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Last year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary. Tonight we start a new 25-year streak as we welcome you to Genesys Athletic and Banquet Center and the 26th Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Our committee this year once again has selected an outstanding group of individual inductees. Bill Dolittle, Jerry Hosner, Marco Marcet, Linnell Jones McKenney, Roy Marble, Wayne Van Slyke (deceased) are being honored for their dedication and commitment to the sports they played.

Norm Bryant is this year's recipient of the Special Service Award. His commitment to quality has had a positive impact on hundreds of young Flint athletes.

Also tonight we are inducting the following teams: 1942 Flint St. Mary Football Team, 1946 American Legion Haan Red Arrow Post 151 Baseball Team and the 1981-82-83 Flint Central Basketball teams.

The Board of Directors would like to express our appreciation to the Flint Journal. The Journal sports staff with their excellent articles, have all contributed to the success of the G.F.A.S.H.F.

The Flint Journal's commitment to quality is further demonstrated by their contributions of the Hall of Fame plaques which are on display tonight. These plaques will be permanently enshrined in the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame located in the Genesys Athletic Club.

A special "Thanks" goes to the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club for providing the permanent home of all past and future plaques of our honorees.

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The Flint Journal congratulates
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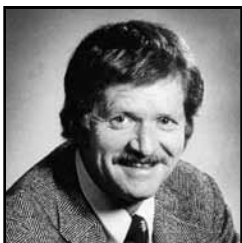


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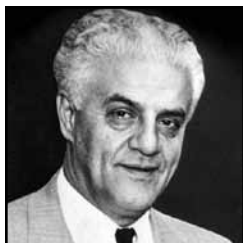
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Linnell McKenney

Practically every basketball fan knows Julius Erving, the high-flying forward who starred in the ABA and the NBA in the 1970s and '80s, taking the slam-dunk to another level.

During the same era of Doctor J., Nurse J. made her mark in basketball.

Before there was Cheryl Miller, Cynthia Cooper, Sheryl Swoopes and Flint's Pam and Paula McGee and Tonya Edwards, there was Linnell Jones, a player ahead of her time.

The 1976 Northwestern High graduate dazzled crowds with her skill and athleticism that hadn't been seen in the women's game.

Pound-for-pound, Jones, now Linnell McKenney, is possibly the best basketball player to come out of Flint.

"She was amazing," said Larry Watkins, the acting director of pupil personnel services for the Flint Schools. "She could go out and dominate the game against boys or girls, it didn't matter.

She was fearless. She could do it all - shoot, pass and create.

"She is one of the best basketball players I've ever seen."

Had McKenney, 48, been playing in the era of ESPN, coupled with the added emphasis on women's athletics, she would've been regarded as a superstar.

However, she is just as pleased to be recognized as a pioneer of women's basketball in Flint, and an inductee tonight in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It is an incredible honor," said McKenney, who along with her husband, Ricky, a minister, have operated the New Direction Youth Program in Flint for 16 years. "I am proud to be a part of Flint's great athletic tradition."

McKenney was a phenomenon. In elementary school and junior high, she played on the boys' teams.

She averaged 27 points per game during her career at Northwestern.

She had to be seen to be believed, explains Letia Hughley, the Northern High coach.

"Where do I start?," Hughley said. "She is one of the greatest players I've ever seen. She dominated the game. Her ball-handling, shooting, speed and passing was superb. She could do everything. I was in awe watching her play.

"I loved the challenge of playing against her, because I knew if I could stay on the court with her, I could play with anyone."

Unfortunately, McKenney didn't have many opportunities. Title IX was in its infancy and colleges didn't place a priority on women's athletics that they do today.

In fact, McKenney enrolled at Ferris State without a scholarship.

"It's great to see women's basketball grow the way it has," McKenney said. "Women now have so many opportunities to choose from.

"The only way for me to receive a full scholarship was to transfer to Kentucky State. At Ferris State, I had no scholarship. At Saginaw Valley State, I had a half scholarship."



After college, McKenney played overseas professionally for six seasons in Viterbo, Italy and Vicenza, where she once had an 84-point game. She said a typical scoring average was 30 points per game. She also played for the St. Louis Streaks of the WBL in 1980-81 and averaged 10 points and 10 assists. Although she enjoyed the competition overseas, being so far away was difficult.

"There were times when I was alone without my family," McKenney said. "Only God could have kept me in the right frame of mind to continue on in times when I might have wanted to give up.

"So without Christ, I would be nothing. I owe Him all the praise. I love the way God has blessed me to have a positive attitude about life in general. And with a positive attitude you can be or do anything in life."

In addition to her mentoring program, McKenney writes a weekly column for The Journal called "Dream Big," where she encourages readers to seek the best that life has to offer.

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than McKenney's accomplishments on the court, is what she's done off it. The McKenneys have made a positive difference for thousands of kids.

"I would need hours to tell how gratifying it is to have had an impact on young people as an athlete, and now through my ministry with my husband," she said. "As a child, I have always had a dream to help young people. I had a traveling all-star team and we would travel to other schools play basketball, talk to the youth, and teach some basketball skills. It has been my heart's desire to help young people."

To:
Our Family Star
We're proud of your induction into the
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Wayne "Slick" Van Slyke

Love,

Angie, Mike, Ellen, Patti, Vick, Greg,
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Chuck, Julie, Danny, Leslie, Dru, Kim,
Glynis and all the great grand children.

Attaboy!

Wayne “Slick” Van Slyke

By Brendan Savage

Flint's first family of softball has another member headed to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Wayne Van Slyke, who pitched eight no-hitters and one perfect game, joins wife Angie and brother Melvin in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Angie and Melvin were both members of teams that were honored.

“It means a great deal to me,” said Angie who was inducted in 1996 as part of the 1946 IMA girls' softball team. “We're thrilled about it. A lot of people who know about him are no longer here. But I wanted to see him get credit for the clever little pitcher he was.

“He pitched ... when softball was really big in Flint. He was the premier pitcher in that league. He was a great fielder in his own right. He fielded his position like Greg Maddux fields his.” Van Slyke was a star on area diamonds in the 1930s and '40s. It was at the old IMA Park near what is now UM-Flint where he met Angie, who was a standout softball player and bowler.

“We used to play doubleheaders,” said Angie, who also pitched when she wasn't playing centerfield or first base.

“We would play the preliminary game and they played the last game. He could throw a pitch where the seams don't revolve and he taught me throw that. It was very effective.

“We played golf together, bowled together, went to ball-games together.” When his fastpitch career ended, VanSlyke took up bloopers and played well into his '60s on a 30-and-over team where most of the players were young enough to be his sons.

One of his VanSlyke's sons, Mike, remembers watching his dad baffle batters as a bloopers pitcher.

“Remember, you had to pitch it higher than the batter's head and it had to hit the plate to be considered a strike,” Mike VanSlyke said. “It was not unusual for a score in bloopers to be 20-18. It was a hitter's game.

“He was a very effective bloopers pitcher because he pitched it 12-14-foot high. He pitched a knuckleball and it came almost straight down.

It was extremely tough to hit. The higher the guy could pitch the better.”

At one point, VanSlyke's fastpitch teams rode his arm into the state tournament nine times in 10 years. But he didn't take credit for the team's success. “I don't strike out many batters,” VanSlyke said in a 1944 Flint Journal story. “But I always have had a good fielding team behind me. That's the main reason the teams I've played on have been so popular. “I think fans would rather see a flashy fielding team than a pitcher fanning all the hitters.”

Mike VanSlyke said his dad frequently deflected praise from himself to his infielders.

“One of the reasons he gave that much credit is because nobody ever hit the ball out of the infield when my dad pitched,” Mike VanSlyke said.



“Athletics in Flint in the '50s and '60s were a pretty big deal. To be recognized by the Flint Sports Hall of Fame and to be put in the same category as some of our outstanding athletes who have had professional careers is a pretty big deal.” Softball wasn't the only sport at which VanSlyke excelled. He was also an avid bowler, loved to fish and took up golf in 1974 at age 60, when he retired from Buick after 34 years. “He was a good bowler,” said Angie VanSlyke, who was married to Wayne for 51 years. “He never bought a new ball. He bought one once at Goodwill and bowled a 697 series with it.” VanSlyke was also a talented singer who declined an invitation to audition for a popular group during the big-band era, Angie said. His family has deep ties to the Flint area dating to the 1800s.

VanSlyke Road is named after his father's family and Torrey Road was named after his mother's family, according to Angie VanSlyke. VanSlyke, a 1933 high school graduate who never played varsity sports at Flint Central, died in 1998 at age 84 after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

“The last few years were not so good,” Mike VanSlyke said. “But he enjoyed 20 years of a great retirement.”

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1942 St. Mary Football



Standing, left to right - Coach Bert Szabo, Elmer Belanger, Wally Jakowczyk, Harry Martin, Joe Schaffer, Ray Stedron, Marion Galvas, Harry Novak, Don Dowd, Bill Warda, Bottom row, left to right - Harvey Ethier, Al Dowd, Stan Bula, Francis Marta, Jim Mercier, Bill Kish, Ed Smith, Ferman Amore. Not in picture; Joe Bokor, Joe Gillen, Ray Hazel, John Morrison, Bob Sarhatt

By Dan Nilsen

Nothing in the late summer of 1942 indicated that St. Mary High was on the brink of an undefeated football season.

Indeed, more factors than not pointed to trouble:

- The starting quarterback had a broken arm.
- Coach Bert Szabo was new, replacing two previous coaches who had gone off to war.
- Only six positions were decided a day before the opener.
- The Wildcats had never beaten mighty St. Michael in nine previous tries.

Yet, two months later, there they stood 9-0-1, with championships in the Flint parochial series, the Saginaw Valley parochial Southern Division and the Valley playoff game.

St. Mary shut out seven opponents, including St. Michael 15-0 and Class A Midland 32-0. The only blemish, a 6-6 tie with Saginaw St. Andrew, was avenged in a 6-0 victory in the Southern Division playoff game. The Wildcats then beat Sacred Heart of Mount Pleasant 20-6 for the overall Valley parochial crown.

The key factors turned out to be Wally Jakowczyk, a halfback with 9.9-second speed in the 100; a defense that allowed just 18 points all season and a rookie coach who knew what he was doing.

"He was a knowledgeable guy who taught us a lot of stuff," said center Elmer Belanger.

"Bert was a great innovator," said two-way end Ray Stedron. "He could get anything out of us guys."

Jakowczyk scored 90 of the team's 189 points, many on kick returns or interceptions where his open-field speed hit high gear.

"I had a lot of help," he said.

Fullback Marion Galvas mixed in some scoring passes to Stedron and Don Dowd, and George LaBombard was the other halfback. In those days, the quarterback did little more than block and run the ball occasionally, and Ferman Amore was an adequate replacement for the injured Ambrose Dasky.

The other linemen were Harry Novak, John Morrison, Harry Martin and Francis Marta. Almost everyone played both ways.

"We didn't have two teams, we only had one," said Belanger. "And we played 60-minute games in those days. The first string played practically 60 minutes on both sides."

The Wildcats reeled off two straight shutouts to open the season, then gave up their first score on a fluke.

Jakowczyk was just about to intercept a Saginaw St. Andrew pass at the goal line, when LaBombard barreled into him trying to knock it down. Instead, he tipped the ball to a Saginaw player, who jogged in for the score.

Jakowczyk tied it with a 60-yard punt return in the fourth quarter, but the Wildcats fumbled trying to run in the conversion.

Somewhere in the next few weeks, the Marys scrimmaged

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Marco Marcet

Marco Marcet has had a lot of firsts during his life in athletics.

