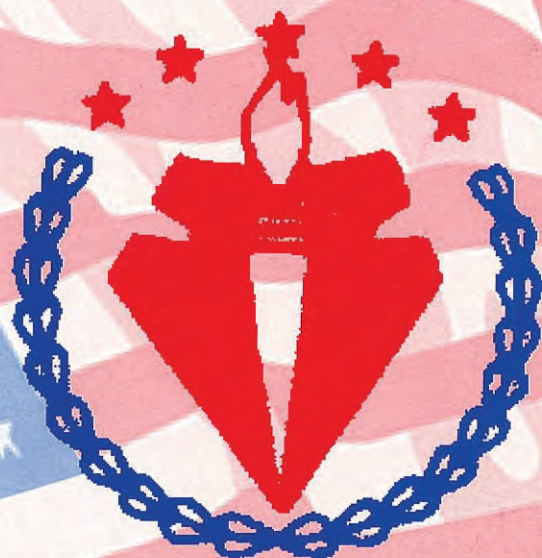


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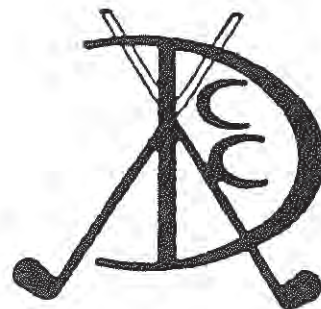
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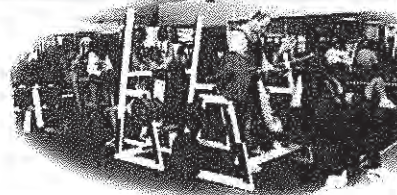
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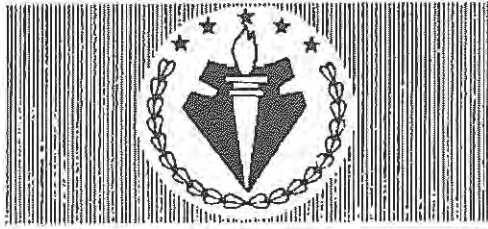


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Len Hoyes will receive this year's Special Service Award.

Three teams will also be honored tonight. The concept of team sports is based on the theory that a whole is greater than the sum of its 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 1956 Flint Northern Football Team, the 1958 Pfeiffer's Beer Basketball Team and the 1970 Flint Holy Redeemer Basketball Team.

As I complete my last year as President of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, I would like to thank you for being with us tonight, because without your support there would be no Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

The Board of Directors also wishes to thank 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 walls of the Genesys Athletic Club.

Enjoy your evening and congratulations to this year's inductees.

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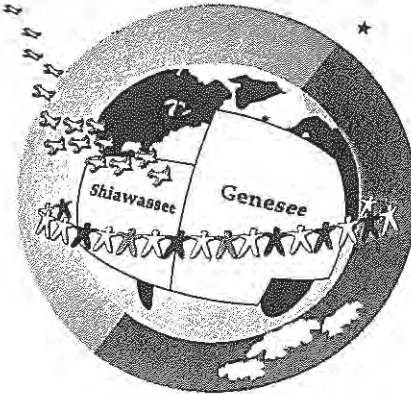
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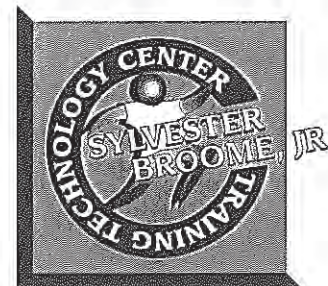
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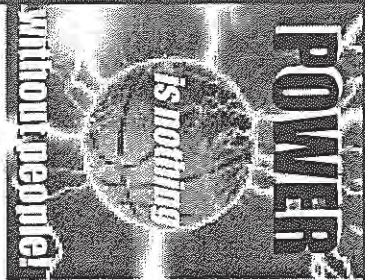
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LeRoy Decker

A Hall of Famer In Both Careers

LeRoy Decker's legacy was secure the moment he retired as the boys' basketball coach at Fenton High in 1978.

On those achievements alone, he would have gone down as one of the greatest coaches in Flint-area history. But he still had a lot of coaching left in him, as he proved by carving out a distinct legacy in 11 years running the Tigers' girls' basketball program.

He had more victories than any area boys' basketball coach when he stepped down, going 316-89 (.780) in one year at Holly and 19 at Fenton.

He was second among area girls' coaches, carving out a 202-62 (.765) record before retiring following the 1988 season.

He is the only area coach with more than 200 victories on both levels.

Decker brought the same approach to coaching boys and girls at a time when female sports were in the early stages of competitive growth.

"I tried to treat it when I started coaching girls that I was coaching athletes," Decker said. "From that standpoint, as an athlete I'm going to ask for athletic performance."

Decker's name became synonymous with Fenton during his 30 years coaching there, but he grew up in Elsie and got his start in coaching at rival Holly.

In Decker's first year as a varsity coach, he took the Bronchos to the 1959 state Class B boys basketball finals, where they lost 52-47 to the River Rouge dynasty. Holly went 21-3.

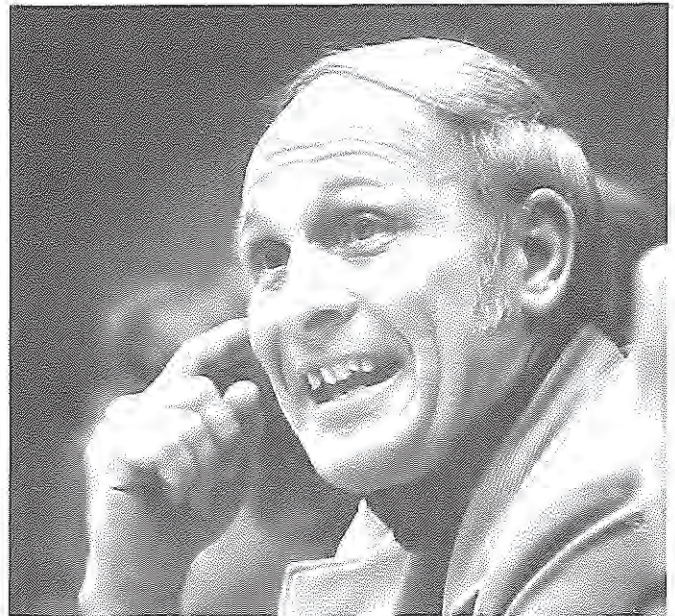
"I was very fortunate I had a group of young men I worked with in seventh and eighth grade and I had them as juniors and seniors that year," Decker said.

Decker got a teaching job in physical education the following school year at Fenton for more money than he was making teaching core subjects at Holly.

The Tigers had immediate success under Decker, reaching the state Class B semifinals his second year in 1961 and again in 1964. His 1965 team reached the quarterfinals. Fenton won 14 districts and three regionals in 19 seasons under Decker.

But those championships and tournament runs weren't the highlight of his stay at Fenton, Decker said. He fulfilled a dream by coaching sons Darby, a 1977 graduate, and Drew, a 1978 grad. Then he handed the reins of the boys' team Bob Bruder and took over the girls' program.

"He asked me probably eight years or so prior to my retiring from the boys' program how long I was going to be there," Decker said. "He was ready to move on to another area. I told him it had always been my ambition to coach my own boys. As soon as my boys graduated, the job was his, as far as I was concerned."



"The girls' job became available and I decided to take it. I still loved to live in the Fenton community and they gave me the opportunity to coach."

The level of excellence Fenton's boys achieved under Decker was maintained in the girls' program. His first team in 1978 reached the state quarterfinals and his 1982 squad was undefeated before losing 43-29 to Manistee in the state Class B championship game.

The Tigers won eight districts in Decker's 11 years coaching the girls.

Decker was an accomplished athlete in his own right before becoming a coach.

He lettered in four sports at Elsie High, then played basketball and baseball at Central Michigan University. He was chosen the basketball team's Most Valuable Player as a junior in 1953 and was a captain. In baseball, he held the school record for stolen bases until teams began playing twice as many games.

A scout for the Chicago White Sox liked what he saw in Decker and made him an offer to join the team's farm system. The catch: The offer was for only \$50 a month.

"That, to me, wasn't enough," Decker said. "I didn't know of anybody else going (into pro baseball) with a college education. The better ones were signing bonuses for a few thousand dollars. I selected coaching then and have never been sorry for it."

Decker retired as a teacher at Fenton in 1995.

Decker is no longer the winningest boys' basketball coach at Fenton, having been passed by Bruder. His record for girls' basketball victories was eclipsed this season by his successor, Brad DeWitt.

But Decker's legend remains.

"LeRoy is the icon of Fenton basketball," DeWitt said after breaking Decker's mark. "The man was the master. He set the bar here years ago. My goal when I took over the program was just to continue what he started."

IN MEMORY OF ED ABRAHAM



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Ed "Blackie" Abraham

His Influence Felt Far Beyond Athletics

Some people called Ed Abraham "Blackie" because of his jet-black, wavy hair.

His players at Sacred Heart High knew him as "Coach."

In the summertime he was "Mr. Potter" or "Mr. Abe" to the kids who played baseball under his supervision at Potter School.

Ed Abraham had a lot of names, because he did so many things for so many people.

"He was your coach one minute, your friend one minute, your dad one minute, your teacher ... he was one of the most important men I've met in my life," said Bob Centilli, who played three sports under Abraham in the early 1950s.

"He took care of everybody," said Dave Benjamin, an All-State basketball player at Sacred Heart in 1952.

It's estimated that Abraham touched the lives of 16,000 children. When he died in December 1995, dozens of them paid their respects.

From 1950 until the school closed in 1967, Abraham was the driving force in Sacred Heart athletics. He was the Cougars' first full-time coach, and the only coach for years in football, basketball, baseball and golf.

His records weren't all Hall of Fame-caliber — his football teams went 35-67-7 over 15 years — but the kids who played for him became winners. At the school's final athletic banquet in May 1967, the parishioners of Sacred Heart created an impromptu hall of fame and named him the only member.

"He was much more than a coach to the kids at Sacred Heart," said Jack Pratt, who coached at St. Matthew at the time. "His value went far beyond wins and losses."

Ed Abraham was an outstanding athlete himself, an All-State guard who helped Lansing Central beat Flint Northern in the 1935 Class A basketball championship game. He won 10 letters in three sports before a knee injury in football his senior year ended his playing days.

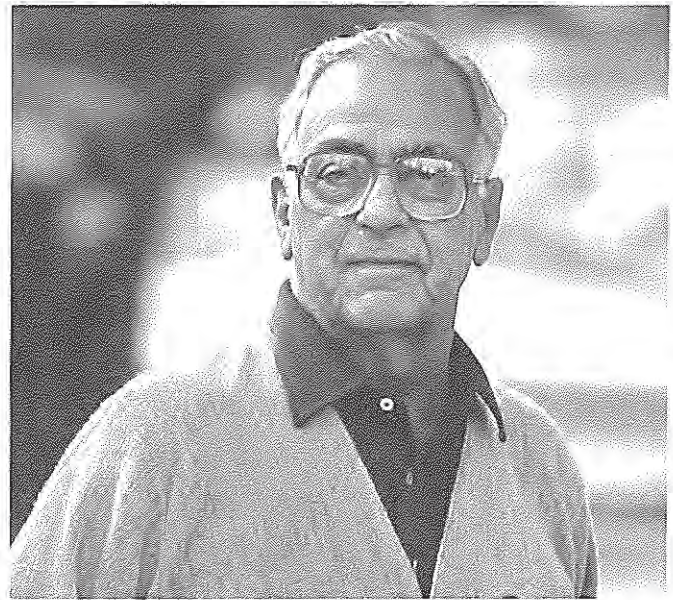
After graduating from Western Michigan University in 1941 and serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he began his teaching and coaching career at Owosso St. Paul from 1946-50.

When Sacred Heart became a 12-year school in 1950, he was hired to head the athletic program.

It was a small school, with a peak enrollment of 275, but Abraham's early teams were successful. His very first football team went 5-2 in 1950, and his 1952 basketball squad was 16-3.

Basketball was the one coaching job he never gave up, and he finished with a 17-year record of 172-139 and 10 winning seasons at Sacred Heart.

"Basketball was his favorite sport," said Dave Abraham, Ed's oldest son who played basketball, football and



baseball for his dad.

"He liked football and really put everything into it he could, but if you don't have a lot of talent there's not much you can do. But in basketball, with five kids, you can do something."

Benjamin added, "He knew basketball inside and out. I give him a lot of credit for making me a basketball player. At 6-foot-4 I was tall and clumsy, but he'd make me go up against a wall and tip the basketball over and over to get my timing right."

Teaching the fundamentals was Abraham's first law, and if he wasn't very strong in a certain area, he found someone who was. He turned Centilli into the Parochial League's best pitcher by sending him across the street to "Big Ed" Novak" used car lot, where the former St. Mary's star taught him how to pitch.

When he discovered that seventh-grade boys at Sacred Heart could barely dribble a basketball, Abraham founded the Jet League program for fifth- and sixth-graders.

When he needed a summer job, Abraham found a perfect fit with the Boys' Baseball Program of Flint, opening a division at Potter School.

"He'd walk around the outfields during practice and teach kids how to play," said Tom Cole, the league commissioner. "He helped out all the teams, and if one team wasn't doing too good, he had an extra practice."

Abraham's 20 years in the program ended in 1978.

Abraham was honored at Tiger Stadium in 1975 as an Outstanding Supervisor in youth baseball. The City of Flint named a baseball field after him in 1978. The Lansing Sports Hall of Fame enshrined him in 1980.

But maybe the best tribute to Ed Abraham came from his former players upon his death.

"The guys who came to the funeral home all said he was the most fair person they'd been around," said Dave Abraham.

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Jack Baldwin

No Obstacle Was Too Big To Block His Way

Jack Baldwin never met a setback he couldn't overcome.

And make no mistake about it, Baldwin has experienced plenty of down moments in his life.

There was the disappointment of seeing a potential Major League baseball career end when he was drafted into the Army in 1952.

Then, there were more serious things like his bout with cancer, the death of a young daughter and the loss of his first wife to the same disease Baldwin beat.

Baldwin grew up in Flint Township, where he dreamed of playing in the big leagues while attending Dye High. A gifted outfielder with a strong bat, Baldwin and good buddy Tom Cole attended Western Michigan University.

While Baldwin and Cole were at WMU, the Broncos reached the NCAA district baseball tournament four straight years before capping their careers by leading the club to its first berth in the College World Series.

"That was just super," Baldwin recalled. "We were the first team from Western ever to go to the World Series. We didn't know what to expect. But we had confidence. We had a good team. We beat all the Big Ten schools.

"We did well. Duke was favored and we beat them in the first game. But then we got beat by Holy Cross, who won it. We tied for third."

That turned out to be the highlight of Baldwin's baseball career even though he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers after leaving WMU. Baldwin played one season in the minor leagues when Uncle Sam came calling.

He and Cole were drafted into the Army and although they spent their tour of duty stateside, they didn't get a chance to pick up a ball or bat for two years.

"It's tough to go without playing for two years," Baldwin said. "We went back to spring training afterward and played for another year then decided that was enough. We came to work for the youth of America.

"Maybe somebody thought we had other things to offer."

Indeed, somebody must have.

Baldwin signed on as the junior varsity baseball and football coach at old Mandeville High in 1956. When Ainsworth High opened in 1961, Baldwin was promoted to head baseball coach.

It was a position he kept for 25 years.

During his stints at Mandeville and Ainsworth, Baldwin led his players to seven league championships, four district titles and one Greater Flint Invitational crown.

He retired in 1985 but remained the Spartans' athletic director, a position he retained when Carman-Ainsworth opened in 1986. He was the Cavaliers' AD until retiring for good in 1994.

"I had a lot of friends whose kids were students of mine.



I coached a lot of years. I coached through colon cancer in 1982.

"I had just built my second house. I don't mean I called the man and said 'Build the house.' I built the house while I was working. That was tough. I'm living in it now.

"I had cancer while I was building the second house but I didn't know it. I moved in and two weeks after I moved in I passed blood. I was fortunate, very fortunate. They took 10 inches of my colon out.

"My first wife was not that fortunate.

"Breast cancer that spread to the bone claimed Patricia Baldwin's life in 1997. She was first diagnosed with cancer in the mid-1980s but after undergoing chemotherapy and a partial mastectomy, doctors proclaimed Patricia cancer-free.

The disease reappeared in her bones 10 years later and this time there was nothing the doctors could do. After a 2 1/2 year fight, Patricia Baldwin died.

"The chemo prolonged her life but I think it killed her in the end," Baldwin said.

The pain Baldwin felt when his wife died was nothing compared to what he went through when the couple's first child died because of a heart problem.

"She had a hole in her heart," Baldwin said. "That was way back. We never had an idea that she had a problem. That's a hurt that never goes away."

Baldwin and Patricia had three other children. Mike worked in the engineering department, Mark is a lawyer in Connecticut and Tricia works for the Lake Orion School District.

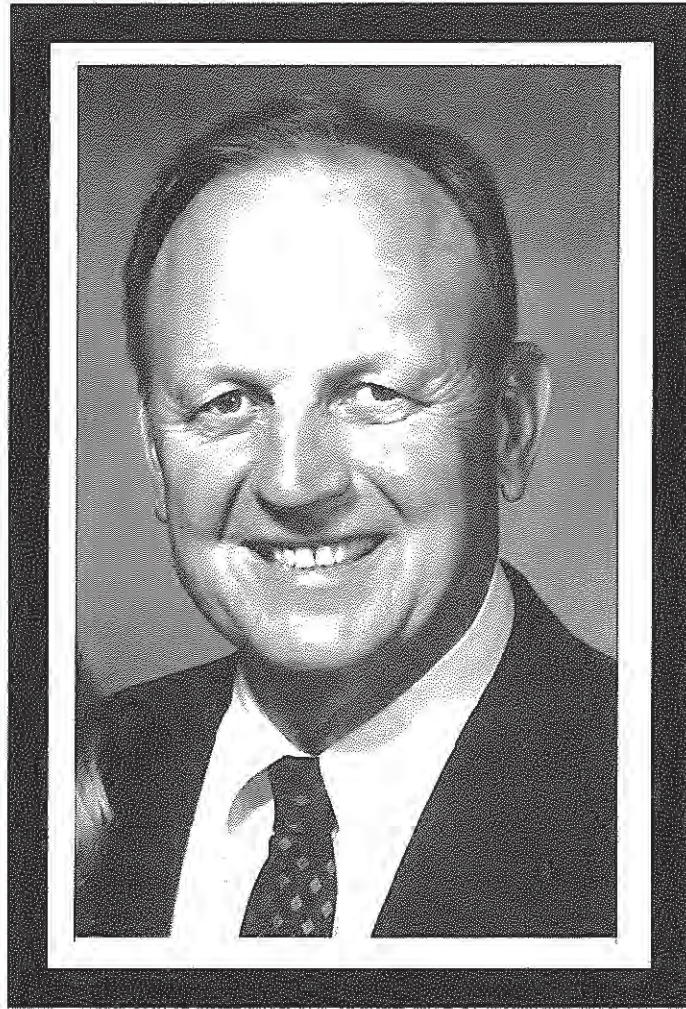
All three are on hand tonight to see their father inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Another special person is here, too. One of the best athletes ever to pass through Ainsworth was three-sport star Lloyd McClelland, whose father died when he was playing midget baseball under Baldwin's supervision in the 1970s.

