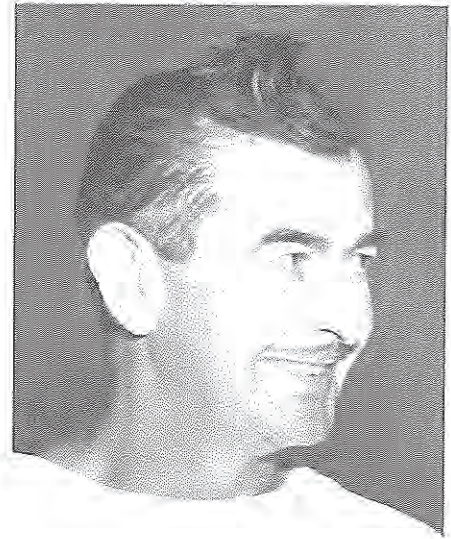
1997  
Lamar Gant

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 Publix 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.



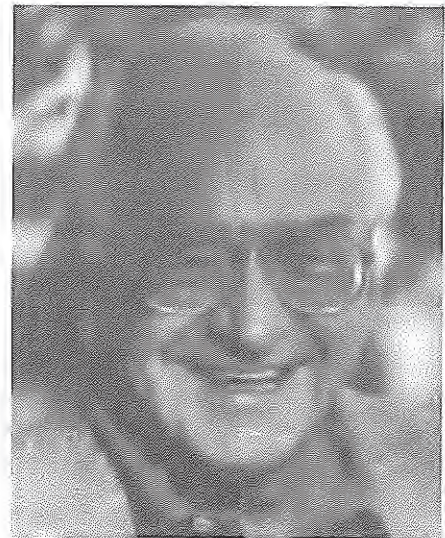
1998  
Audrey Smith  
Special Service

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

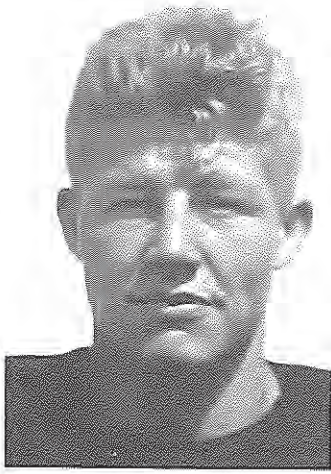
Piesko is well-known in the Flint area for providing medical care for amateur as well as professional athletes. He instituted the Greater Flint Sports Medicine Center and directed the placement of certified trainers at area high schools. He serves as the team physician at Powers Catholic and Flint's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



1997  
M.B. Cossman  
Special Service Award

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

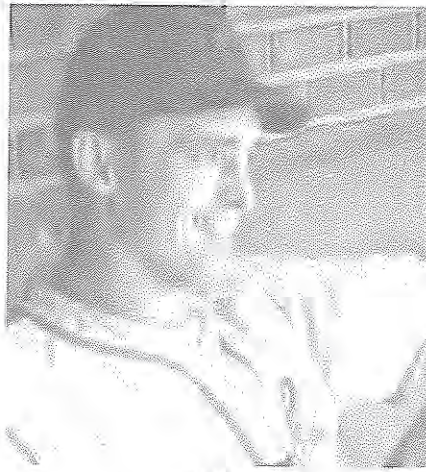




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**Ed "Shorty" Pearce**

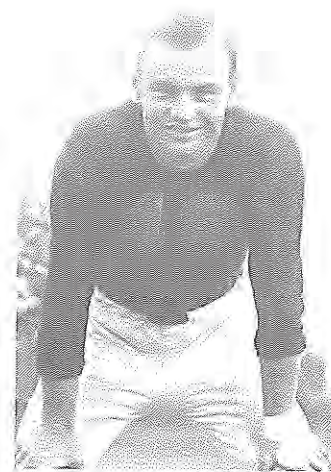
A standout quarterback and defensive halfback on two undefeated Northern High teams in 1934-'35. He led the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring in 1935 when he scored all but one of Northern's touchdowns in Valley games. He starred on three Michigan State College teams from 1937-39. He was the only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