Among other things, the 1943 Flint Technical High graduate was:

- The first area High School player to shoot a basketball one-handed.
- The first athletic director, basketball coach and baseball coach at Frankenmuth High.
- The first Flint-area native to win the Charles E. Forsythe Award, the highest honor given by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Marcet accepts another award tonight with his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. This isn't a first for Marcet: He's already in the hall as part of the 1946 Weller's Service softball team.

Marcet might not have gained individual hall membership on his athletic achievements alone, but his work for more than 50 years at Frankenmuth has been first-rate.

He compiled coaching records of 100-49 in 16 years with the baseball team and 137-76 in 12 basketball seasons.

His choice for the football post, Flint Central graduate Harold Kaczynski, built a 31-game winning streak within five years of taking the job.

"He won so many games, I had trouble getting into a league," Marcet joked.

He hosted 29 state basketball tournaments, from the district to quarterfinal levels, totaling 101 games.

In 34 years as AD, he never had a secretary.

A grateful Frankenmuth school board named the high school baseball field after him, the track team established an annual Marco Marcet Invitational and the Bavarian Inn dedicated a Marcet room, complete with memorabilia. He's already in the Frankenmuth Softball Hall of Fame, and has been honored with Thumb area Sports Leader and Friend of Youth awards.

Marcet estimated he worked 80-hour weeks as a teacher and AD, but he called the athletics side of his job a hobby.

"I never got tired of watching high school sports," he said. "There's nothing like it, as far as I'm concerned."

Marcet was a north-end Flint kid who opted to become one of the first students at Flint's new technical school, which specialized in business and mechanical studies. He was Tech's first athletic star, playing three years of varsity baseball and captaining the basketball team for three years. He was All-Victory League in hoops, and his school career scoring record (492 points) stood for 10 years.

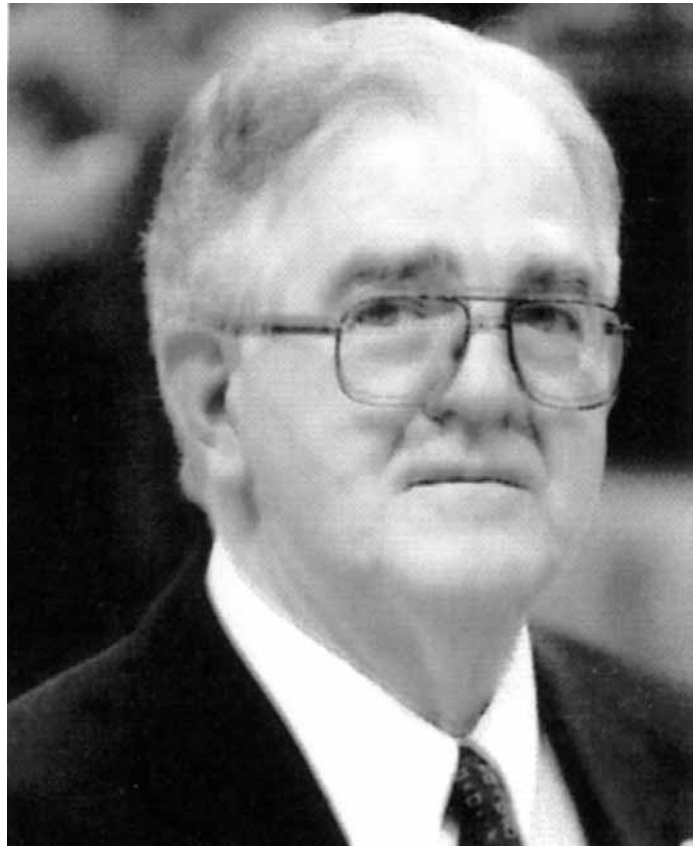
He learned the one-hand jump shot from a seventh-grade teacher and perfected it under Tech coach John Bojcun. The shot fit in well with Bojcun's radical new run-and-gun offense.

"This was just after the old center jump after each basket," said Marcet. "We just took it out and flew. We were scoring 40 and 50 points a game."

After a regional final in which Marcet scored an unheard-of 24 points, Lapeer coach Paul Smarks told him, "Son, don't ever stop shooting."

Marcet's athletic career was stopped by World War II with service in the Air Force 500th Bomb Squadron in the Pacific.

After the war, he attended Central Michigan College and took



teaching and coaching jobs at Kingsley and Manton. When Frankenmuth decided in 1954 to extend its K-9 school system to K-12, Marcet accepted the multiple jobs of business teacher, athletic director, basketball coach, baseball coach and city recreation director.

He built the athletic program from scratch. "We didn't have any equipment or fields," he said. "I stenciled 'Frankenmuth' and numbers on white jerseys. Across the street from the school was a farm field. We got the cow patties off and did a little practicing."

Over the next three decades, Marcet started the idea of doubleheaders in baseball, helped form two conferences and encouraged gym teacher Helena Kaczynski to schedule informal girls competitions with other schools, well before girls achieved varsity status.

"I was always an advocate of girls sports and thought they were getting the short end of it," he said.

After his retirement as AD in 1988, he continued to help out on a volunteer basis. Now 81, he still welcomes visiting teams and game officials at football and basketball games, directing them to their accommodations.

In bestowing the Forsythe Award last year, MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts called Marcet "a man who gave his life to a school that was just starting up when he arrived, and who still gives with equal vigor on a regular basis 50 years later."



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Roy Marble

Roy Marble is getting an early birthday present with his induction tonight, 10 days before he turns 39.

Marble will join seven other individuals and five teams at the Hall's 26th annual induction ceremonies at the Genesys Banquet Center.

"This is a special honor for me, something I never even thought about," said Marble who resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he works in marketing. "And what makes it even more special is that I'm going in with one of my favorite teams (Central High's state championship teams).

"I patterned my game after so many of those guys. Eric Turner was the epitome of a point guard. I wanted to pass the ball the way he did, control the boards like Marty Embry, and shoot the ball like Mark Harris.

"I was lucky to have come along during the core of great players out of Flint. Glen Rice (Northwestern), 'T.' (Terence) Greene (Central). I'm honored to be included among those great players." From 1981 through 1985, Flint schools captured five consecutive state Class A titles in boys basketball. In 1985, Marble helped lead Beecher to the Class B crown, while Northwestern captured the Class A title.

Marble was thrilled to hear the news of his induction, although he was worried for a moment. "I knew something was wrong because there were too many calls coming in from my mom," said Marble. "I was concerned because I kept seeing 810, 810, 810 (area code). Of course, as it turned out, it was the news about going into the Hall of Fame. It was a tremendous rush, but then a sigh of relief because I'm happy everyone is OK."

A career in basketball that included a stint in the National Basketball Association, was the last thing on Marble's mind when he began playing as a child.

"It started out as fun, as a pastime," said Marble. "It was just a way to have fun and play with the guys in the neighborhood. I had no idea it would turn out to what it did."

Marble said his parents (Bertie and Roy Sr.) stressed education, and the Beecher family followed that up. "Basketball made us hold our heads up, but we had academic success, too," he said. "I'm going into the Hall of Fame as a representative of the teachers, coaches, and my teammates."

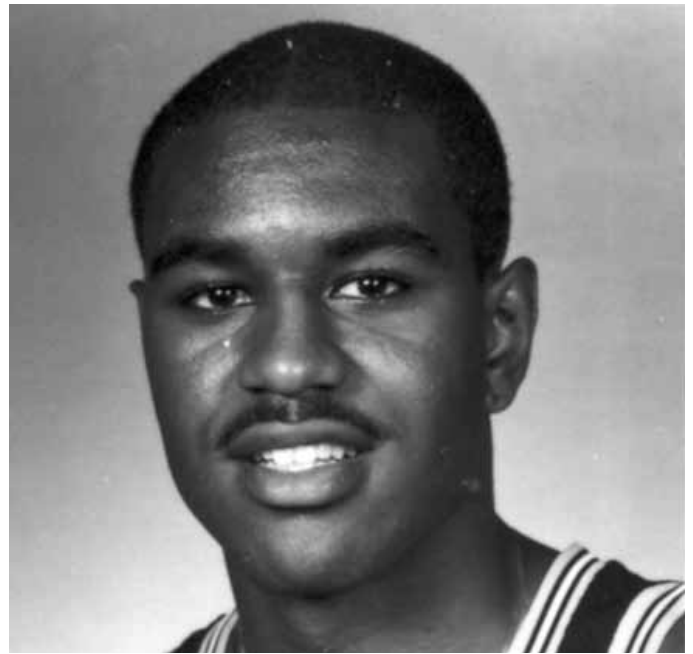
Marble credits Mose Lacy, who was his coach at Beecher, for helping him develop as an athlete and a person.

"I was lucky to have Mose Lacy catch me at an early age," he said. "He saw talent in me that I didn't see. He taught me nothing but the purity of basketball. I learned winning and teamwork was far more important than individual success."

Marble recalled the time Lacy benched him because he didn't like the way he was playing in front of George Raveling, then the Iowa coach, who was there on a recruiting visit.

"I only played about nine minutes or so," Marble said. "It was a hard lesson, but a great lesson, because you've got to put the team first. Coach Lacy groomed me. He taught me in my success that I should always want to be hugging someone else."

In Marble, Lacy knew he had a superior athlete, who at 6-foot-6, had ability, athleticism, desire, and intelligence.



"Roy was a very talented player," Lacy said. "He was big and mobile and very coachable. He was always a very hard worker and a very unselfish player. He could've set all kinds of scoring records, but I didn't play him much more than half a game a lot of times (because of so many lopsided victories). But Roy didn't care about individual records, anyway."

Marble was an All-Stater and McDonald's All-American at Beecher. He signed with Iowa (1986-89) and went on to become one of the school's all-time greats. His 2,116 points ranks first on Iowa's career scoring list.

Among Marble's fondest memories competing in college was going up against his friend and rival, Rice, who played at Michigan.

"Those were some great battles," he said. "In the Big Ten, people looked at it like Michigan versus Iowa, but on the floor it was Roy versus Glen."

After Marble's collegiate career ended, he was a first-round draft pick (23rd overall) of the Atlanta Hawks in 1989. During his four-year career he had stops in Houston, Detroit and Denver.

When his NBA career ended, he was ready for the business world.

"I was never concerned after basketball because I had that piece of paper (degree in communications and commercial advertising)," Marble said. "I may have gotten in the door because of my name as a basketball player, but what gave me the nod is because I have a degree."

"My degree means more to me than all my accolades as a basketball player, because now I'm almost a 39-year-old man. I have to be ready to go out and compete in the real world, and climb that corporate ladder.

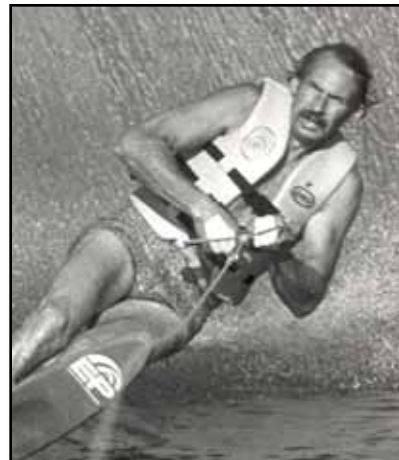
"My experiences as a competitor in basketball, and my education from Beecher High School and the University of Iowa have prepared me for that."

Flint Northern High School

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Norm Bryant
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD



Jerry Hosner



1946 American Legion Haan Red Arrow Post 151 Baseball Team
(All Northern Students)

Clyde Bell
Principal

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1946 Haan Red Arrow Baseball



The Northern High School Baseball Team merely changed into the American Legion Haan Post uniforms and went on to win the state title and on up to the National Regionals before being knocked out. Top, left to right— Bill Snyder, with the Ki Ki Cuyler most valuable player award; Ed Penabaker, Jim Creamer, Bob Peterson, Joe Wargo, Rex Williamson, Bob Henderson, Bob Rickard, First row—Leo Johnson, Don Weldon, Bob Myers, John Markland, Chuck Ortlieb, Gilio Sabucco, Leo Sugar, and Coach Burt Smith.

