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Greater Flint Area
Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Banquet

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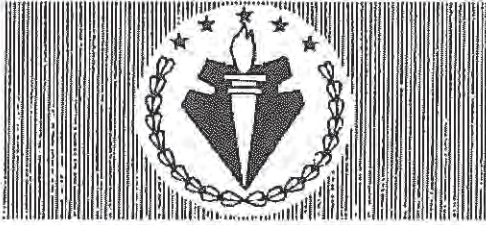
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Welcome to the 23rd Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. This year's class represents a wide range of our local sports heroes and promises to be one of our most memorable.

Ernie Myers, John Sperla, Jim Vukovich, Carl Banks, Steve Urick, Bruce McLenna and Kathy McGee are being honored for their personal and team achievements.

Bob Bernstein is this year's recipient of the Special Service Award for his many contributions to the Flint Junior Golf Program.

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The Board of Directors would like to say "THANKS" to The Flint Journal for its continued support. The beautiful plaques you see around the Genesys Athletic Club are donated by The Flint Journal. Please spend a few minutes to view all of our previous inductees and our NEW Team Room at the conclusion of tonight's activities.

Share old memories with your friends and have a most memorable evening.

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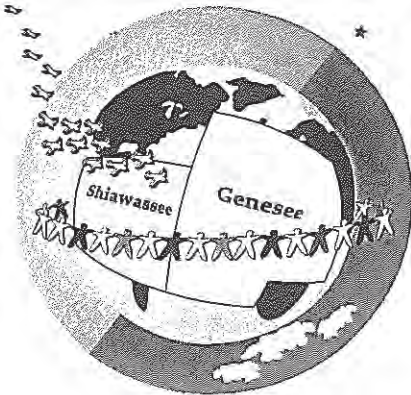
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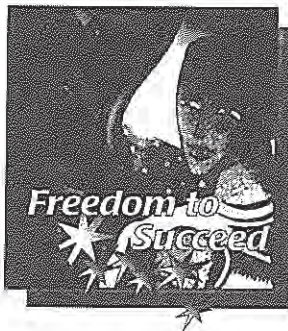
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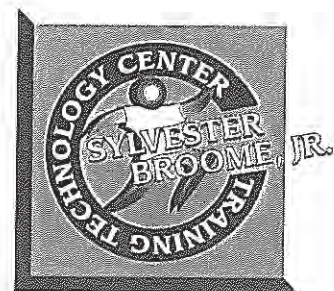
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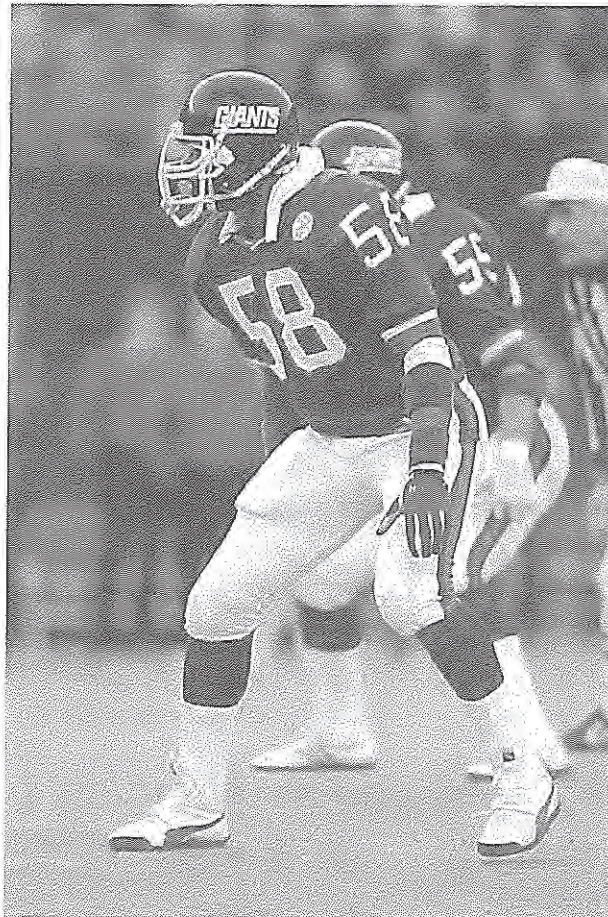
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Carl Banks

Dug His Way to Top of Football World

It doesn't come as a surprise to those who know Carl Banks that he was humbled to learn about his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's flattering," said Banks, who starred at Beecher High and Michigan State before embarking on a 12-year career in the National Football League. "It's the ultimate honor, particularly when you consider all those great athletes who paved the way before me.

"It's something I accept with a great deal of humility."

Humility is the embodiment of Carl Banks. He prefers talking about those who have touched his life, rather than his accomplishments — such as being an integral part of two Super Bowl championships and operating a successful apparel business.

"I can't just sit back and say I was able to do all these things by myself," he said. "If I were to say that, it wouldn't be the truth. I'm very fortunate because I've been blessed to have so many people support me."

Perhaps Banks, 40, is so grounded because he worked from the ground up. Actually, he worked his way from below the ground up.

In the summers during high school and college, Banks worked for the late Peter Buterakos at Gracelawn Cemetery.

"I started with a lawnmower, a walking lawnmower, and a rake," said Banks, a 1980 Beecher grad. "In between that I was digging graves. It was hard work and the pay wasn't great. But that job meant a lot to me.

"I worked with ex-convicts and people who were down on their luck. They helped me appreciate what a hard day's work is all about. Those guys were great in sharing their life experiences with me. That job helped me build a lot character."

Even after Banks reached star status at MSU — All-Big Ten, All-American — nothing changed when he returned to the cemetery.

"The pay was still the same and I got no special privileges," said Banks laughing. "I was just Carl."

In his senior season at MSU, Banks won the Dick Butkus Award as the nation's best linebacker. He would go on to become the third overall pick of the 1984 draft by the New York Giants. Banks took the same tried-and-true formula he learned at Gracelawn, and at Beecher from his coach and mentor, Mose Lacy, to the bright lights of the Big Apple.

"Coach Lacy gave me lessons that not only applied to sports, but to life," Banks said. "He instilled in me the value of discipline and hard work. He helped me understand that anything worth having is worth working for.

"When I went to the Giants, I came in ready to do a day's work. That's something I have carried with me all



my life. It's my approach to everything I do in life."

In New York, Banks teamed with Harry Carson and Lawrence Taylor to form one of the most formidable linebacking trios in NFL history. All three would earn All-Pro honors and were the heart of the Giants' defense that paved the way for two Super Bowl titles (1986, '90). In the 1986 Super Bowl thumping of Denver, Banks led the defense with 10 solo tackles.

Banks finished his career in 1995 with Cleveland, and then made a seamless transition to the business world. G-111/Carl Banks Designs supplies sports coats to the NFL and other major sports leagues.

"I began preparing for the end of my football career on the first day of my football career," Banks said. "When I walked out of football, I walked into my business career. I always tried to think outside the box because sports can become a one-track mind set."

Banks said he is tremendously proud to be a part of the Flint area's storied athletic legacy.

"Flint is a blue-collar town," he said. "People understand the value and importance of putting in an honest day's work. You look at the legacy of Flint, and the people and their families and their friends and that's all they know — putting in an honest day's work."

WAY TO GO ERNIE MYERS!



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Ernie Myers

Standout as Player, Hall of Fame Coach

From playing baseball on the sandlots of north Flint to conducting bicycle tours of far-off countries, sports has been a common part of Ernie Myers' life.

His dedication as a player, coach and athletic director has earned Myers, 66, induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

It was while playing in Mott Foundation-sponsored baseball leagues at Civic Park and Longfellow Schools that Myers learned the skills he'd use to become a standout third baseman at Northern High, where he graduated in 1954.

"We won a number of championships with those Mott Foundation teams," Myers said.

The championships continued at Northern, with Myers playing for two years on a team which was the first to win four straight city titles. The Vikings also won the Saginaw Valley Conference championship in 1953. Myers also lettered in basketball at Northern.

He played third base for the Fisher Post American Legion team which won state titles in 1951 and '52.

After leaving Northern, Myers played baseball for four years at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1958. He began the 1959 baseball season with Duluth-Superior of the Class C Northern League while under contract to Toronto of the International League. His pro baseball career was cut short when he was drafted into the Army, being called up for active duty twice.

Myers returned to the world of college sports when he attended Michigan State and earned a master's degree in 1963 while mentoring the Spartans' freshman team.

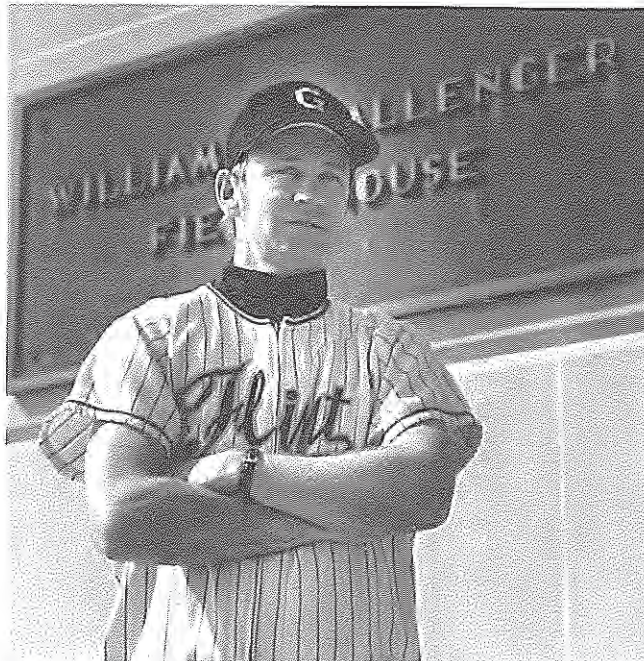
After working as a high school physical education teacher in the Fenton, Beecher and Dixon, Mo., school districts, he was named baseball coach at Flint Junior College (now Mott Community College) in April 1964. It was a position he held for 18 years, compiling a 359-155 (.698) record.

Teams coached by Myers won nine Michigan Junior College Athletic Association Eastern Conference championships. The best finish by one of his teams was in 1971, when it finished third in the nation with a 38-12 record and won the National Junior College Athletic Association sportsmanship award.

He also served as two stints as Mott's athletic director, holding the post from 1978-80 and again from 1993-98.

"Mott was a great experience for me," Myers said.

MCC Athletic Director Tom Healey thinks Myers is qualified for induction solely on his success with the



Bears.

"He's certainly a well deserving candidate," Healey said. "Without taking into account the other things he's done, just the tremendous contributions he made to the baseball at Mott makes him deserving.

It was success at MCC that earned Myers an invitation to coach the USA national team in 1974. That team won the gold medal at the World Games in Managua, Nicaragua.

That experience led to his being invited to coach the Netherlands national team. He coached the Netherlands team three times in the prestigious Haarlem International Tournament, twice in the European Games and twice in the World Games.

It was while he and his family, wife Patricia, son Terry and daughter Kim, were spending their summers in the Netherlands that Myers began bicycling in earnest.

He approached the pastime much the way he approached baseball in his life — with gusto. After conducting an informal tour of the Netherlands, using friends made while coaching as booking agents and travel guides, he went professional, organizing and conducting tours in Holland, Vermont, Belgium, France and the Dutch Antilles.

"It's a good way to exercise and you'd be amazed at how much more you actually see when you're traveling on bicycle," Myers said.

Myers, who wrote the constitution for the GFASHF and served on its board of directors for 10 years, is humbled at his induction.

"It's nice to know you're that well-known," he said. "Flint has an incredible sports tradition and now I feel like maybe I've contributed to that tradition."

**Congratulations
Kathy McGee,
John Sperla
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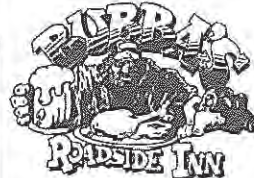
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John Sperla

He Made the Grade Off the Field, Too

Intelligence and intensity.

John Sperla combined those traits to become one of the greatest high school athletes in Flint history.

He was an All-State football and basketball player at St. Matthew High in the late 1960s and later a three-year basketball letterman and captain at Western Michigan University.

But it was only after Sperla realized there had to be a life after sports that he concentrated on academics, so much so that he became a college academic All-American. He would later graduate from the University of Notre Dame law school, third in his class.

"I knew I couldn't play sports forever," said Sperla, a member of the same law firm in Grand Rapids that hired him out of college in 1975.

"From an early age, my parents reinforced that feeling. I was lucky to have coaches and teachers who thought that way, too. They made me stick to my studies."

But what an athletic career Sperla enjoyed at St. Matthew High.

He was a junior at St. Matt's in 1966-67 when the Panthers won almost every athletic event they played, going 9-0 in football, 25-0 with a state Class D championship in basketball, plus a state title in track. St. Matthew was also rated the top Class D baseball team in the state that year.

Sperla maintained his competitive edge playing alongside teammates like Paul Staroba, Jerry Killian, Joey Keaton, Mike Abbott and Bob Boudreau.

He also said it was a blessing to be able to compete against other Flint area athletes in pick-up games.

"On Sundays, the priest at St. Matthew would open up the gym for us all day long," Sperla said. "We'd get kids from Northern, Central, Southwestern and Northwestern to play basketball."

"They were tough games — no fouls called. That helped prepare me for the regular season."

Sperla had one of the best jump shots on either side of Saginaw Street.

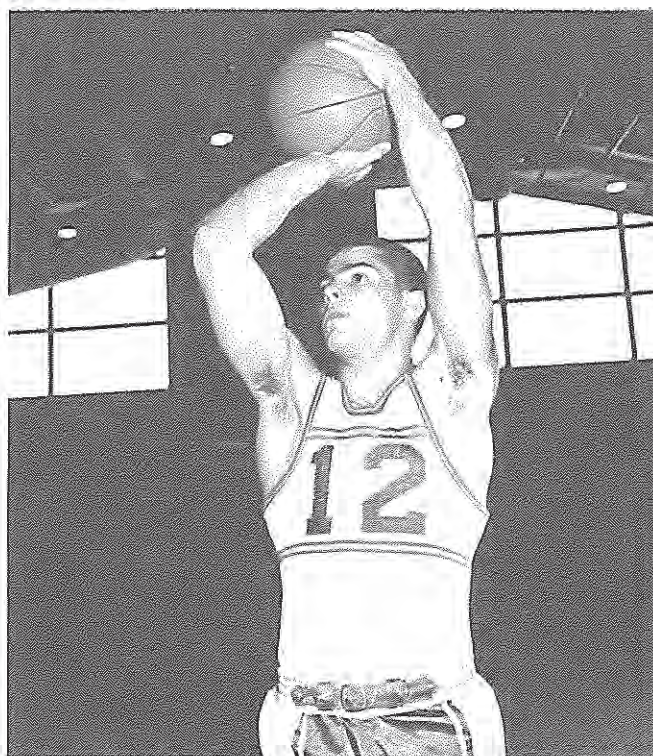
He learned at an early age from his coach, Jack Pratt, the engineer behind all those Class D championships.

"Coach Pratt started working with me when I was in the fifth or sixth grade," Sperla said. "So when I got to high school I was more than ready."

On Pratt, Sperla said, "I was blessed to have a man like him in my life. And I see he's still doing it today like he did for so many kids back in my day."

What Sperla did in his senior year, 1967-68, is truly miraculous, considering he was the lone starter returning from a state basketball championship team.

In fact, St. Matthew carried only a 10-8 regular season



record into the district tournament. But with Sperla holding the hot hand — he averaged 31.6 points over seven games — the Panthers had another Class D title in the bag.

Sperla poured in 44 points in a semifinals victory over DeTour and became the first Flint cager in history to score more than 800 points in a single season.

Over his career, Sperla reached double figures 63 times in his final 65 games, 29 times with 30 or more points.

His high school coach once said, "John Sperla is not especially a gifted athlete. He doesn't have outstanding athletic ability. He does it all on competitiveness."

That competitive spirit carried over to the football field as well. As a junior, Sperla was an All-State halfback, scoring 17 touchdowns. He was a two-way performer, an outstanding defensive end.

He was also a sprinter on the track team.

Today, at age 52, Sperla still stays active in sports, playing in a recreation basketball league in Grand Rapids three times a week.

He also coaches an eighth grade football team, of which son, Jacob, is a member. Sperla has coached AAU basketball for the past 14 years.