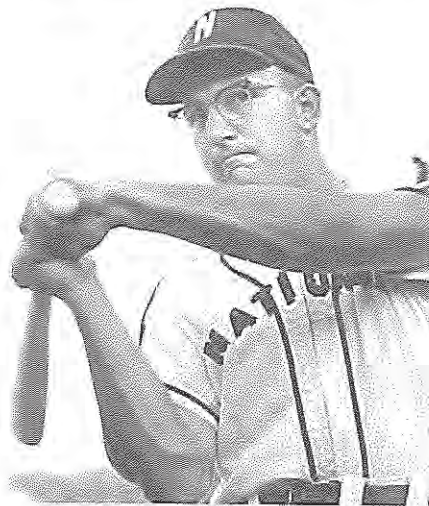
Kaczynski is a member of the Central Michigan University Hall of Fame for a career in which he lettered for three years in football and two years in baseball. A fullback, Kaczynski was named CMU's most valuable player following his senior season. Outstanding halfback at Central High named to All-Saginaw 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**

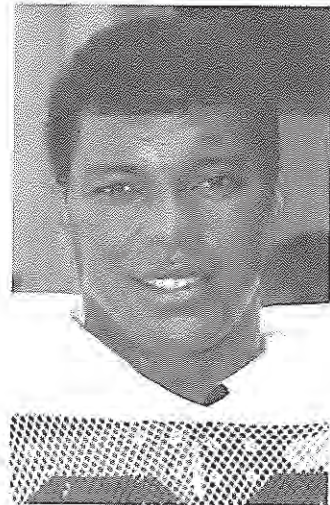
Coached the 1992 U.S. Olympic boxing team in Barcelona. Byrd coached the Flint Police Athletic League for more than 20 years and produced numerous state, regional and national Golden Gloves champions. He began his own boxing career in 1957 and won the city Golden Gloves light heavyweight championships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

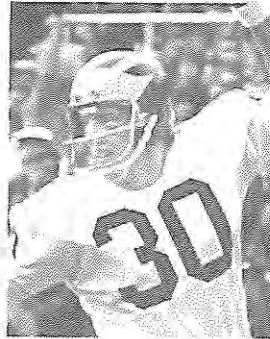
Selected in the third round of the 1982 National Football League draft, Marve played professionally for 11 years, including six with the Buffalo Bills where he set the team's single season record for tackles with 200 in 1986. He also played in Tampa Bay and San Diego. He twice earned All-Saginaw Valley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





**1999**  
**Dick Leach**

A seven-letter winner at Central High, Leach earned All-City and All-Valley honors as a football quarterback in high school and was the starting catcher for three seasons at the University of Michigan including 1953 when the Wolverines captured the National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball championship. Served for 22 years as the executive director of the Valley and was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990.



**1999**  
**Paul Staroba**

A three-sport standout at St. Matthew High, he enjoyed an outstanding career at the University of Michigan and played several seasons in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns. At St. Matthew, Staroba was All-State in football, basketball and track. He starred on undefeated teams in football and basketball during his senior year of 1966-67. He started for Michigan at split end and also was the Wolverines' punter and led the Big Ten in punting in 1970 with an average of 41.8.



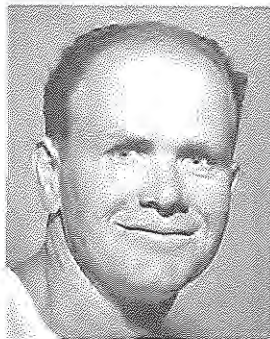
**1999**  
**Ricky Patton**

Patton gained All-State honors as a half-back at Flint Southwestern High in 1973 when he broke the city rushing record by running for 253 yards in a game. After attending Ferris State for one year, Patton transferred to Jackson State College where he earned All-American honors before enjoying a professional career in the National Football League with the Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers. With the 49ers he Patton played in the 1981 Super Bowl.



**1999**  
**Dar Christiansen**

His achievements at Southwestern may never be duplicated by a city high school football coach. During his seven seasons as coach, from 1972-78, his teams never lost a City Series game while building a 21-0 record against city foes. Southwestern was 56-8 overall during this period when it won five Valley crowns. Christiansen's teams compiled back-to-back 9-0 seasons in 1976 and '77, winning the Associated Press state championship in 1976.



**1999**  
**Varnard Gay**

He compiled a legendary record during a 36-year coaching career when he directed the high school track programs at Mt. Morris St. Mary, Hoover, Kearsley and Central. He is the only coach in Michigan to win state championships in three enrollment classifications. Gay won in Class C-D at Mt. Morris St. Mary, Class B at Kearsley and Class A at Central. He was a state champion in the half-mile at Washington High and anchored four relay teams at Western Michigan.