As was the case with most of his players, Baldwin knew McClelland's mother, Phyllis.

After Patricia Baldwin died, Jack ran into Phyllis one day and they were married last summer.

CHARLES "BUD" BROTEBECK



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Bud Brotebeck

Early Years in Flint Were His Foundation

Bud Brotebeck never really left Flint.

The 1949 Flint Central High graduate has been based elsewhere for more than 50 years but remains a goodwill ambassador for his hometown.

"I have only great memories of Flint, the fine people and the good schools," Brotebeck said. "Now I'm getting a very special honor and couldn't be more pleased."

Now 70, Brotebeck merits induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame because of a splendid career in basketball and baseball at Central and at Western Michigan University.

He was involved as player, coach, administrator or official for all or parts of six decades, retiring after 26 years as an official in basketball and softball.

During his career he was a star in the City Baseball League and the Class AA City Basketball League, played two seasons in the Philadelphia Phillies' organization, spent two years in the service and coached 10 seasons at Romeo High before becoming a fixture in the Kalamazoo area.

He went there from Romeo, hoping to land a coaching job at WMU from which he had graduated in 1953.

When that didn't pan out, he joined the Portage school system and spent 19 years as an administrator which included a term as athletic director.

All this from a youngster who was cut from Central's basketball team because he was too small.

"I was only 5-6 and 105 pounds," said Brotebeck, who eventually grew to be a 6-footer.

In a 1983 Flint Journal story, Dick Evans, former basketball coach at Central, recalled Brotebeck's debut.

"We had to close all the windows in the gym so he wouldn't blow away," Evans said.

Brotebeck persevered, finally catching the attention of the late Jim Richards, Central's junior varsity coach.

In that same article, Richards said, "He was different. He worked so hard and was a fighter. I liked that."

He was promoted to the varsity as a mid-year junior and was an immediate star. He helped the Indians win the Saginaw Valley Conference championship and reach the Class A state tournament semifinals before losing to Jackson by one point.

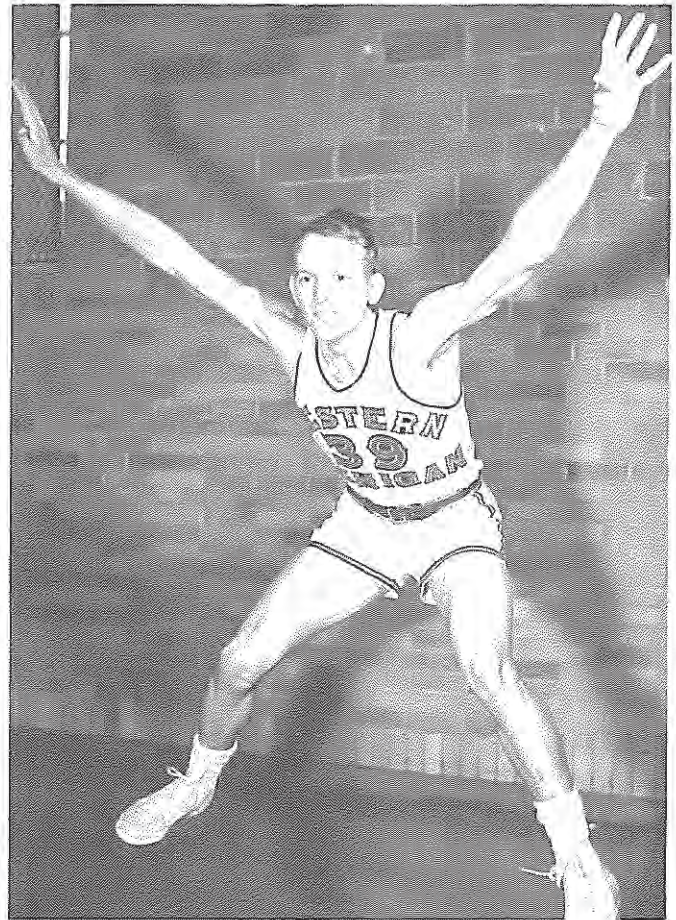
He was the Valley's No. 4 scorer and named to the all-SVC first team.

He earned two Central letters in basketball and two in baseball. At Western he earned three basketball letters and two in baseball.

Although he was a scorer as a Central basketball forward, he concentrated on defense as a WMU guard.

"That was a major adjustment," Brotebeck said.

The adjustment must have gone smoothly because he twice was named to the Mid-American Conference sec-



ond team and helped win a share of an MAC title.

He had batting averages of .338 and .333 in baseball, being named to the all-MAC second team in 1953 when Western tied for third in the College World Series.

Brotebeck was selected as "Man of the Year," for Western's "W" club in 1995 and inducted into the WMU Hall of Fame in 1997.

He helped Dodds-Dumanois win the City Baseball League championship in 1951 and a berth in the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament. He starred for Emerson Inn in the City Basketball League, later with Robert's TV. Two years in the service followed, then two years in baseball's minors.

He said, "No one had to tell me I never would be good enough to make the majors."

So he went to Romeo for 10 years, winning four conference basketball championships and reaching the state tournament quarterfinals in 1959. He also met his wife, Pat. Sons Mike and Mark and daughter Mary Pat followed.

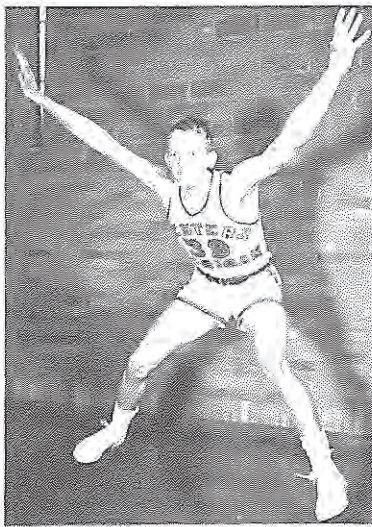
Assessing his career, Brotebeck once said, "There's no question the competitive aspect of sports made me a lot better person by realizing things don't always come out the way you wish. You learn to take the good with the bad and try to measure whatever successes through victory against the agonies of defeat, no matter how corny that may sound."

Flint Central High School

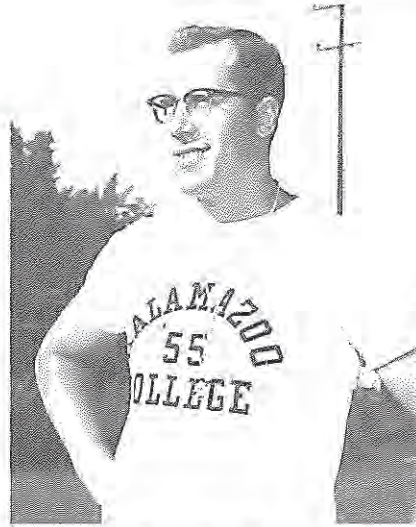
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Ray Steffen

A Coaching Legend At K'zoo College

Switching from football to basketball and from pre-law to education helped Ray Steffen become a coaching legend.

It's doubtful if anyone can surpass his longevity record at Kalamazoo College, where he spent 79 "coaching years" in four sports.

Longest was a 32-year stay as the Hornets' head basketball coach. He also was head baseball coach for 22 years, golf coach for seven years and assistant football coach for eight years.

He retired in 1987 as a professor emeritus, having taught a full class load. Steffen, being inducted tonight into Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, was a standout at Central High and Michigan State. He died in 1998 at age 71.

"We're very pleased (on his induction) because Ray was all about Flint," said his widow, Pearl Steffen Ashe, from her residence in Florida. "Even though he didn't live there for many years, he always talked about his roots and how playing in Flint helped his career."

In a Flint Journal article just before retirement Steffen, a standout at Flint Central High and Michigan State said, "I live in the Kalamazoo area but never have forgotten Flint. I remember the pep rallies, the Thanksgiving Day game and being blessed with facilities that allowed us to play all day.

"The junior golf program was great. Sometimes we played in three baseball leagues, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and another at night."

He was a four-time Kalamazoo city golf champion.

Mrs. Ashe said, "He was a wonderful husband and father and we're left with great memories."

Daughter Sheri lives in Dallas and daughter Lori is teaching in Finland on an exchange program. A third daughter, Cindy, is deceased.

Also deceased are brothers Don, Bob and Bill who were notable athletes in Flint.

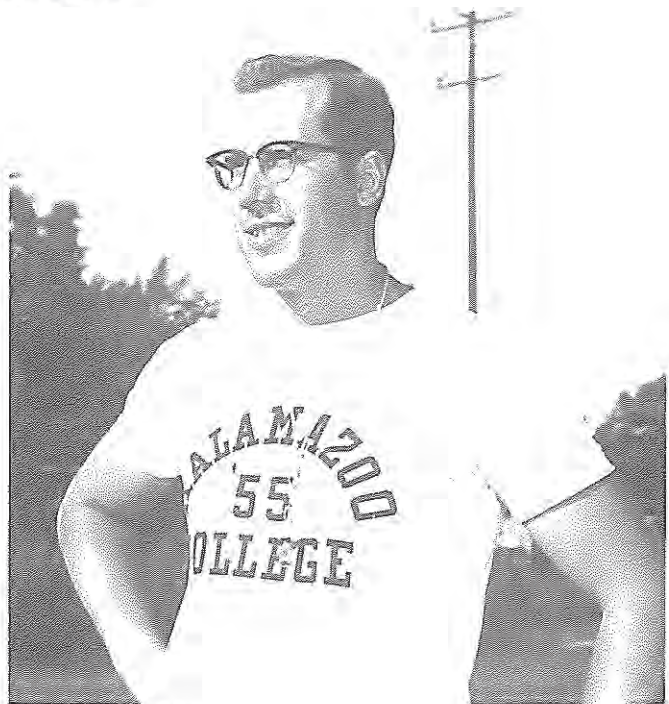
Ray Steffen was a three-sport athlete at Central, perhaps best in football because he was recruited to play football at Michigan.

Dreams of football ended because of a knee injury.

He already had been honored as a Saginaw Valley Conference second-teamer (1945) in basketball so he concentrated on the hardwood.

Steffen played under three MSU head coaches in three years, Ben VanAlstyne, Al Kircher and Pete Newell. He absorbed coaching ideas from all three as well as his coaches at Central: Howard Auer, Dick Evans and Jerry Udell.

He went to MSU after an Army hitch, earning three letters and being named most valuable player after the



1950-51 season.

This was MSU's first season in the Big Ten and Steffen helped beat Michigan twice despite a 10-11 record.

Steffen was the Spartans' top scorer, averaging 8.9 points per game.

This was the era of low scores. MSU scored more than 60 points only twice and scored fewer than 50 points in 11 games under Newell's defensive style.

"Playing for Newell was a great influence on Ray," Mrs. Ashe said.

Athletics also helped Steffen abandon plans for a law career in favor of coaching.

His first job was at Buchanan High where he also met his future wife. He had a 56-23 record for five seasons, including a trip to the 1955 Class B finals where his team lost 51-48 to River Rouge.

He was selected from a field of 60 applicants at K-College. His Kalamazoo teams had a 356-347 record, a creditable effort for a Division III college which offered no athletic scholarships and has exceptional academic standards and high tuition costs. He won two titles in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA).

His team's 18-4 record in 1962 was the school's best in more than 40 years.

Steffen said, just before retirement, "I'll miss coaching but not recruiting. Costs and academic standards are to the point where coming here is prohibitive."

But the lessons learned under Steffen paid dividends.

Mrs. Ashe said, "Many of his former players wrote cards and letters after his death to tell us how much Ray meant to them and their careers. He was an honest man with high morals and his standards must have influenced a lot of his students."

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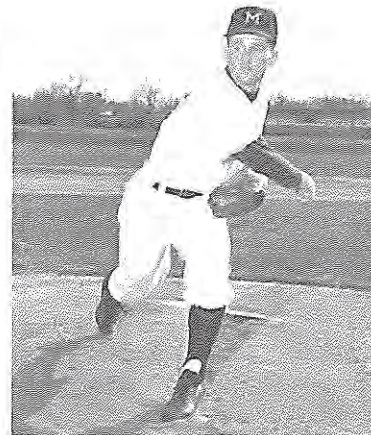
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Bobby Reed

Small in Stature, Huge in Desire

Bobby Reed was a coach's dream.

What he lacked in size, he more than made up in heart and desire.

"One of the greatest competitors I've ever been around," said Dick Leach, Reed's high school coach at Southwestern High. "He was only 5-foot-9, 155 pounds but he led our football team to the Saginaw Valley championship (1962).

"He never lost a City Series game as a pitcher in three years. He was a tremendous leader."

After 40 years, there still exists this love-love relationship between a player and his coach.

"Dick Leach was the best," said Reed, now a real estate broker in Florida. "He turned my life around. I never really thought about going on to college after high school. But Dick told me I could make it there. And I did."

Reed was a standout pitcher for the University of Michigan and pitched in the Detroit Tigers' organization.

Although Reed's big league career was short-lived, he'd had the satisfaction of knowing a little man could make his mark in sports.

"Growing up, I always thought I was as good or better than the other kids on the block," he said. "I believed that, when I got into high school and into college, too."

That lack of size didn't prevent college football scouts from knocking on Reed's door during his spectacular senior year at Southwestern.

He received football offers from several schools, notably Notre Dame, Iowa, Central Michigan. Reed actually envisioned a college career on the gridiron.

"It was the fall before I enrolled at Michigan on a baseball scholarship," he said. "I was playing American Legion ball and I ran into a catcher in a play at home plate and hurt my shoulder.

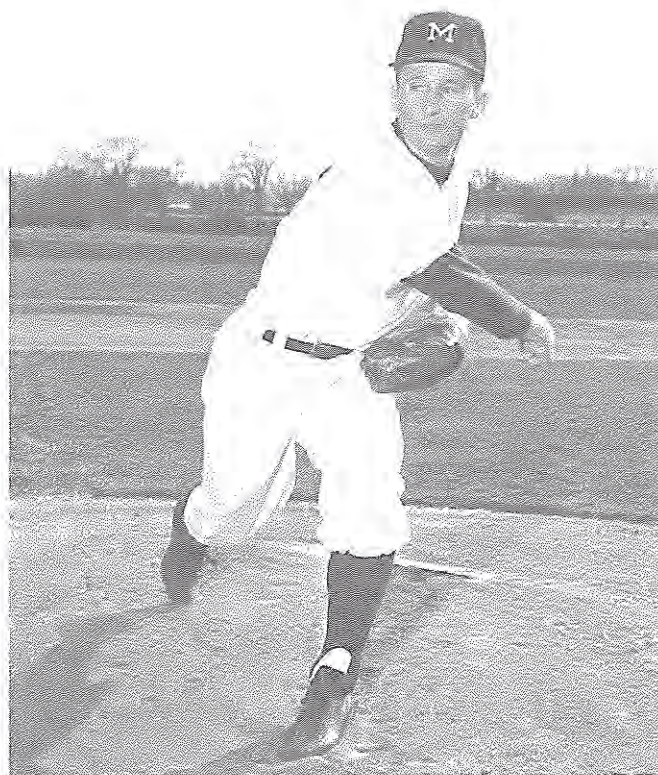
"After that, I never did get a chance to try out for football. Maybe it was best. After seeing those guys at Michigan grind each other up, I guess I'm glad I didn't try out for football."

Baseball was the perfect fit for Reed.

He'd enjoyed a spectacular career as a pitcher at Southwestern. As a sophomore, he fired a 2-0 no-hitter against Northern High at Atwood Stadium. In his finest season at UM, Reed boasted a 6-0 record as the Wolverines' top right-hander. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted by the Tigers.

Pitching for the Detroit organization was not one of Reed's favorite memories.

He toiled in the minors for four years before being called up by the Tigers in 1969. As a relief pitcher, he pitched briefly over two seasons and had a 2-4 record and 4.15 earned run average.



"I think I just came up with the Tigers at the wrong time," said Reed. "They were a mostly veteran team then and their manager (Billy Martin) wanted to go with experience. He liked a different style of pitching than what I had to offer."

Reed's last contract with the Tigers paid him just \$13,500. He returned to Flint to teach briefly and earned a \$9,500 salary.

A native of Massachusetts, he arrived in Flint when he was barely five years old. He played youth baseball on the diamonds in Flint, like most kids did during the summer.

"It was truly great growing up in Flint back in those days," he said. "The community school concept was what made it so special. When I moved away, I realized how lucky I'd been to grow up in that city."

Reed and his wife, Conny, moved to Florida 25 years ago. Their son, Dalton, is a physical therapist in Baton Rouge, La.

Reed still has fond memories of his high school days at Southwestern and of the coach who helped guide him on to bigger and better things.

"I remember the week we were to play Bay City Central at Atwood Stadium," said Reed. "Coach Leach came into our locker room before the game and said, 'listen guys, this is how we're going to go out there and win this football game.' He gave us so much confidence.

"And we went out and won that game and eventually the Valley title."

They did it in a large part because of a little guy with a big heart. That was Bobby Reed, one of Flint's best ever.



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Jay Springsteen

Grand National King of Speed

Jay 'Springer' Springsteen has made an entire career based on one principle: Go 130 miles per hour, turn left and repeat.

When he was in his late teens and early 20s, he was considered one of the best riders on the American Motorcyclist Association Grand National Dirt Track circuit.

At the age of 45, he's still considered one of the best. To some, he is the best.

Just consider this: at the end of this year's race schedule Springsteen was ninth in the points standings without having won a race. He did finish second or third in six of the 23 races.

In being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, Springsteen joins Bart Markel, another three-time Grand National champion, in the hall.

In 1975 at age 18, Springsteen earned rookie of the year honors.

He claimed Grand National championships in 1976, '77 and '78. He has won 43 Grand National races, second only to Swartz Creek's Scott Parker, who has 94. It's been quite a ride starting with that first season when he was an 18-year-old still attending Kearsley High School.

"I was still in high school and I was making more money than the teachers," he said. "It was pretty exciting.

"I never thought I'd go this far in racing. I still love it. I might be getting a little old, but if you can make a living doing something you love, why not keep going?"

Tom Cummings, who raced against Springsteen on the AMA circuit and has owned a dirt track racing team, said nobody would ever match Springsteen's natural ability to slide a motorcycle through the corners at speeds of more than 100 mph.

"I was racing back when he was the best, and when he was winning he just flat out blew us away," Cummings said. "When it comes down to natural ability, he was the greatest dirt tracker I ever saw.