Sperla and his wife, Pat, are also the parents of three daughters, Jamie, Jody and Denielle, all active in sports, all also outstanding academically.

Looking back on his outstanding athletic career, Sperla said he was lucky to grow up in Flint during a grand era in athletics.

"It was fun, exciting, beneficial," he said.

"It helped prepare me for the rest of my life."

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Jim Vukovich

Success Has Always Been His Partner

Jim Vukovich was a key ingredient in a golden era at Flint Northern High. Now he's reached the Golden Age and joins seven other Vikings from 1951-54 in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He was involved in athletics for most of his life before retiring in 1996, spending three years at Northern, four at the University of Michigan, two at Montrose High and 37 at Bentley High. He was successful at all four venues.

He also played successfully in the City Baseball League until being struck by a thrown ball which cost the partial sight in his left eye. And he helped Frankenmuth Beer win a title in the Class AA City Basketball League.

He joined the Flint Boys' Baseball Program when only 8 years-old and was playing basketball at the old IMA Auditorium when he was 12.

But he's being inducted tonight primarily because of an exceptional baseball coaching career which produced 575 victories. He was No. 1 on the area's all-time list until being surpassed by Flushing's Mike Yeagley, who reached 577 wins before retiring after the 1999 season. Vukovich ranks No. 7 on the state level.

All except two of his baseball coaching years were at Bentley, where he won two state championships, three regional championships seven district titles and 11 championships in the Genesee County Class B League and the Genesee Eight Conference which have evolved into the Genesee Area Conference.

The 67-year-old retiree said, "I liked every day because I was working with young people. I had fun, even on those cold, rainy spring days which were more like winter than baseball weather.

"Athletics was the center of my universe as a youngster. We had no TV or computer games, so the alternative was to get involved in sports."

Such involvement has earned other hall of fame inductions. He was an original member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association honor roll in 1987 and joined the Michigan High School Athletic Association's honorees in 2000.

No. 3 has greater impact, however.

"I appreciate the Greater Flint honor most of all because it's on the local level," he said. "These are the people with whom I grew up."

During three years at Northern, 1950-53, his fellow Vikings included Ellis Duckett, Leroy Bolden, Joe Roberson, Steve Boros, Ray Collard and Herb Odom, all of whom are previous inductees in the GFASHF, and Ernie Meyers who also joins that illustrious group tonight.

"That was a great era for Northern and I'm happy to have been a part of it," Vukovich said. "Some of us still get together for lunch or a round of golf."

He and his wife Barbara have daughters, Ellen, Arlene and Jane and five grandchildren.

Vukovich starred in basketball and baseball. He was named to the all-Saginaw Valley Conference team in basketball and would have been all-league in baseball,



too except that no team was chosen.

He was part of Northern's four straight city baseball championships and helped win a Saginaw Valley basketball title.

Many of his Northern teammates played American Legion baseball for Fisher Post 342 in the summer. Vukovich helped win the state championship in 1951 and reached a peak when he was named the most valuable player for the 1952 state champs. He batted .450 for the tournament and drove in seven runs.

That Fisher team was inducted into the GFASHF in 1998.

Vukovich earned three varsity baseball letters at Michigan.

"We came close to the championship in 1957 but too many rainouts spoiled the chance," Vukovich said.

During that time he played in the City Baseball League with impressive batting averages of .377 in 1956 and .360 in 1958.

He coached Montrose to a district basketball title before moving to Bentley where he also coached basketball for four years.

But baseball was his first love and he reached a milestone on May 6, 1991 with his 500th victory. Two years earlier he was nominated for national coach of the year in Region 4 of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. He also was The Associated Press Class B coach of the year in 1976. That was a reward for a sensational 133-35 won-lost record over a six-year span which included two state championships.

"I was lucky to have some good players who made the job much easier," he said.

Several key players from that era insist their success was actually the result of good coaching.

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Steve Urick

He Walked Quietly But Swung Loud Bat

Steve Urick would have made an ideal designated hitter.

One of the greatest sluggers in Flint history was born about 35 years too early for that role, or he might have enjoyed a long Major League career.

Urick, who died in 1978 at age 61, tore up opposing pitchers at every level he played, but he never got above Class C in professional baseball because of a sore arm he had since childhood.

"We were in a calisthenics class and he hurt his arm on the horizontal bars," said Al Urick, Steve's younger brother. "He was probably 12 years old. From then on he had a bad arm, and it showed up in everything he did."

Except at the plate.

After a three-sport, seven-letter career at Northern High, Urick played five years of college and pro ball, from 1936-40. He hit for both power and average and always batted in the heart of the order — third, fourth or fifth.

"Anything I ever saw in his scrapbooks, he was always hitting .330, .340, .350," said Vic Urick, Steve's oldest son.

As a sophomore at the University of Michigan in 1936, Urick batted .403 in a year no other Wolverine was over .300. As a junior he hit .370, and the following year coach Ray Fisher chose Urick for his all-time UM team.

In between college years, he helped Buick Recreation win the state championship in the summer of 1936. That club and six of his teammates preceded Urick into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He turned pro after his junior year at UM and eventually signed with the Detroit Tigers. But there were already signs that his arm would be a problem.

"He went down to Florida and tried out with the Cincinnati Reds first," said Al Urick. "He was playing third base, and after a couple of throws to first a coach came over and said, 'The ball is dropping when it reaches the pitcher's mound.'"

The Tigers took a chance and sent Urick to their Class D team in Beckley, W. Va. Through the first 23 games of 1938 he was second in the Mountain State League with a .398 average. Through 68 games he was still hitting .344, 11 points higher than a Williamson pitching prospect named Stan Musial.

Years later, Urick recalled hitting a home run off Musial.

"I never had much trouble hitting him," he told Journal sports editor Tom Mercy in 1953. (Urick probably helped change baseball history. Musial eventually moved to the outfield and became a Major League hall of famer with the St. Louis Cardinals after collecting 3,630 hits in his career).

Urick ended the 1938 season with a .355 average and



led the Beckley Bengals to the playoff championship. The following year he hit .360 for the Ashland Colonels, and on opening day 1940 he belted a two-out two-run homer in the ninth inning to give the Bluebridge Blue Grays a one-run victory over the Welch Miners.

But 1940 was his last year of pro ball. Despite another strong year at the plate and a promotion to Class C Topeka, Urick did not report to the Western Association club in 1941.

"I've been away from home so much I decided to pass it by," Urick told Maurie Cossman in a 1941 Journal article. "It almost broke my heart not to be playing ball, but there's no use kidding myself. I haven't a strong arm and it meant more months away from home. So I figured I'd get out of it before I got to be a minor league tramp."

Two new loves help make up Urick's mind. He married Pauline Agnew in December, 1940, and he started playing golf.

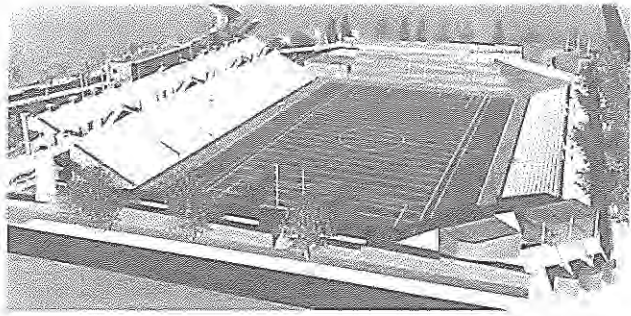
Urick had been a football quarterback and a basketball guard at Northern, helping the Vikings to state championships in both sports. But his versatility didn't really become apparent until after his baseball career.

"He had good hands, good eyes, and he could pick up on fundamentals like nothing," said Al Urick.

Six years after he took up golf, Urick led the 1947 City Municipal Courses Tournament by two strokes after an opening-round 73 at Kearsley Lake. He wound up third, eight strokes back, but his ability to master a sport in a short time was becoming legend.

He excelled at bowling, won a croquet tournament the

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Bruce McLenna

Big As a Truck, Fast As a Deer

The first time Bruce McLenna walked into Muddy Waters' office, the coach thought he was looking at a lineman.

"I figured anyone that big must be a tackle," said Waters, the legendary football coach at Hillsdale College. "I was surprised to find out he was a halfback.

"Then I saw him run. I was convinced he wasn't a tackle."

McLenna fooled a lot of people on the football field, from his days as a Fenton High star in the late 1950s all the way to a brief career in the National Football League in the middle '60s. Opponents couldn't believe how fast this 6-foot-3, 210-pound back could move.

McLenna was the consummate football player, skilled in all the skill positions and tough as iron. He had both tackle-breaking power and breakaway speed. He could catch the ball out of the backfield, throw it on the halfback option and pick it off as a defensive back.

He did all those things in his career at Fenton, carrying the Tigers from a County B League doormat to a winning record his senior year.

"He was the whole team," said Russ Conklin, a former teammate. "He was big, fast and tough to bring down. We didn't like to scrimmage against him in practice."

McLenna also played basketball and baseball and ran track at Fenton, setting the school record in the low hurdles. But he lived for football.

A 1959 graduate, he was recruited to play at the University of Michigan, but spent a year in prep school first. In that year he led Staunton (Va.) Military Academy with 21 pass receptions, threw frequently from his halfback spot, kicked off and booted extra points.

He lettered at UM in 1961 but was declared scholastically ineligible just prior to the 1962 season.

Two years later he showed up at Hillsdale College and became an instant star. Now up to 228 pounds, he scored 85 points his first year, was named a Little All-American and was drafted by the Detroit Lions as a future prospect.

In 1965 he became the first 1,000-yard rusher in Hillsdale history, gaining 1,008 in nine games, and was a repeat pick on the NAIA dream team.

Again, at the professional level, McLenna surprised people.

"He doesn't impress you too much running around in shorts in practice," said Sammy Baugh, the Lions' backfield coach in 1966. "But he looks good when they put the helmets on and things get rough.

"He runs pass patterns well in addition to being a fine runner. I'm pretty well sold on that boy."

A knee injury in November, 1966 ended his rookie



season, and the Lions traded him to New Orleans the following March. The Saints dealt him to Baltimore on Sept. 8, 1967, but the Colts cut him three days later.

McLenna had been a member of the Michigan National Guard since 1966, but he received permission to train with the Missouri National Guard in the summer of 1968 because his Michigan unit wouldn't go to camp until after the Kansas City Chiefs started their training camp.

On June 18, 1968, he was riding in a military vehicle traveling from Fort Leonard Wood to Camp Clark when it went into a ditch off a highway near Urbana, Mo., apparently after a minor collision with a car. Although his only visible injuries were a bruised shoulder and a small scratch on his head, McLenna was dead at the scene. An autopsy revealed a broken neck. He was 26.

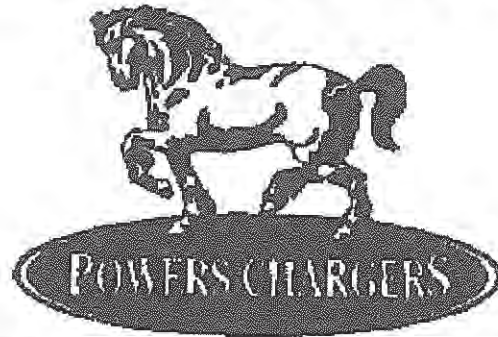
McLenna was buried at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, with Fenton coaches serving as pallbearers. The following spring his name was attached to an athletic award at Fenton, with his father, Bruce McLenna Sr., providing an annual \$100 scholarship.

Just before he died, McLenna had been elevated to the No. 2 fullback position on the Chiefs' roster. One season later, the Chiefs won Super Bowl IV.

"It would have been real interesting to see what he could have done," said Dale Van Avery, another Fenton teammate. "I've often thought of that.

"He had the ability, that's for sure."

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Kathy McGee

Has Lifted Powers To New Heights

It's not true that Kathy McGee was around when James Naismith hoisted the first peach basket in Springfield, Mass.

She's coached for a long time, but not that long.

But when it comes to the women's version of the game, McGee has lived the history of the sport.

She was there for its humble beginnings as a six-on-six game, setting the school scoring record at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port before graduating in 1969. She was good enough to earn a college scholarship, but none were available at the time for women.

She began coaching at Powers Catholic when the skill level and acceptance of the girls' game began to grow at the high school level during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

McGee helped spearhead that growth, becoming a coaching legend in a game that is now one of the most popular high school sports in Michigan.

She has received numerous local, state and national honors, the latest being her induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. McGee joins Jo Lake of Holy Rosary and Kearsley, Dorothy Kukulka of Northern and LeRoy Decker of Fenton as the only girls' basketball coaches in the GFASHF.

"You don't do it for accolades, you don't do it for honors," said McGee, the 2001 national coach of the year. "You do it for the passion you have for the game and the love you have for your players.

"I'm very honored to receive this. I'm receiving this individually, but it's because of the teams I've coached through the years. It goes back to the players I've had the opportunity to coach over the years."

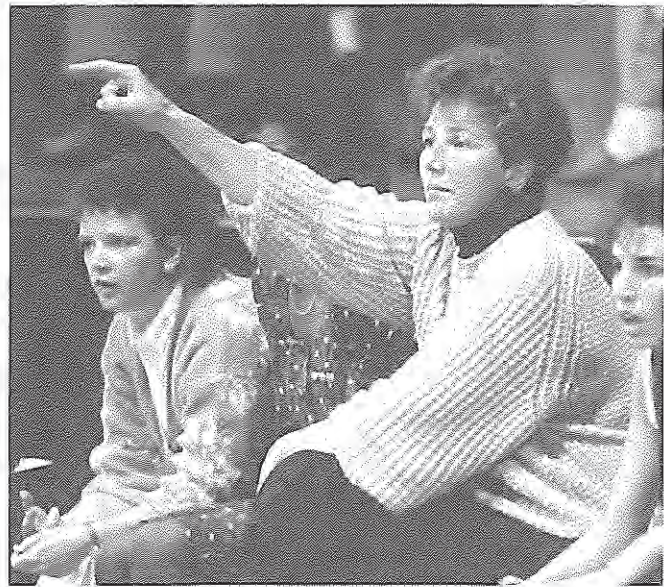
McGee has coached some great ones, including nine All-Staters. Powers has had at least one Associated Press All-State pick for a record 15 straight years. McGee was the AP's Coach of the Year in 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1996.

McGee has built Powers into one of the premier programs in Michigan, but the Chargers were hardly an overnight success.

In her first 12 years from 1976-87, McGee's teams were 157-98 (.616), won one district championship and never got past the regionals in the state tournament. Since 1988, the Chargers are 355-30 (.922), own a state record streak of 15 straight district titles, have won 13 regionals and have won four championships in seven trips to the state finals.

It's hard to imagine that McGee's teams were bounced in the first game of the districts in three of her first four years and had losing records in three of her first five seasons.

Like so many other schools, Powers was getting players with little or no experience by the time they reached



the ninth grade. The quality of play improved after McGee began running a summer camp and Emil Snow added girls basketball to the Knights of Columbus' sports program for Catholic elementary students.

"It's changed so drastically," McGee said. "There are a lot of people that are women's basketball fans. It's a great game, really a team-oriented game.

"That wasn't the case 20 years ago when kids didn't have the skills. You look back when kids didn't have the option of playing in the WNBA or getting a college scholarship. There are a lot more things out there as carrots for young players to be good.

"All of that has really changed the game. Basketball players are really great athletes now. It used to be they were just girls playing basketball; now they're really athletes."

There were a handful of such athletes around in the 1970s — Linnell Jones at Northwestern, Pam and Paula McGee and Leteia Hughley at Northern. Flint's basketball tradition was established by Northern, Beecher, Holy Rosary and Northwestern, teams that won multiple state championships.

"I remember watching (Beecher coach) Dave Hollingsworth's teams because they'd beat us all the time," McGee said. "We were thinking 'We're going to get a little bit closer this year.' The first time we beat them to win the Big Nine championship was pretty special to us. They were definitely the team to beat.

"Watching Northern through the McGee and Hughley era, those were just incredible teams. We were thinking that's the kind of program we'd really like to have. Certainly they set the bar and we were just trying to reach it."

Now it's the Chargers who have set the standard for teams throughout the Flint area.

"Once the tradition is set, the kids work so much harder

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Special Service Award

Bob Bernstein

When Bob Bernstein became director of the Flint Junior Golf Association in 1985, it was already the nation's largest such program.