Sometimes, the best team doesn't win.

Players from the 1946 Flint Haan Red Arrow Post 151 baseball club still feel that way, nearly 60 years after their perfect season ended in the American Legion regional tournament at Atwood Stadium.

An unbeatable juggernaut in league, district, zone and state play, the Haan nine did more to beat themselves in two 10-inning, one-run losses in the regional than their opponents did. One of those foes, Cincinnati Bentley, went on to reach the national championship game.

"We were strong in every department," said right fielder Bill Snyder. "We just didn't make it."

They were good enough to make it into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame tonight.

Haan was made up exclusively of Northern High players, who had gone 12-6 and won the Saginaw Valley Conference title in the spring.

They were deep in pitching, with Bob Henderson and Bob Peterson heading a five-man staff that allowed just 12 runs and 36 hits in 14 summer league games.

They hit .371 as a team, averaging 12.1 runs a game going into the regional.

They were nearly flawless in the field, led by short-

stop Leo Johnson, who went the whole season without an error.

Most importantly, they were schooled in the fundamentals by Northern coach Burt Smith, who held practices throughout the summer campaign.

"We were blessed to have the greatest coach in Burt Smith," said Johnson. "We were so far ahead fundamentally. Even when I went to pro ball, they were teaching things I just took for granted, things I thought those guys would know already." Johnson (Tigers) was one of six players to go on to major league farm systems. Snyder (Phillies), Henderson and third baseman Bob Rickard (Tigers), left-hander Rex Williamson (St. Louis Browns) and catcher John Markland (New York Giants) also signed pro contracts.

Left fielder Leo Sugar became an All-American football player at Purdue and went on to the NFL. He and utility man Joe Wargo already are in the Flint hall as individuals.

Ed Penabaker was a slick-fielding first baseman who went on to play that position at Michigan State. Don Weldon was a fleet center fielder, and second baseman Gil Sabucco formed a strong keystone combination with Johnson. Jim Creamer and Chuck Ortlieb were pitchers and Bob Myers was a back-

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Congratulations "Coach"

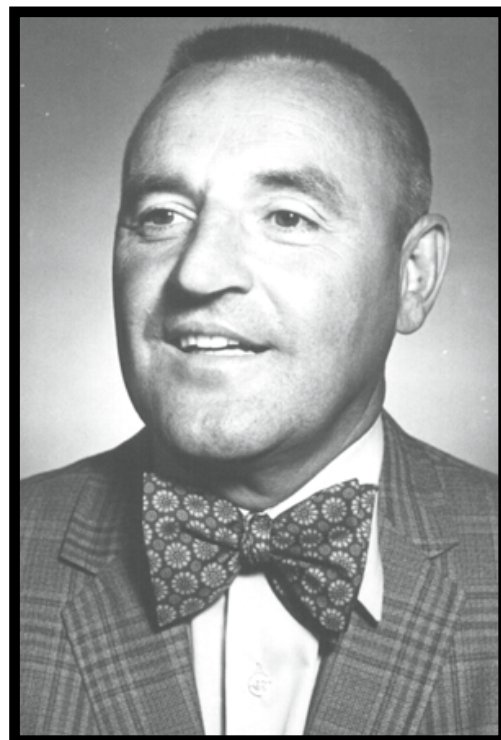
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**F.W. "Bill" Doolittle
WMU Head Football Coach
1964-1974**

Bill Doolittle

By Bill Khan

Having friends in high places helped Bill Doolittle kick-start his football coaching career.

It's not every young coach who could cite a legend like Paul Brown as a job reference, so it's understandable that Owosso superintendent L.P. Cushman was skeptical when he read Doolittle's resume in 1952.

Cushman decided to call Doolittle's bluff.

"He said, 'Bill, I see on your credentials you've got Paul Brown as a character witness,'" Doolittle recalls. "I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'Call him. Doolittle, who was 28 at the time, called the offices of the Cleveland Browns, the NFL team that Brown founded and coached."

"He said, 'Billy, how are you doing? My gosh, it's good to hear from you,'" Doolittle said. "I said, 'There's a guy who wants to talk to you named Dr. Cushman.' Dr. Cushman didn't know what to say. It's one of those things that worked out. I've always remembered that: 'Call him.'"

All other interviews for the Owosso High School coaching job were cancelled and Doolittle was immediately offered the job. It was one of several stops during a coaching journey that included six years at Flint Central and has earned him a spot in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

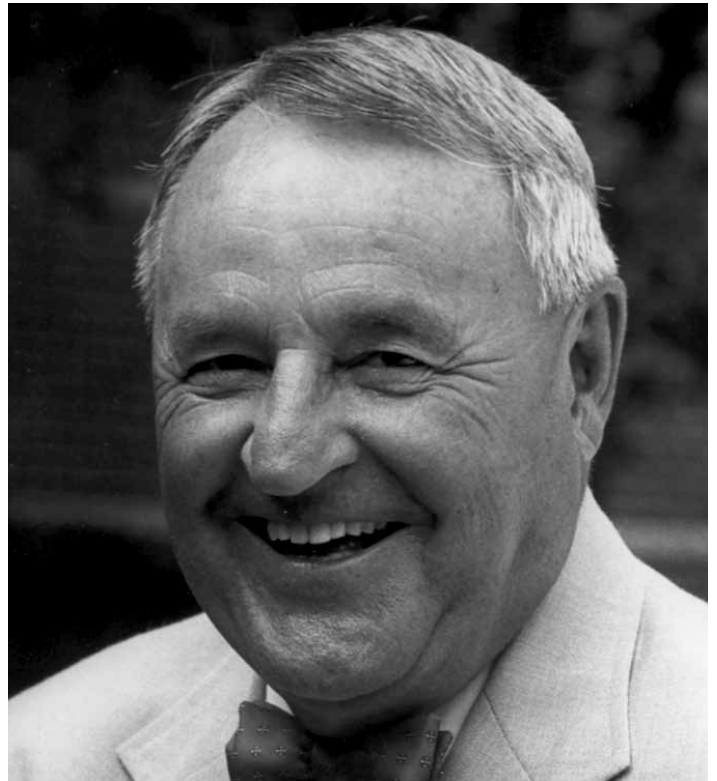
Doolittle was on the freshman football team at Ohio State when he first met Brown, who was the Buckeyes' head coach for three seasons. They were from the same part of Ohio, Doolittle playing in Mansfield while Brown was coaching in Massillon.

Brown wasn't the only coaching legend with whom Doolittle rubbed elbows.

One of Doolittle's stops was Brown University, where he was the backfield coach from 1949-51. It was at Brown that Doolittle helped coach a quarterback named Joe Paterno. "He couldn't run fast, but he always got there," Doolittle said. "He couldn't throw hard, but he always completed the pass. He played defense and he always made the interception. What he lacked in speed, he had in being there at the right time."

Doolittle came to Michigan to coach at Owosso in 1952. After two years with the Trojans, he was hired at Central and compiled a 40-12-2 record with the Indians. His 1958 team went 8-0-1 and won the mythical state Class A championship.

"Flint was good to me," Doolittle said. "Of course, the Northern-Central game on Thanksgiving was always a great thrill getting ready for. Nothing measured up to that from a high school standpoint."



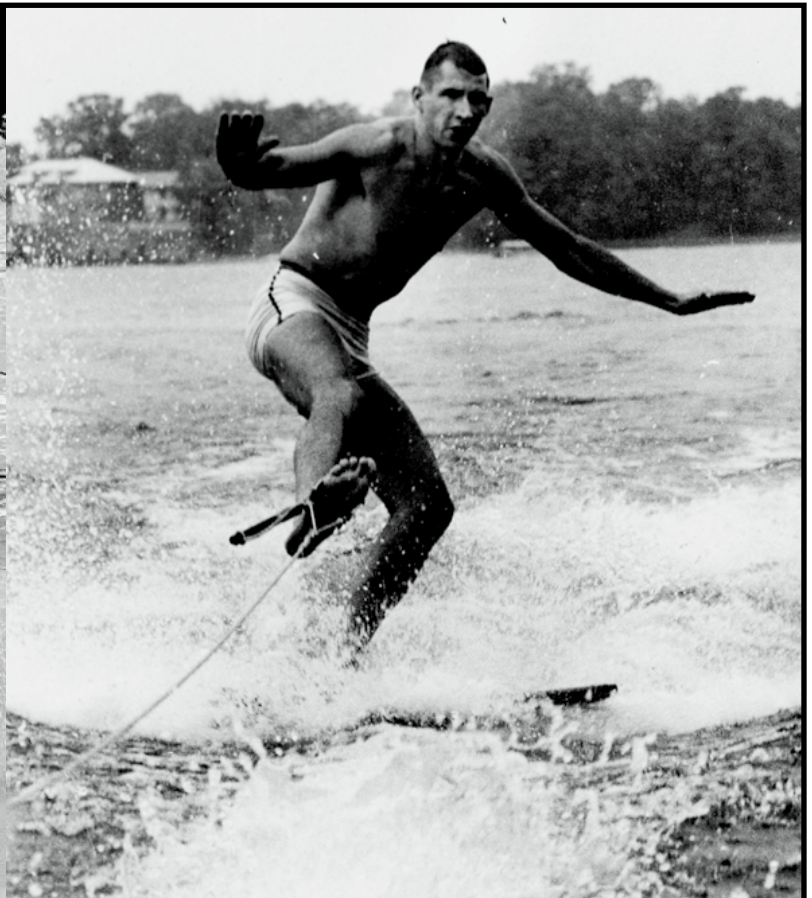
He left Flint and returned to Mansfield to coach for two years, then went to Army as an assistant coach before taking over as head coach at Western Michigan University in 1964. Doolittle's longest coaching stint was at Western, where he had a 58-49-2 record in 11 seasons.

His 1966 team shared the Mid-American Conference championship with Miami of Ohio, which was coached by future Michigan coach Bo Schembechler.

"In '66, we killed everybody: 14-13, 25-24," Doolittle said. "I had a kicker named Dale Livingston who won five games for us."

Doolittle, who is 82, stepped down after the 1974 season and remained with the university for 15 years as an athletic fund raiser. In his retirement, he split time between Kalamazoo and Florida until selling his Michigan home a year ago.





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**Congratulations Jerry Hosner
on your induction into
the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame**

Jerry Hosner

By DEAN HOWE

Jerry Hosner wanted to set the record straight. "I never had been much of an athlete," said the 67-year-old Hosner. "But I was a competitor. Yes, you could call me that. I was and still am a competitor."

And what Hosner has competed in for more than 40 years of his life - the sport of water skiing - has left its mark on the state and national scene.

Hosner has claimed 17 national titles and 32 state crowns in his quest to become the best at his sport. He has skied all over the country, from Michigan, to Florida, to California, and continues to seek new trophies.

This winter, he'll attempt to add more trophies to his large collection by competing in West Palm Beach, Fla. where he owns a condominium.

"I don't know how long I'll do it but I still enjoy it and I want to compete," said the 6-foot-1, 180-pound Hosner, a longtime Fenton resident and a 1956 graduate of Northern High.

"Actually, I feel as good today, in as good a shape today as I was when I was in my early 20s," he said. "That's when I first started to think about being a competitive water skier." Initially, Hosner didn't have the advantage of many other national champion skiers, most of them from the warm climates of the United States. He would begin workouts every April on Lake Shannon where he still lives, wearing a dry suit, and end his year in late October.