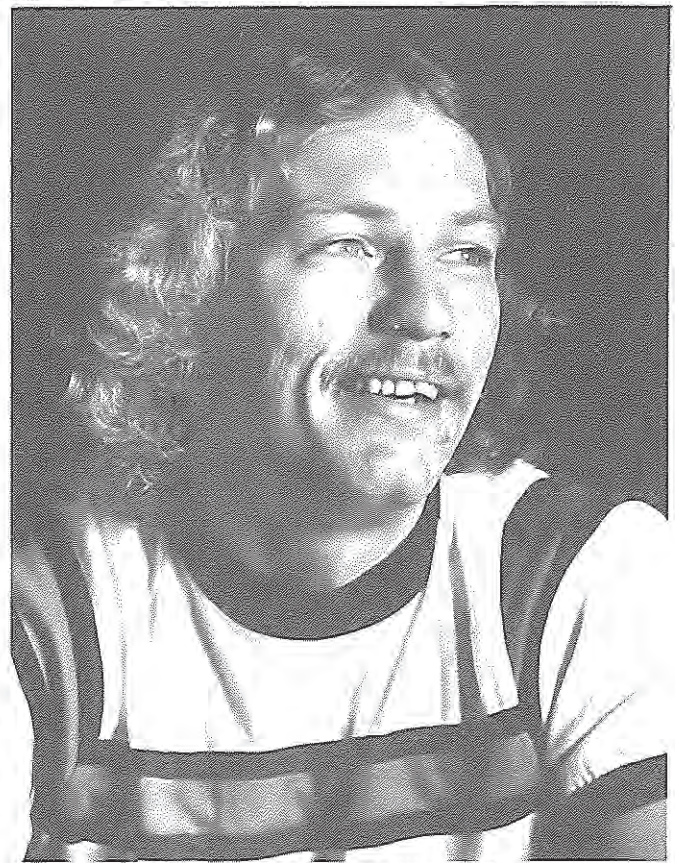
"Look at him, he's 45 years old and he's still running with guys less than half his age, and beating them."

Springsteen credits living in Michigan, with its opportunities for ice racing, for helping him develop that ability.

"All the fast guys are from Michigan," he said. "Look at all of them, Bart Markel, Scott Parker, Garth Brow, Kevin Atherton. When you learn to ride on ice, you learn the limits of a motorcycle — and you learn how to fall."

If not for a mysterious stomach ailment that afflicted him after the 1978 season, there's no telling how many championships Springsteen could have won. After myriad tests, which all proved inconclusive, he put the illness down to nerves.

Springsteen is one of the most popular riders on the dirt track circuit. He has that rare ability to connect with



people that defines celebrity in many walks of life.

John Zwerkin, an AMA rider representative from Michigan's District 14, has been following dirt track racing for 41 years and said Springsteen is perhaps the most popular rider he's ever seen.

"Jay's always been one of the most well-liked people around and there's a reason for that," Zwerkin said. "He's always connected real well with the fans. He'll sign autographs until the last person has left the track and not all the riders will do that."

Parker, winner of nine Grand National championships, said Springsteen influenced his early career when both riders were sponsored by the Harley-Davidson factory team.

"When I was coming up, he was at the top of the totem pole," Parker said. "You could say he kind of took me under his wing and showed me around."

There's no telling when Springsteen will finally hang up his helmet, but he does intend to be a little more choosy about which races he runs.

"I'll probably be more selective," he said. "Like the race in Peoria (Ill.), it's a TT with right turns, left turns and a jump. I'm old school, I try to keep both wheels on the ground."

Zwerkin can't imagine a Grand National circuit without Springsteen.

"Usually guys his age are over the hill," he said. "But not Springer, he's far from that. The kid's never lost it, he just keeps getting better with age."

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Don Reid

His Scoring Feat Still Ranks No. 1

To most people who have followed the career of Don Reid, it was the most memorable moment they can think of. For Don Reid himself, it was a night he ended with a sore right arm.

On Feb. 19, 1966, Reid poured in a Flint-area single-game record 61 points to lead Flint St. Mary to an 84-69 victory over Sacred Heart.

While the record that Reid eclipsed stood for only four days, his is a mark that still stands today.

The previous week, Larry Smith of Holy Redeemer had scored 47 points. Reid's teammates got together and decided he could do better.

The result was an amazing night. Reid hit 24 field goals and was 13-for-17 from the free-throw line.

"I was lucky to score 61 points in my final home game as a senior," Reid said. "That was just the case of my teammates joining together and feeding me the ball. My arm was pretty tired by the second half."

Despite being a unanimous all-state selection for two years in basketball, Reid was hardly a one-sport wonder. He starred for four years in football, basketball and baseball and was named All-Flint Area Parochial Conference 12 times. He was also named Class D All-State three times in both football and basketball.

In addition to holding the single-game scoring record, Reid is second in area career scoring with 2,121 points.

"In general, the best memories I have from St. Mary was the opportunity to be able to play all the sports," Reid said. "There was one spring I don't think I ever went to practice. I played baseball, golf, track. It was a lot of fun.

"And we had some outstanding games with St. Matt's, they were our archrival. To get a win against them in any sport was big for us."

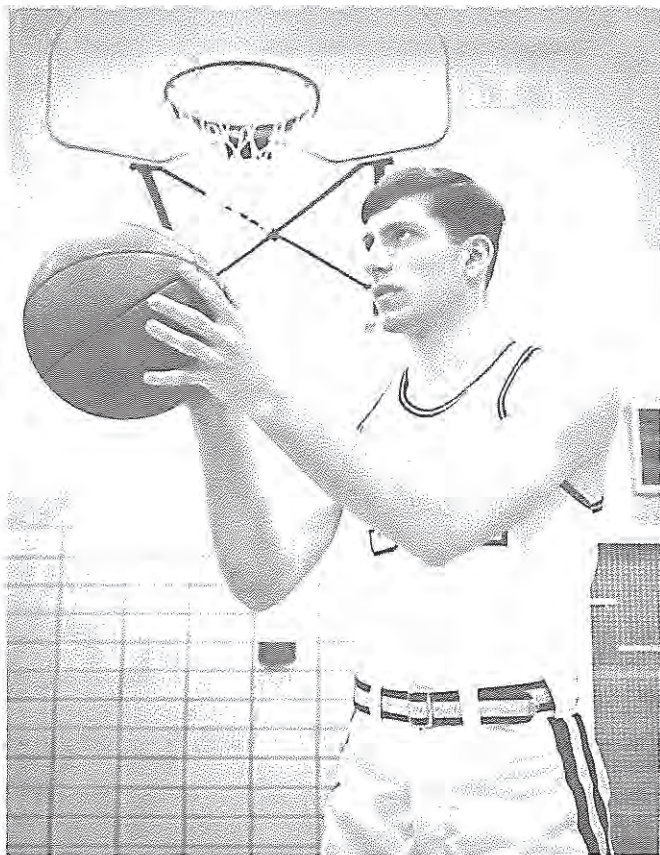
After his stellar prep career, the college offers poured in. But there was only one place he wanted to go: Notre Dame.

"I guess you can call it a dream come true," Reid said. "I know that's how I described it when I accepted my scholarship. I guess it's something every Catholic boy dreams about."

Reid entered Notre Dame in 1966 as a quarterback after being recruited by the legendary Ara Parseghian. But there were two standout quarterbacks ahead of him — Terry Hanratty and Coley O'Brien — and Reid knew his chances to play were at another position.

Reid moved to defensive back where he was good enough to make the traveling squad as a sophomore (freshmen were ineligible at the time).

The highlight for Reid's career at Notre Dame came during his junior season when the Irish played Southern Cal and Heisman Trophy winner O.J. Simpson.



"It was O.J.'s last collegiate game and we held him to 58 yards," Reid told *The Flint Journal* in 1982. "It was the only time in his college career he didn't get 100 or more yards."

The caper on Reid's career came when he started in the 1970 Cotton Bowl.

"In the mid-60s Notre Dame was just coming back into national power with Parseghian as the coach," Reid remembers. "I ended up playing three years there."

It wasn't just athletics that made Reid's time in South Bend, Ind., memorable. He met his wife, Bev, in South Bend. She was a student at St. Mary's College. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in South Bend a week before graduation.

Reid's daughter, Meredith, continued the family tradition by graduating from Notre Dame in 1993. His son, Connor, graduated last year from Michigan State.

"The whole family still follows Notre Dame," he said. "There are still a lot of people from Notre Dame that we see."

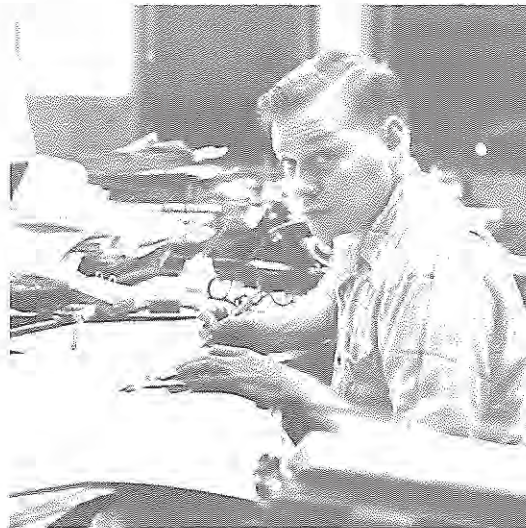
At age 53, Reid spends most of his time these days on the golf course. He retired from Delphi Automotive in June after 30 years and nine months.

With everything he's accomplished in his athletic career, Reid is still humbled by his selection into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"Seeing all of the people who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, some of my peers included. I consider it an outstanding honor."

Congratulations ***Len Hoyes***

**In honor of your 51 years
(and still counting!)
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With all our love, respect and admiration,
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Matthew, Elizabeth and Claire***

Special Service Award

Len Hoyes

Len Hoyes has seen a lot of firsts in his 52 years as a sports writer for The Flint Journal.

Atwood Stadium was the first field in Michigan to get artificial turf, he was the first reporter to cover the Buick Open as well as the Flint Generals, and the first Booth Newspapers correspondent to cover the Detroit Red Wings fulltime.

He saw Whaley and Broome parks as they were built and watched Ballenger Field House, Wildanger Field House, Nap LaVoie Field House and IMA Sports Arena rise from the ground.

He also saw the advent of girls' sports in the area.

Oh yeah, he happened to be a founding member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

It was the people, however, that Hoyes came into contact with through sports that led to his being selected to receive the Special Service Award from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

And, oh, did Hoyes come into contact with a lot of people.

For example, of all the members of the Hall of Fame, Hoyes has covered more than 86 percent of them.

"Counting the nine individuals going into the hall this year there are 165 and I've written about 143 of them," he said.

Born in the hard-coal country of Blakely, in northeastern Pennsylvania, the 75-year-old Hoyes decided at an early age he wouldn't be mining coal for a living. His father was killed in the mines when he was 12 and he became determined to get away from the area.

After serving in the Army during World War II, he attended Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. Hoyes worked briefly in Niles, Ohio, before joining The Flint Journal's sports staff in October 1950.

He's worked under three sports editors in his years at The Journal. Current sports editor Dave Poniers



has been at the post for 22 years and said Hoyes' dedication is what stood out to him.

"He always put the job first," Poniers said. "He never considered any job too small. He was willing to do anything he could do to serve the readership of this paper."

Putting his job first is what Don Waddell remembers best about Hoyes.

Waddell was a player with the original Generals and a player, coach and general manager of the Flint Spirits. He's now the general manager of the Atlanta Thrashers of the NHL.

"One of the biggest things that stands out to me is that a couple of years we didn't have a very good team," Waddell said. "Len obviously had an obligation to do his job and if we played poorly and we deserved to be hammered in the paper, he hammered us, so he was very fair."

"He would walk in my office, and he would always have a smile on his face. We could lose 5-0 and he'd point out three good things that happened. By the time he was done with his interview he'd have me back in a good mood."

Even since his retirement in November 1992, Hoyes has continued

to work Friday nights on the sports desk, taking phone calls, collecting statistics and writing up game stories about the myriad high school games which take place each week.

That stands in stark contrast to the area high school sports scene when he arrived in Flint.

"Hey, you've got to remember, half of Flint was still a farm," Hoyes said.

"When I started here, there were two Class A schools, Central and Northern. There were five teams in the City Parochial League and we covered no high schools outside of Genesee County.

"I was lucky though, I had Michael Gorman as the editor of the Journal, Frank J. Manley was the head of the Flint Community Schools program, Guy Houston was at Northern and Tom Smith was at St. Michael's. All these men were super people with a lot of integrity. I don't know if they were my mentors, but I absorbed a lot through osmosis."

Hoyes and his wife of 46 years, Luann, have two children, John and Elizabeth and three grandchildren, Claire, Courtney and Jacob.

"She put up with an awful lot, and I credit her with raising our children as good citizens," Hoyes said of Luann.

Retired Judge Thomas Yeotis remembers Hoyes as someone who helped him in his fledgling law career.

"He helped my legal career. I'd come home on weekends to play City League basketball and he'd call me an aspiring lawyer from Wayne State in his stories," Yeotis said. "And he didn't care what the level of the game, whether it was for a Saginaw Valley Championship or just a City League game, he always covered them the same."

Although he is officially retired, it's not likely Hoyes will quit working on the sports scene until he's simply unable.

"I still feel young," he said. "As long as you feel young, you might as well do what you want to do."

Congratulations Tom Yeotis

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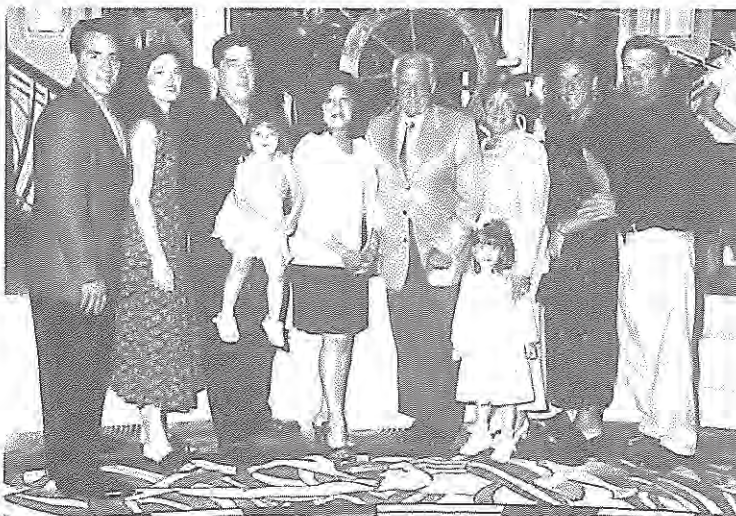


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Pfeiffer's Beer Basketball 1957-58



Coach Ken Palmer (second from left) and his Pfeiffer's players receive the championship trophy following the 1958 Michigan Recreation Association tournament. The Pfeiffer's roster beginning to Palmer's left: John Markland, Bob Zintek, Tom Yeotis, Nick Manych, Joe Roberson, Stan Tomczyk, Leroy Middleton, Don Butcher and Nick Pappadakis.

A Mixture of Brains and Brawn

They were sponsored by a brewing company, but you wouldn't call these guys a beer team.

Of the nine players on the Pfeiffer's Beer basketball roster of 1957-58, four held master's degrees and three had Ph.Ds.

In later life they would hold jobs as judge, circuit court administrator, college president, teacher, high school principal and athletic director at a major university.

"That was probably the most educated team ever," said retired Circuit Judge Tom Yeotis, a lawyer at the time he played forward for Pfeiffer's.

But they could also play basketball, as evidenced by their state championship in 1958. Once they got out of the Flint City League, the Brewers were rarely challenged in going 5-0 in the Michigan Recreation Association tournament.

They beat the Kalamazoo Teamsters 84-72 for the title on March 29, 1958.

They were a team of good size and shooting ability, and had been together for several years under different sponsorships, winning the City Class AA championship as Bob Harvey Insurance in 1956.

Under the Pfeiffer's label in 1957-58, they started slowly, standing 5-5 at midseason. But they went 8-2 over the second half, tied for second place and won the league playoffs.

And then they picked up Joe Roberson.

The 6-foot-7 Roberson had been on the roster all season but was not available (no one can remember why) until the Brewers were playing regular-season champ Roberts TV in a best-of-3 series for the overall City crown.

"We always had a good team, but Roberson put us over the top," said Nick Pappadakis, the shortest player on the team at 5-9 but the second-highest scorer at 17 points per game. "We had five guys who could score 20 any night, and once we got him, there was just no way anybody was going to beat us."

Roberson was one year out of Flint Junior College, where he set the career scoring record at 25.4 points per game. He bolstered a team led by burly, 6-5 power forward Nick Manych, hot-shooting guards John Markland and Pappadakis and the towering front-line strength of 6-5 Stan Tomczyk, 6-4 Leroy Middleton, 6-3

Don Butcher, the 6-3 Yeotis and 6-2 Bob Zientek.

Somehow they managed to share the ball, because all of them were good shooters. Manych (17.1 ppg), Pappadakis and Markland (10.8) averaged in double figures, and Middleton, Zientek, Yeotis and Butcher were all in the 7-8 point range, with plenty of double-digit nights during the regular season.

Tomczyk had been a scoring star in an Ann Arbor league, but he soon learned his role with Pfeiffer's.

"I think they just wanted someone to rebound and throw them the ball," he said. "They knew when Joe got a rebound, he wasn't going to pass it out.

"I remember Stan was very good at throwing me the ball," Roberson returned.

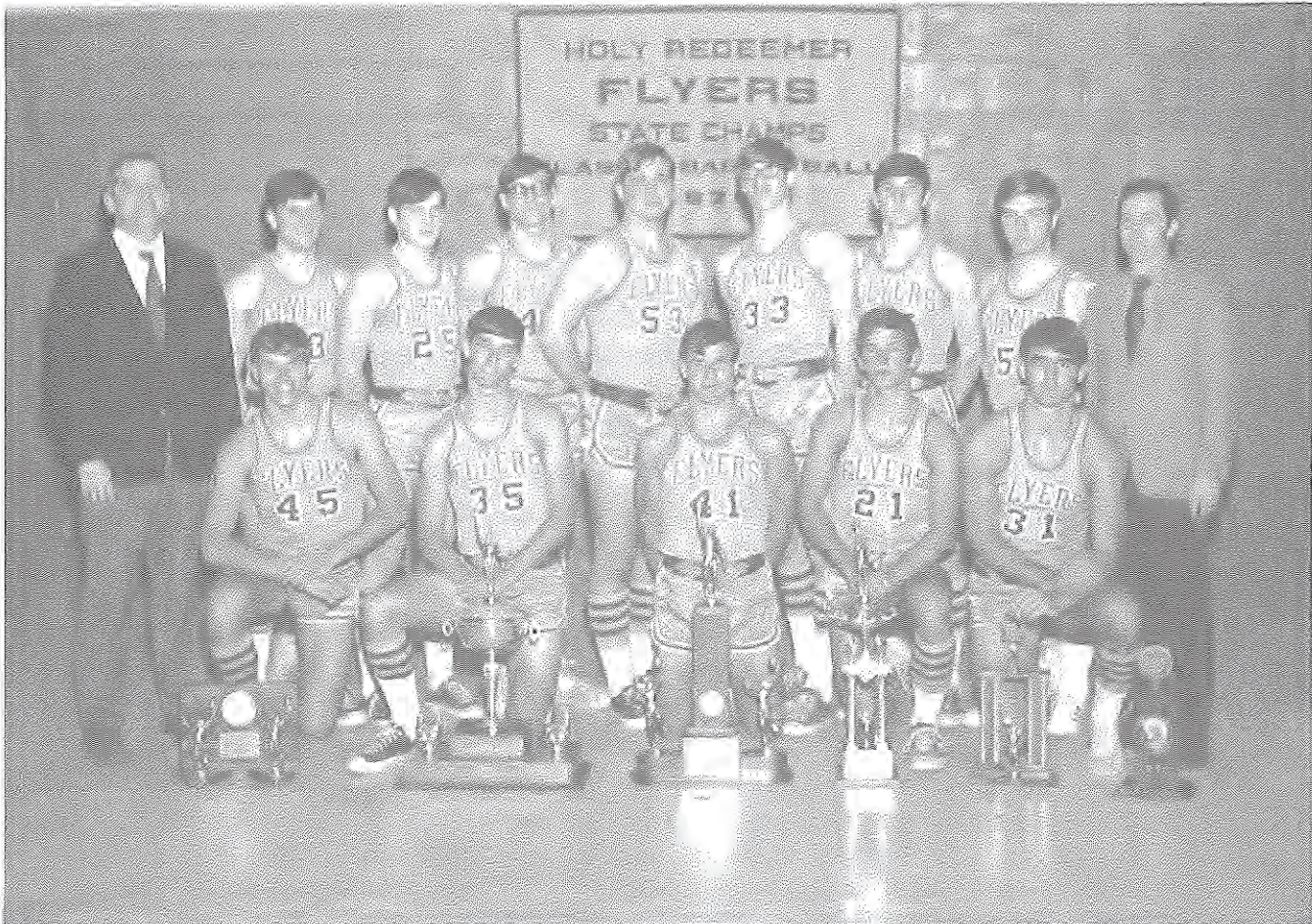
They started shakily in the show-down series with Roberts, winning the opener 86-85 on Markland's line drive one-hander with nine seconds left, and then losing the second game 77-71.