Attendance the year before Bernstein took over was 1,074. Under his direction, the FJGA's enrollment not only increased, it exploded. By 1998, the nation's oldest junior golf program was home to a whopping 2,299 youngsters.

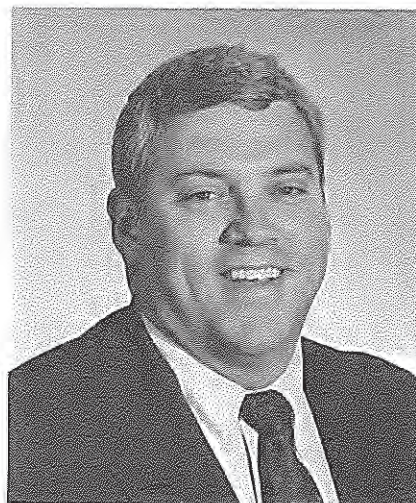
Yet to hear Bernstein talk about it, he really didn't do anything special. He was simply doing his job.

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame disagrees, which is why it is honoring him tonight. Bernstein's enormous contributions to the FJGA have earned him the GFASHF Special Service Award.

"I'm obviously honored," said Bernstein, 56. "It's very nice. I'm amazed. But I don't really think I deserve it. I have four boys who played football and soccer and all those things and I saw all the coaches doing things for them. I was just trying to do my job.

"I felt I should do my thing to give back to the people who did for me. People like Vera Glidden, Don Jarrard, Audrey Smith and Steve Braun."

Bernstein spent 10 years as the FJGA's assistant director under Braun, his longtime friend and former high school teammate at Flint Southwestern. When Braun resigned in the fall of 1985 to take



a post with the American Junior Golf Association, Bernstein was the obvious choice to succeed him.

The program soon became so big that there weren't enough courses for all of the youngsters to play on Mondays. So, for a couple of years, some groups played on Tuesdays.

Bernstein kept the top job until turning over the reins to longtime supervisor Judy Hamilton last year. And even then, he was always available to help out behind the scenes.

"It was always my feeling that the heroes of the program were the golf courses and the supervisors," Bernstein said. "The main thing was keeping the cost of the program down. During my tenure it reached a high of \$20. Other programs with 1,000 kids were charging \$200. Can you imagine if we tried to charge that here?"

Enrollment has since dropped below 2,000, allowing the FJGA to return to its one-day-a-week schedule.

But it's nobody's fault enrollment as decreased. In fact, the FJGA probably could have continued to climb except it got so big that officials couldn't handle all of the other details it takes to run such a large program.

"We tried to help people out on carpooling," Bernstein said. "We couldn't do that anymore and that's why the numbers started to come down."

Bernstein also coached golf at Mott Community College, founded the Atlas Two-Man Championship; helped bring the Buick Junior Open to Flint; served as Channel 12's Buick Open analyst when it televised the tournament, and was a committee member for the Genesee All-Star Classic, the area's most prestigious amateur tournament.

As a player, Bernstein helped Southwestern win State Class A titles in 1962 and '73. He also captured the 1973 City Amateur Championship.

These days, Bernstein and his wife, Julie, a former FJGA supervisor, split their time between Harbor Springs and Naples, Fla.

Both retired as teachers in the Flint school system, but both also wanted to continue working. When they couldn't find satisfactory employment near Harbor Springs, they decided to head south and now spend their winters working at East Naples Middle School, where Bob teaches math and Julie teaches English.

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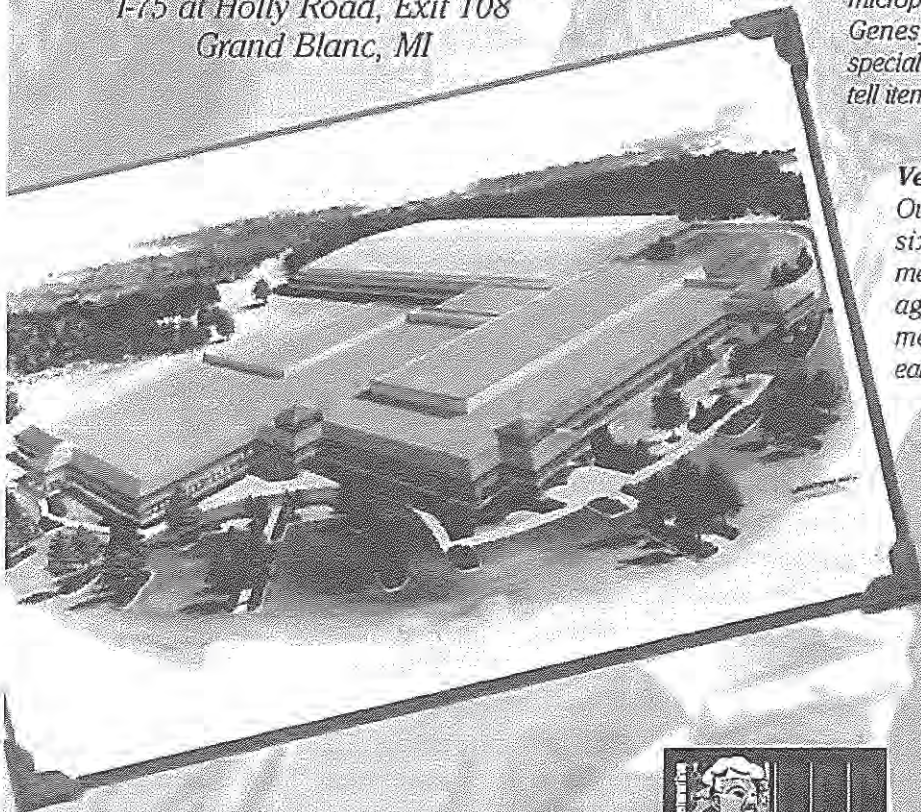
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Red Arrow American Legion Baseball 1943



The 1943 Red Arrow Post 151 American Legion baseball team (front row from left): Marty Hansen, Leo Rozyla, Herman Langer, Emery Hresko, Ed Novak, Jack Kjelin, Dominic Tomasi, Harry Cooper. (back row from left): Bob Lawrence, Paul Zofchak, Leonard Andruski, Danny Urbanik, Chet Bednarski, Art Harper, Tom Milne and manager Rufus Benoit.

Winning Meant More Travel in Summer of '43

Few Americans were going places in 1943. It was the middle of World War II, and travel restrictions kept most people close to home.

But in the summer of '43, a group of north-end Flint boys barely old enough to drive spent a month on the road, journeying farther and farther away each week.

It was the Red Arrow American Legion Post 151 baseball team, and no one could hold them back because they kept winning. The club won four preliminary tournaments and eventually reached the Junior World Series in Miles City, Mont., 1,685 miles from home.

There, the Flint team finally met its match and settled for fourth place among all the 17-year-old Legion teams in the nation. The experience was something they carried with them for life.

"It was like a dream," said Emery Hresko, the star pitcher and hitter of the 15-man squad. "We never made a big thing out of it. We just took it as a fact that we were going to go to

another city and play."

The travel was new and exciting to the players, most of whom had never ventured far from Flint. But it wasn't always comfortable. The trains were old models forced back into service by the country's mobilization for the war. The boys slept on suitcases from Chicago to Hastings, Neb. One train was made up of wooden cars and lit by kerosene lamps.

"The seats were wooden, and the smoke from the engine filtered down through the windows," said Bob Lawrence, the team's No. 2 pitcher and second-leading hitter. "After one ride, we were all covered with soot and dust."

Once they stepped on a ballfield, though, it was like being home.

Most of the players were from Northern High with two — catcher Ed "Kid" Novak and utility man Danny Urbanik — from nearby All Saints. Urbanik later played at Michigan State, and second baseman Dominic Tomasi went on to captain Michigan's national champion football team of

1948.

Three others — Hresko, Hansen and first baseman Leo Rozyla — signed professional contracts.

Harry Cooper played third base, Art Harper was in leftfield and Chet Bednarski and Tom Milne split time in right. Hresko and Lawrence alternated in centerfield when the other one was pitching. Jack Kjellin was the backup catcher, and Paul Zofchak, Herman Langer and Leonard Andruski played utility roles. The manager was Rufus Benoit.

Of the 15, Hresko was the key component. He had played with the 1941 Fisher Post team that reached the national semifinals, and he was followed by big league scouts all through the '43 tournament. He went 12-1 with two no-hitters that summer and never allowed more than three hits in a Flint league game. He won the Kiki Cuyler Award as the best player in the state tournament and batted .455 over the postseason.

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Flint Northern Girls' Basketball 1978-81



1978 champions (standing from left): Marvin Pryor, principal; Delois Wilson, Pamela Long, Pamela McGee, Paula McGee, Brenda McMillan, Charlotte Baker, Dorothy Kukulka, coach; Jim Fowler, athletic director; (kneeling from left): Lawanna Hughley, Kim Hughley, Theresa Anthony, Leteia Hughley, Venita Bowie, Kimberly Tartt. Not pictured: Renee Fleming, Pamela Williams.

Lady Vikings Ruled Like No Other Has

The Northern High girls' basketball dynasty of 1978-81 ran for so long the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame had to expand its induction parameters this year.

The Lady Vikings of those years represent the first time four teams have been combined into a single entry into the hall. Six other entries have combined two teams since the hall of fame began inducting teams in 1992.

But no other area school won four consecutive state championships or put together a 75-game winning streak like Northern did two decades ago.

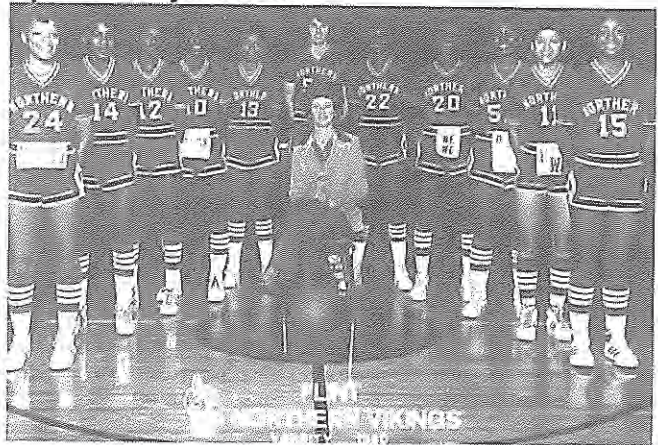
"There were so many young ladies on those teams that played in portions — two seasons, three seasons, one season — it wouldn't be right if we took just one of those teams," GFASHF president Bill Troesken said.

Northern posted records of 23-0 in 1978, 25-0 in 1979, 26-0 in 1980 and 20-6 in 1981. The Lady Vikings won the state Class A state title each year, compiling a 31-0 tournament record. After a 56-47 loss to Flushing in the 1977 district opener, Northern did not lose again Sept. 10, 1981 when Grand Blanc beat the Lady Vikings 59-51 in the second game of the season.

Thirty-six girls took part in the dynasty during one season or more, and all of them were coached by a former Michigan State player from St. Clair Shores who helped pioneer girls' sports in Michigan.



1979 champions (standing from left): Leteia Hughley, Monica Hamlett, Thelisa Anthony, Judy Tucker, Edyth Childress, Lisha Jamison, Paula McGee, Pamela McGee, Felicia Cooper, Tracy Odum; (kneeling from left): Dorothy Kukulka, coach; Pamela Williams, Lawanna Hughley. Not pictured: Djuna Smith.



1980 champions (standing from left): Thelisa Anthony (24), Lawanna Hughley (14), Tracy Odom (12), Judy Tucker (10), Terita Baker (13), Rebecca Bulmash (54), Charlotte Baker (22), Leteia Hughley (20), Djuna Smith (52), Pamela Williams (11), Tracy Wells (15); (sitting) Dorothy Kukulka, coach. Not pictured: Velma Anderson, Felicia Cooper, Monica Hamlett, Evette Ott, Tanya Thomas.

Dottie Kukulka, affectionately known to her players as "Ms. K," built Northern's program from the ground up, and molded not only outstanding basketball players but successful students and citizens. Kukulka's stringent require-

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Academics Came First

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ment of a C-minus or above grade in every class cost her the services of key players on occasion, but also earned her the undying loyalty, respect and love of her players.

"Ms. K believed in us and we believed in "Ms. K," said Delois Wilson Jackson, a member of the '78 and '79 teams. "She stressed education first and foremost, and then sports."

"We had to take around a sheet every week to our teachers," recalled Teresa Anthony, a shooting guard on the '78 and '79 teams.

Kukulka recalls losing a game to Northwestern by two points, with one of her top scorers sitting on the bench.

"People were calling out her name from the stands, but I wanted a lesson to be learned," Kukulka said. "What you do affects the team."

"She never had below a C-minus again. She got a scholarship and was voted Most Valuable Player in the Mid-American Conference."

Kukulka had some potent athletic talent to work with. Many of her girls came up through Flint's flourishing Community School System and practiced their shooting in neighborhood parks.

Two of the best were the McGee twins. Pamela and Paula were both 6-foot-3 juniors in 1978 who put up double figures in both scoring and rebounding and guarded their own basket like the twin towers they were.

Anthony led the team in scoring at 18 points per game, sophomore Leteia Hughley had more than 100 steals on defense, and Kimberly Tartt and Venita Bowie alternated as the fifth starter. Wilson and Kim Hughley were key reserves.

After a 15-0 regular season, the Lady Vikings roared through their first seven tournament games, winning six of them by at least 18 points.

Before 3,576 fans at MSU's Jenison Field House, a state record crowd for a girls' game, Northern beat Detroit Mumford, 60-48, for the Class A title.

Pamela McGee had 22 rebounds and 16 points, despite sitting out the entire third quarter with four fouls.

Both McGees won All-State honors, and Journal sports writer Phil Pierson pegged the '78 team as the start of a dynasty.

The prediction was borne out in 1979 by perhaps the most dominant girls' basketball team in state history. The McGees were seniors, Hughley was a seasoned junior at point guard, Judy Tucker stepped in to add scoring punch and Lawanna Hughley, Leteia's sister, added speed. Thelisa Anthony, Teresa's sister, and Felicia Cooper were the top subs.

The Lady Vikings outscored their 25 opponents by an average score of 77-32, and only one team came within 25 points of them. That was Jackson in a 50-37 semifinal game, and the "close" game only served to motivate the Lady Vikings to a 62-34 rout of Harper Woods Regina for



1981 champions from left: Tracy Wells, Evette Ott, Yvonne Thompson, Vicki Prince, Saarah Jefferson, Dorothy Kukulka, coach; Alayna McGee, Felicia Cooper, Sharon Williams, Monica Hamlett, Velma Anderson; (kneeling from left): Monica Hughes, Tanya Thomas. Not pictured: Charlotte Johnson, Sonja Pearson.

the title, matching the state record for margin of victory in a finals game.

More than 50 college recruited the McGees, who eventually chose Southern California. Both were repeat picks on the All-State team, and Kukulka was voted Class A Coach of the Year. The winning streak stood at 48 games, breaking the record of 44 set by Marquette in 1976-77.

With the McGees off to the West Coast, the 1980 Lady Vikings were smaller and more vulnerable. Leteia Hughley was their tallest starter at 5-8 and speed replaced size as Northern's main weapon.

Hughley played everywhere, from point guard to center, and led the Lady Vikings in scoring and rebounding. Tucker and Charlotte Baker also scored in double figures, and Lawanna Hughley and Pam Williams were the other starters. Cooper (5-11) and 6-2 Becky Bulmash provided height off the bench, with Cooper occasionally starting.

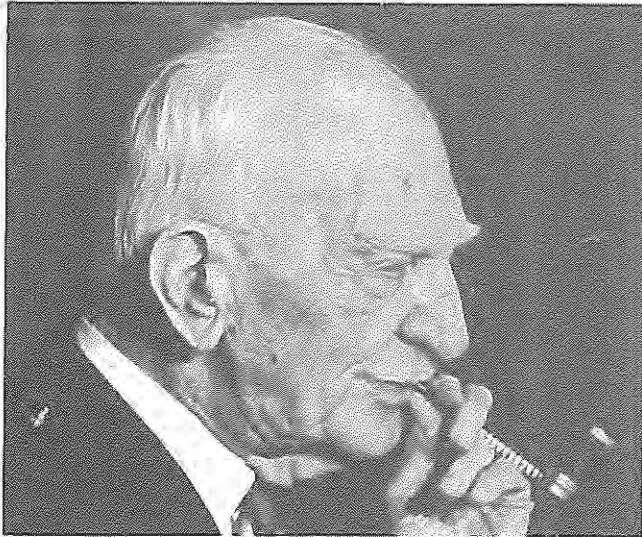
There were still more lopsided victories, but now there were close calls, too. The No. 1-ranked (Class A) Lady Vikings edged No. 1-ranked (Class B) Flint Beecher 57-51 to cap a 19-0 regular season and bring the streak to 67.