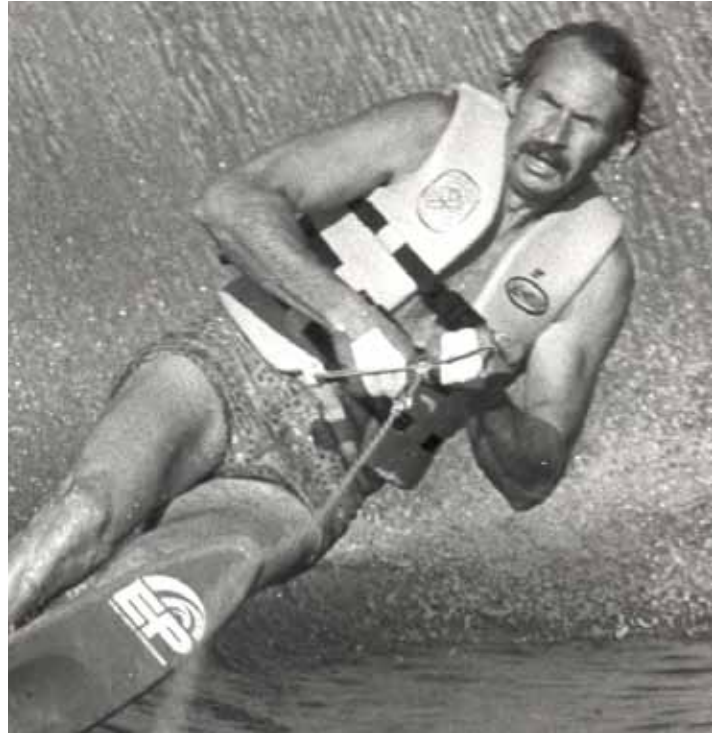
"The temperatures were very cold but you had to get ready for those big meets ahead," he said.

Hosner won his first state title in 1961. It was only years before that when Hosner was an employee during the summer at a marina on Silver Lake near his home.

"In high school, I was probably too small to play sports at Northern, only 5-7, about 110 pounds," Hosner said. "I kind of regret not participating in sports when I was in high school.

But this water skiing thing certainly looked intriguing to me. We built a slalom course on Silver Lake and held some races. I got hooked on the sport then and I dedicated myself to become the best I could be."

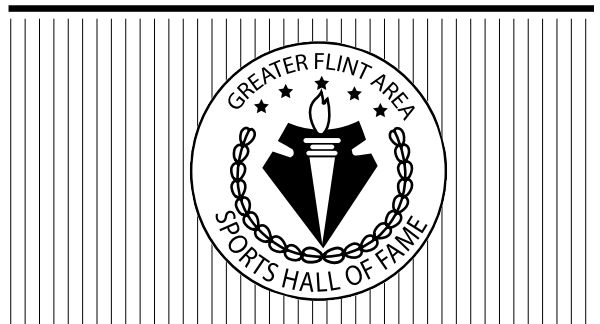
Hosner's wife, Suzanne, was literally the driving force behind many of his successes. She drove the boat to pull Hosner to many victories. The Hosners are the parents of four grown children, Heidi, Charles, Stacy and Amy. Hosner graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in engineering. When he retired from General Motors, he was superintendent of manufacturing for Flint's Truck and Assembly Plant.



Now, with more time to devote skiing, Hosner looks to expand on his water skiing career.

"They've got an age division from 65 to 70 and I plan to win a few races there but I'll continue racing as long as I can stand up on a pair of skies," he said.

At age 54, Hosner was inducted into the Michigan Water Skiing Hall of Fame in 1992, the organization's seventh inductee. At that time, it was the biggest thrill of his sporting life. Now, becoming a member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame has led to the ultimate kind of rejoicing. "I see all the great athletes, professional stars, All-Americans and think somehow I don't belong with this group," Hosner said. "I'm very proud to be a Flint Hall of Famer. This is my town, where I grew up. I'm just tickled to death to be a part of it."



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Sue, Sheri, Stephanie, and Simone and their families'
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**Community
Service Award**

NORM BRYANT

By Rickey Hampton

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame could not have made a more deserving choice in selecting Norm Bryant as its 2005 inductee for Special Services.

“There were a lot of people who deserved this before me, but I am honored,” Bryant said. “I was always taught that if I can help one person, my life was not in vain.”

Bryant has been able to combine all the positives that athletics and community services can offer.

He is founder of the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame, and current vice-chairman of the Atwood Stadium Authority. He has served in numerous civic organizations, including past president of the Salem Housing Task Force, which helps families acquire home ownership, and the Genesee County Big Brothers.

However, the best example of Bryant’s giving is his six years of service on the Flint Community School Board. He never accepted his stipend, instead donating every penny to the district’s middle school athletic program.

In fact, Bryant’s reputation for bringing people together has made some community leaders approach him as a possible mayoral candidate.

“I love Flint, and it’s sad and it hurts to see the town I love so much struggle,” he said. “And the problem is we’ve got some people in this city that haven’t been here during its heyday, and the present struggles are all they know.

“But I know how great it was here, and I know we can do better. However, we’ve got to stop talking about what Flint used to be, and start looking ahead at what we can do to make it better.”

Bryant was a football and track standout at Northern High and he attended Arizona State University, where he played football for Dan Devine. Bryant worked 31 years at the CPC Flint Engine Plant, retiring as a general foreman. He is the co-owner, along with his brother, Earl, of Bryant’s Barber Shop on Clio Road.

Bryant’s simple concern for people has made him a respected member of the community.

“I believe in helping people, my mother (Christalee) was the same way. When we were kids a lady in our neighborhood had been beaten by her husband,” he said. “She left him and came to live with us. Mom put my brother (Bunyan) out of his bedroom and put her in there. She always came to other people’s rescue.



“Sports is the common denominator in this city when it comes to bringing people together,” he added. “I’ve witnessed that, I’m a product of that, and I know what it will do when people work together.

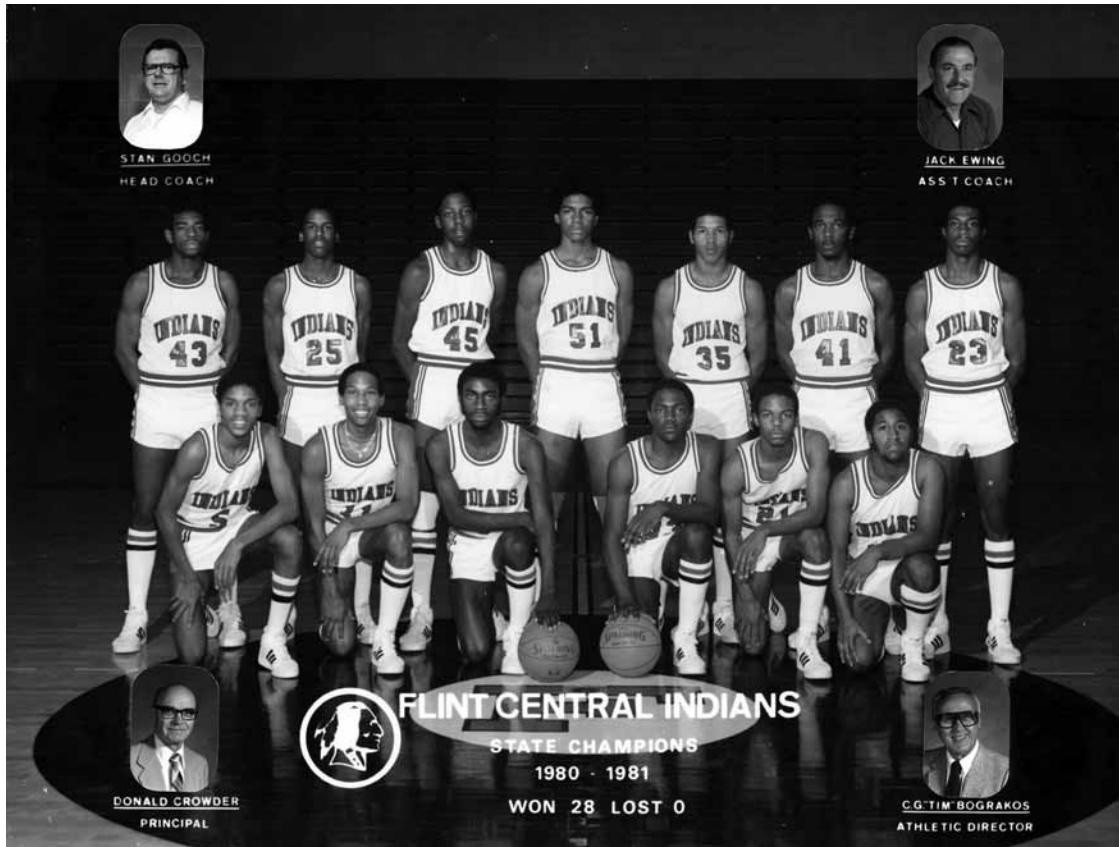
“Learning to work together is the one thing city hall has to learn how to do. If you learn how to work together and respect others and carry yourself with respect, you get the same in return.”

Bryant, born in Little Rock, Ark., and his wife, Kay, have been married 48 years. They have four daughters, Susan, Sherri, Stephanie and Simone, along with five grandchildren.



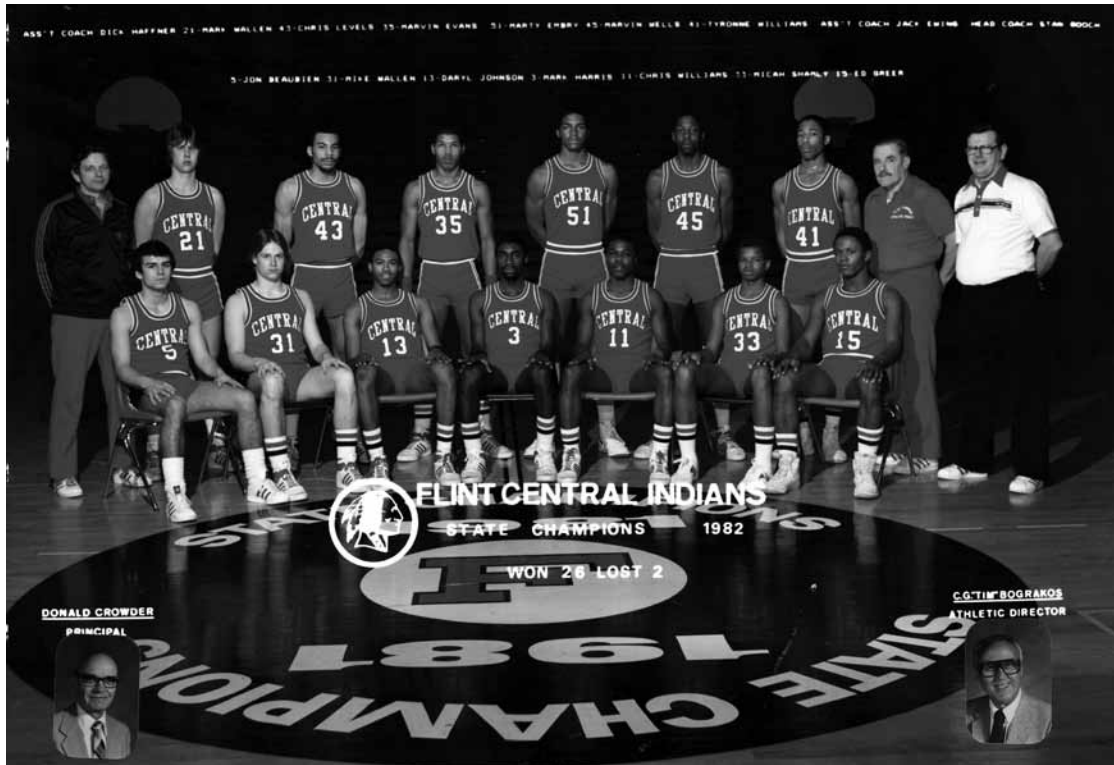
Flint Central Basketball 81' 82' 83'

1981 Basketball Team



Back Row L to R - Derald Banks, Eric Turner, Marvin Wells, Marty Embry, Marvin Evans, Carl Webster, Keith Gray
 Front Row - Rod Milhouse, Matt Carrington, Mark Harris, Dexter Clark, David Dunlop, Michael Chaney
 Not in Picutre Darryl Johnson, Mike Wallen. Stan Gooch - Head Coach, Tim Bograkos, Ath. Dir, Jack Ewing - Asst. Coach, Donald Crowder, Princial

1982 Basketball Team



Back Row L to R - Richard Haffner, Mark Wallen, Chris Levels, Marvin Evans, Marty Embry, Marvin Wells, Tyrone Williams, Asst. Coach - Jack Ewing
 Head Coach - Stan Gooch Front Row L to R - Jon Beaubien, Mike Wallen, Darryl Johnson, Mark Harris, Chris Williams, Micah Shambly, Ed Greer

Flint Central Basketball 81' 82' 83'

1983 Basketball Team



Back Row L to R - Richard Haffner, Jeff Massey, Micah Shambly, Doug Kennedy, Tyrone Williams, Ken Bowie, Terence Green, Ervin Leavy, Jack Ewing
Front Row L to R - Jon Beaubien, Daryl Gilliam, Darryl Johnson, Head Coach Stan Gooch, Randy Levels, Ed Greer, Reggie Person

By Dan Nilsen

Stan Gooch called it organized freelance.