But in the rubber game Markland and Pappadakis had 22 points each and Roberson 20 in an 83-73 win.

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Redeemer Reigns Forever

In its last season of existence, the Holy Redeemer Basketball Team finally reached the pinnacle of success: the *State Championship*. A strong regular season performance built the foundations for the tournament run. Swartz Creek Holiday Tournament and FAPC Championships highlighted the season. The Flyers fought back from large second-half deficits in each of the three state tourney games for near-miraculous victories. A stunning last shot by Bob Hooks in the finals brought us a fitting end – *the fulfillment of a dream*.

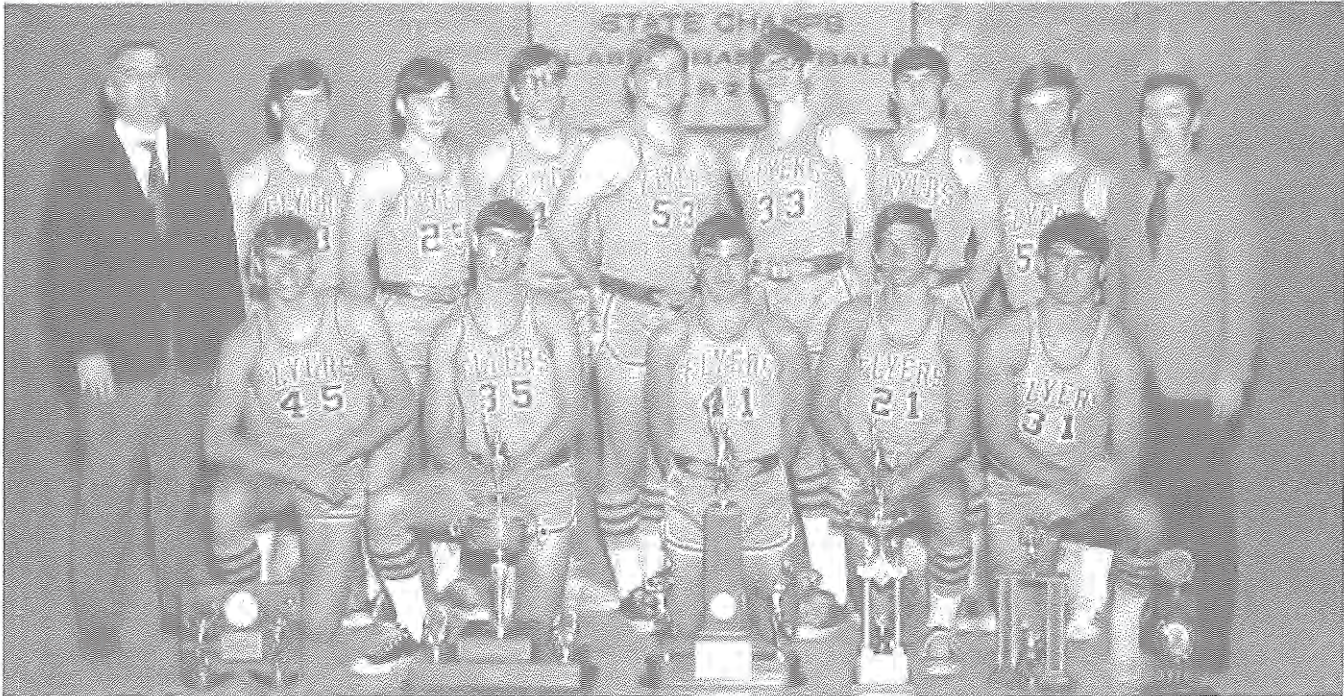


PORTRAIT OF OUR STATE CHAMPIONS: From left, back row: Assistant Coach Fred Rademacher, Steve Peltier, Larry Blondin, Al Weigandt, Dan Walker, Joe Martinbianco, Ken Ward, Joe Richvalsky, and "Coach of the Year" Pat McDevitt. Front row starters: Tom Martinbianco (FAPC Honorable Mention); Bob McAra (All-State, FAPC 1st Team); Bob Hooks (FAPC 2nd Team); Mike Rekowski (FAPC 1st Team); Tom Delanoy (FAPC 3rd Team).

Congratulations on your induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame! You have blessed us with great basketball, wonderful memories, and we are proud of your accomplishments in life. May you continue to be blessed in your lives always.

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Families of the 1970 Holy Redeemer State Basketball Team*

Holy Redeemer Basketball 1969-70



Holy Redeemer's 1970 State Class D champion basketball team standing from left: Fred Rademacher, assistant coach; Steve Peltier, Larry Blondin, Al Weigandt, Dan Walker, Joe Martinbianco, Ken Ward, Joe Richvalsky, Pat McDevitt, head coach. Front row from left: Tom Martinbianco, Bob McAra, Bob Hooks, Mike Rekowski, Tom Delanoy.

Attention to Detail Earned Ultimate Reward

It's supposed to be every young basketball player's fantasy — the final seconds ticking away, a championship on the line and the ball in your hands.

But to hear them tell it, neither Bob Hooks nor Bob McAra wanted that opportunity in the Class D state title game of 1970.

With their Holy Redeemer team in a 60-60 tie with Kingsley and less than 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the two leading scorers on the team were treating the ball like a burning coal.

"I was trying to get rid of the ball to Hooks, and he was trying to get rid of the ball to me," said McAra, the Flyers' All-State guard and leading scorer.

"We were passing it back and forth — I'm not taking it, you take it. No, I'm not taking it, you take it.

"Finally, I think he saw it in my eyes — 'Shoot the ball. It's time.' "

So it was Hooks who launched the 20-foot basket from outside the top of

the foul circle with two seconds left that gave the Flyers a 62-60 victory and made Holy Redeemer a state champion in its final year of existence.

The title, the storybook finish and the Flyers' 22-2 record have earned that team a berth in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Nearly 32 years later, Hooks remembers the crowning moment just like McAra does.

"I passed the ball over to him at the top of the key and, doggone it, he passed it back," Hooks said. "I wasn't feeling real confident, so I threw it back to him, and the son of a gun threw it back again.

"As he threw it, I was moving forward and their two guards came up in front of me. It wasn't a straight-up jump shot. I tried to lean into one of them to draw a foul. But they backed off and the shot hit nothing but net."

Joe Falls of the Detroit Free Press called it a 'lunging' shot and wrote that "Hooks looked like he was going

for first-down yardage."

It was an appropriate analogy because the Holy Redeemer team of 1969-70 was a collection of burly football players who relied more on muscle than height, fundamentals over flash and defense over offense.

"We trusted each other, we were close and we didn't really have that superstar like a lot of teams have," said McAra, the team captain.

"We played together and played great defense. Defense and team ball will win you a lot of games and championships."

The starting five were all seasoned seniors who shared the scoring load and monopolized the playing time.

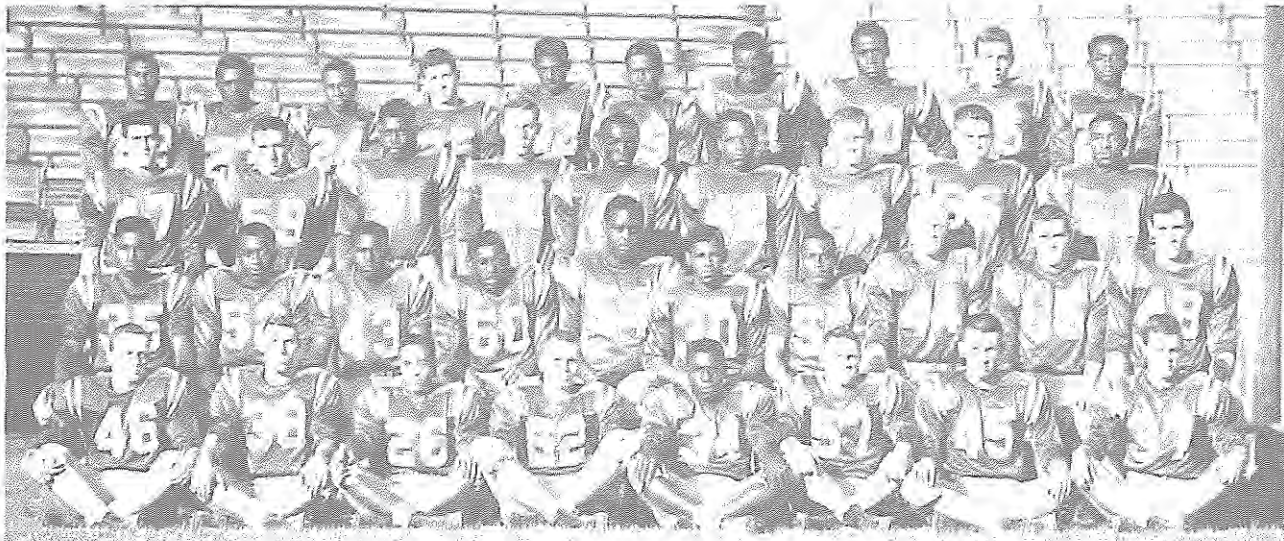
McAra averaged 17.4 points per game and Hooks 14.5. Mike Rekowski (11.2) joined McAra in the backcourt and set school assist records for a game (11) and season (152). Forward Tom Delanoy (12.3 ppg) hit a school-record 74.1 percent of his free throws, and 6-2 center Tom *continued*
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Flint Northern Community High School



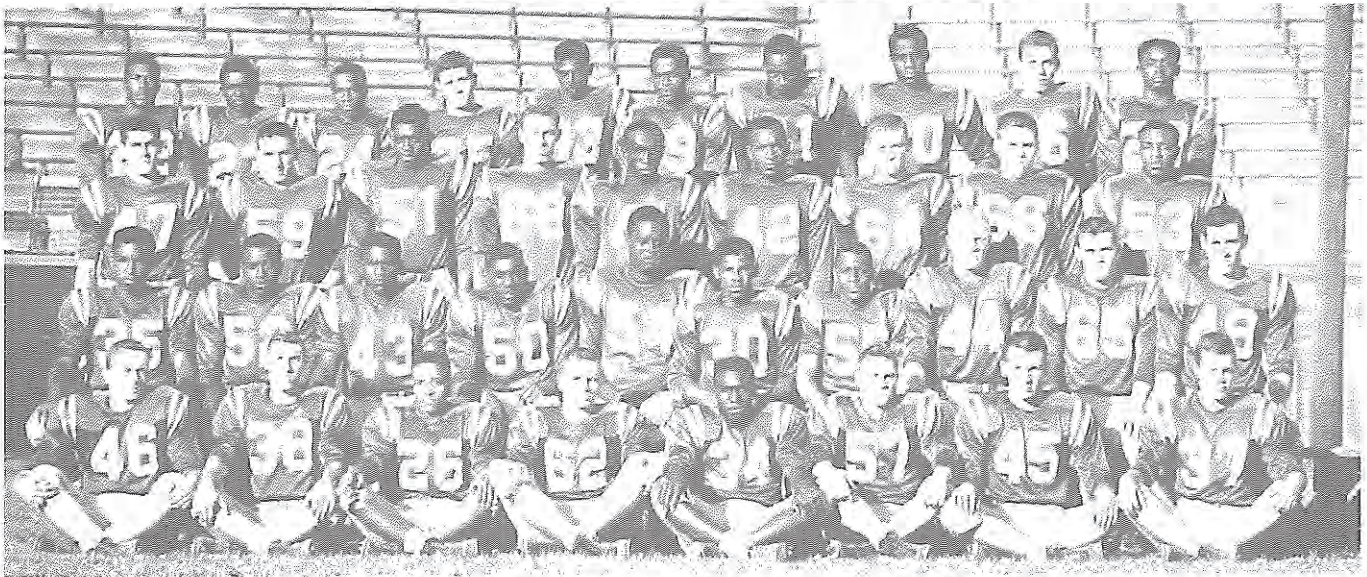
SALUTES OUR 1956 FOOTBALL TEAM



Clyde Bell
Principal

Buddy Kimura
Athletic Director

Flint Northern Football 1956



Members of Northern High's 1956 undefeated football team from left: (front row) Tom Riutta (46), Jim Stimson (38), Howard Brown (26), Jerry Anderson (62), John Sharp (34), Larry Wright (57), Wayne Collard (45), Fred Paul (37); (second row) A.J. Williams (35), Leonard Marks (52), Arden Relerford (43), Ron Warren (50), Wilbur Aaron (54), Ken Waters (30), Frank Williams (56), Al Miller (44), Jim Penrod (65), Ron Goldstein (48); (third row) Jerry Nagy (47), Jim Boulton (59), Elvin Wright (51), Jerry Piesko (68), John Dennis (41), Clifford Carr (42), Jack Erwin (64), Rob Murphy (66), Willie Junior (53); (top row) Lawrence Collins (22), Sylvester Holt (23), Fred Waters (24), Bob Arnold (25), Phil Gaines (33), Richard Brown (29), Ernest Rison (40), Ken Paul (36), Gene McFadden (28). There were four other players who were either not in this picture or were unable to be identified. They are L.J. Muddy (27), Larry Arnold (49), Eddie Roberts (60) and Arnold Riggs (63).

Vikings Made It Look Easy Disposing Of All Challengers to State Title

Nobody today plays the kind of football schedule Northern High faced in 1956.

In their nine-game season, the Vikings met and defeated six teams ranked in the state polls, two of them were No. 1 when they played Northern.

To draw a comparison, it would be like a college team today playing Nebraska, Miami of Florida, Oklahoma, Florida, Tennessee and Michigan — and beating them all.

When the season ended, the 9-0 Vikings were No. 1 in all polls and had handed the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 teams their only loss of the year.

The 1956 squad is the fourth Northern football team to join the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, and the latest inductees are quick to com-

pare themselves to their predecessors.

"They talk about the 1950 Northern team, but with all due respect, they beat Arthur Hill on the last play of the game," observed '56 co-captain Al Miller.

The '56 team needed no such last-second heroics, outscoring its foes 263-67 and shutting out four teams in a row. In what should have been their toughest game of the season, the Vikings routed No. 1 Ann Arbor 33-0, ending the Pioneers' 40-game unbeaten streak.

"You hear talk about the (Leroy) Boiden and (Ellis) Duckett days, but what this team accomplished was truly amazing," said right guard Ken Paul, who became a starter when Jerry Andersen was injured in midseason.

In fact, it was Northern's tradition that made the '56 state championship possible.

After the 1955 team went 1-5-3 for the worst record in school history, principal and former coach Guy Houston bolstered Andy MacDonald's staff with additional assistants.

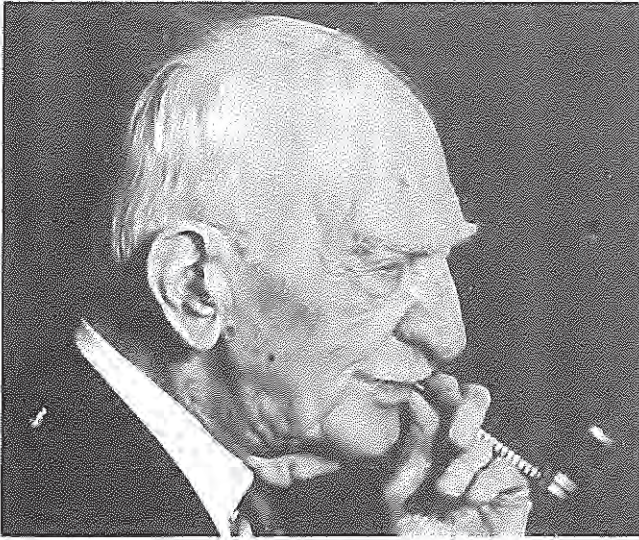
"They just weren't used to losing," said left tackle Wayne Collard. "Guy Houston was not going to allow the tradition he had established to fade into mediocrity.

"All of a sudden we had a lot more coaches on the field, and we were broken down into smaller units. Practice was a lot more individualized."

The talent was already there. John Sparks was a state quarter-mile champion, and Phil Gaines and Arden

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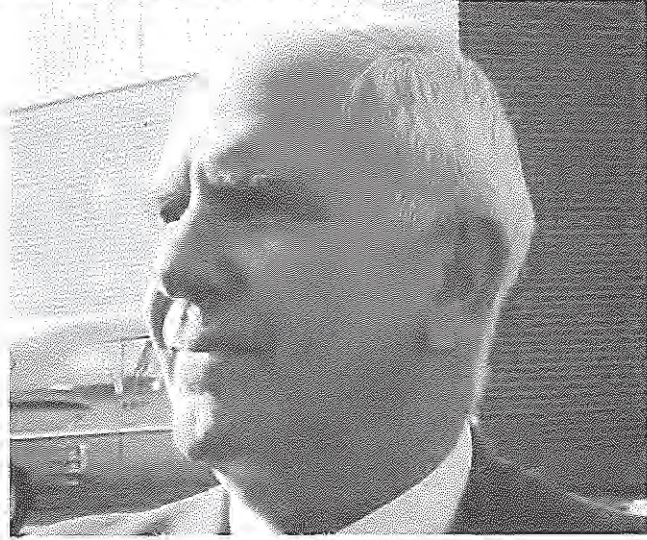
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



1980

CHARLES STEWART MOTT

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

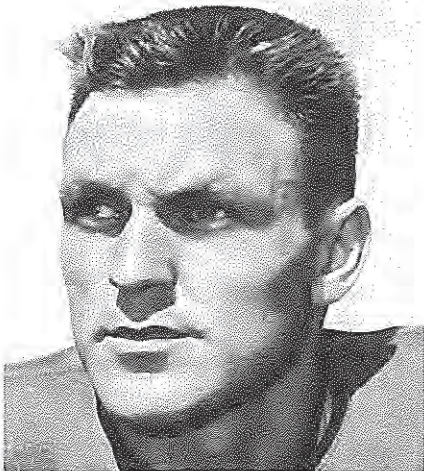


1980

FRANK MANLEY, SR.