The biggest scare came in the semifinals, a 65-63 squeaker over Detroit Murray Wright. Leteia Hughley scored a school-record 37 points and Northern overcame a 12-point deficit in the last 5:42 for what Kukulka called "my biggest victory ever" at that point.

The Lady Vikings then beat Jackson, 52-46, despite Hughley sitting out 11 minutes of the first half with three fouls. She came back to hit the clinching free throws with 14 seconds left and Northern had its third straight title and a 74-game winning streak.

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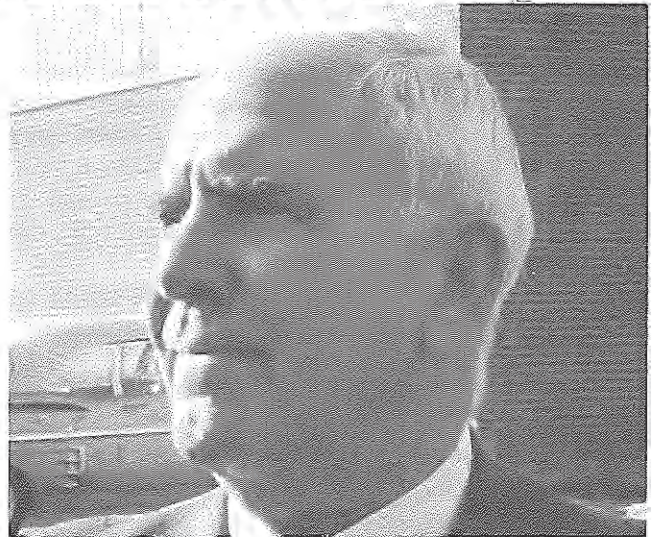
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



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.

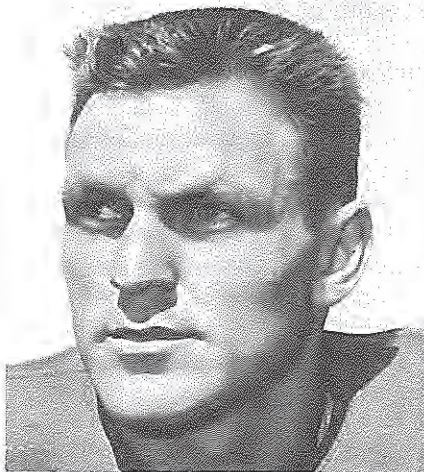


1980

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.

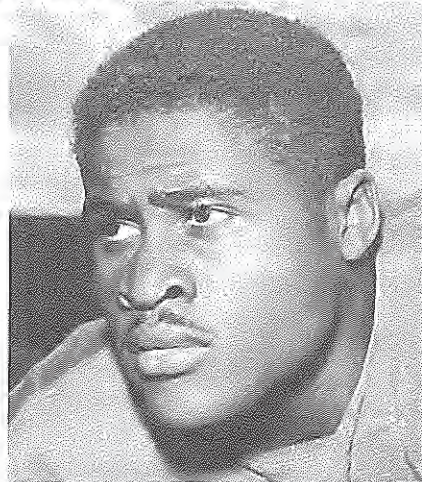
Inductees in The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



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.



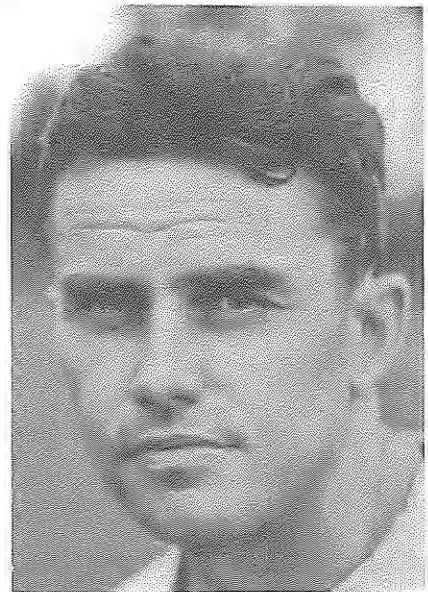
**1980
STEVE BYASCO**

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



**1980
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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MERV RETTENMUND

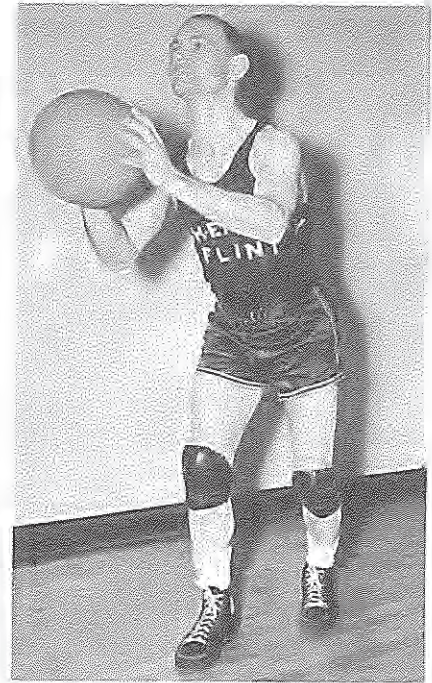
A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



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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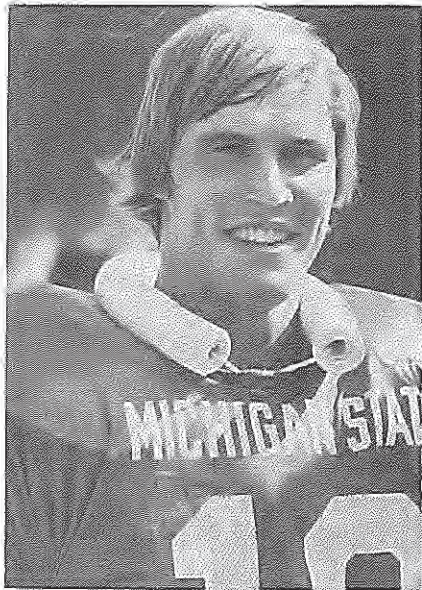
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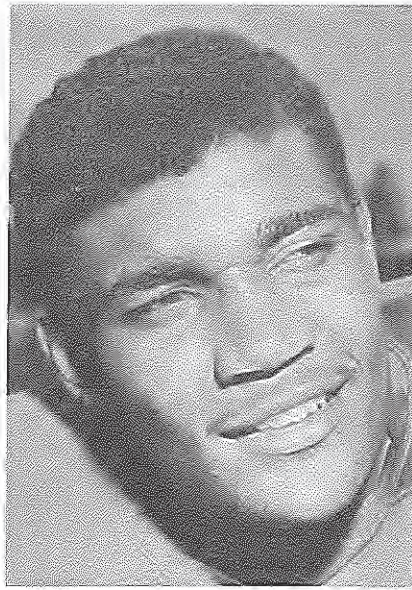
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**1981
BRAD VAN PELT**

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



**1981
CLARENCE PEAKS**

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



**1981
ROGER BERNARD**

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

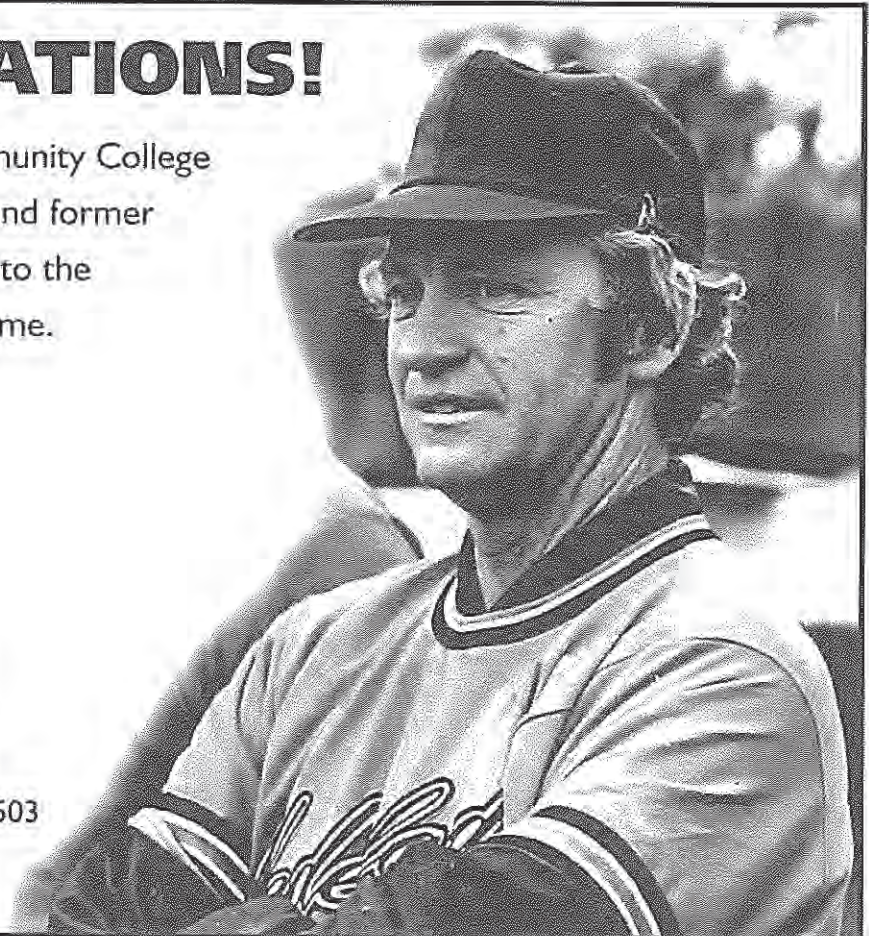
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1982
SUE NOVARA-REBER

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



1982
LEO SUGAR

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



Special Service Award
1982
EVERETT A. CUMMINGS

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



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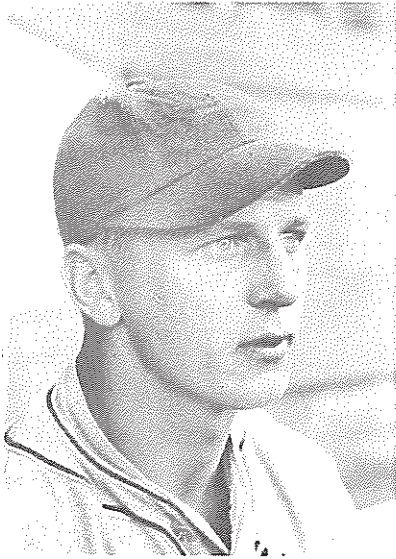
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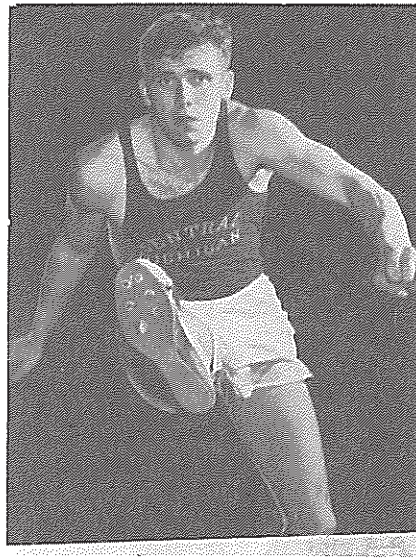
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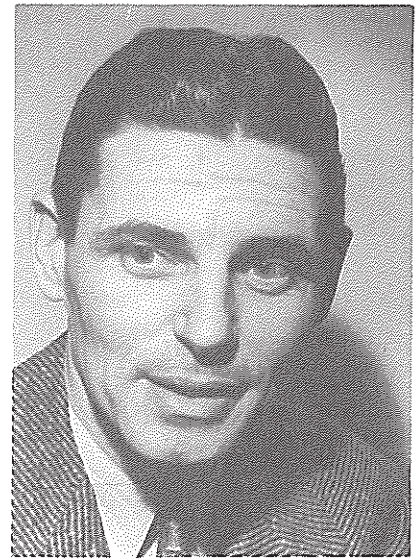
**1982
FRED TROSKO**

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



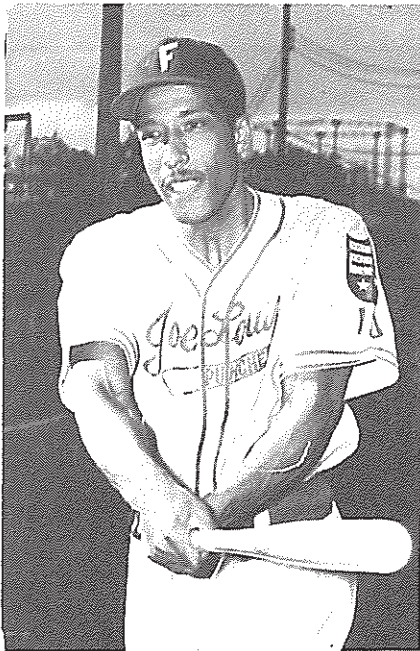
**1982
JIM PODOLEY**

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



**1982
JIM BARCLAY**

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



**1982
FLOYD BATES**

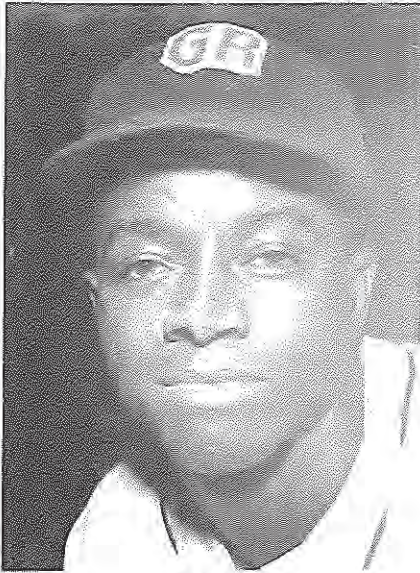
A three-sport star — football, basketball and track — at Central High, Bates is also a member of the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame. He once held the state record in the high jump. He played with Flint's famed Joe Louis Puncher's softball team and the Harlem Globetrotters' basketball team.

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**1983
DAVE HOSKINS**

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



**1983
HAROLD "TUBBY"
RAYMOND**

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



**1983
BOB ROWE**

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

Congratulations

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All Inductees

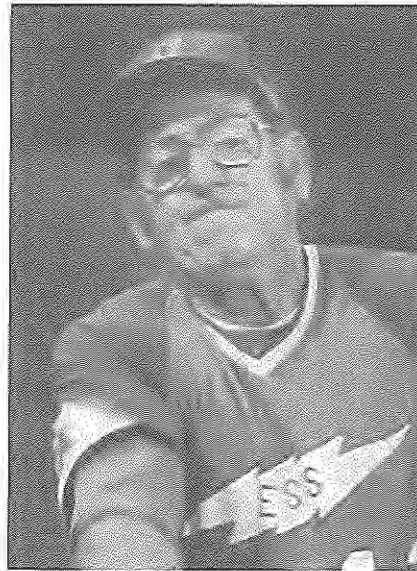
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**1983
PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

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



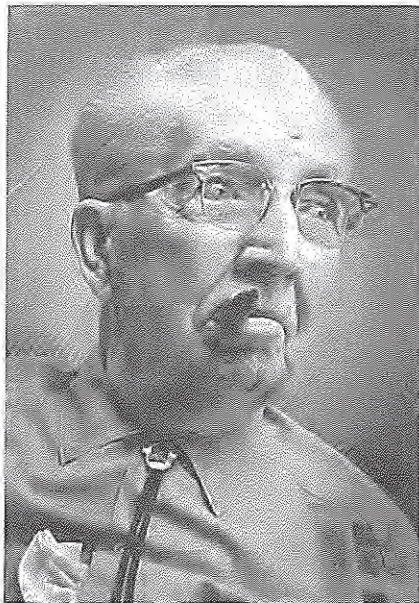
**1983
JIM DOYLE**

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



**1983
BILL HAMILTON**

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



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

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



**FRED LAWSON
1984
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD**

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

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DOMINIC TOMASI
1984

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



JAMES R.
"JIMMY" JOHNSON

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



HOWARD "GUS" HUGHES
1984

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



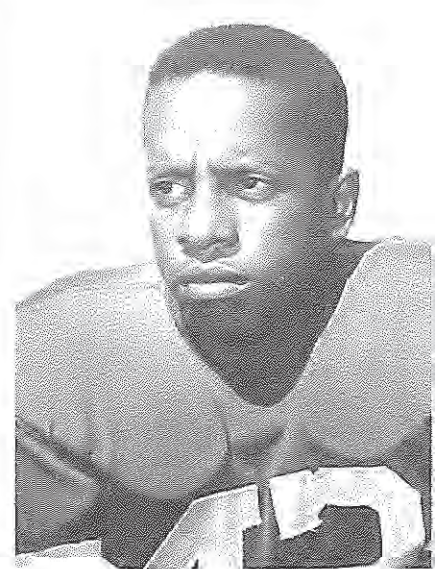
HOWARD GILROY
1984

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



PEG HAMMOND
1984

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



JESSE THOMAS
1984

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

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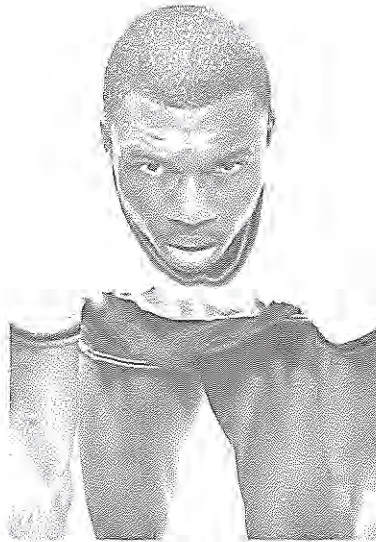
No matter how significant the accomplishments of an individual or team may be, a nomination is necessary in order for that person or team to be considered.