**1999**  
**Deanne Moore**

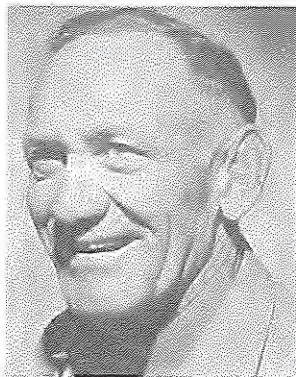
A high school standout at Fenton where she gained All-State honors in both basketball and softball, she was inducted into the Michigan State University Athletic Hall of Fame for softball. Moore was named athlete of the decade in softball at MSU from 1982-92. She was named MSU's most valuable player in 1981, was a first team All-America selection in 1983 and second team in '84. Moore helped the U.S. team capture the silver medal in the 1983 Pan-American Games.





**1999**  
**Joe Dowdy**

Coached basketball for 15 years at Central where his 157 victories rank fourth in city history. His fast-paced offensive coaching style carried the Indians to prominence. He twice led teams to the Class A semifinals in the state high school tournament, won two Saginaw Valley Conference championships and five city titles, including three in four years from 1961-64. Dowdy's Indians were 18-2 in 1957-58 and 17-3 in 1963-64.



**1999**  
**Leo Donoghue**  
**Special Service Award**

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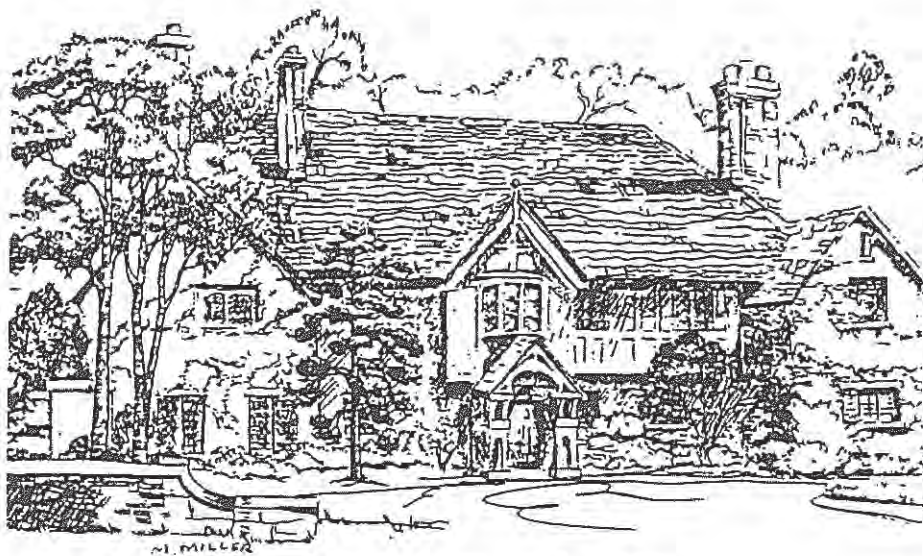
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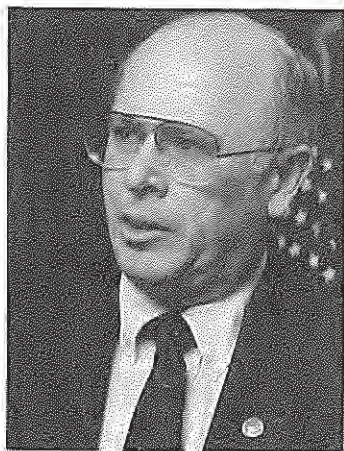
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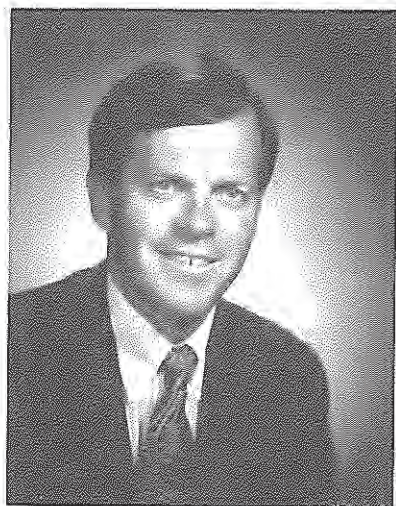
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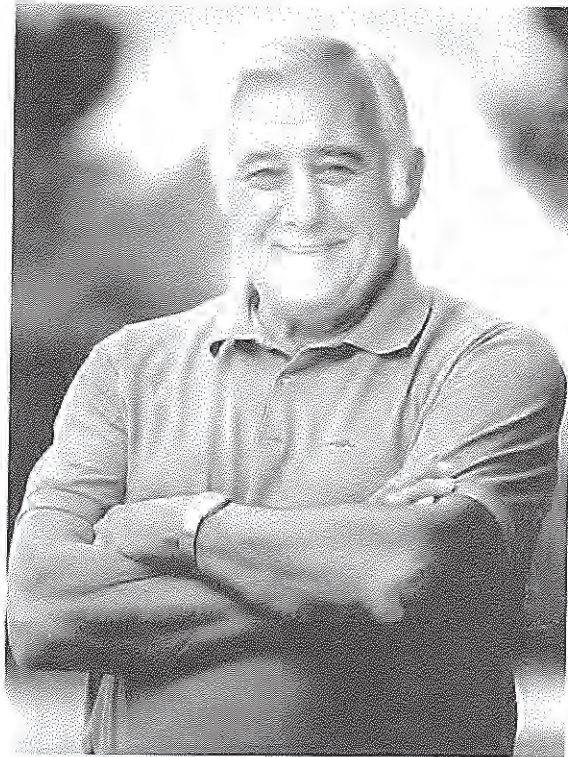
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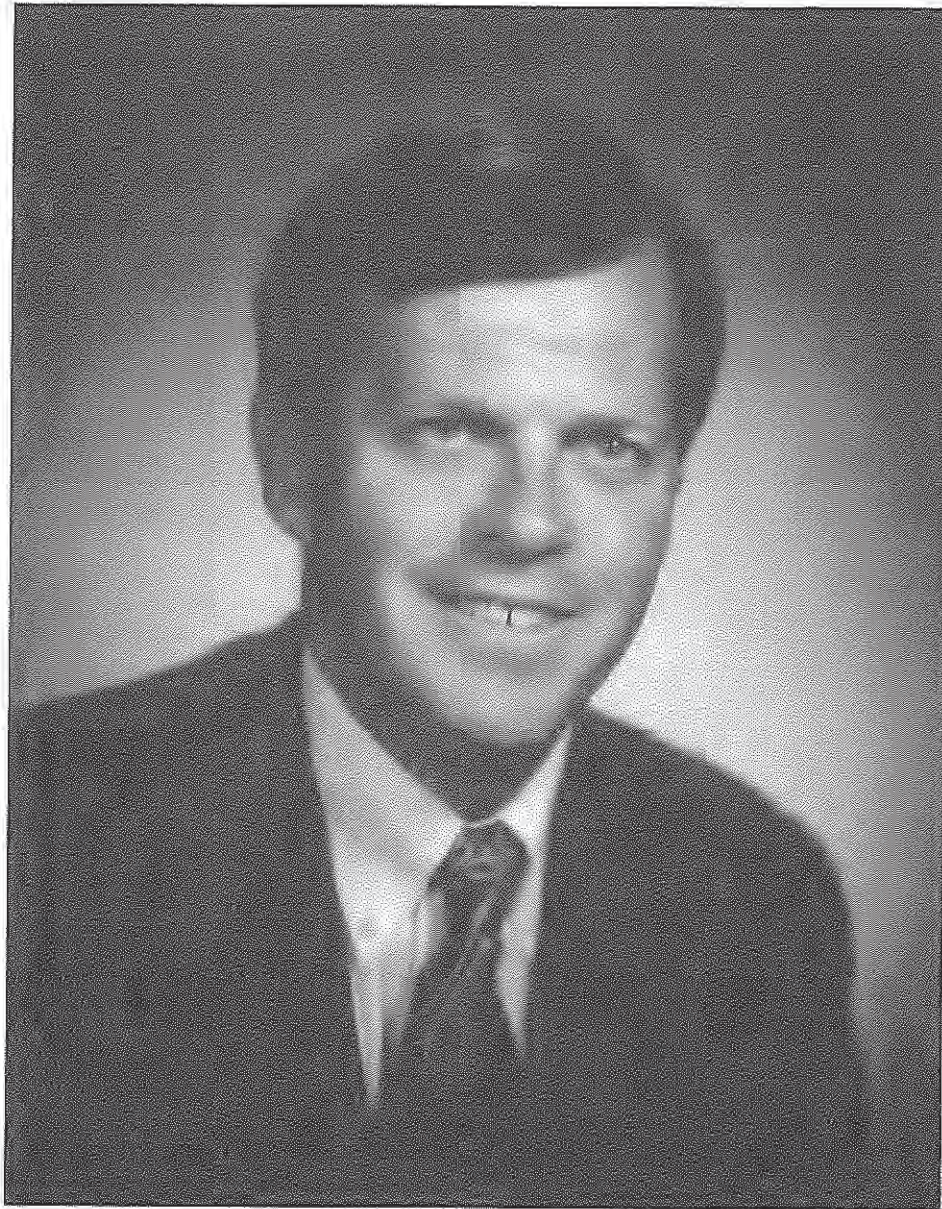
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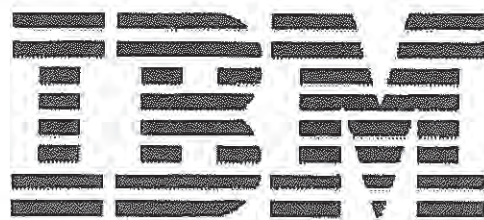
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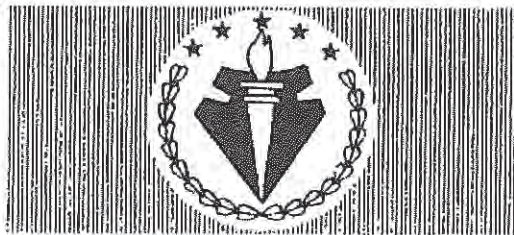
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# Southwestern's Dominant Season