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

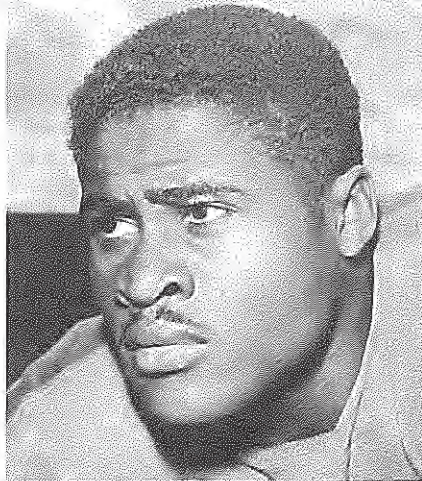
Inductees in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



1980

LYNN CHANDNOIS

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



1980

DON COLEMAN

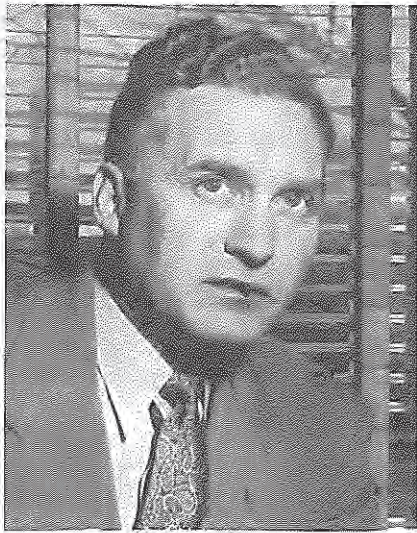
Considered by many to be the greatest player in Michigan State University history, tackle Coleman was a unanimous All-American. He also was elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1975. All-City, All-Saginaw Valley, All-State, Coleman was especially honored when his Michigan State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



1980

JENNIE WEISS

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



**1980
LLOYD BRAZIL**

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



**1980
PAUL KRAUSE**

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



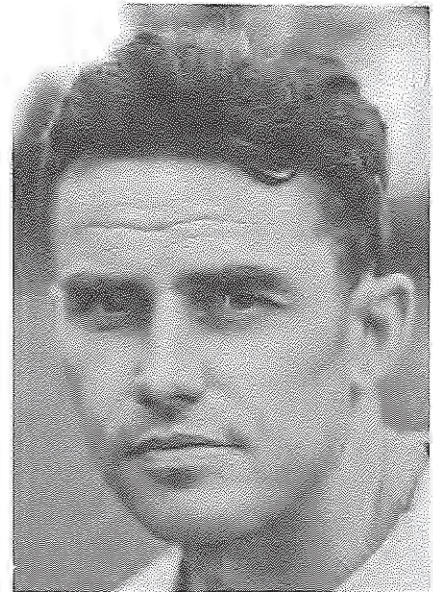
**1980
STEVE BYSCO**

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



**1980
GUY HOUSTON**

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



**1980
TOM SMITH**

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

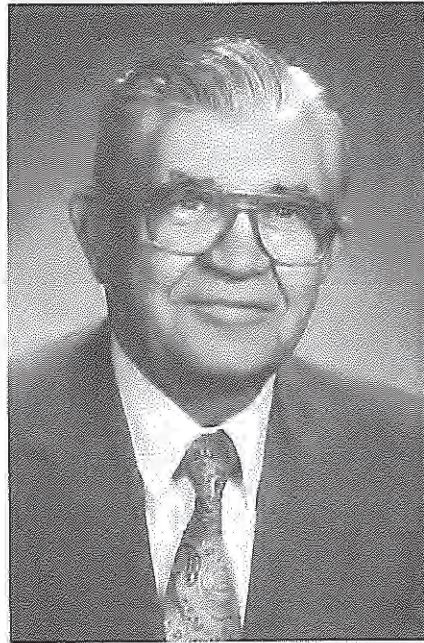
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1981

MERV RETTENMUND

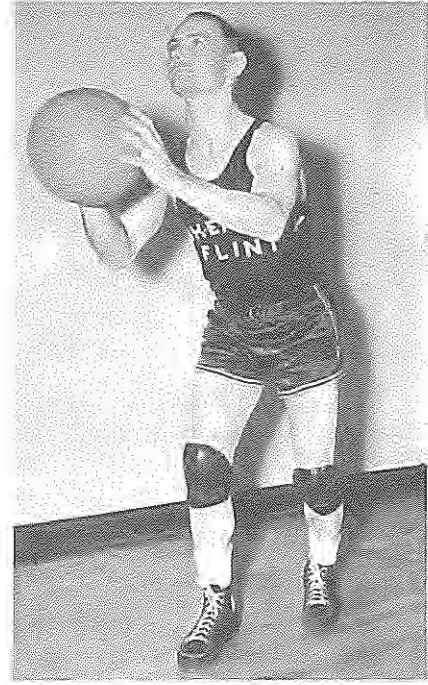
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



1981

**Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

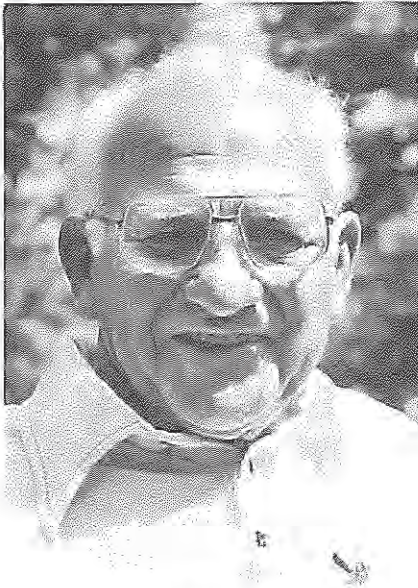
His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



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

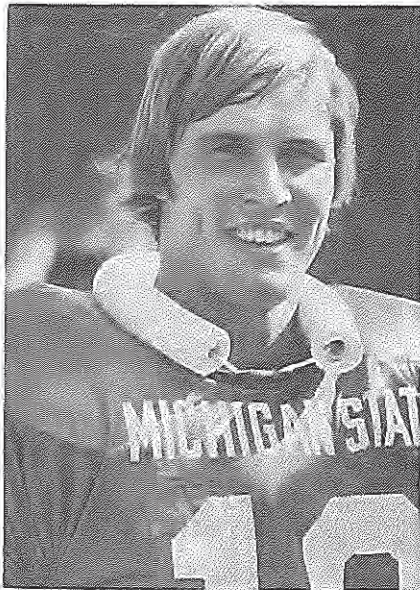
DOUG BLOM

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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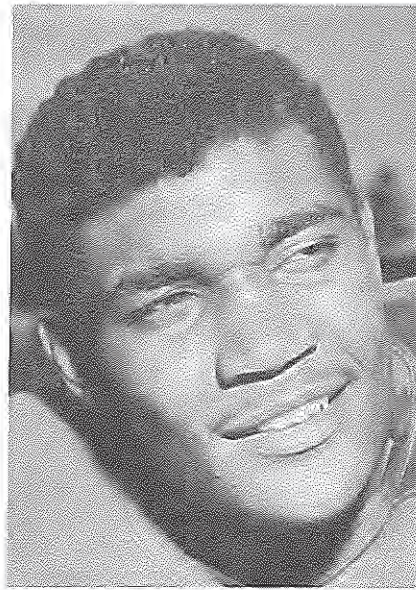
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**1981
BRAD VAN PELT**

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.



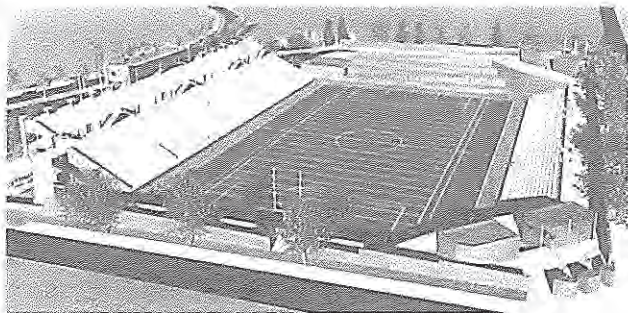
**1981
CLARENCE PEAKS**

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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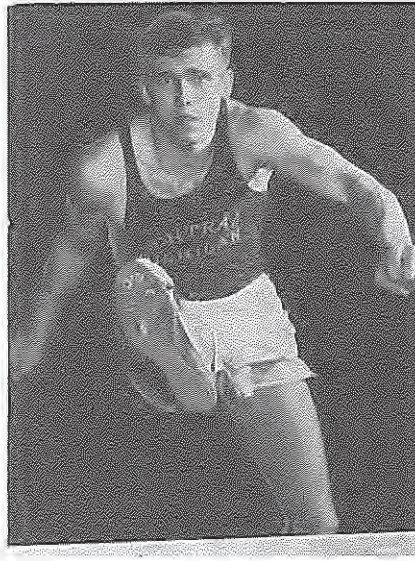
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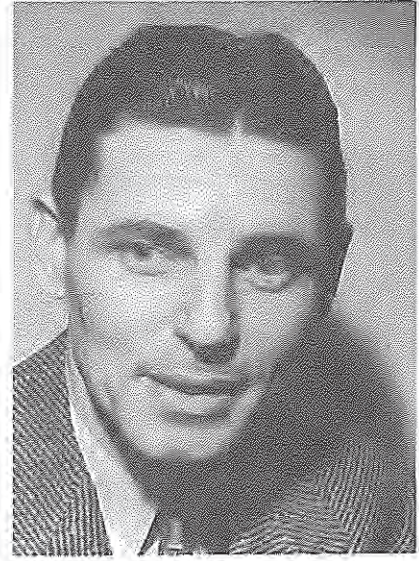
**1982
FRED TROSKO**

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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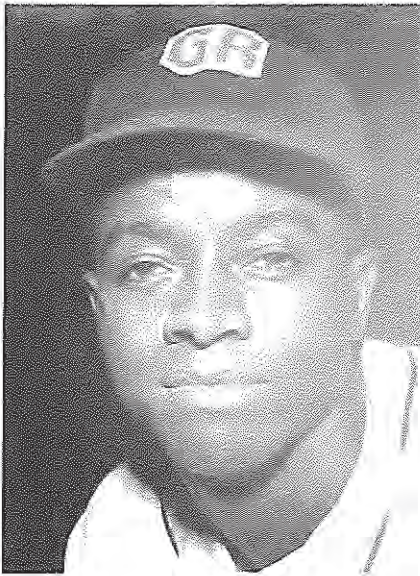
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DAVE HOSKINS

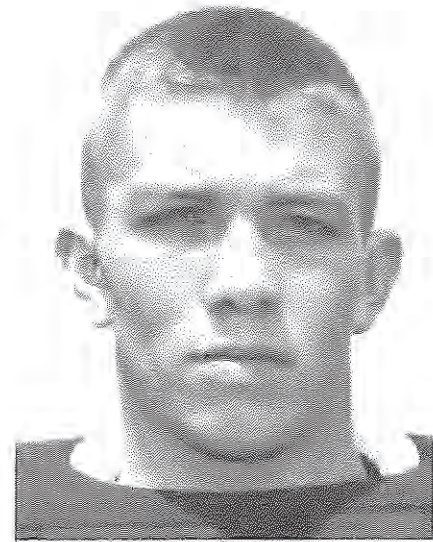
The first black athlete to compete in the Central and Texas Leagues of professional baseball, Hoskins went on to pitch for the Cleveland Indians in the American League. He was one of the greatest players ever in Flint's amateur city league, as a pitcher, hitter and outfielder in the 1940's.



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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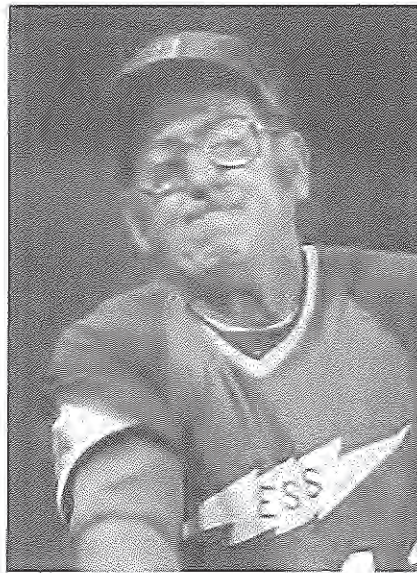
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**1983
PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

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.



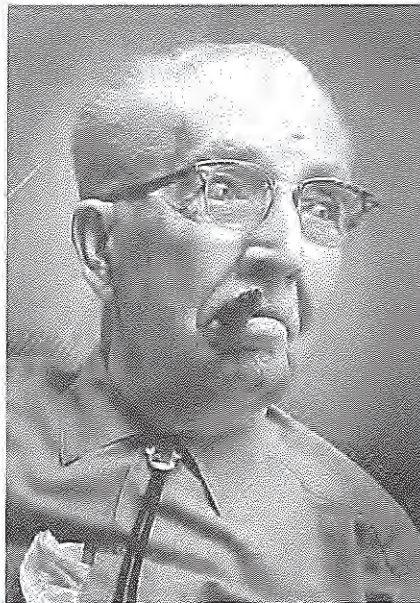
**1983
JIM DOYLE**

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.



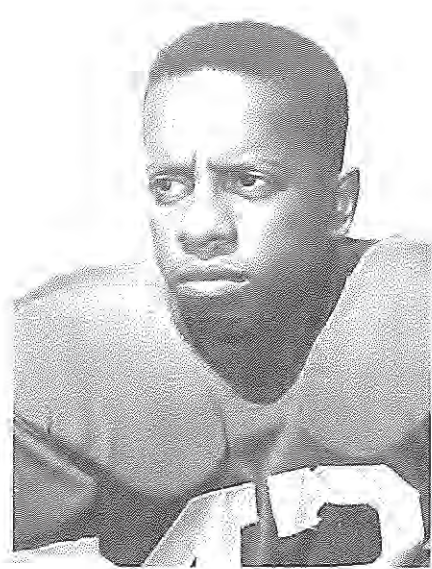
HOWARD GILROY
1984

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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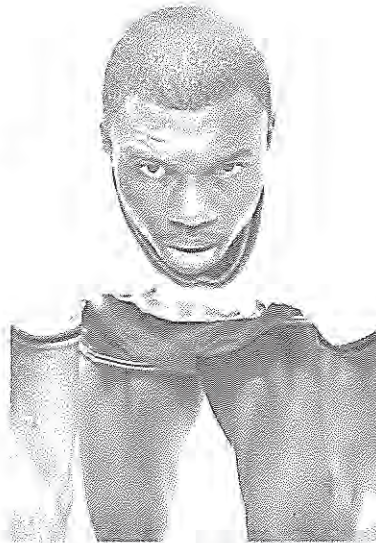
To be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame the first thing that must happen is to be nominated.

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. The GFASHF does much of its own research, but the more information you can provide when nominating someone the better.



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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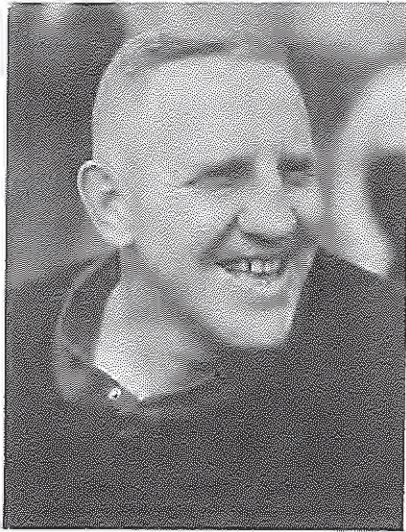


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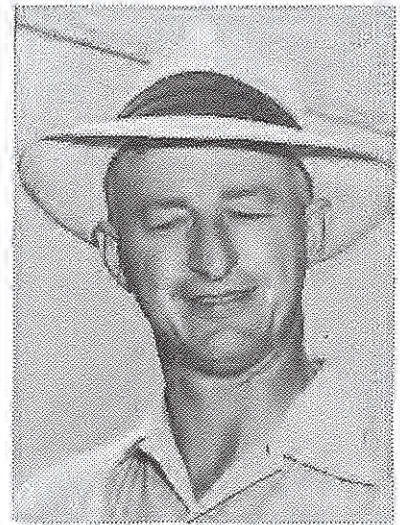
STAN BROOME
Special Service Award
1985

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.



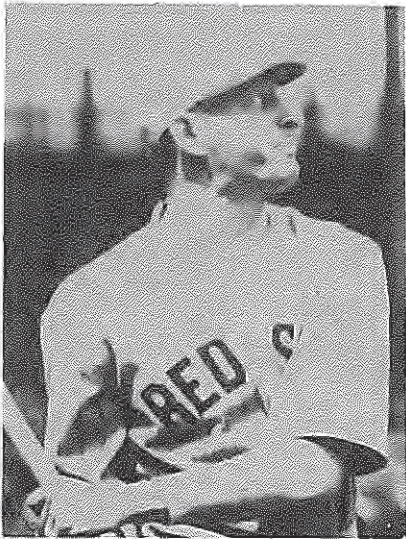
NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
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LaVoie spent 38 years at Flint Central High as a coach and athletic director. He was head football coach and athletic director from 1934-39, before becoming full-time athletic director in 1939. He retired in 1968.