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

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

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

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



**HERB WASHINGTON
1985**

Washington set world records in the 50 and 60-yard dashes in 1970, while at Michigan State. He was a state champion sprinter at Central High. Washington stole 29 bases as a pinch-runner for the World Champion Oakland A's in 1974.



**RUSS REYNOLDS
1985**

Reynolds coached football for 23 years and baseball for 17 years at Beecher High, where he also served as athletic director. He was captain and quarterback of Michigan State's football team in 1934. He was an outstanding all-around athlete at Northern High.



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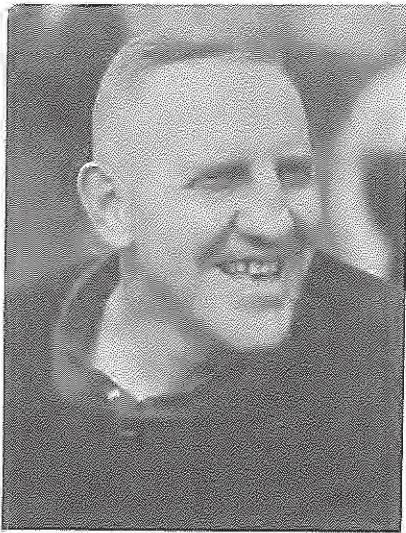


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STAN BROOME
Special Service Award
1985

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



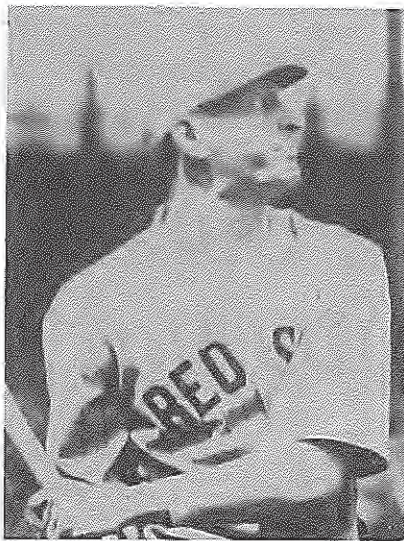
NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

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



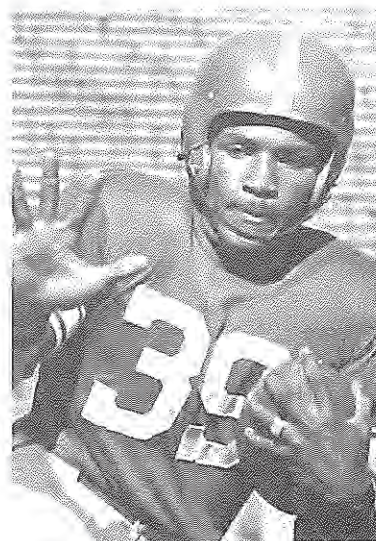
KEN FAILING
1985

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



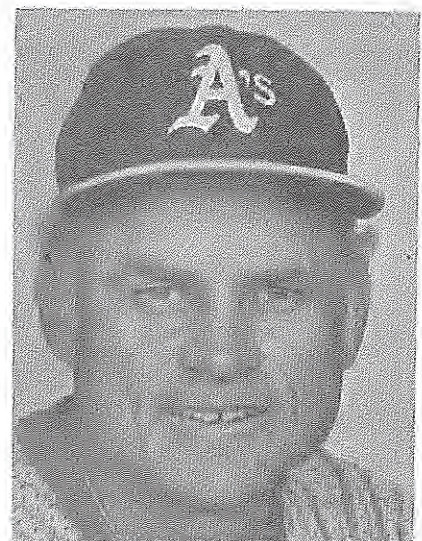
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

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



LEROY BOLDEN
1985

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



STEVE BOROS
1985

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



1986

BILL BARCLAY

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



1986

JEANETTE ROBINSON

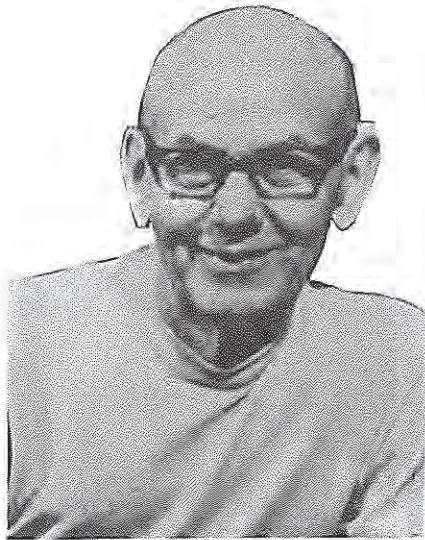
Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



1986

**Special Service Award
BILL MINARDO**

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

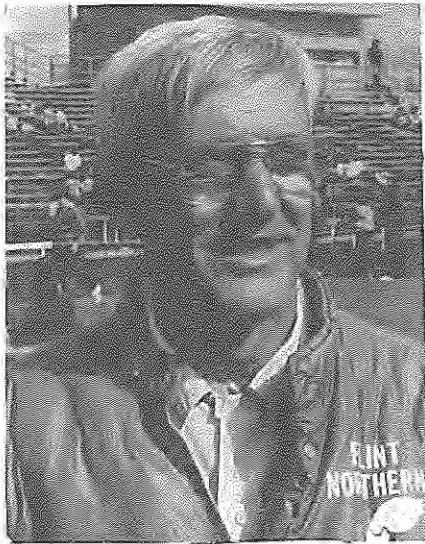


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OLLIE CRAVEN

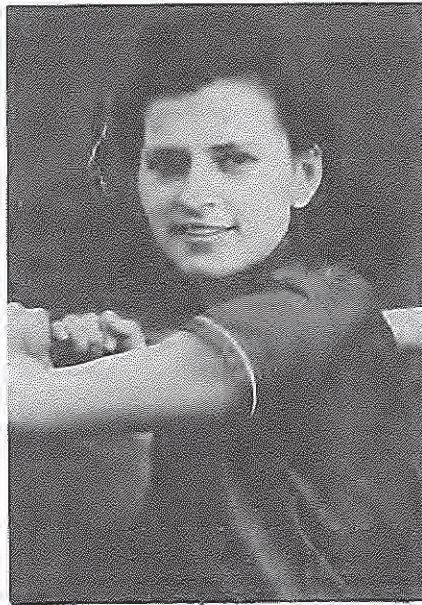
Craven bowled numerous 300 games and more than one-hundred 700 series. In an exhibition match in 1933, he rolled two 300 games in a five-game series with a total pinfall of 1,324, a world record at that time. He once bowled 29 consecutive strikes in a 843 series.

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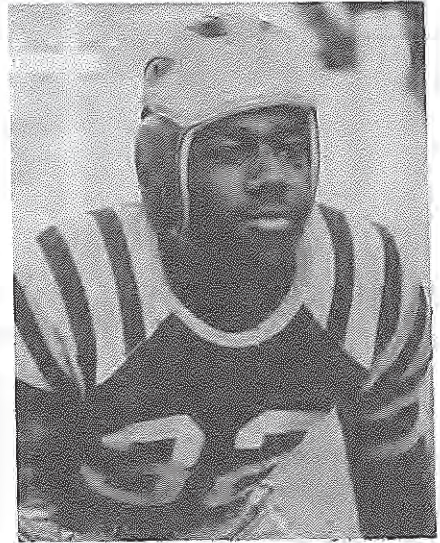
1986
NORBERT BADAR

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



1986
SOPHIE KURYS

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



1986
ELLIS DUCKETT

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

Congratulations!

Ernie Myers

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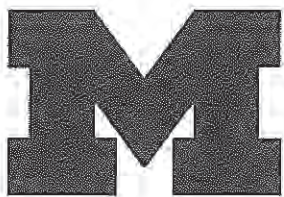
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JERRY RIDEOUT
Special Service Award

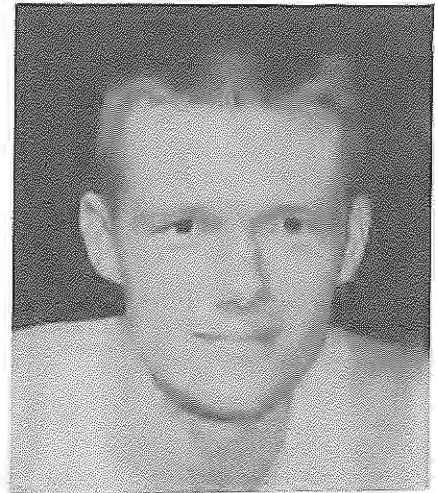
Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



1987

TED PRICHARD

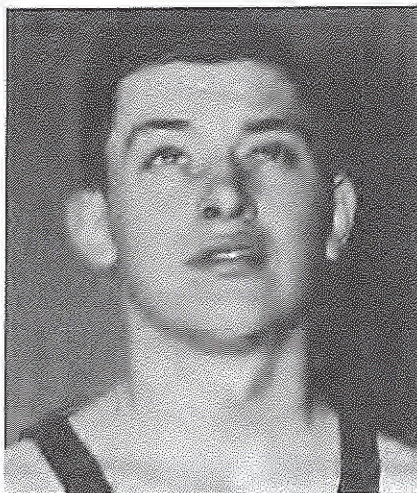
Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



1987

M. JOE ROBERSON

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



1987

MEL WINER

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

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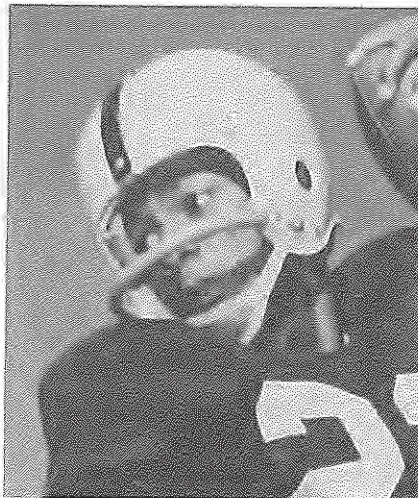
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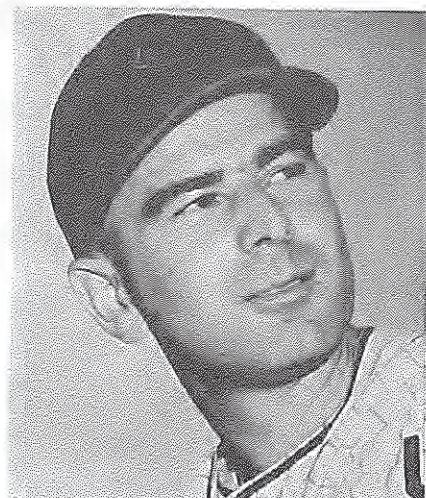
**1987
JO LAKE**

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



**1987
LEON BURTON**

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



**1987
ANDY SVENTKO**

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

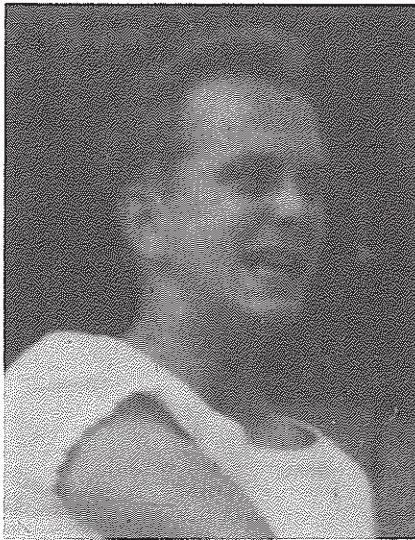
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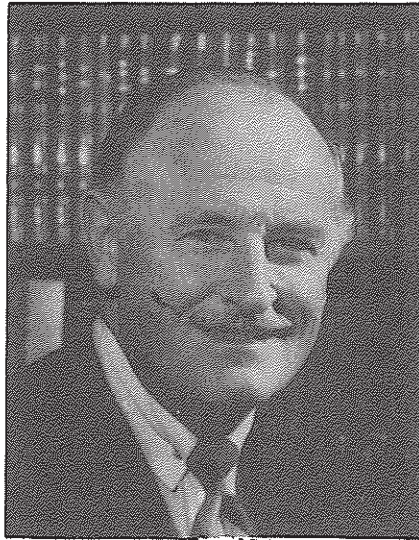
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BOB FLEISCHMANN

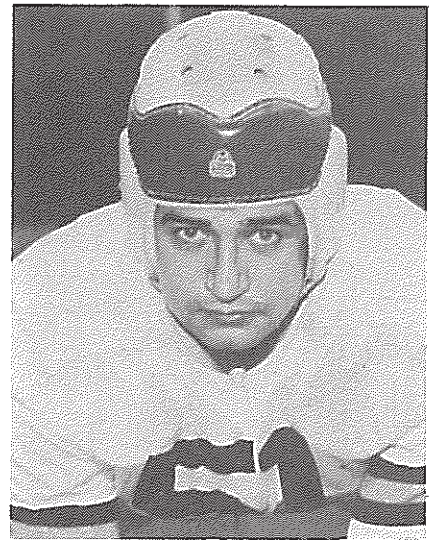
Fleischmann won nine straight City Singles Tennis Championships from 1947-55. He was undefeated for two years while playing for Northern High, and he also played tennis at Flint Junior College and Michigan State University.



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**J. VINCENT MURPHY
Special Service Award**

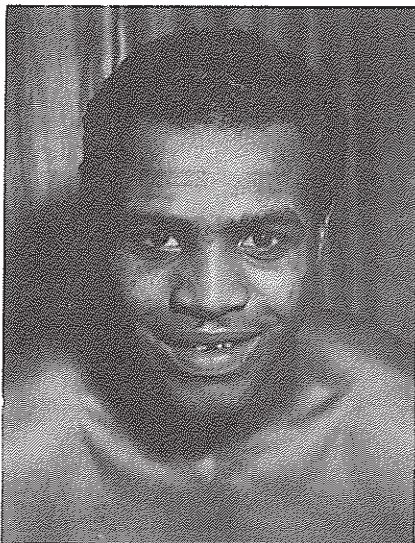
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who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



1988

PETE FUSI

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



1988

BENNIE McCOMBS

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

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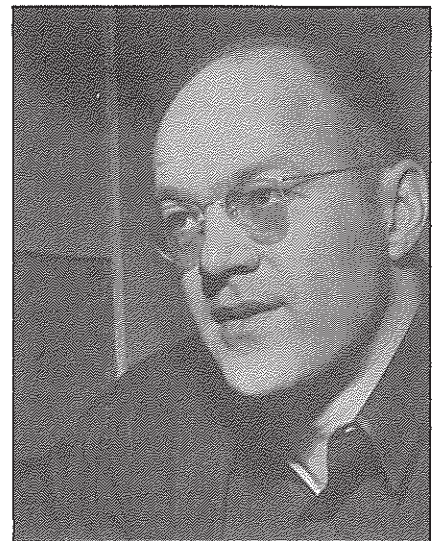
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The Flint area has long had a tradition of producing extraordinarily talented athletes in a multitude of activities.