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ing average (13.7 yards per try), but was actually an All-City receiver who got most of his ground yards on reverses and end-around plays.

"You know how deep the team is when a great back like Reggie Mitchell had to go to receiver because Booker Moore was in the backfield," said backup quarterback Gary Lee.

Don Leach was a senior receiver "with hands like Fred Biletnikoff," said Lee, but the Southwestern offense was so loaded that Leach had to accept his All-City berth as a defensive lineman.

Three other Colts were on the All-City offensive team: Don Nard, voted the Outstanding Lineman by his teammates, and fellow linemen John Russell and Fred Ringo. Tackle Tony Sprague was an All-Valley pick.

Not to be forgotten was the Southwestern defense, which yielded an

average of 12 points a game and landed five more All-City berths: Leach, linebacker Gerald Conway, lineman John Harvey and defensive backs Rodney Graham and Leroy Briggs.

"Somehow, the offense always had the ball, you know," Conway pointed out.

Their closest game was 20-7 over Midland, but the Colts' biggest scare came the following week against Central.

"That's the only game we trailed at halftime (21-20)," Buterakos said.

"We're saying, okay, this is a new experience. What's going to happen in the lockerroom?"

"But the coaches were patient. They put in a plan to adjust to what Central was doing and it worked."

Southwestern won 57-27 in a game that set a City record for total points, and the Colts tacked on 104 more points in their last two games.

But the playoffs were already slipping away, even if the players didn't see it.

"We never thought that," said Moore. "We thought if we went undefeated, the computer would finally kick in and take care of everything."

It didn't hit them until right after the final game. In the wake of a 60-6 win over Northwestern, the Colts were in tears because their great season was, unbelievably, over.

Conway remembers how the team rebounded.

"The week after that game, it wasn't like we were destitute or broken down," he said. "It was the way our coach taught us - it's a game, you play it and you move on. And a lot of us turned out pretty good."