The Central High basketball coach didn't so much coach the Indians teams of the early 1980s as he did ride herd on a trainload of talent.

Gooch took some of the quickest, hottest-shooting players in Flint history, mixed in some structure with their street game and produced a three-year dynasty of Class A state champions.

The Tribe took titles in 1981, '82 and '83, winning a state-record 24 consecutive tournament games that they extended to 28 before losing in the regional in 1984. Their three-year log of 79-5 also is a state mark. Only one other Class A team, Kalamazoo Central in 1949-51, has strung three titles.

"We just had them do what they can do," said Gooch, a 1992 inductee into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame being joined tonight by his three best teams.

"We watched them in pickup games, found out we had exceptional shooters and put in an offense that would get them shots. They were fun teams."

The 1981 squad was the best and highest-scoring, going 28-0 with a run-and-gun style directed by All-American point guard Eric Turner. Turner, Mark Harris and Keith Gray all shot better than 50 percent for the season, and the Tribe averaged 88 points a game.

"Eric Turner and his teammates had a tremendous impact on basketball in Flint," said then-Journal sports editor Dave Ponniers. "No high school team that I ever watched played a more

entertaining style. Stan Gooch's teams set the standard."

The Indians won all eight tournament games by at least 10 points and capped it with a 108-90 rout of Detroit Murray-Wright in the final. The 108 points was a state record for a quarterfinal, semifinal or final game, and Harris' 44 points (on 20-of-25 shooting) was a finals record.

Harris was back in 1982, joined by co-captain Marty Embry and junior Darryl "DJ" Johnson on a team that went 26-2. Those Indians didn't score as much, but they were more physical, with Embry dominating the backboards. And there was no dropoff in shooting.

"We had a routine in practice where they had to make so many baskets from so many spots before we could go on," said Gooch.

"We'd have to hit 10 from the baseline, 10 from the wing, 10 from the top of the key," said DJ. "No one wanted to be the guy who missed because we'd have to start all over."

The drills paid off in the semifinals, when Harris' 35-foot shot at the buzzer nipped Southfield 48-47. The Indians then beat Antoine Joubert and Detroit Southwestern 79-60 for the title, led by Johnson's 25 points.

DJ was back in '83, joined by Ervin Leavy, Terence Greene and Ken Bowie. All four averaged double figures in scoring as the Tribe went 25-3.

"To show you how deep we were," said Leavy, "I was probably the fourth option on that team and I got drafted by the Bulls (in 1987)."

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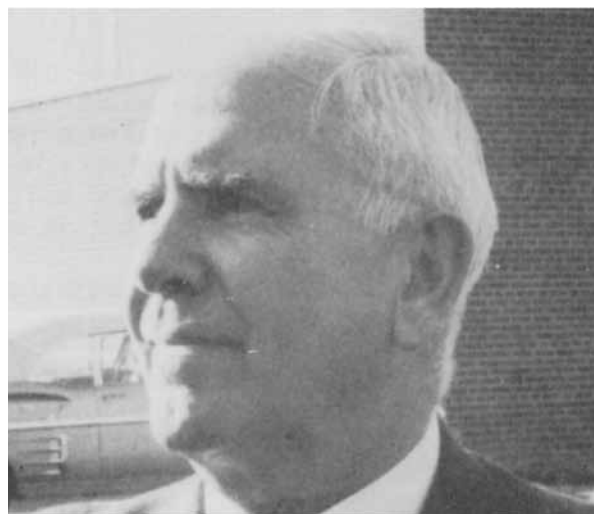
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



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.



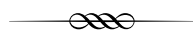
1980

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.



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Lynn Chandnois 1980
 Flint Central All State
 MSU All American NFL
 Player of the Year-1952-All-Pro



Don Coleman 1980
 Flint Central All-State
 MSU-All American, National
 Football Found.Hall of Fame



Jennie Weiss 1980
 Five-Time Women's State
 Amateur Golf Champion,
 Mich. Amateur
 Sports Hall of Fame



Lloyd Brazil 1980
 Outstanding Flint H.S. Career
 First Flint Football All American
 at University of Detroit



Steve Bysco 1980
 Excelled in many sports,
 Minor League Baseball, Boxing,
 Basketball, Bowling, Wrestling



Tom Smith 1980
 St. Michael Coach
 Influenced thousands, Winning
 528 Games Coaching 3 Sports



Paul Krause 1980
 Flint Bendle-14 Letters
 Star at Iowa, 16 Years in NFL
 Set Interception Record 81



Guy Houston 1980
 Flint Northern Football Coach
 Record-148-41-13, First H.S. Coach
 Inducted in Mich. Sports Hall of Fame



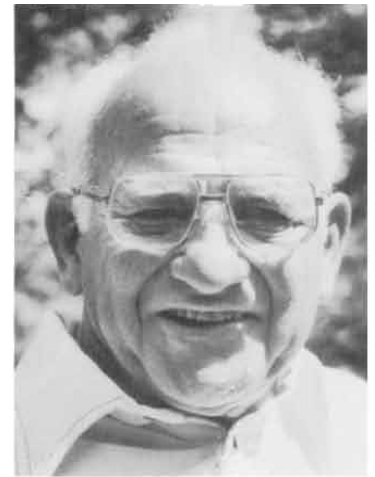
Merv Rettenmund 1981
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series
 During 13-Year Career



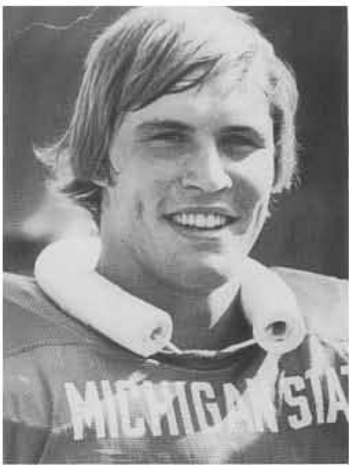
Frank Szczepanski 1981
 Special Service Award for
 Charity efforts through bowling
 Prominent Bowling Writer



Chet Lipski 1981
 At 5'7", 145lbs. Considered
 one of the best All Around
 Athletes in Flint History



Doug Blom 1981
 Outstanding Golf Career
 Won 19 City Amateurs and
 over 50 titles in 25-year span



Brad Van Pelt 1981

Owosso H.S. 3-Sports All State,
MSU All American,
New York Giants-All-Pro



Clarence Peaks 1981

Flint Central Quarterback,
MSU All American,
NFL Star Fullback



Roger Bernard 1981

Standout Professional Boxer
1923-37 Compiling a record of
307 Victories and 25 Defeats



Sue Novara-Reber 1982

Northwestern High School,
Two-time World Sprint Cycling
Champion, Won 7 U.S.A. Titles



Leo Sugar 1982

Flint Northern Multi-Sports Star,
Purdue All Big Ten,
NFL Standout-Defensive End



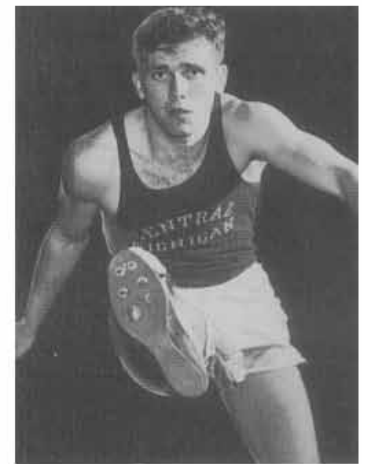
Everett A. Cummings 1982

Special Service Award for
Leadership in Developing
Athletic & Recreation Facilities



Fred Trosko 1982

Flint Northern 9 Letter Winner
U of M Halfback,
Coach at Eastern Mich. Univ.



Jim Podoley 1982

Mt.Morris H.S. Standout Athlete,
C.M.U Starred in Football,
Track. NFL Redskins & Giants



Jim Barclay 1982

First Northern H.S. Basketball
Coach-Won four State Class A
Basketball Championships



Floyd Bates 1982

Central H.S. 3 Sports Star, Played
Softball with Joe Louis Punchers,
Basketball Harlem Globe Trotters



Dave Hoskins 1983

Pitched for Cleveland Indians,
One of Best in City League,
Outfielder & Pitcher in 1940s



"Tubby" Raymond 1983

Northern H.S., Univ. of Mich.
Coached Delaware to Three
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W.M.U. Lineman of the Year
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Southwestern H.S., 24 Nat'l
Badminton Junior Championships, 16
Nat'l Adult Titles



Jim Doyle 1983
Flint's Greatest Softball
Pitcher, Pitched in 1980 Pan-Am
Games Pitched a No Hitter at 49



Bill Hamilton 1983
Northern Football & Track Star
Outstanding Baseball &
Softball, Member Mich. Softball
Hall of Fame



T.J. Halligan 1983
Special Service Award, Bowling
Proprietor for 40 Years, Pres. of 3
Minor Leagues of Pro Baseball



Fred Lawson 1984
Special Service Award for
Contributions to Junior Golfers.
Pro at Mott Park & Swartz Creek



Dominic Tomasi 1984
Star at Northern, Capt. & MVP
of U of M 1948 National
Championship Football Team



Jimmy Johnson 1984
Central H.S. II Letter Winner,
South Carolina State
All American Football 1937



Howard "Gus" Hughes 1984
Star Athlete-St. Michael & Central,
Coached St Michael to Class C State
Championship in 1928 Basketball



Howard Gilroy 1984
Bowling Great 4-300 games,
more than 90-700 Series. His
803 series was best in 37 years.