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

The program, being held for the 23rd time tonight, is scheduled to always be staged on the first Saturday in December.

That means you can make your plans now for 2003. The 24th annual induction ceremonies will be held here at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center Dec. 6, 2003.



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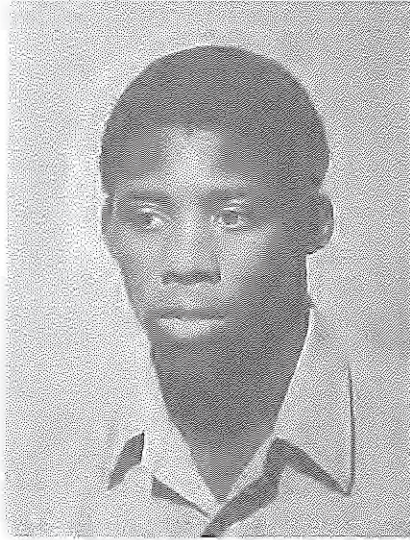
HOWARD AUER

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.



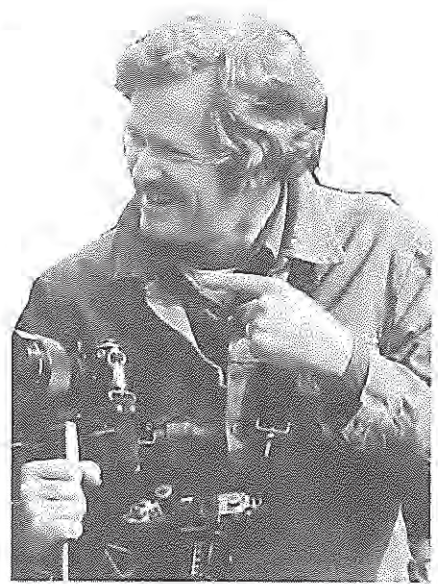
1988
ED KRUPA

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

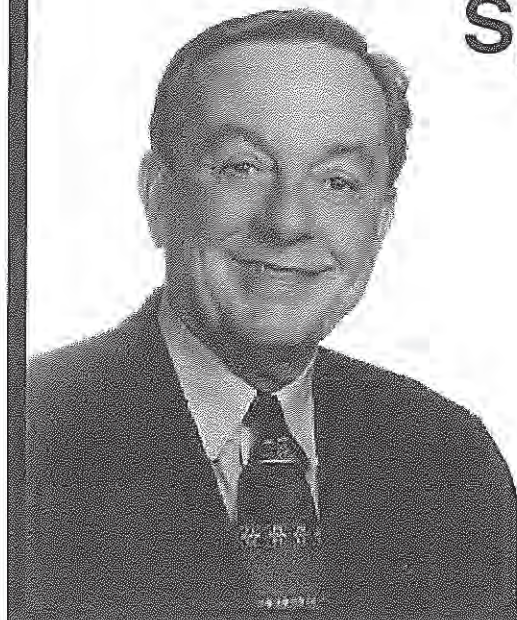
Matthews was a Greco-Roman wrestler who competed in the Olympic Games in 1976 and was a member of the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Games. He won the gold medal in the 163-pound division at the 1979 Pan-American Games. An eight-time national champion, he was considered the best wrestler in the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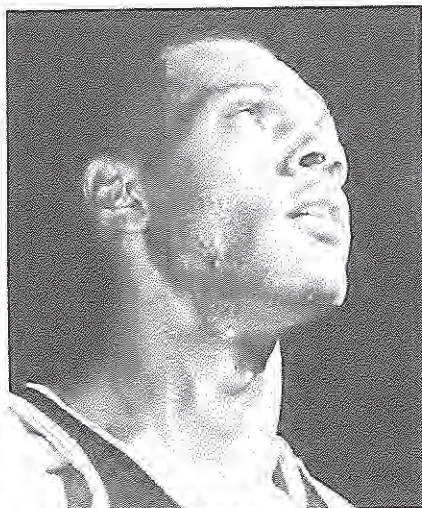
and the entire staff at





**1989
BOB SUCI**

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



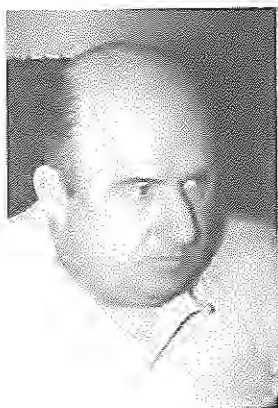
**1989
GENE SUMMERS**

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



**1989
RAY SEIDEL**

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



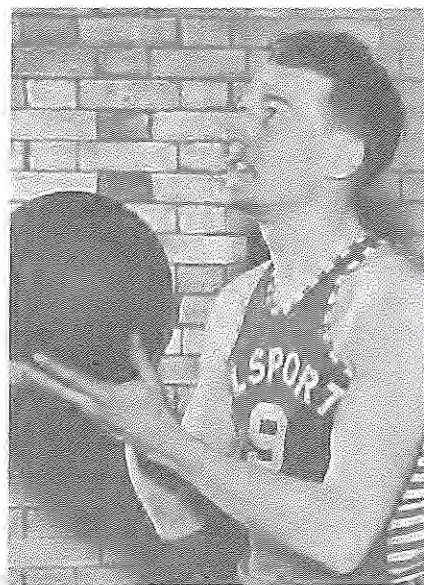
**1989
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

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



**1989
MIKE GOGGINS**

Goggin, 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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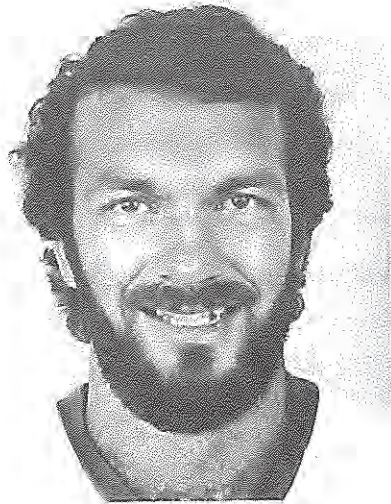


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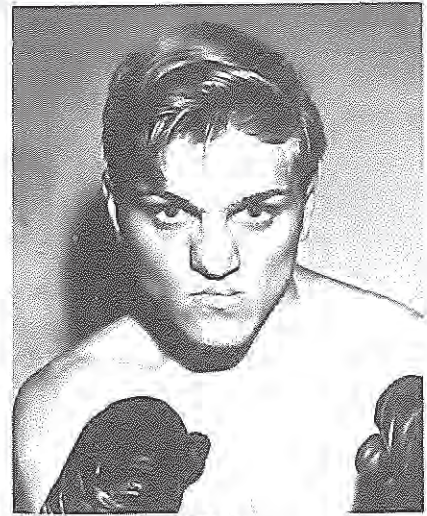
**1990
KEN MORROW**

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.



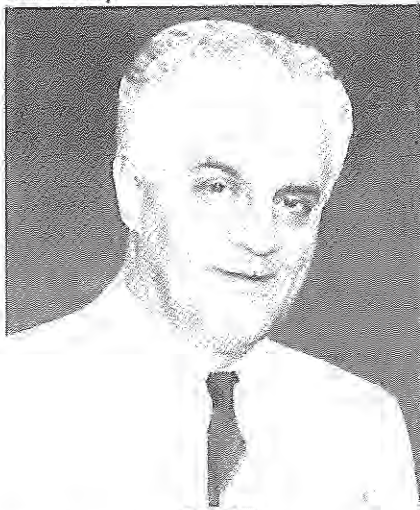
**1990
AL JOHNSON**

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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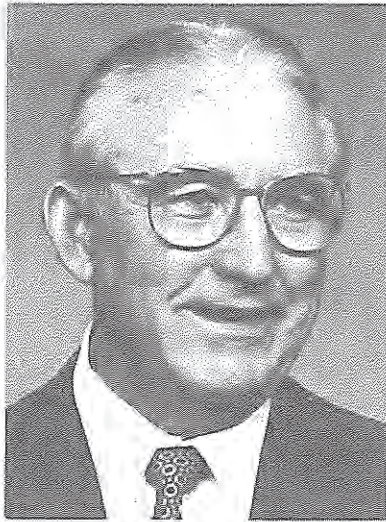
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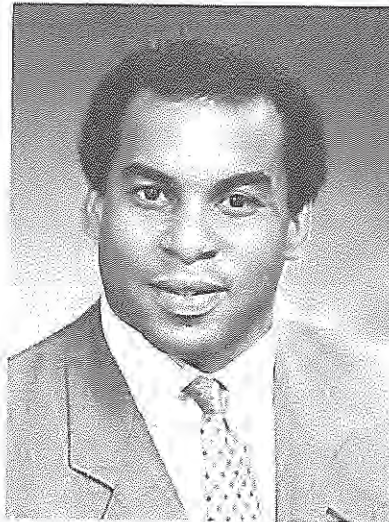
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Lauryn, Russell and Grace Mary



**1990
BOB HARVEY**

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



**1990
REGGIE WILLIAMS**

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



**1990
BART MARKEL**

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

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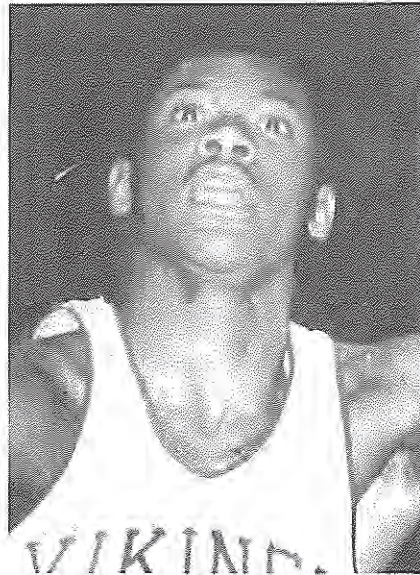


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**1991
DENNIS JOHNSON**

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



**1991
TERRY FURLOW**

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



**1991
RON PRUITT**

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

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**1991
BOBBY CRIM and LOIS CRAIG
Special Service Award**

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





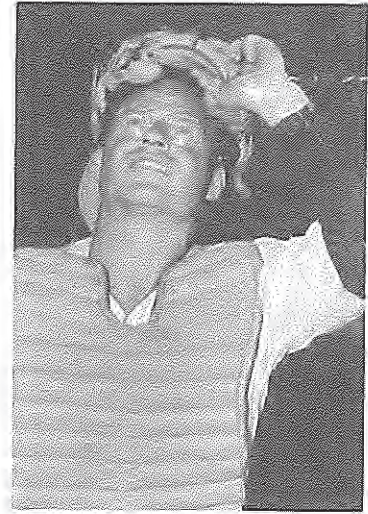
**1991
ANDY MacDONALD**

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



**1991
BOB LEACH**

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



**1991
JOE KINZEL**

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

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**1992
GEORGE GUERRE**

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



**1992
STAN GOOCH**

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



**1992
TONY BRANOFF**

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

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1992
J.B. COOK

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



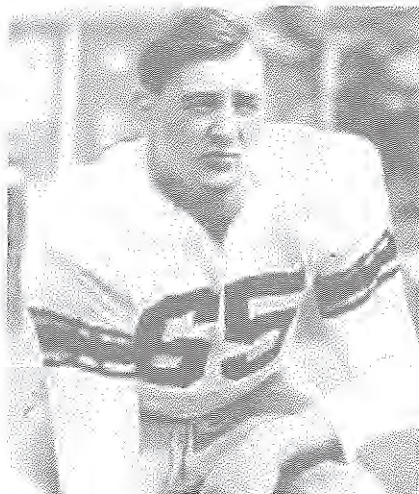
1992
DOUG MINTLINE
Special Service Award

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



1992
ANNE McLOGAN-HERMAN

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



1992
BILL YAMBRICK

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

Ill Health Shortened Urick's Career

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first time he ever played the game and was unbeatable on a pool table.

"He ran 85 balls on me one night in our basement," said Vic. "We'd play five or six hours and all I'd ever do was rack. He had a great touch."

A serious traffic accident changed Urick's life at age 31. On Sept. 11, 1947, his car was hit head-on on N. Saginaw Road near Stanley Road. Pauline was among three people killed, and Urick hovered near death for 10 days. Serious head and pelvic injuries kept him hospitalized for five weeks.

Four months later, a touching photo in The Journal showed a still-recuperating Urick at home in an easy chair, showing a scrapbook to his motherless boys, 5-year-old Vic and 2-year-old Roger.

He remarried in 1953 and had two more children, including a son, Kirk, who married Debbie Herzog, daugh-

ter of Major League manager Whitey Herzog.

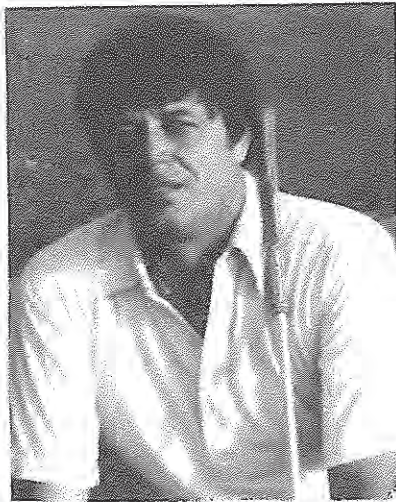
The accident led to a long, steady decline in Urick's health. He contracted diabetes and lost a leg to the disease in the mid-1970s. Doctors were considering amputating the other leg when Urick died on March 22, 1978.

"He had a terrible time the last 25 years of his life," said Vic. "We'd play golf and he'd conk out on us after a few holes, go into insulin shock. My brother or I would run up and get him a candy bar to revive him, then play the last five or six holes."

But even illness and injuries couldn't diminish Urick's ability to hit.

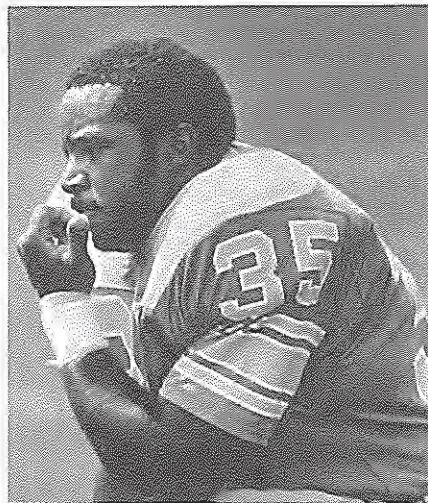
"We used to say our golf game was 'hit and drag Steve,'" said Al. "He'd go under and we'd have to revive him. And the heat bothered him real bad, too."

"But, you know, that son of a gun would still out-hit us."



1993
LARRY MANCOUR

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



1993
BOOKER MOORE

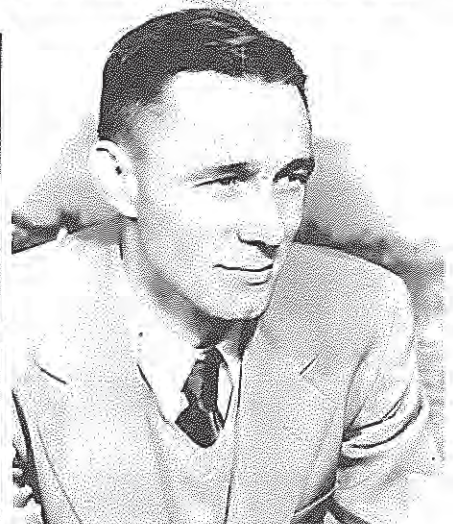
Set every high school rushing record in Flint during a superb three-year career at Southwestern from 1974-76. As a senior broke his own one-season record he set as a junior by rushing for 1,263 yards while leading the Colts to a 9-0 record and unanimous selection as the state's number one team in all of the 1976 polls. A two-time All-State selection, played four years at Penn State where he became its fifth-leading career rusher. Was the number one draft choice of the Buffalo Bills in 1981.