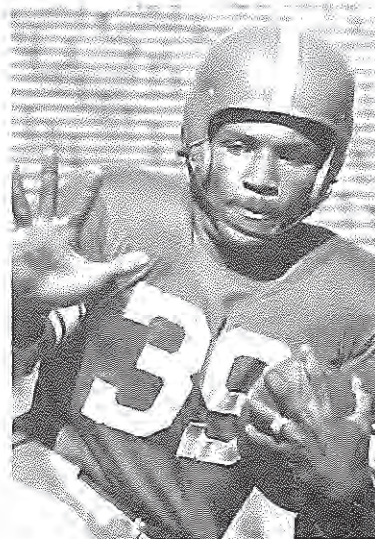
KEN FAILING
1985

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



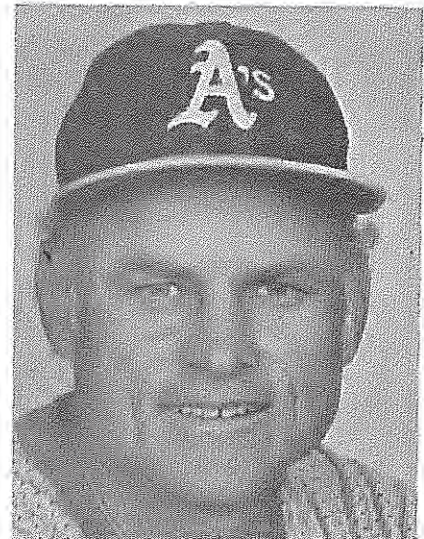
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

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



LEROY BOLDEN
1985

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



STEVE BOROS
1985

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



1986

BILL BARCLAY

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



1986

JEANETTE ROBINSON

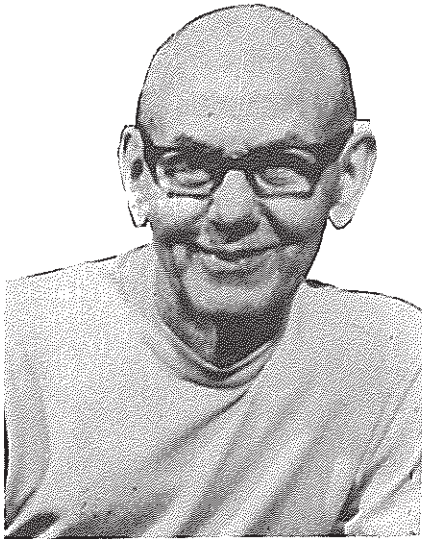
Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



1986

**Special Service Award
BILL MINARDO**

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



1986

OLLIE CRAVEN

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

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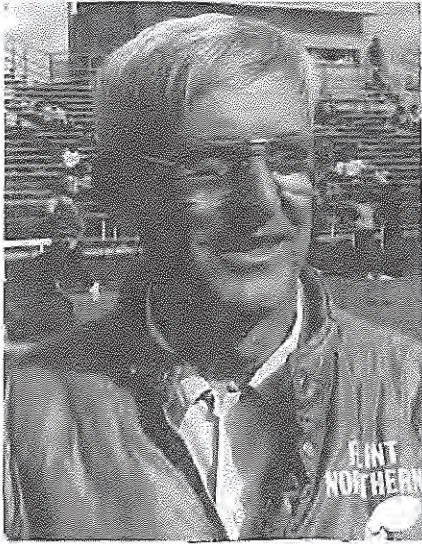
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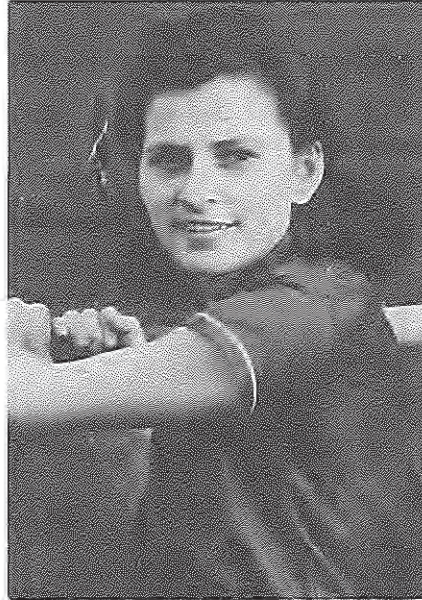




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NORBERT BADAR

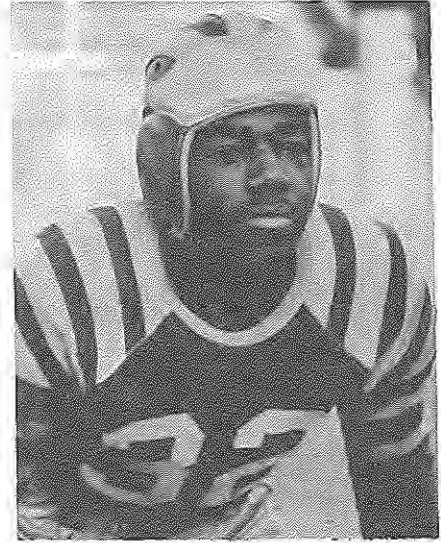
Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



1986

SOPHIE KURYS

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



1986

ELLIS DUCKETT

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

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1987

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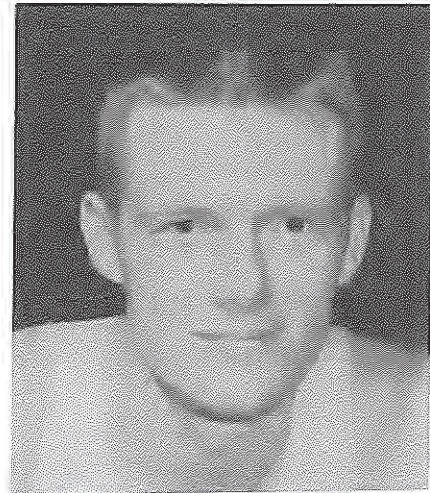
Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



1987

TED PRICHARD

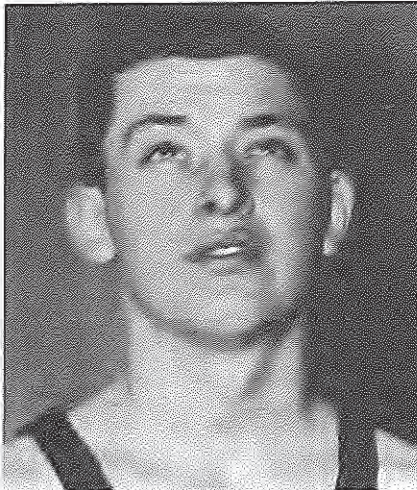
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



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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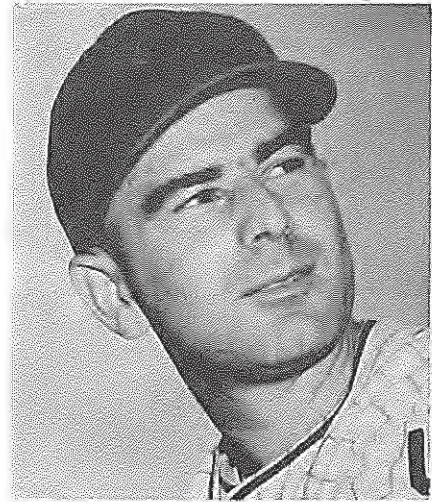
**1987
JO LAKE**

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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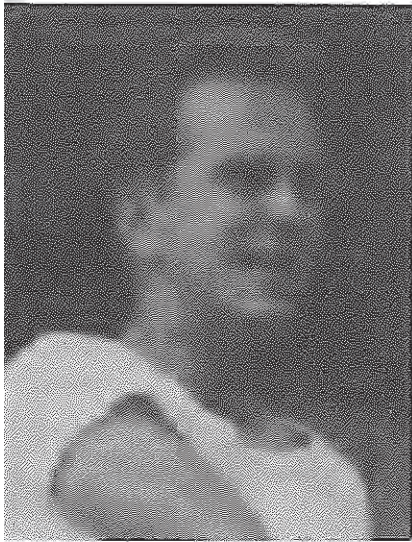
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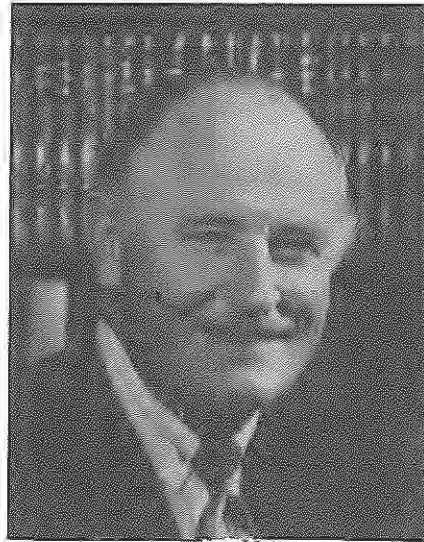
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1988

BOB FLEISCHMANN

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



1988

**J. VINCENT MURPHY
Special Service Award**

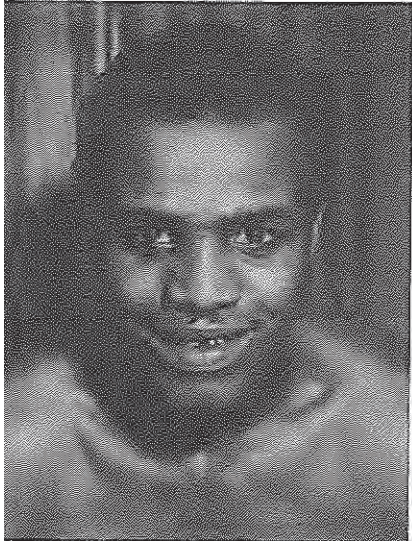
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who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



1988

PETE FUSI

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



1988

BENNIE McCOMBS

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

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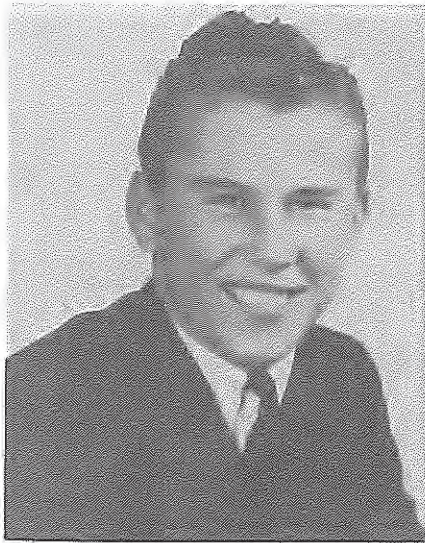
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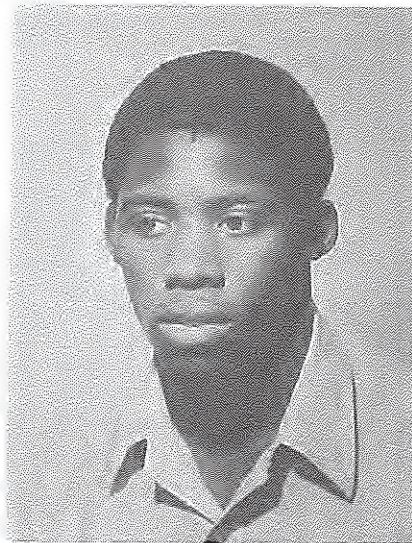
HOWARD AUER

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



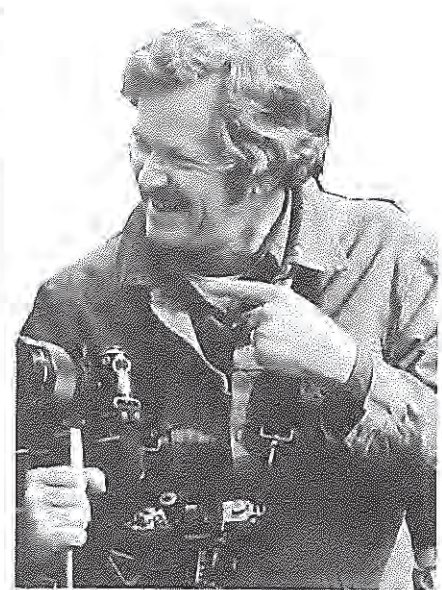
1988
ED KRUPA

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



1988
JOHN MATTHEWS

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



1989
BARRY EDMONDS
Special Service Award

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

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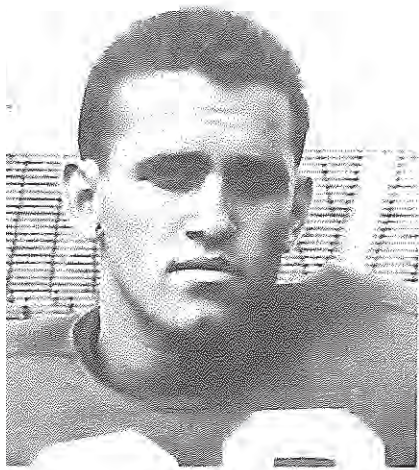
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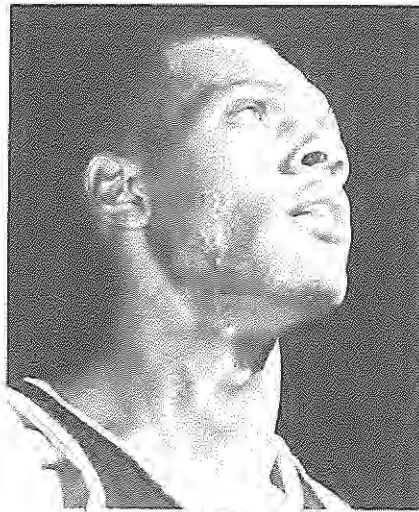
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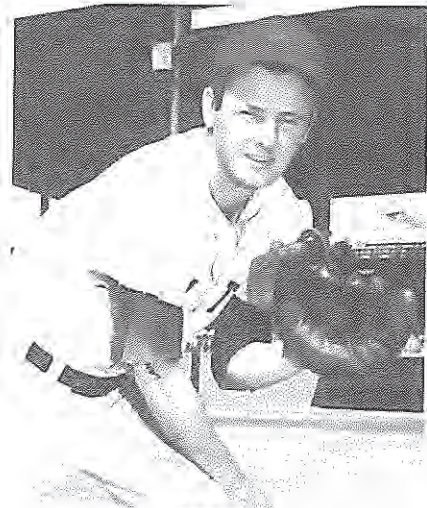
**1989
BOB SUCI**

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.



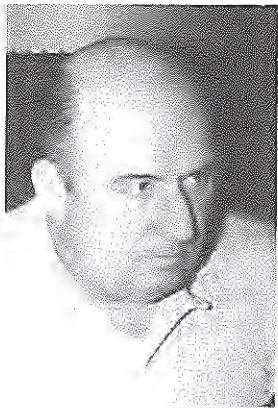
**1989
GENE SUMMERS**

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.



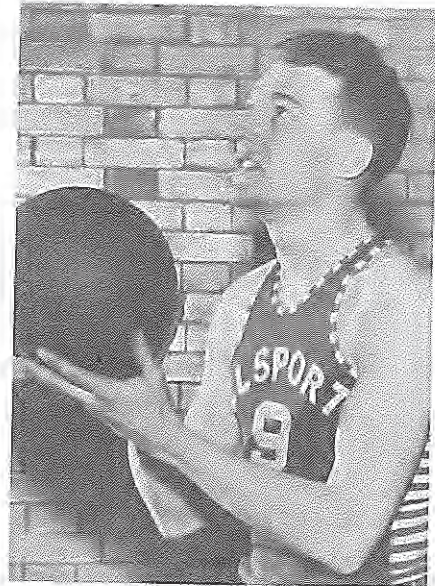
**1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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



**1989
MIKE GOGGINS**

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



**1989
JACK MORSE**

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

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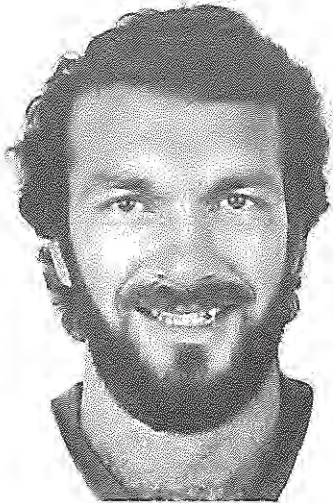
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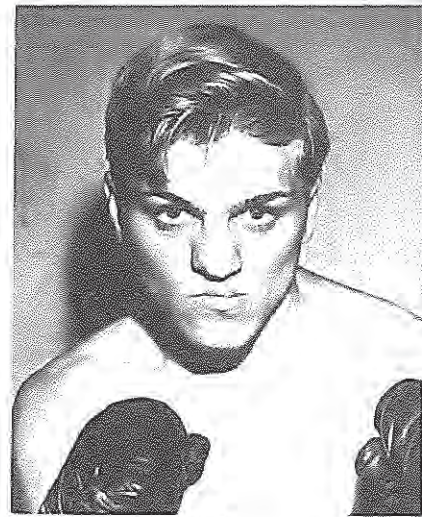
**1990
KEN MORROW**

Morrow was a defenseman on the U.S. hockey team that won the Olympic gold medal in 1980. That same year he joined the New York Islanders of the National Hockey League and helped them to four straight Stanley Cups. He was the Flint area's first NHL player and stayed with the Islanders for 10 seasons. Morrow was an All-American at Bowling Green State University.



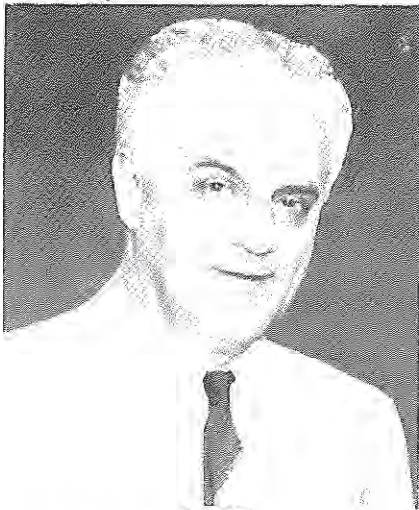
**1990
AL JOHNSON**

Johnson was an All-State center and linebacker at Central High where he starred in football, basketball and track from 1943-46. Johnson was director of basketball, flag football and softball for the Flint Department of Parks and Recreation from 1960-90. He was named Michigan Softball Commissioner of the Year in 1985 by the Michigan Amateur Softball Association.



**1990
JOCK LESLIE**

Leslie was a professional boxer in the featherweight division. He fought for the world championship against Willie Pep at Atwood Stadium in 1947, but lost in the 12th round. His pro record was 58-14-4 with 14 victories by knockout, and he had numerous amateur victories, including the state Golden Gloves championship as a bantamweight.



**1990
MICHAEL A. GORMAN
Special Service Award**

Gorman, who was editor of The Flint Journal from 1928-58, was known as "Flint's Spark Plug." He led the drive to create the College and Cultural Center and to establish a branch of the University of Michigan in Flint. Gorman was a strong supporter of athletic and recreational programs. He was a member of numerous local, state and national organizations.