Peg Hammond 1984
Eight-Time City Singles Champ
Tennis, Mott Foundation Sports
Teacher in Tennis & Badminton



Jesse Thomas 1984
Central All-Around Athlete
MSU Multiple Track Champ,
NFL Def. Halfback Balt. Colts



Herb Washington 1985

Central State Champion Sprinter
MSU World Records 50 to 60 Yd.
Dash, Stole 29 Bases for Oakland A's



Russ Reynolds 1985

Northern All-Around Athlete,
MSU Capt & Quarterback
23 Yrs. Beecher Football Coach



Stan Broome 1985

Special Service Award
Known as "Mr. Flint Central"
36 Yrs. Coaching, Administrator



Nap LaVoie 1985

Special Service Award 38
Years as Coach, AD at Central
Head Football Coach 1934-1939



Ken Failing 1985

Coached St. Mary to State
Basketball Championship 1939
Pro Athlete on Flint Teams



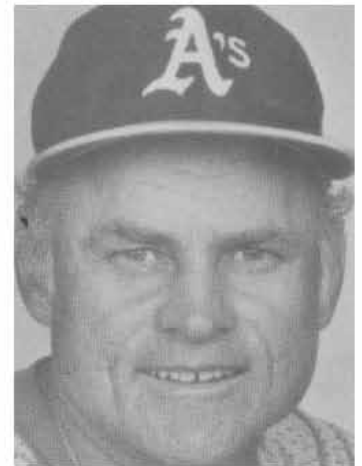
Mike Menosky 1985

Played for Red Sox &
Wash, Senators. Flint's First
Major League Baseball Player



Leroy Bolden 1985

Northern Star on 1950 State
Champions, MSU All American
NFL Cleveland Browns



Steve Boros 1985

Northern Baseball Career
U of M Standout, Played Pro Baseball,
Flint's First Major League Manager



Bill Barclay 1986

U of M Lettered in Golf, Football,
Basketball, Coached Northern
Basketball Team 1933 State Title,
Won State Amateur Golf Title



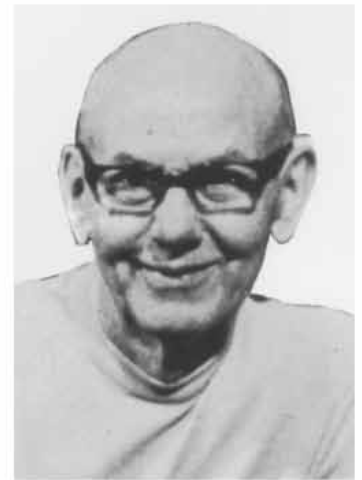
Jeanette Robinson 1986

Member of Women's Pro
Bowling Tour, Won Nat'l Title
in 1974, 15 Sanctioned 700-
Series



Bill Minardo 1986

Special Service Award First
Comm. Sch. Dir, Retired as
Dir. of Comm. Svcs.



Ollie Craven 1986

Bowled many 300 Games
Over 100-700 Series, World
Record for five games 1,324

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1981 Basketball Team



Bill Doolittle



1982 Basketball Team



Wayne Van Slyke



1983 Basketball Team

Corinne Archie-Edwards
Principal

Dr. Laurie Kohout
Athletic Director



Norb Badar 1986

Track, Cross Country Coach
Northern, 33 Yrs, 4 State Titles,
Coach of Year Nine Times



Ellis Duckett 1986

Northern 2 Time All State
Halfback MSU Star Played in
1959 Rose Bowl



Sophie Kurys 1986

Record Setting Star in American
Girls Baseball League-1943
Stole 200 Bases in one season.



Ted Prichard 1987

Pitched Minor League Baseball
Was 21-6 for Elmira, N.Y., City
Rec. Director 1937-1942



Jerry Rideout 1987

Special Service Award as "Mr.
Buick Open" Golf Tournament,
Dir. of P.R. at Buick



M. Joe Roberson 1987

Northern and Flint J.C. Excelled
in Baseball and Basketball.
Pitched in Minors, A.D. at U of M



Mel Winer 1987

Central H.S. Multi Sports,
Starred in City Rec. Leagues,
Won City Title in Golf & Tennis



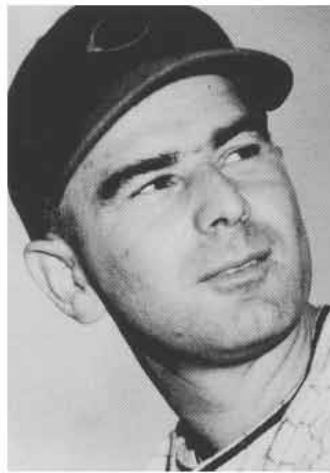
Jo Lake 1987

Coached 8 State Champions in
Basketball, Volleyball & Softball
at Holy Rosary & Kearsley



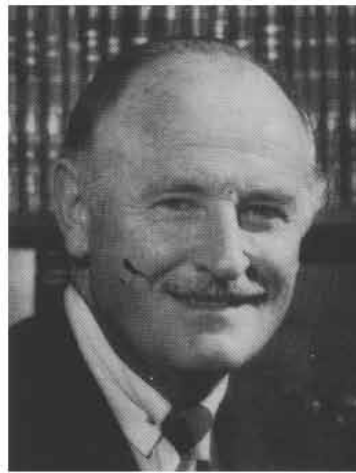
Leon Burton 1987

Northern Star in Football & Track
Arizona State-Led Nation Rushing
Scoring in 1957. Pro-N.Y. Titans



Andy Sventko 1987

Excelled City League Baseball,
Mgr. Bishop Construction,
Nat'l Amateur Champs 1975



J. Vincent Murphy 1987

Special Service Award for
Support of Golden Gloves
Physician for Athletic Teams



Bob Fleischmann 1988

Outstanding Tennis Player at
Northern, Flint Jr.C. & MSU
Won 9 Straight City Titles

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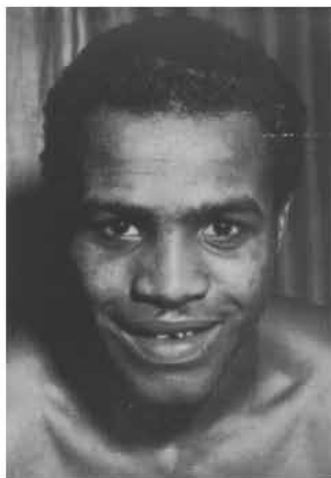
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Ed Krupa 1988
Northern "Wonderboy" All
State Football & Basketball,
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Bob Suci 1989
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AFL Defensive Back



Gene Summers 1989
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Ray Seidel 1989
St. Michael H.S. Starred in
Baseball Pitched 5 Seasons in
Minors



Vinnie Frechette 1989
Won Ten City Golf Titles
20-700 Series 300 Game
Pitched Softball No Hitter



Mike Goggins 1989
St. Michael H.S. 12 Letter Star
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Jack Morse 1989
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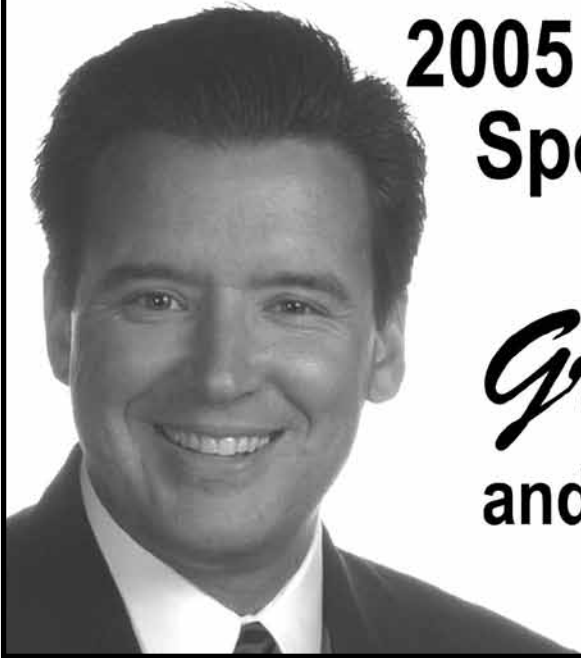
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Ken Morrow 1990

On U.S. Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Team 1980, N.Y. Islanders Won Four Straight Stanley Cups



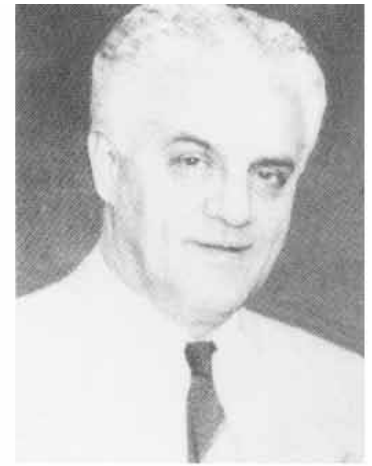
Al Johnson 1990

Central H.S. All State Football Mich Softball Comm. of Year 1985, Sports Dir. Flint Parks & Rec: 30 Yrs



Jock Leslie 1990

State Golden Gloves Champion Pro Boxer-fought Willie Pep for Title at Awood Stadium



Mike Gorman 1990

Special Service Award Led drive to create College & Cultural Center & Flint U of M



Bob Harvey 1990

Central-earned 7 Letters E.M.U. played 3 sports, Played Minor League Baseball



Reggie Williams 1990

Southwestern & Dartmouth. Played in two Super Bowls, NFL Man of the Year 1986



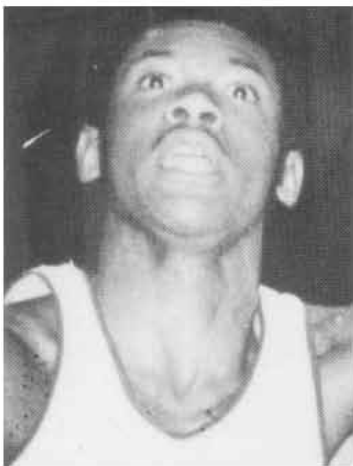
Bart Markel 1990

Three Time National Champion in Motorcycle Racing. Retired in 1972 with Record 28 Victories



Dennis Johnson 1991

Northwestern All State End Southern Cal All American NFL Vikings, Tampa Bay



Terry Furlow 1991

Northern State Basketball Champions MSU-Set Game & Season Scoring Marks, NBA No.1 Draft Pick-76ers



Ron Pruitt 1991

Central 3 Sports Star, MSU All American Catcher, Played with 4 Major League Teams



Bobby Crim, Louis Craig 1991

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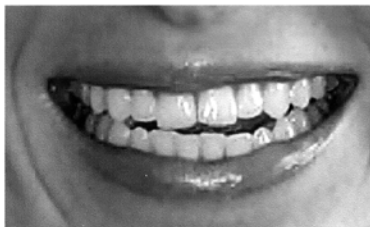
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Head Coach, Uof M Baseball,
Coached Ferris, Asst. Coach NFL



Joe Kinzel 1991
Central Basketball, Outstanding
Golfer, Bowler, Figure Skater,
Minor League Baseball



George Guerre 1992
Central-Outstanding in Football
MSU Standout Halfback, played
in North-South All Star game



Stan Gooch 1992
Flint Tech & CMU Basketball
Coached Central to 3-State
Titles, Coached Mott C.C.



Tony Branoff 1992
Central All-State,
U of M MVP-All Big Ten, Played
East West Shrine Game, Sr. Bowl



J.B. Cook 1992
Northern Tennis State Champ,
Played, Basketball, Paddleball,
Softball, Popular Official



Doug Mintline 1992
Special Service Award for
promoting community sports,
Flint Journal Sports Editor



Anne McLogan Herman 1992
St.John Vianney, W.M.U.,
on U.S. Wheelchair Team in
Paralympics 7 Nat'l Marks



Bill Yambrick 1992
Northern Football
W.M.U. Capt., MVP
Member WMU Hall of Fame



Larry Mancour 1992
Grand Blanc, Flint J.C.
Basketball Star, Golf Pro-Helped
organize return of Buick Open



Booker Moore 1993
Southwestern Set numerous
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Special Service Award for
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Len Sweet 1993
Northern "Wonderboy"
2 Straight State Championships
Coached Dye to State Title



Mike Secrest 1993
Won 1987 Race Across America,
Set 3 World Records in Endur-
ance Bicycle Racing



John Bero 1993
Northern Baseball Infielder
Played in Major Leagues & Mi-
nors for 10 years



Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



Jack Pratt 1994
Area's Winningest Football
Coach, Over 200 Victories,
3 State Basketball Titles



Trent Tucker 1994
Northwestern H.S.-All State
Minnesota-All Big Ten
NBA 11 years, No. 1 Draft Pick



Joe Pitoock 1994
C.M.U Holds Batting Record
Coached 39 years-Mostly at
Grand Blanc-566-380 Record



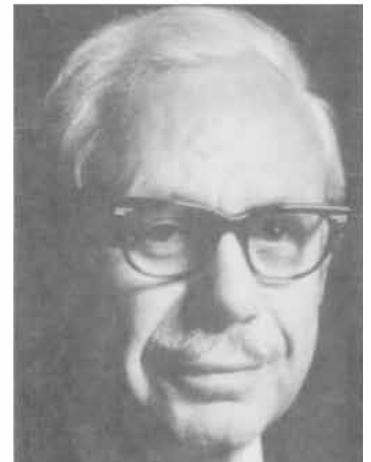
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



Wally Jakowczyk 1994
St. Mary 3 Sports, First Parochial
Player All City Football.
Minor League Baseball.