1993
PETE SARK
Special Service

Long been one of the area's biggest boosters. He was the radio voice of Flint sports for 25 years at station WFDF and his columns appeared regularly in the Catholic Weekly and Grand Blanc News. He was instrumental in beginning the Athlete of the Month Award with the Flint Exchange Club, has served on the GFASHF's selection committee and long been a popular speaker and master of ceremonies at area sports banquets.

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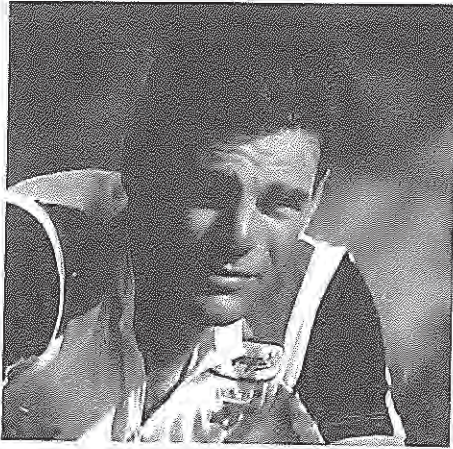


1993
LEN SWEET

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.

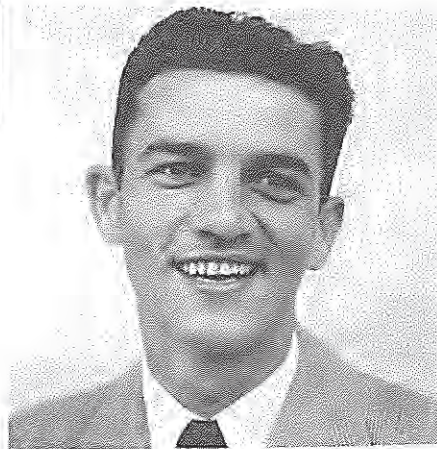
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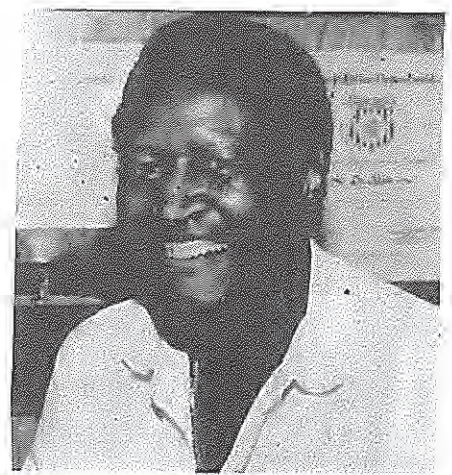
**1993
MIKE SECREST**

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



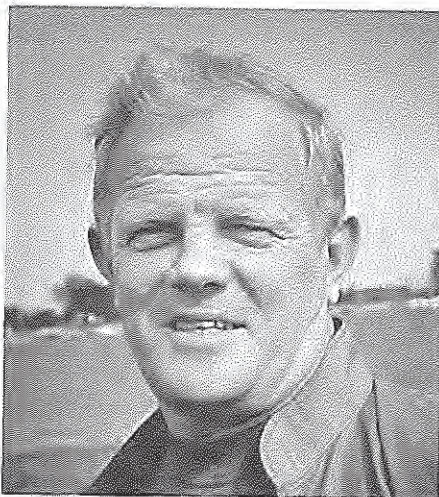
**1993
JOHN BERO**

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



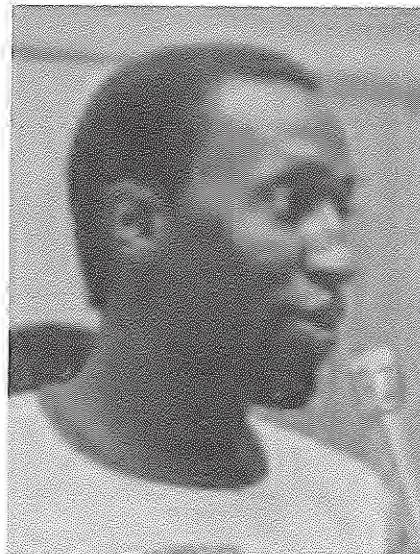
**1993
HERB ODOM**

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



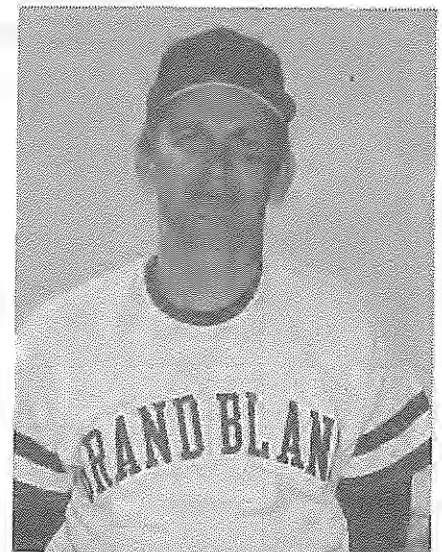
**1994
Jack Pratt**

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



**1994
Trent Tucker**

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



**1994
Joe Pitock**

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



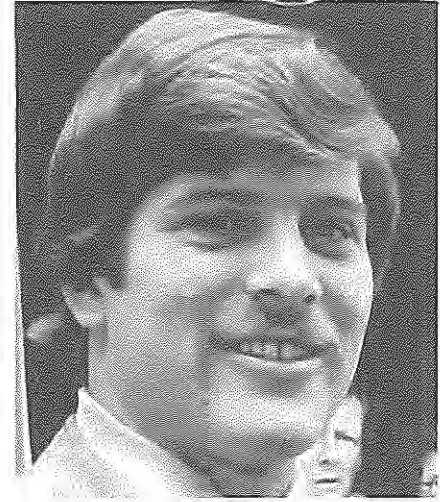
**1994
Cotton Goodell**

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



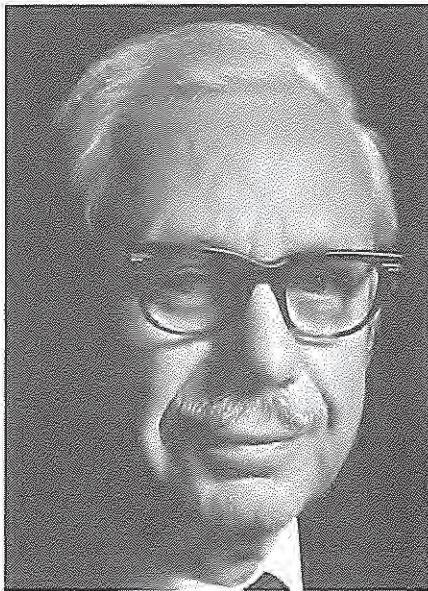
**1994
Wally Jakowczyk**

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



**1994
Rick Leach**

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



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

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



**1995
Jack Petrill
Special Service**

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



**1995
Andy Sabota (Pelio)**

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



**1995
Grover Kirkland**

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



**1995
Dorothy Kukulka**

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



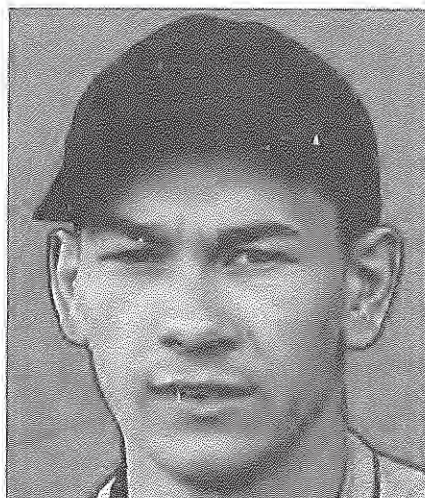
**1995
Nick Manych**

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



**1995
Justus Thigpen**

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



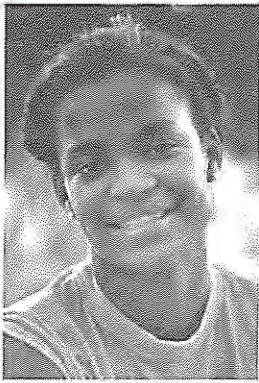
**1995
Chub Guzak**

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



**1995
Jim Crang**

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



1996

Pamela McGee

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



1996

Paula McGee

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



1996

Art Johnson

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

Stars Leave, New Heroines Emerge

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Hughley finished her varsity career undefeated and earned All-State and Parade All-America honors. Tucker also was All-State and Kukulka repeated as Coach of the Year.

If the 1980 championship was a surprise, the '81 title was shocking.

With Cooper the only returning starter, the Lady Vikings six games during the season, shared the city title with Northwestern and had nobody on the All-Saginaw Valley first or second teams.

Eight different players started at various times, including Tanya Thomas, Monica Hughes, Evette Ott and sophomore Yvonne Thompson. The top subs were Alayna McGee, the twins' sister, Vicki Prince and Tracy Wells.

The Lady Vikings (12-6) were not expected to get out of the district. But after losing twice to Valley champion Saginaw during the regular season,

then stunned the 19-1, third-ranked Trojans, 52-43 in the district final.

Northern then survived Midland, 57-50, in overtime and beat Escanaba, 54-42, for the regional title.

Thompson emerged as the heroine in the last three games. She hit both ends of a 1-and-1 free throw situation with 39 seconds left to seal a 55-51 quarterfinals victory over Farmington Hills Mercy, had a steal and four free throws in the last 15 seconds to sink Grand Haven, 35-31, in the semis, then hit two more foul shots at :53 mark of the final to help beat Harper Woods Regina, 37-32.

Cooper led Northern with 10 points and 11 rebounds in the title game.

With nearly back, the Lady Vikings took a 25-2 record into the 1982 state final, where it blew a 19-point lead in the fourth quarter and lost 61-58 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

Otherwise the hall would be inducting a five-team entry this year.



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.



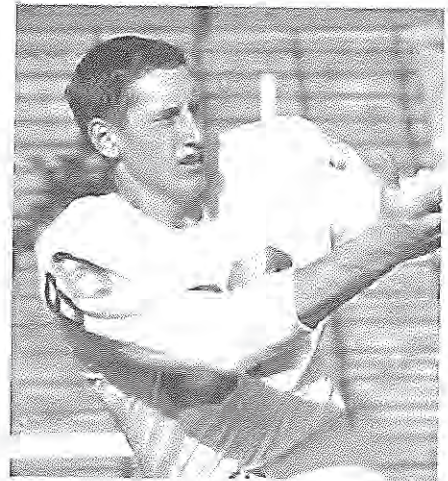
1996
Bill Blamer

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.



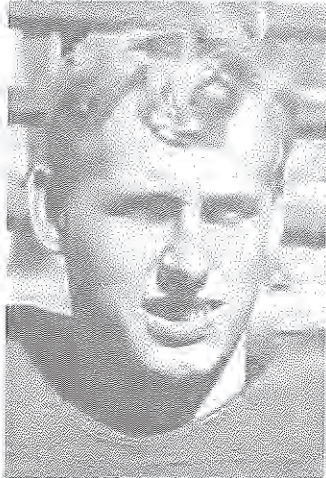
1996
Don Jarrard

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.



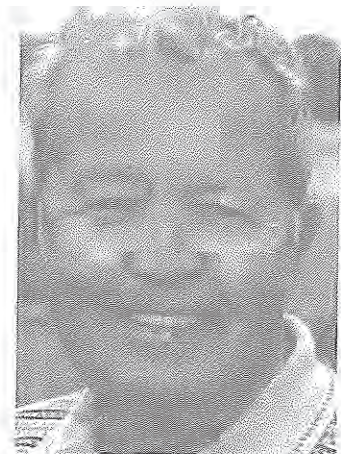
1997
Hank Minarik

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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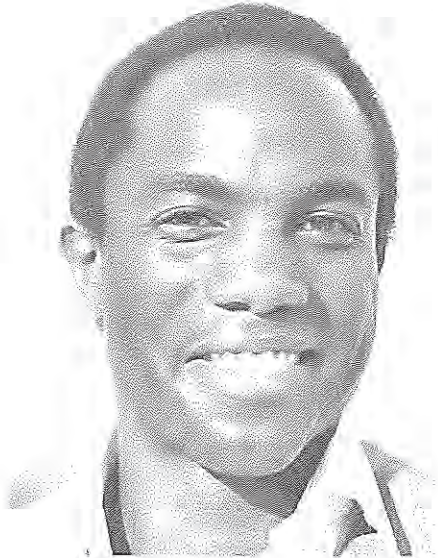
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1997

Lamar Gant

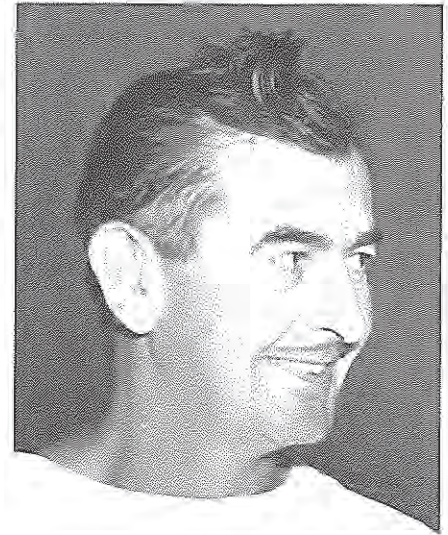
Won a record 15 world powerlifting championships from in the 123 and 132-pound weight classes. Set state, national and world records in the bench press, squat and deadlift while also establishing records for total lift. Became the youngest ever to win a world championship when he succeeded in Birmingham,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



1997

Fred Turner

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



1998

Audrey Smith

Special Service

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

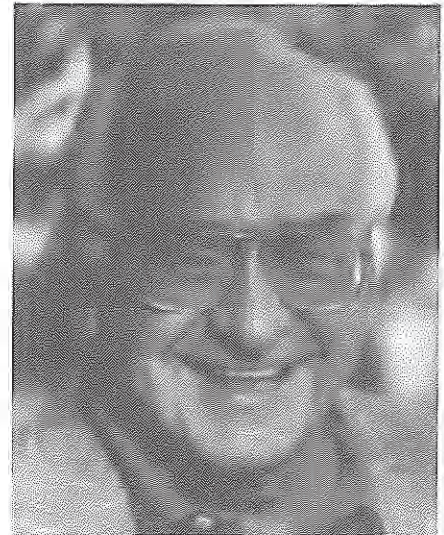


1998

Dr. Gerald Piesko

Special Service Award

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



1997

M.B. Cossman

Special Service Award

Energetic promoter of Flint sports during a 19-year career as a 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

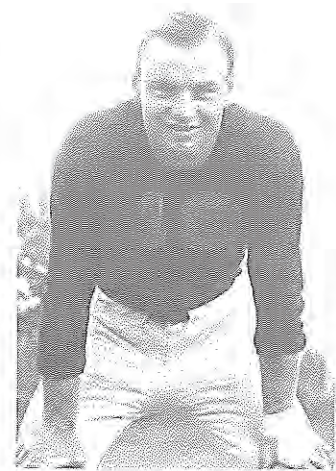
A standout quarterback and defensive halfback on two undefeated Northern High teams in 1934-'35. He led the Saginaw Valley Conference in scoring in 1935 when he scored all but one of Northern's touchdowns in Valley games. He starred on three Michigan State College teams from 1937-39. He was the only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

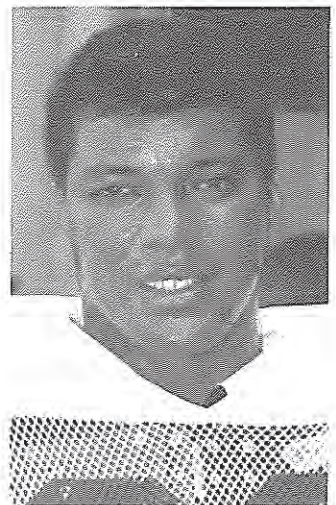
Coached the 1992 U.S. Olympic boxing team in Barcelona. Byrd coached the Flint Police Athletic League for more than 20 years and produced numerous state, regional and national Golden Gloves champions. He began his own boxing career in 1957 and won the city Golden Gloves light heavyweight championships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

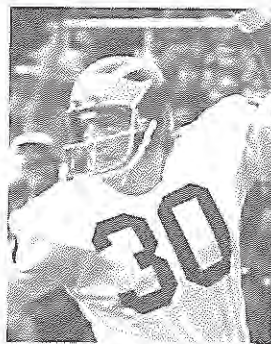
Eugene Marve

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.