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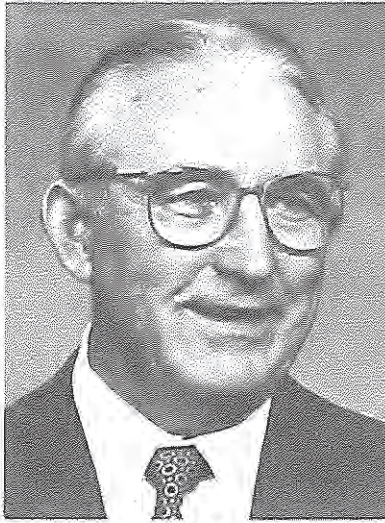


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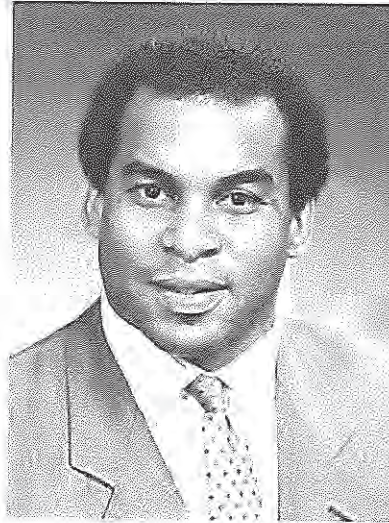
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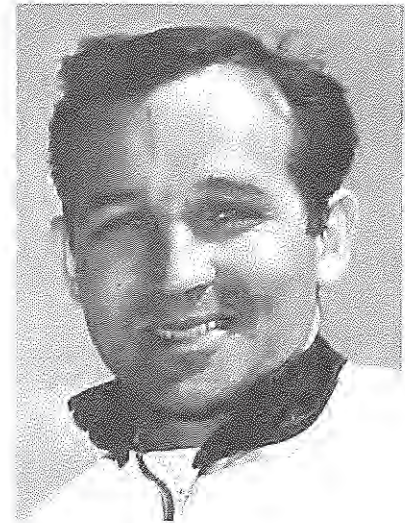
**1990
BOB HARVEY**

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



**1990
REGGIE WILLIAMS**

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



**1990
BART MARKEL**

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

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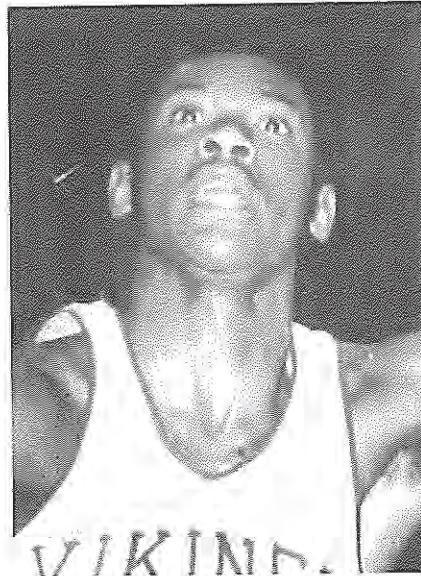
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1991

DENNIS JOHNSON

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



1991

TERRY FURLOW

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



1991

RON PRUITT

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

1991

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



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ANDY MacDONALD

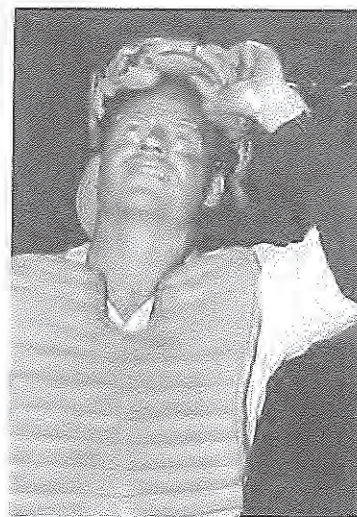
MacDonald was the nation's teaching small-college passer at Central Michigan University in 1950-51 and earned All-American honors. He was head coach at Northern Arizona University from 1956-60 and served as an assistant coach with three NFL teams. At Northern High, he was the quarterback from 1946-48 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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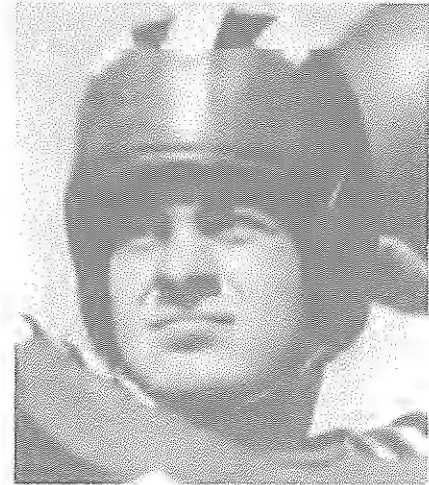
Two-time honorable mention All-American halfback at Michigan State in 1946 and '48. Ranked 13th nationally in total offense at Michigan State after gaining 1,029 yards in 1946. Selected for the 1948 North-South College All-Star football game. Earned All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors after helping 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, 19 as Sports Editor. Twice named Michigan Sports Writer of the Year. Received Meritorious Service Award for outstanding contributions to golf from Michigan Professional Golfers Association. Instrumental in formation of nationally recognized Flint Junior Golf Association. Helped to organize the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame and was inducted himself in 1975.



1992
ANNE McLOGAN-HERMAN

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



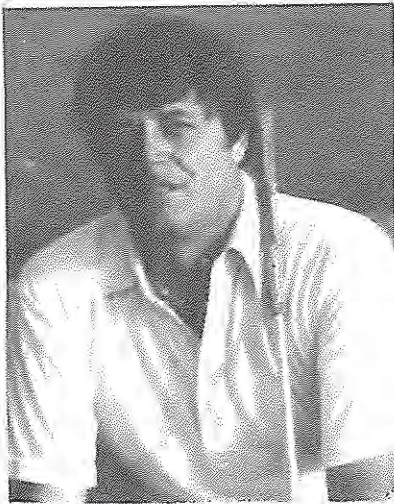
1992
BILL YAMBRICK

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

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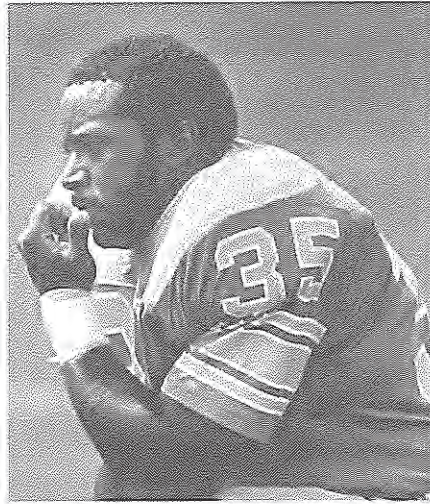
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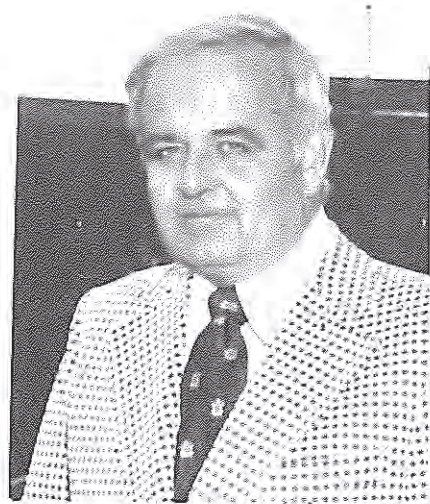
1993

LARRY MANCOUR



1993

BOOKER MOORE



1993

PETE SARK
Special Service

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.

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.

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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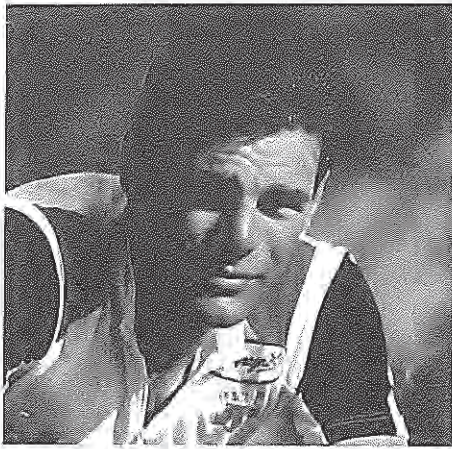
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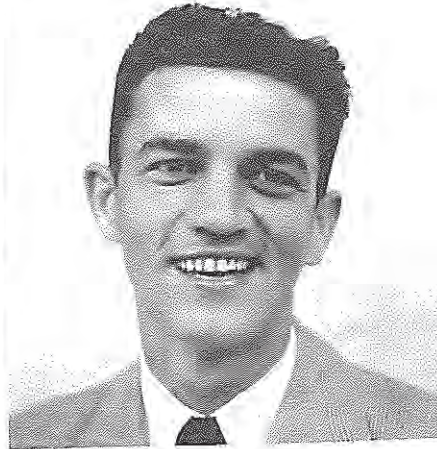
1993
LEN SWEET

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



**1993
MIKE SECREST**

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



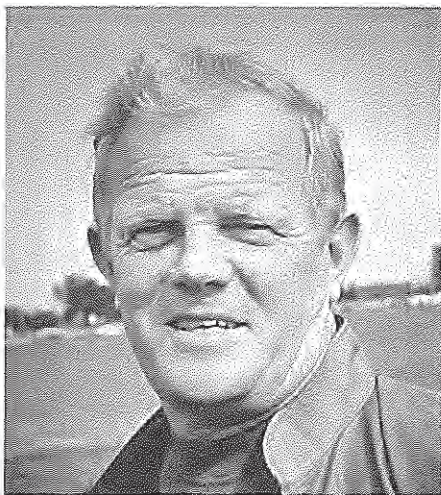
**1993
JOHN BERO**

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



**1993
HERB ODOM**

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



**1994
Jack Pratt**

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



**1994
Trent Tucker**

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



**1994
Joe Pitock**

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



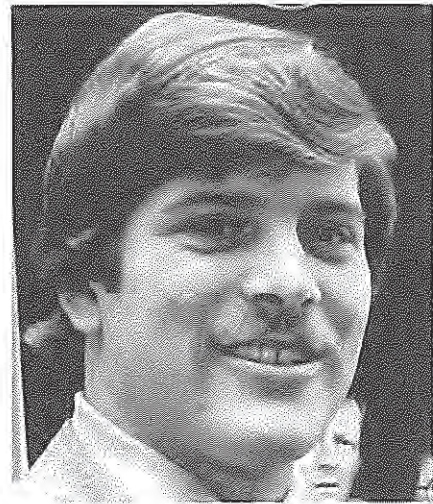
**1994
Cotton Goodell**

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



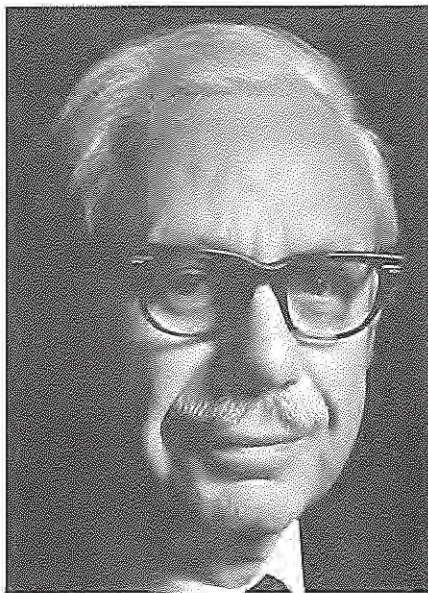
**1994
Wally Jakowczyk**

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.



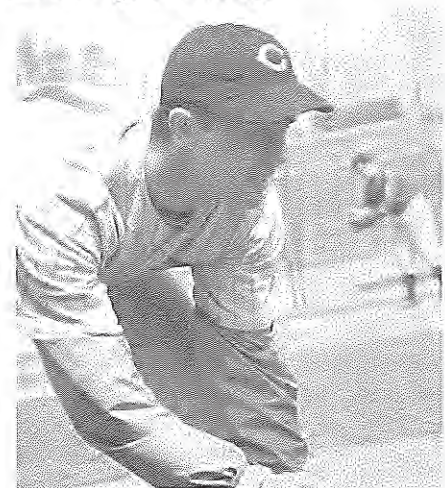
**1994
Hira E. Branch
Special Services Award**

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.



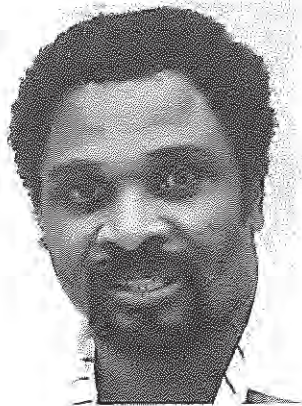
**1995
Jack Petrill
Special Service**

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 an 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.



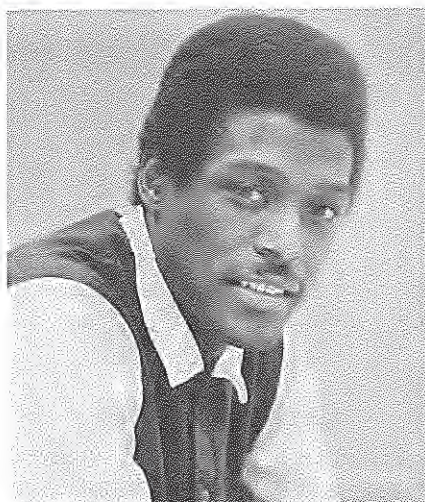
**1995
Dorothy Kukulka**

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.



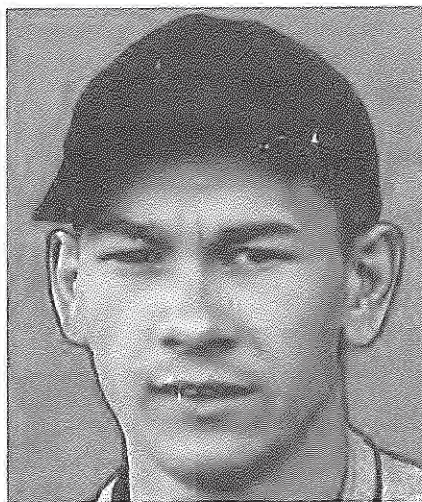
**1995
Nick Manych**

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



1996

Paula McGee



1996

Art Johnson

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.

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.

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.

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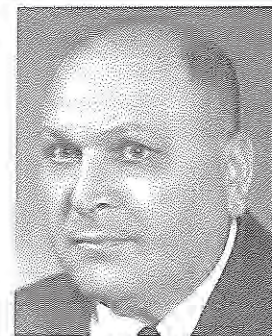
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1996

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.



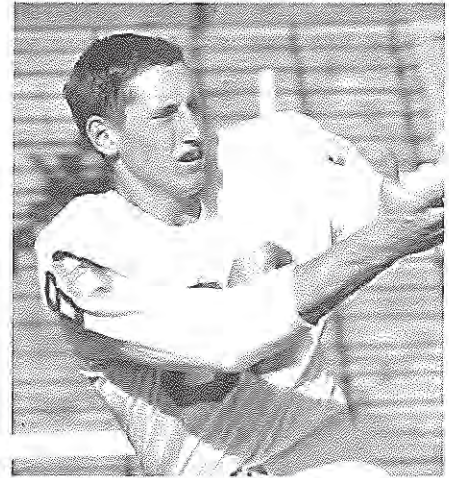
1996
Bill Blamer

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.



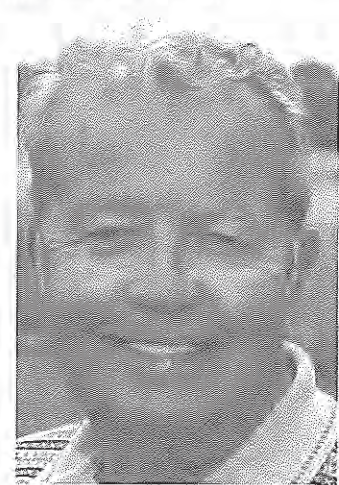
1997
Hank Minarik

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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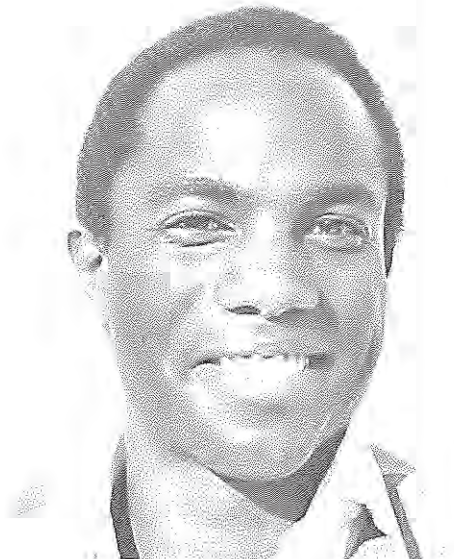
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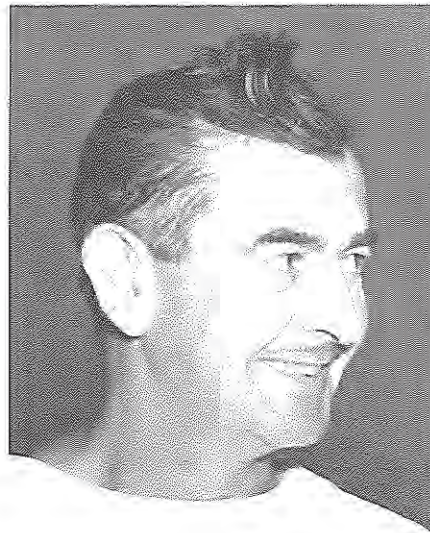
1997
Lamar Gant

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 championsip.



1997
Fred Turner

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



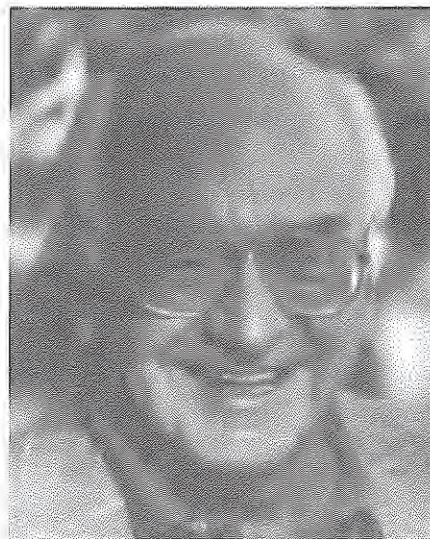
1998
Audrey Smith
Special Service

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.



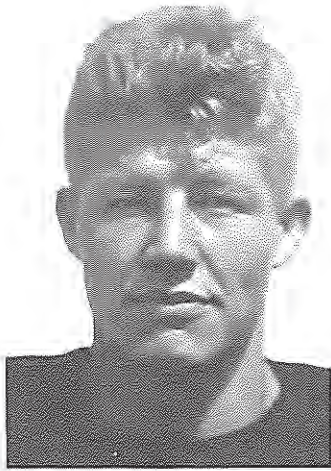
1998
Dr. Gerald Piesko
Special Service Award

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.



1998

Ed "Shorty" Pearce

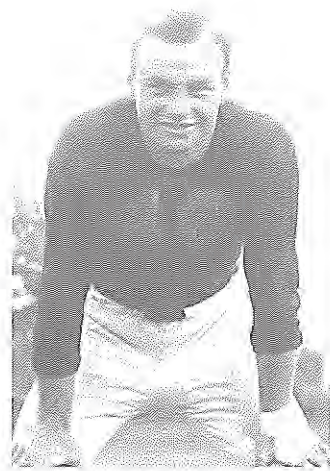
A standout quarterback and defensive halfback on two undefeated Northern High teams in 1934-'35. He led the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring in 1935 when he scored all but one of Northern's touchdowns in Valley games. He starred on three Michigan State College teams from 1937-39. He was the only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



1998

Edward "Big Ed" Novak (Nowaczyk)

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



1998

Harold Kaczynski

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



1998

Joe Byrd

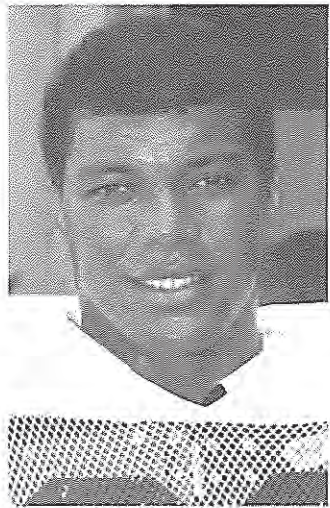
Coached the 1992 U.S. Olympic boxing team in Barcelona. Byrd coached the Flint Police Athletic League for more than 20 years and produced numerous state, regional and national Golden Gloves champions. He began his own boxing career in 1957 and won the city Golden Gloves light heavyweight championships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



1998

Ray Collard

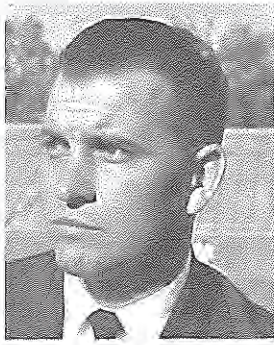
A graduate of Northern High and Michigan State University, he starred in American Legion baseball in 1951 when he was named the most valuable player of the state tournament. He was the most valuable player of the MSU freshman team in 1953 and a year later helped the Spartans capture the Big Ten Conference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



1998

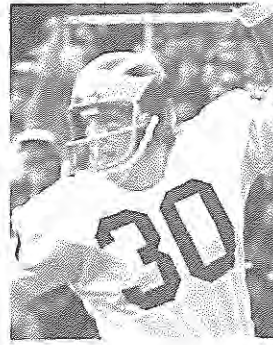
Eugene Marve

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



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.