Rick Leach 1994
Southwestern All State 3 Sports
U of M All American QB
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Northern Led Team to State
Basketball Title, played Minor
League Baseball



Grover Kirkland 1995
Coached NW High to 2 State
Basketball Titles, 60 Straight
Victories 20 Straight City Series



Nick Manych 1995
Beecher-3 Sport Star
E.M.U. 3 Time All Conference
Drafted by Colts in NFL



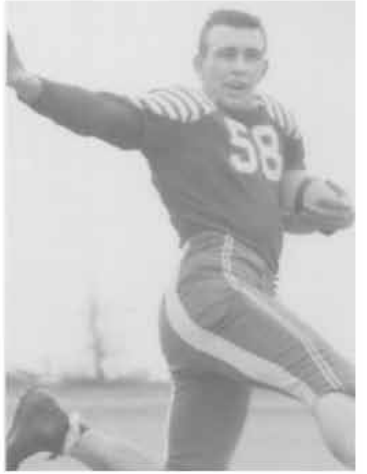
Justus Thigpen 1995
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint
Player NBA



Dorothy Kukulka 1995
Coached Northern Girls Basket-
ball to record 76 Straight Wins,
4 State Titles,



Chub Guzak 1995
Northern 3 Sport Star
Minor League Baseball
Standout for Seven Seasons



Jim Crang 1995
Beecher 13 Letters,
All State Halfback Scored
perfect 500 Phys. Fit Test



Pamela McGee 1996
Northern State Champs `78-`79
USC-2 NCAA Titles-Won Gold
Medal on U.S. Olympic Team



Paula McGee 1996
Northern-76 Straight Wins
Began Northern's Unequaled
Dynasty, USC 2 NCAA, titles



Art Johnson 1996
Northern All State Halfback
MSU Star, Avg. 7 yds per carry
CFL All Pro, Rookie of the Year



Harvey Ethier 1996
Special Service Award for
Dedication to Parochial Athletics
Coached all sports at St. Mary's



Bill Blamer 1996
Coached at Flint Tech, had .722
Winning Average. Flint J.C.
Coach 5 Conference titles



Don Jarrard 1996
Coached at Flint J.C. Outstanding
local player. Capt. MSU Golf Team.
Dir F.J.G.A



Carl Cmejrek 1996
Southwestern 9 Letters 3 Sports
U of M All Big Ten Baseball,
on Rose Bowl Football Team



Hank Minarik 1997
Central All State Football 1945
MSU All American NFL-Steelers



Joe Ponsetto 1997
Central Capt. Football, All Sag. Valley
U of M-First Freshman to start at QB
All Big Ten Capt



Clete LaSalle 1997
St. Michael H.S. 11 Letters
All City Football, Pitched for Flint
Eagles & Blue Devils



Lamar Gant 1997
Northwestern H.S., at age 18 won
first World Powerlift Championship
followed by 14 championships



Bernie Compton 1997
St. Mary H.S. Led Team to State Basket-
ball Title ,WMU Capt. Basketball and
Baseball Teams



Fred Turner 1997
State Amateur Golf Champ,
Won 8 Major City Tournaments
Exceptional career over 20 yrs



M.B. Cossman 1997
Special Service Award
for promotion of Flint Sports Past
Sports Ed. Flint Journal



Dr. Gerald Piesko 1998
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Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98
St. Mary. Led Team to State Basketball Title. Played in Minors Tigers & Giants organizations.



Harold Kaczynski 1998
Central All Sag. Valley 1939 C.M.U Hall of Fame Football, First Vice President State Coaches Assn.



Joe Byrd 1998
State Golden Gloves Champion, U.S. Olympic Boxing Coach, Coached many local Champions



Ray Collard 1998
Northern Baseball & Basketball Star Amer. Legion MVP 1951 Most Improved Player-MSU



Eugene Marve 1998
Northern All Sag Valley Conf. All American Sag. Valley State Univ. NFL Played 11 years



Dick Leach 1999
Central All City, All Valley QB, U of M Catcher NCAA Champion, Exec. Director Sag. Valley



Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



Ricky Patton 1999
Southwestern-All State Halfback Jackson State-All American NFL Super Bowl 49ers-1981



Dar Christiansen 1999
Southwestern Outstanding Coach 21-0-City Football Record State Champ 1976



Varnard Gay 1999
Only Coach to win Track State Titles in three enrollment classes. Anchored four Relay Teams at W.M.U.



Deanne Moore 1999
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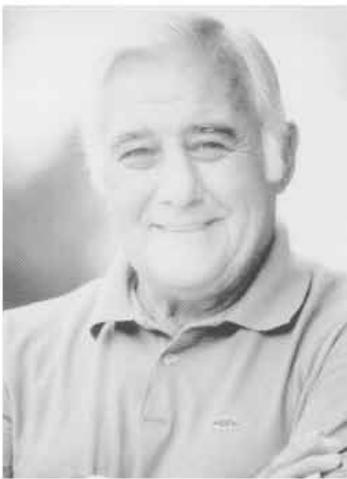
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
Promoter of Pro Wrestling, Won
State Welterweight Championship



John Lindholm 2000
GAM Player of the Year, State
Amateur Golf Champion, 6
Time Genesee All Star Classic



Reggie Barnett 2000
Central H.S. All American Notre
Dame Academic All American
MVP 1974 Orange Bowl



Pete Fornari 2000
City League Batting King,
MSU-6 Letters, coached 3
sports Mandeville Ainsworth



Jim Morrissey 2000
Powers Catholic Football Standout
MSU All Big Ten, MVP Senior Yr.
NFL Chicago Bears-won Super Bowl



Tom Alward 2000
Bendle H.S.-12 Letters, All State
Nebraska-won Nat'l Football Title,
played in NFL Tampa Bay



Tom Cole 2000
St. Michael H.S. 3 Sports
W.M.U Hall of Fame Baseball,
Flint Baseball Comm. 33 years



Willie Moore 2000
Starred on area's best Softball
Teams, City Bowling Champion,
Premier Umpire



Frank Gallagher 2000
Special Service Award for
bringing Pro Hockey to
Flint, Charter Member IHL



Bobby Reed 2001
Southwestern Two Sport Stand-
out Pitcher & Quarterback
U of M All Big Ten Pitcher



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Class D-3 Sports, Notre Dame
Football



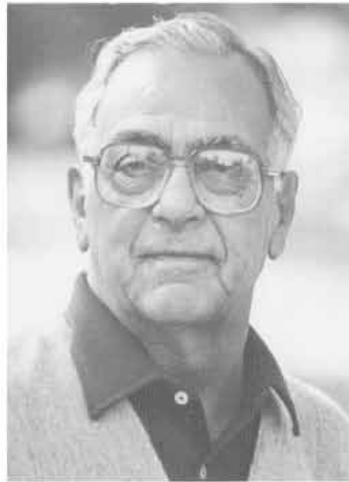
"Bud" Brotebeck 2001
Central Basketball & Baseball
W.M.U. 3 Letters, Played
in College World Series



Jay Springsteen 2001
Won Three Grand National
Motorcycle Racing Crowns, Total
40 Victories



Jack Baldwin 2001
W.M.U Led Team to College World
Series, Coached at Mandeville &
Ainsworth 28 Yrs.,
State Hall of Fame



Ed "Blackie" Abraham 2001
Coached at Sacred Heart H.S. Guided
Youngsters Year-Round and as Sum-
mer Baseball Supervisor



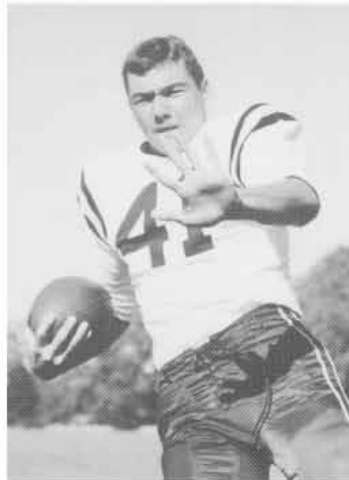
Len Hoyes 2001
Special Service Award for
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.
Past Journal Sports Ed.



Jim Vukovich 2002
Northern & U of M Baseball
Bentley H.S. Baseball Coach
State Champs Won 575
Games in 39 Yrs.



Steve Urick 2002
Northern 8 Letters, U of M
Baseball Minor League
Baseball, Talented Golfer



Bruce McLenna 2002
Fenton H.S. Football
MVP Hillsdale Played with Three
Teams in NFL



Kathy McGee 2002
Coached Powers Catholic Girls
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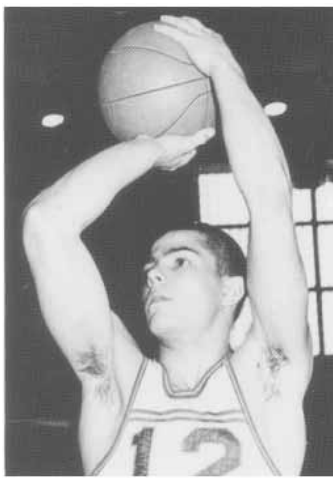
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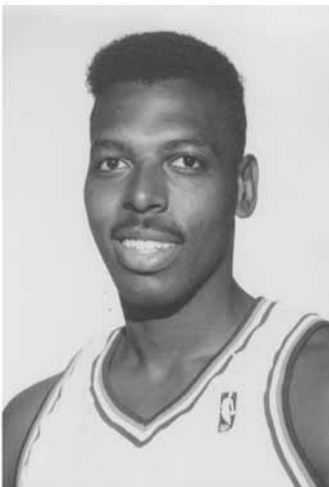
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



Bob Bernstein 2002
Special Service Award
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Jack Daniels 2003
St. Matthews-All State Basketball, All
City Football. Flint J.C.-Basketball,
C.M.U.- Parochial School Coach



Jeff Grayer 2003
Northwestern-Basketball State Champs,
Iowa State, Member 1988 Olympic
Team, Played NBA



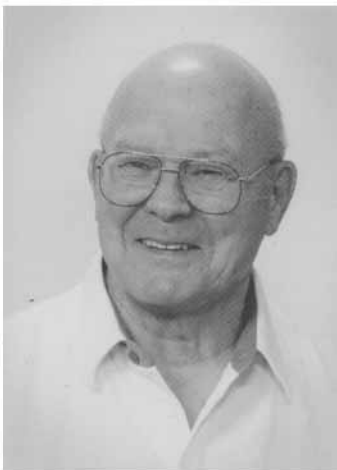
Frank Thomas 2003
Played Football at Northern
& MSU, Coach & Athletic Dir
at Grand Blanc for 35 years.