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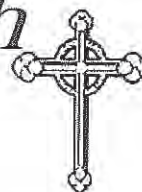
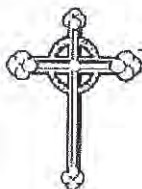
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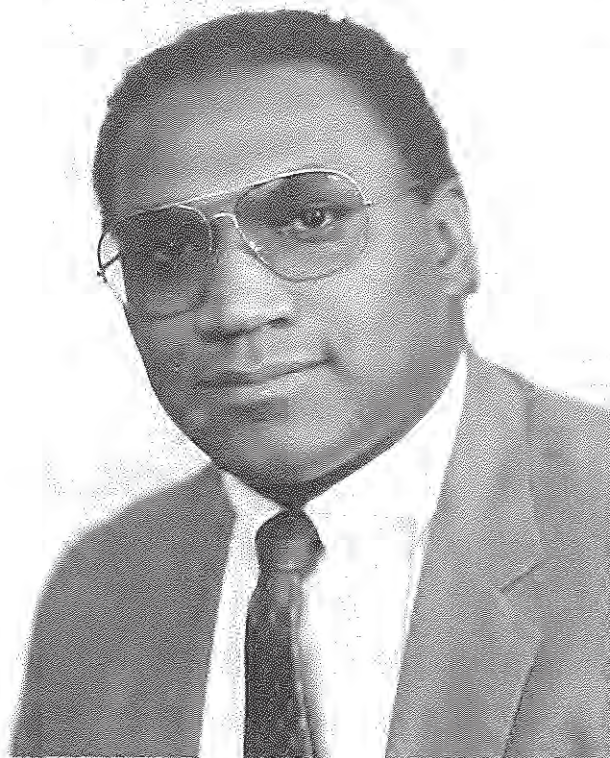
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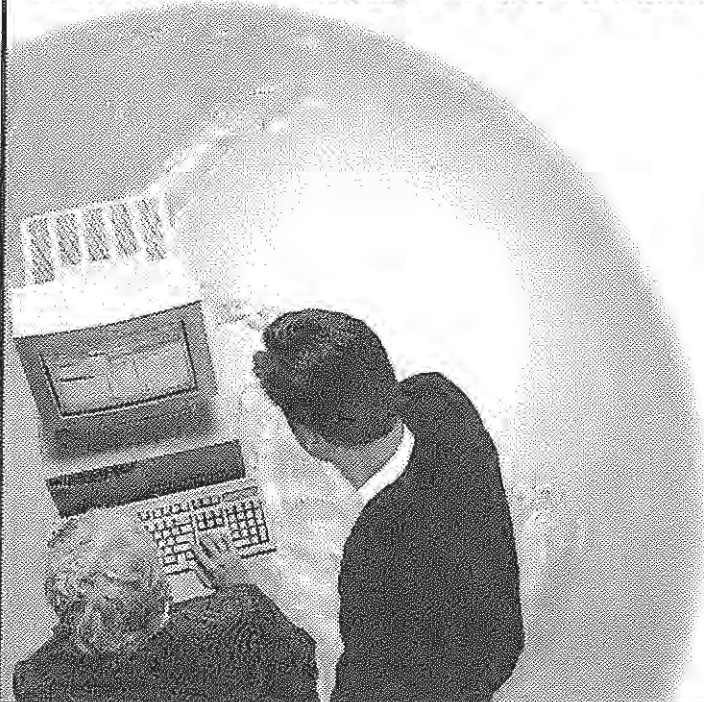
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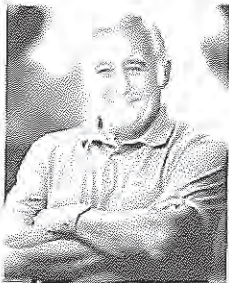




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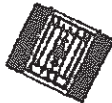
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Gallagher said, "It didn't make sense for me to be in Flint and Marge in Florida so we sold the franchise."

Mrs. Gallagher, his wife of 50 years, died in 1990. Frank spends considerable time visiting with four sons and their families.

Gallagher's association with hockey dates to the 1930s when he earned a letter at the old University of Detroit High. He lived in Windsor but crossed the Detroit River by ferry to attend school. When the present U-D High was built, he added bus travel to his itinerary until graduation.

He attended Assumption College, now the University of Windsor, and played hockey with various amateur teams in the Detroit-Windsor area and held several jobs before hockey became a full-time endeavor.

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A major crisis struck in the summer of 1958 when Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and Toledo abandoned their franchises, leaving only Troy, Ohio and Fort Wayne.

Gallagher, who was league president and commissioner, said, "You can't imagine how hard we worked that summer. We worked almost up to the start of the season but found new owners in Toledo, Louisville and Indianapolis."

He was appointed the IHL's first commissioner in 1952 and held that post until 1962, becoming full-time commissioner in 1959.

During the 1950s he helped organize the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and was elected a director of the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, now known as USA Hockey. He has held several key posts, including vice president, second vice president and secretary.

He was manager or business manager for five U.S. teams in international hockey, including three World Championships and the first Canada Cup tourney in 1976.

He was advisor to the 1980 U.S. Olympic team which won the gold medal. He recommended Buzz Schneider and Mike Eruzione of the IHL as potential players and Eruzione supported Gallagher's recommendation by scoring the decisive goal against Russia.

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