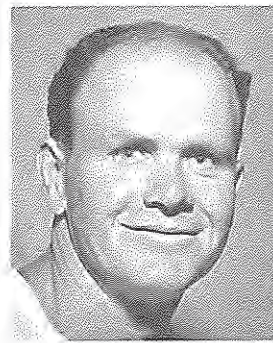
1999
Ricky Patton

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.



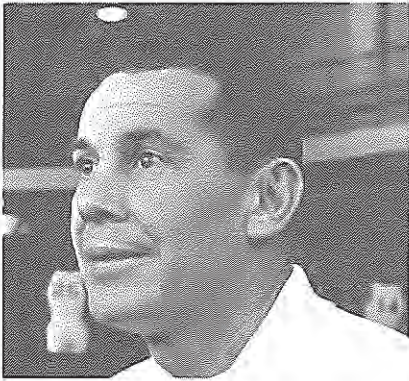
1999
Varnard Gay

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.



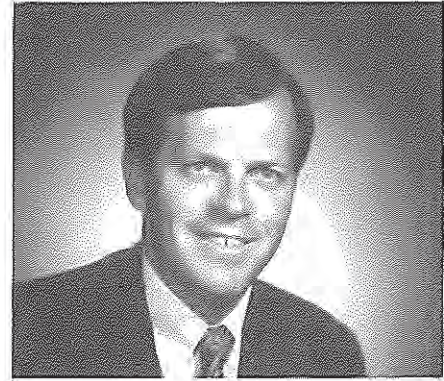
1999
Joe Dowdy

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

Will always be remembered as one of the most effective promoters in Flint history. Through his endeavors, Flint became a hotbed for professional wrestling. Donoghue, who won the state welterweight championship, promoted professional wrestling for 37 years, holding a state license longer than any promoter in Michigan. The bouts held at IMA Auditorium regularly attracted crowds of 5,000.



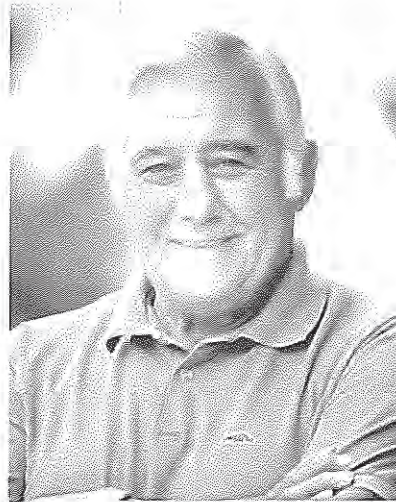
2000
John Lindholm

Reigned for more than 25 years as one of the area's premier golfers. The only six-time winner of the Genesee All-Star Classic, the area's premier amateur tournament. Won the Michigan Amateur Championship in 1997 when he was named the Golf Association of Michigan Player of the Year. Was the only amateur to make the cut in the 1997 U.S. Senior Open.



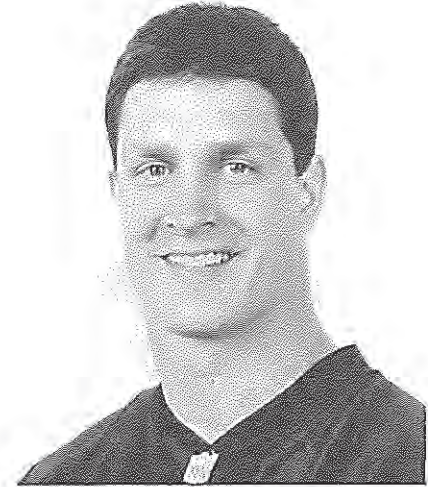
2000
Reggie Barnett

A high school All-American at Flint Central and Academic All-American at Notre Dame where he was a starting cornerback for three seasons and helped the Fighting Irish capture the national championship in 1973. Most valuable player in 1974 Orange Bowl when Notre Dame defeated Alabama, 13-11. An all-around athlete in high school, he finished second in the 100 and 220-yard sprints in the Class A state track meet.



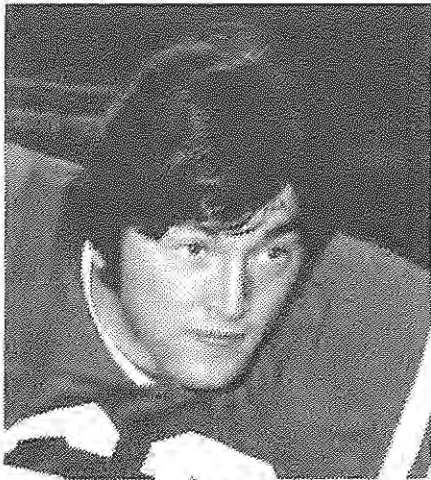
2000
Pete Fornari

Earned six letters in football and baseball at Michigan State University. First football, basketball and baseball coach at Mandeville High and also coached track. Led 1951 Mandeville team to 9-0 record and third in the final state Class C rankings. Named the outstanding athlete from among 17,000 in the Detroit City League in 1938. Won the City Baseball League batting championship at age 34 in 1955 with .414 average.



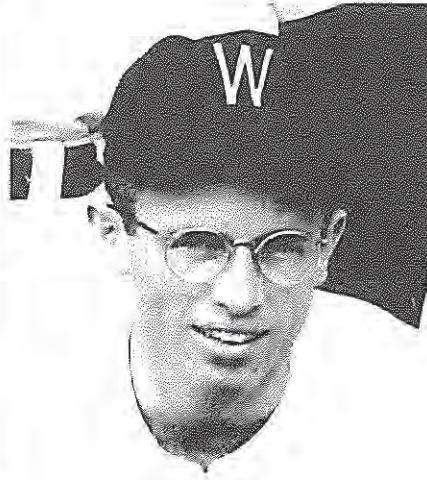
2000
Jim Morrissey

Played nine years in the National Football League, primarily with the Chicago Bears. Intercepted a pass while helping the Bears win the 1986 Super Bowl. Earned All-Big Ten Conference honors as a linebacker at Michigan State University where he was named the Spartans' Most Valuable Player following his senior season. Standout in high school at Powers Catholic High where he earned All-State football honors.



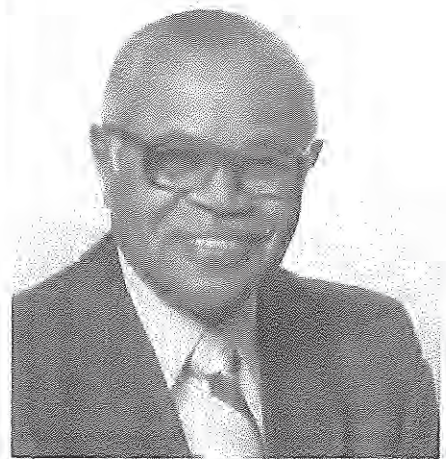
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Tom Alward

Started on the offensive line for three years at the University of Nebraska. As a starting guard, helped Nebraska to the 1971 football national championship. First played signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the National Football League. A two-sport standout in high school at Bendle where he helped the Tigers earn a league football championship and reach the Class C quarterfinals in the state basketball tournament.



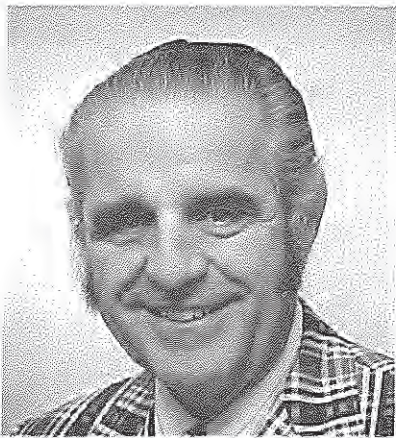
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Tom Cole

Served for 33 years in the Flint Community School System, most of that time as a consultant in recreation. As Flint Baseball Commissioner he oversaw a program that grew to 6,500 participants in the youth program and 45 adult-age teams. Pitched Western Michigan University into the College World Series while compiling a 14-3 record during the 1951 and '52 seasons. Inducted into the WMU Hall of Fame in 1989.



2000
Willie Moore

A standout on the first two softball teams to be inducted into the GFASHF, M&S Orange and the Yellow Dogs. Also played for the famed Joe Louis Punchers. Is also a member of the African American Hall of Fame, the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame and the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame. Won the singles championship in the 1960 men's city bowling tournament. Also regarded as one of the area's premier baseball umpires.



Frank Gallagher
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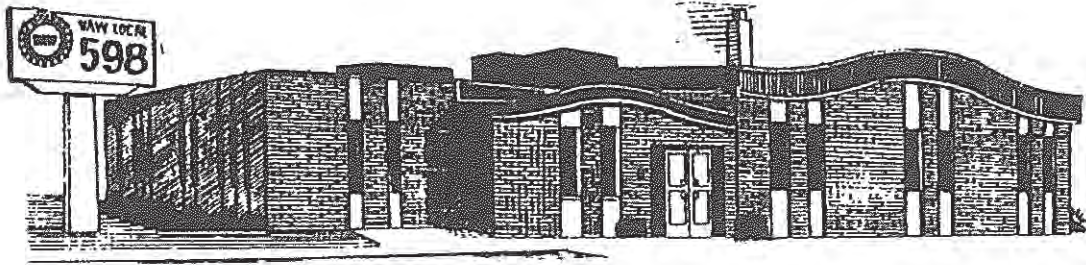
The originator of professional hockey in Flint. A charter member of the International Hockey League, Gallagher was the owner of the original Flint Generals' team from 1969-77. He served as IHL Commissioner from 1953-62 and again in 1977, manager of U.S. Amateur Hockey from 1977-79 and business manager of Team USA in the 1976 Canada Cup tournament.

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Redeemer Closed Its Doors a Champion

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Martinbianco (10.8 rebounds per game) gave the Flyers control of the boards in nearly every game.

No one else on the team averaged more than two shots per game, although Al Weigandt got the Oil Can Award as the team's top substitute.

Coaching this crew was a diminutive former guard out of Jackson St. Mary with an eye for detail and a system of pure efficiency. Pat McDevitt wasted not a second of practice time, thoroughly scouted opponents and briefed his players on their precise roles for each game.

"Everything was thought-out and regimented," said backup guard Ken Ward. "He thought of all scenarios and we practiced them. When a situation came up, we were well-prepared."

McDevitt also used several team managers to keep statistics during games. He incorporated the numbers into an Offensive Efficiency Rating.

"The big thing for us was points off steals," said McDevitt.

To achieve that, McDevitt taught the Flyers three full-court zone presses, with variations off each one.

"We'd steal the ball three times on you, and you as a coach would call timeout and put in a press-breaker," said Hooks. "Then McDevitt would change the press into a different zone that put us right where you were going with the ball.

"We messed with people's minds, and we never felt we were out of a game."

The press saved Redeemer in the quarterfinals against Detroit St. Leo. Down 47-35 with 5:14 left in the third quarter, the Flyers held the Lions without a field goal for 8:39 and outscored them 25-1 en route to a 74-62 victory.

Again in the semifinals, the Flyers pressed Wakefield into seven fourth-quarter turnovers and outscored the Cardinals 23-8 in the

period for a 74-64 win.

When Redeemer fell behind yet again in the final against unbeaten, No. 1 Kingsley, McDevitt was worried. The sixth-year coach had lost the 1966 Class C final when his top player broke an ankle in the semis, and his Flyers were trailing early just as they did in that game.

"I thought, 'Oh no, here it goes again. We're behind by 10-12 points early in the game,' " he said.

Redeemer never led until the final four minutes. Hooks scored from the corner for a 60-57 edge, but Kingsley tied it at 60 on a free throw with 26 seconds left.

As his Flyers headed downcourt, McDevitt didn't even consider a timeout, trusting instead that Hooks, McAra and his well-prepared team would make the right play.

Five ... four ... three ... two ... "All I was afraid of was that neither one of them was going to shoot the ball," he said.

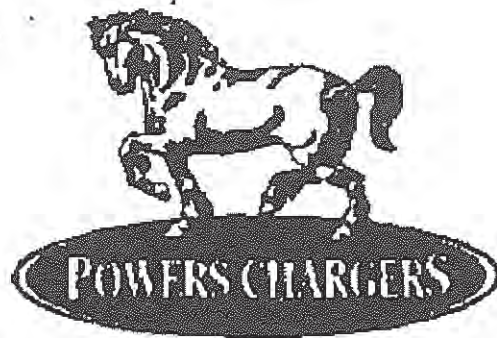
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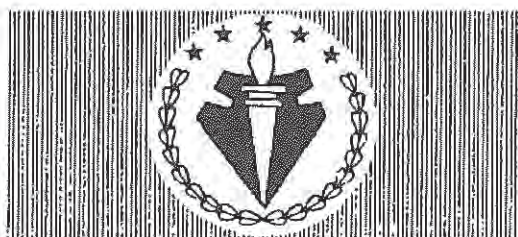
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Like a growing family, however, we eventually needed a bigger house. This is what happens when you are heralding athletes in the Flint area. There have been so many of them we needed larger surroundings in order to display our future inductees in the same manner as their predecessors.

That is why we have made this move to the Genesys Athletic Club.

We could not have made this move, however, with the extraordinary help of several individuals.

Among these are Dr. Khrsalad M. Shukairy, owner of the Flint Generals hockey team.

Dr. Shukairy's generous donation greatly aided in the movement of the historic plaques to their present location.

The GFASHF also wishes to acknowledge the help we received from Ben Roof at A Frame Awards and from Bill Carr signs.

Roof's kindness and efficiency on short notice enabled us to move our entire display and have it ready for tonight's program.

Carr also helped in agreeing to move our signs, a major assist in helping us to prepare for tonight's activities.

The GFASHF has been blessed in our last 21 years by having the support of many others in the community, too.

One man who must be signaled out is Ronald Lammy, owner of Modern Concrete. Lammy was a behind-the-scenes supporter of the GFASHF in our infancy. He frequently made anonymous donations to our organization at a time when they were badly needed. Without his support the GFASHF might never have been able to exist, much less expand and be able to move into such surroundings as the Genesys Athletic Club.

The support of The Flint Journal, headed by sports editor Dave Poniers and publisher Roger Samuel has also been invaluable.

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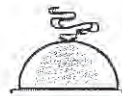


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Huge Throngs Viewed Them at Atwood

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Relerford also had breakaway speed in a backfield that averaged better than 10 yards per carry.

"We didn't pass much," said quarterback Ken Waters, "but it was a wonderful feeling for me to be able to drive that big red bus down the field."

Miller was part of an offensive front that included Ron Warren, A.J. Williams, Tom Riutta and Gene McFadden. The line averaged an unimposing 175 pounds.

"Thank God Andy MacDonald had us pulling and trapping on every play, or we'd have gotten killed," said Paul.

The defense was anchored by 250-pound middle guard Wilbur Aaron and included Jim Boulton, Elvin Wright, Leonard Marks, Eddie Roberts, Howard Brown, Rob Murphy and Frank Williams.

Their closest game was the opener, when they beat Grand Rapids Catholic Central 21-19 despite being outgained 356-134 in yardage.

Sharp had touchdown runs of 61 and 35 yards as Northern overcame deficits of 7-0, 13-7 and 19-14.

Two games later they throttled Ann Arbor before 11,077 fans at Atwood Stadium, a record for a non-Thanksgiving Day game. Sharp went 75 yards for one TD and Relerford had a 62-yarder as Northern rolled up 420 yards on the ground. The stunned Pioneers never crossed midfield after their first possession.

"They couldn't move on us," said Murphy, a 210-pound defensive tackle. "They had been tearing up Class A football for years, and we put them on the mat."

Two games after that, the attendance record rose to 15,680 for the showdown with Bay City Central, which was still No. 1 in the UPI poll. The difference in the Vikings' 24-21 victory was a 32-yard field goal by Relerford in the first quarter, the first Northern 3-pointer since 1929.

But the winning score came on

Sharp's determined, 50-yard reverse late in the third quarter. With Northern trailing 21-17, he spun out of one tackle at the line, plowed through two head-on hits at the Bay City 40 and jumped over the last defender at the 25.

"I don't even remember getting hit on that run," said Sharp. "Then, when I saw the film I said, 'Whoa, I got hit a whole bunch of times.' "

The other ranked teams vanquished by the Vikings that year were Muskegon (26-0), Saginaw Arthur Hill (40-7) and Flint Central (20-8) on Thanksgiving.

Sharp, Relerford and Aaron wound up with first-team All-State honors, and Miller, Warren, Collard and Waters earned honorable mention.

"We were a bunch of tough north-end kids and we loved to hit," said Murphy. "Nobody expected much out of us because of our record the previous year. I think we blindsided them awful good."

Everything Clicked in Midseason

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That sent the Brewers into the MRA district tournament, where they coasted to two wins despite the absence of Pappadakis and Yeotis. They pummeled Livonia 82-37 and beat Saginaw B&K Tool 79-62.

Back at full strength for the state finals in Ypsilanti, they struggled through their only close game of the MRA tournament, a 69-68 win over Highland Park. Again, Markland pulled it out, sinking two free throws with 16 seconds left to back Roberson's 26-point effort.

Tomczyk blamed the close call on "a court that was 20 feet longer than normal," and Yeotis remembers it being narrower, too. Roberson said

they didn't play very good defense that night.

"Toward the end of that game, Pappadakis came into a huddle and said we had to play better defense, and I think his man had 23 points at the time," Roberson deadpanned.

No matter. In Saturday's semifinal, five Brewers hit double figures in a 93-52 rout of Jackson. That put them in the final against Kalamazoo, which boasted Flint Central graduate Ray Steffen and future Southwestern High baseball coach Bob Diment.

Manych poured in 26 points, Roberson 21 and Pappadakis 20 in the 12-point win. The dead-eye Brewers hit 24 of 30 free throws, including 12 in the fourth quarter to put it away.

Their final season record was 23-9.

They didn't stick around to defend their title, as family and career paths led them away from the court. Butcher, Manych, Pappadakis and Tomczyk became Flint Community School directors, which took up their evenings.

Butcher went on to become president of Morrisville A&T College in upstate New York, Tomczyk went into teaching and Manych was principal of Mott Adult Education. Roberson served as athletic director at the University of Michigan, Pappadakis became a court administrator and Middleton a high school coach in Westphalia.

"And most of us didn't drink any beer to speak of," said Middleton.

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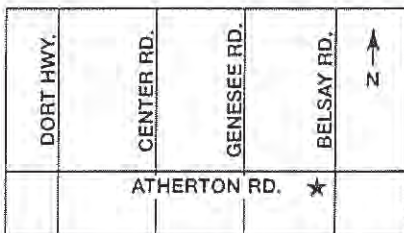
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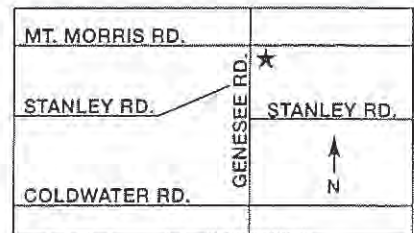
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