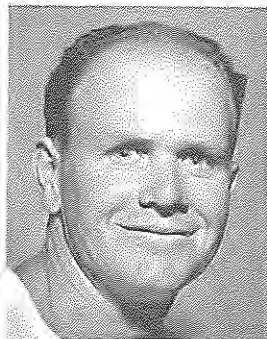
1999
Ricky Patton

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.



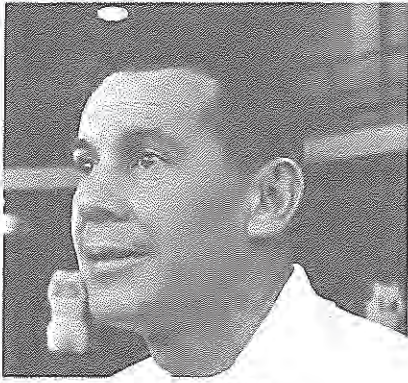
1999
Varnard Gay

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.



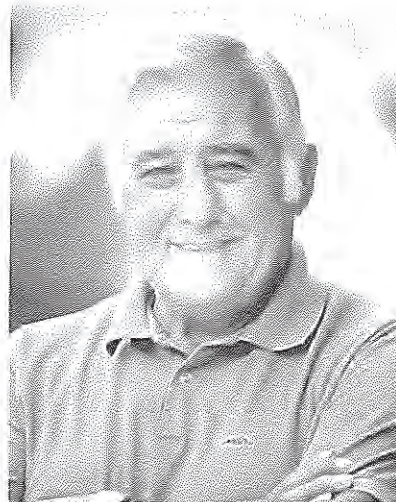
2000
John Lindholm

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.



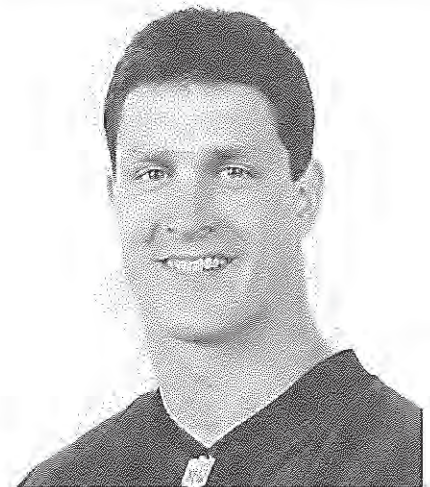
2000
Reggie Barnett

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.



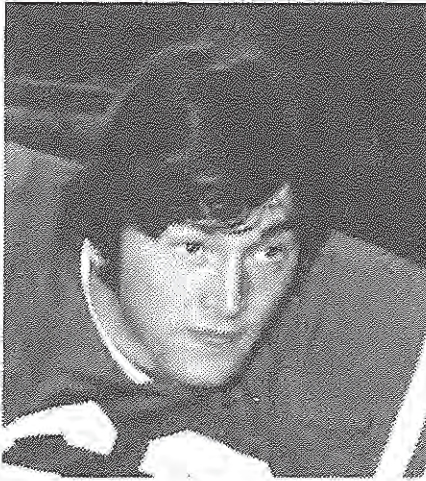
2000
Pete Fornari

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.



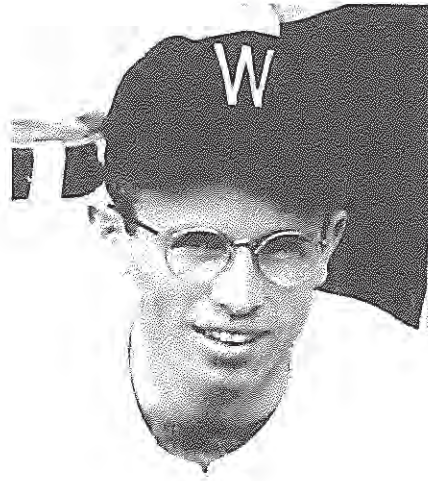
2000
Jim Morrissey

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.



2000
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.



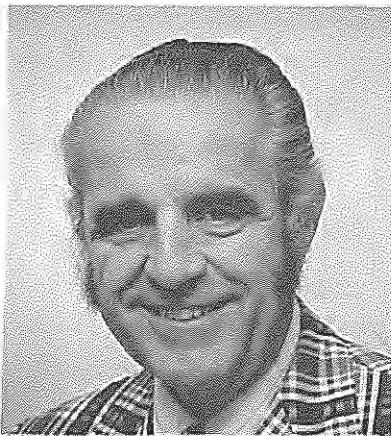
2000
Tom Cole

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
Special Service Award

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.

Flint Youngsters Baseball Road Warriors

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Lawrence was the second punch in a 1-2 mound corps. He went 11-3 and took a .350 batting average to Miles City. He and Hresko started every game of the tournament, and both usually went the distance in the nine-inning games. Rozyla provided occasional relief and hit .333 in the postseason.

After going 14-2 in Flint league play, Red Arrow crushed Lansing 8-0 and 22-2 at Atwood Stadium for the state sectional title then the following weekend in Detroit beat Detroit Ternstedt 4-2, Kalamazoo 9-1, and Ferndale 8-4 and 6-3 for the state crown.

In the Midwest Regional at East Chicago, Ind., Flint beat Shorewood, Wis., 5-3, and swept Berwyn, Ill., 3-2 and 4-0 for the title. Lawrence pitched three hitters in the first and third games, and Cooper's single triggered a three-run, eighth-inning rally in the clinching game.

Red Arrow took a 24-game winning streak into the sectional at Hastings, Neb. In a town of 1,700 residents, 2,500 fans watched Flint beat Lynn, Mass., 5-2 in the opener of a best-of-3 set. Lynn snapped the streak with a 4-3 win in the second game, but Hresko fired a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts to win the rubber game, 8-1, and sent Flint to Montana.

There it all ended when Flint lost its first two games of the five-team, double-elimination tournament, 5-2 to Minneapolis and 10-9 to Springfield, Ohio.

Hresko pitched a three-hitter in the opener, but the normally solid Flint defense committed five errors.

Minneapolis wound up as national champion, beating Springfield, 3-2.

Red Arrow's final record was 25-5. Hresko came home to sign with the Detroit Tigers during his senior year in high school and arranged to complete the school year through a tutor while in spring training.



2001

Bobby Reed

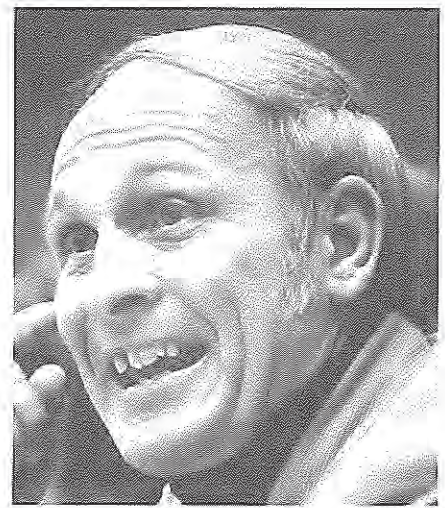
Was a two-sport standout at Flint Southwestern where he gained All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors as a football quarterback and baseball pitcher. Regarded as one of the area's premier pitchers, he helped the Buick Colts to a state recreation baseball championship in 1961. Was an All-Big Ten Conference pitcher at the University of Michigan and held six Wolverine pitching records when he graduated in 1966.



2001

Ray Steffen

A three-sport athlete at Flint Central, he was a three-year basketball starter at Michigan State and the Spartans most valuable player in 1951. Coached basketball at Buchanan and guided his team to the state Class B finals in 1955. He spent 32 years at Kalamazoo College where coached the basketball team throughout his tenure, was the baseball coach for 22 years and spent 10 years as the college's golf coach.



2001

LeRoy Decker

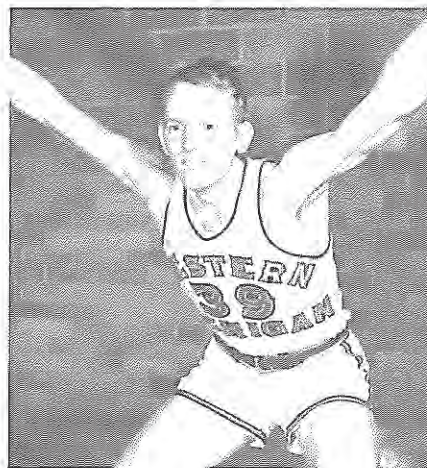
Attained legendary status coaching both boys' and girls' basketball at Fenton and is a member of two Michigan coaches halls of fame. In more than 30 years of coaching, Decker guided his teams to a record of 518-151. At Fenton his teams won 16 league championships, 24 Class B district tournament titles and five regional crowns. His boys teams reached the state tournament semifinals twice and his girls team gained the finals in 1982.



2001

Don Reid

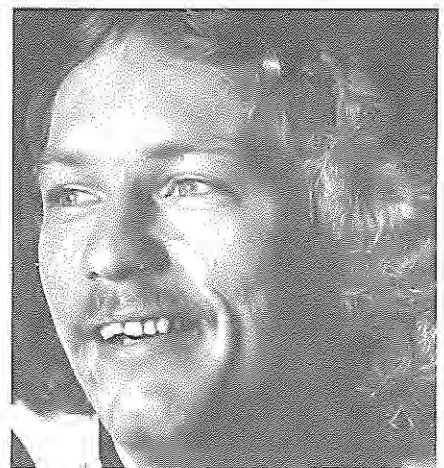
He starred for four years in football, basketball and baseball at St. Mary. He gained Class D All-State honors three times in both football and basketball. He still owns the area single game scoring record with 61 points set in 1966 and his 2,121 points for 84 games is the second highest career total in area prep annals.



2001

Charles "Bud" Brotebeck

Captained Central's 1948 basketball team and also earned All-Saginaw Valley Conference honors. He earned three baseball letters at Western Michigan where he captained the Broncos in 1953 after helping the Broncos into the College World Series. He taught and coached basketball and baseball at Romeo High.



2001

Jay Springsteen

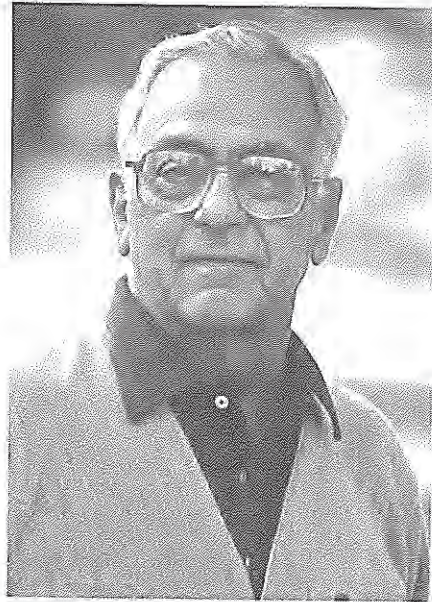
While riding under the factory sponsorship of Harley Davidson, he dominated the American Motorcyclist Association from 1976-78 when he won three Grand National season championships. Springsteen won 19 races in those three years and his career total of 40 victories through 1985 stood as the AMA record until 1991.



2001

Jack Baldwin

Coached for 28 years at Mandeville and Ainsworth Highs where his teams won four league championships, three state tournament district crowns and the Greater Flint Invitational title. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993. Starred at Western Michigan University where he earned All-Mid American Conference honors for two years and helped the Broncos to four league championships and a berth in the 1952 College World Series.



2001

Ed "Blackie" Abraham

Worked year-round coaching and guiding people. During the school year he coached all sports and was the athletic director at Sacred Heart High. His summers were spent supervising the Boys' Baseball Program at Potter School. He is the only member of the Sacred Heart Hall of Fame and the baseball field at Potter is named in his honor. A native of Lansing, he is in that city's hall of fame for his All-State careers in football and basketball at Lansing Central.



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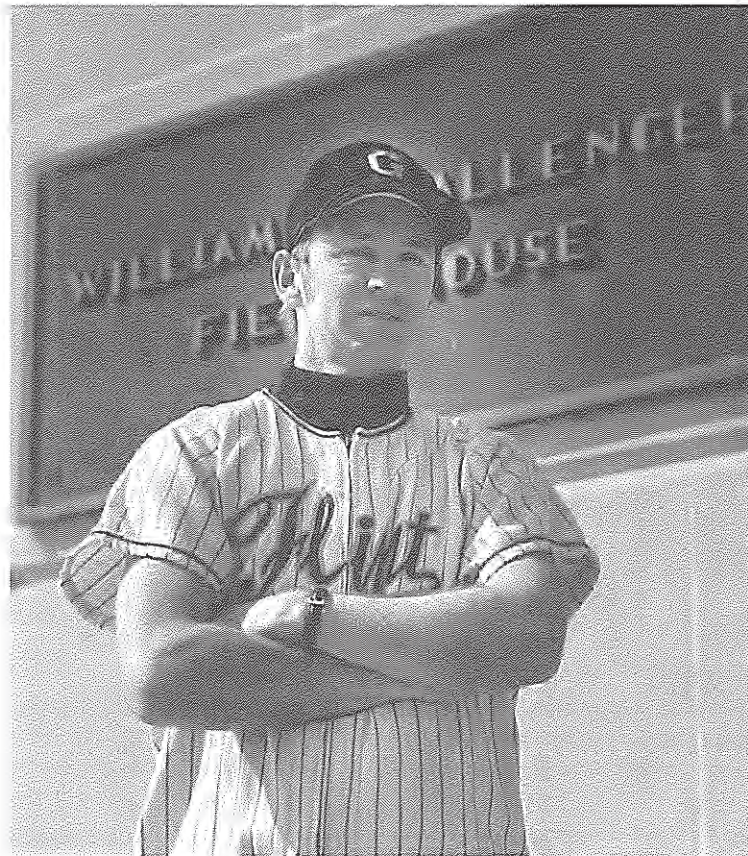
Len Hoyes
Special Service

Has been part of the area sports scene for more than 50 years as a longtime sportswriter for The Flint Journal. Perhaps more knowledgeable than anyone of area sports, he covered everything on a variety of levels from high schools through professional. He was The Journal's first sportswriter to chronicle the Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games and has been honored for his contributions to those events.

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Professional baseball player.....	White Sox farm system, 1959
United States Baseball Team, 1973.....	Gold Medal
Dutch National Team, Head Coach	1974, 1976, 1978
European Games	1975, Barcelona Spain, 1977 Haarlem, Netherlands
World Games	1976 Columbia, South America, 1978 Italy
North Central Region Junior College Coach of the Year	1967, 1971, 1978
Alternate Coach - USA All Star Team for Japan	1972
Given the key to the city of Flint "Ernie Myers Day"	1973
Voted the "Sports Press Award" by the European Press	1977
Presented with Holland's highest sports award, the KNBSB Award	1978
Elected to the Manley School Hall of Fame for outstanding community service.....	1980
25 year service award by the ABCA	1986
Elected to NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.....	2000



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harder and are so hungry to keep that going," McGee said. "That's really important to a program. Once you get over the hump, it makes it much easier."

McGee's legacy as one of the greatest coaches in Flint area history was secured last season when she became the first coach in Michigan to win 500 girls' basketball games. The victory came in the state semifinals against Lansing Catholic Central. The following night, Powers completed its first unbeaten

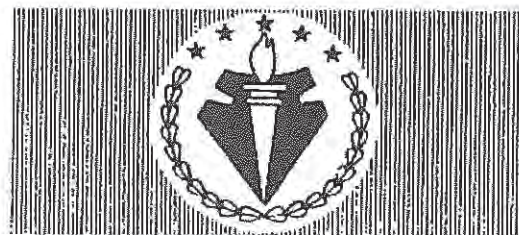


season and won back-to-back state titles for the first time with a come-from-behind victory over Detroit Country Day.

McGee's record is 512-128 (.800). She's proud of those numbers and the championships that have gone along with them. But she's more proud of the type of young women Powers' program has produced.

"When you think about it, it's not about wins and losses," said McGee, who came to Powers from Central Michigan University in 1972 as a student teacher.

"They're really here for a day. You hope the lessons the players learn from the game are what last a lifetime. That's what we're in this for, learning to be better people and how to really be a team player. That's what discipline and hard work are about."



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Flint Northern Basketball 70-71, 71-72
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NON-SCHOLASTIC

- 1992 - M&S Orange Softball Team 1945
- 1993 - American Legion Fisher Post 342
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- 1995 - White Seal Basketball 1946-47
- 1996 - Buick Recreation Baseball 1936
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