Francis Bentley 2003
Northern Wrestling Coach & A.D.,
National Wrestling Hall of Fame,
CANUSA Coordinator



Mary Klein 2003
Kearsley H.S.-4 Sports, Bowled
First 700 Series in Area,
8-Time All Star Team



Lloyd Coon 2003
Won 7-Nat'l Powerlift Titles,
Coached Swartz Creek Girls
Powerlift Teams-8-Nat'l Titles.



George Hoey 2003
Central-Football-All State, Track,
U of M-Def. Back
NFL Played with four teams

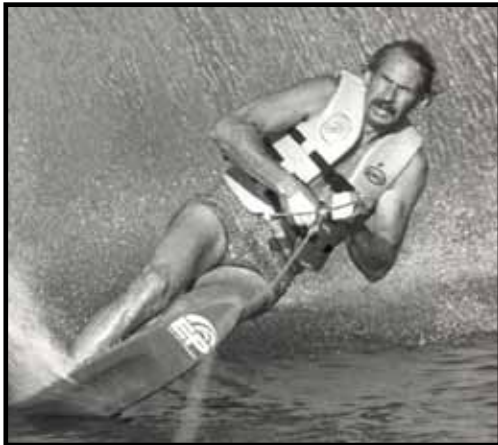


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Eli Copeland 2004

Central H.S. Mich. Softball Assoc. Hall Fame, Star Fast Pitch Softball - M&S Orange, Joe Louis Punchers Teams



Erwin Ketzler 2004

Flint Central H.S., Many Nat'l, Mich. & Local Field Archery Championships.



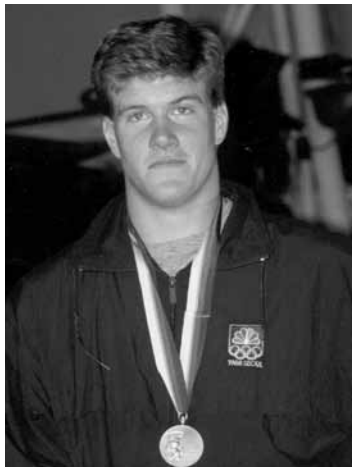
Ben Roof 2004

Spec. Service Award For Volunteer Work with GFASHF Outstanding Bowler, Scholarship Founder For H.S. Athletes



Wayman Britt 2004

Northern H.S. All-State Basketball, State Champs, U of M Def. Player of Year, NBA - Detroit Pistons



Jim Abbott 2004

Central H.S. Football, Baseball Star, U of M Pitcher, Olympic Gold Medal, Yankees No - Hitter, Mich. Sports Hall of Fame



Lonnie Young 2004

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The Indians survived another semifinal scare, when DJ weaved thru traffic and banked in a 14-footer with seven seconds left to beat Detroit Kettering 57-56.

In a rematch with Detroit Southwestern for the title, Joubert scored 47 points, but DJ (30) and Leavy (21) offset that in an 84-80 Central win.

“He wasn’t going to beat us by himself,” said Leavy. “One against five, you’ll never win that way.”

The ride ended in the regional final in 1984, when Glen Rice and Northwestern stopped the Indians 64-47 on their way to their own back-to-back state titles. That gave Flint five straight Class A crowns.

“By the mid-1980s, the day of the Class A semifinals was a local holiday in the Flint area,” recalled Poniers. “People would take a day off from work or call in sick to be at Jenison Field House in East Lansing by noon on those semifinal Fridays.”

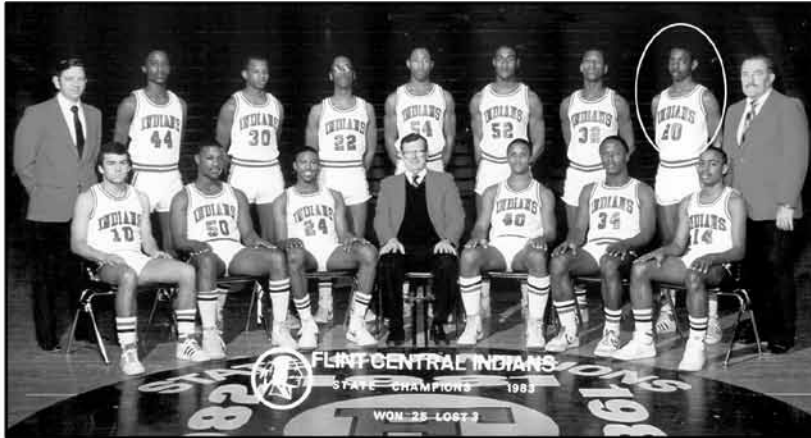
The streak brought national renown to Flint as a mecca of high school hoops.

“It’s amazing the talent that came through here in the early ‘80s,” said Leavy. “Wherever there were pickup games going, all the players in the city would try to make it. Guys really worked on their games.”



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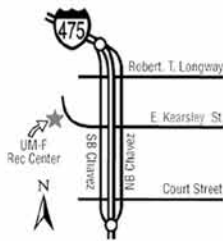
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1942 St.Mary Football Team Continued

Northern, which was in the midst of an 8-0 season. The Class C Wildcats played the Class A Vikings to a standoff.

"We started at 4 o'clock and played until dark," said Belanger. "Neither one of us could score.

"I remember (Northern coach) Guy Houston saying, 'We'll play until somebody scores a touchdown,' " said Jakowczyk. "We just kept playing until it was too dark."

The titles came in a three-week stretch of November.

A Nov. 8 victory over St. Michael before nearly 3,000 fans at Atwood Stadium gave St. Mary its first outright parochial crown. Jakowczyk scored on a 42-yard punt return and the defense held the Mikes to 56 yards.

The following week, Jakowczyk scored the only TD on a 42-yard interception return to beat Saginaw St. Andrew 6-0 for the Valley's Southern Division title. Belanger, dubbed "the most outstanding

player on the field" in a Journal article, blocked the last Saginaw defender on the runback.

The 20-6 win over Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart capped off the greatest season in St. Mary history to that point.

Jakowczyk, Galvas and Stedron wound up as first-team selections on the All-Valley parochial team, with Belanger, Morrison and Novak earning honorable mention.

"We didn't know how good we were," said Belanger. "Every time we went on the field, we figured we were going to get beat. But we just kept winning."

Haan Red Arrow Baseball Team Continued

a strong keystone combination with Johnson. Jim Creamer and Chuck Ortlieb were pitchers and Bob Myers was a back-up catcher.

Balanced and polished, Haan reeled off 20 straight wins before its two losses in the double-elimination regional.

"It was quite a summer," said Snyder. "We only had a couple of close ballgames until the regionals, and we had a lot of shutouts."

Snyder took a team-high .533 average into the zone tournament, where Haan trounced three teams by a combined 53-9. In the state tourney, he "dropped" to .428, but won the Kiki Cuyler Award as the tournament MVP.

In their toughest game of the season, he tripled in one run and doubled and scored the other in a 2-0 win over defending state champ Detroit Rosedale. Henderson pitched a two-hitter to outduel Rosedale flamethrower Bobby Brake.

The next day, a 17-1 rout of Kalamazoo put the team in the regional.

But their sharp play fell off at that point.

Haan stranded nine runners against Cincinnati, and lost another when Cincy shortstop (and future big-league manager) Don Zimmer nailed Pennebaker with the hidden-ball trick.

A hit batsman, passed ball and a bad throw home by Henderson on a pitchout let Cincinnati tie it 1-1 in the eighth.

In the 10th, an easy foul popup fell between Markland and

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Haan Red Arrow Baseball Team Continued

A "humpback" line drive, as Snyder remembers it, brought home the winning run.

The next day, Haan scored three runs in the seventh, but Oak Park, Ill., pecked away with single runs in the seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th to win it 4-3.

Peterson overthrew first base to let in a run in the eighth, but then pitched out of a second-and-third, none-out jam.

With two out in the ninth, Rickard knocked down a hard smash at third with a diving backhand, but the ball trickled into the outfield, letting in the tying run.

A walk in the 10th put an Oak Park runner on second and brought on Henderson in relief. But he gave up a two-out single to center, bringing in the deciding run and a shocking end to Haan's season.

"It took a while to get over," said Snyder. "I figured we could go all the way. I was very confident about it."


He wasn't the only one.

"A Tiger scout made the comment afterward that we still had the best team," Snyder said. "Things like that happen in baseball."

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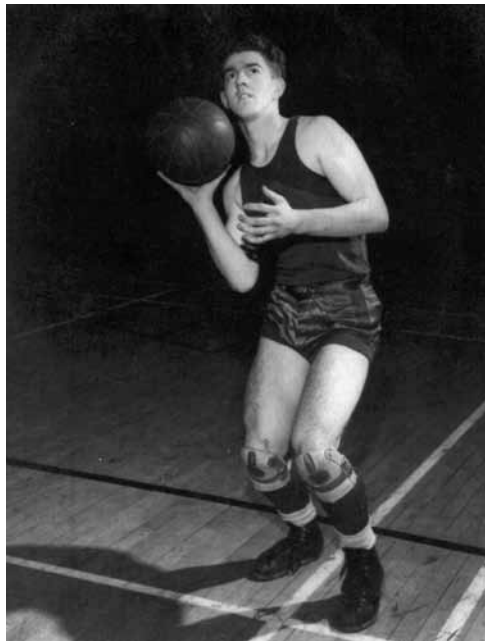
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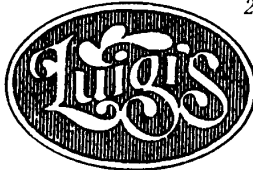
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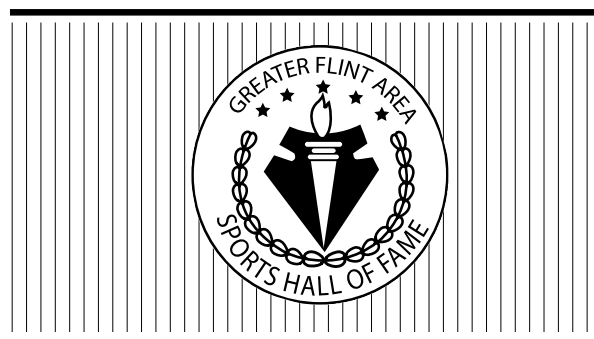
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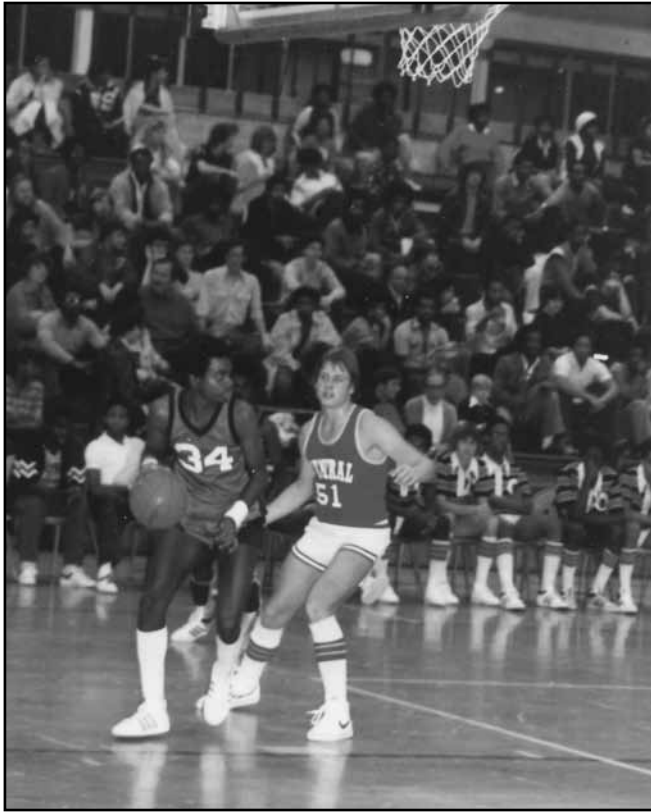


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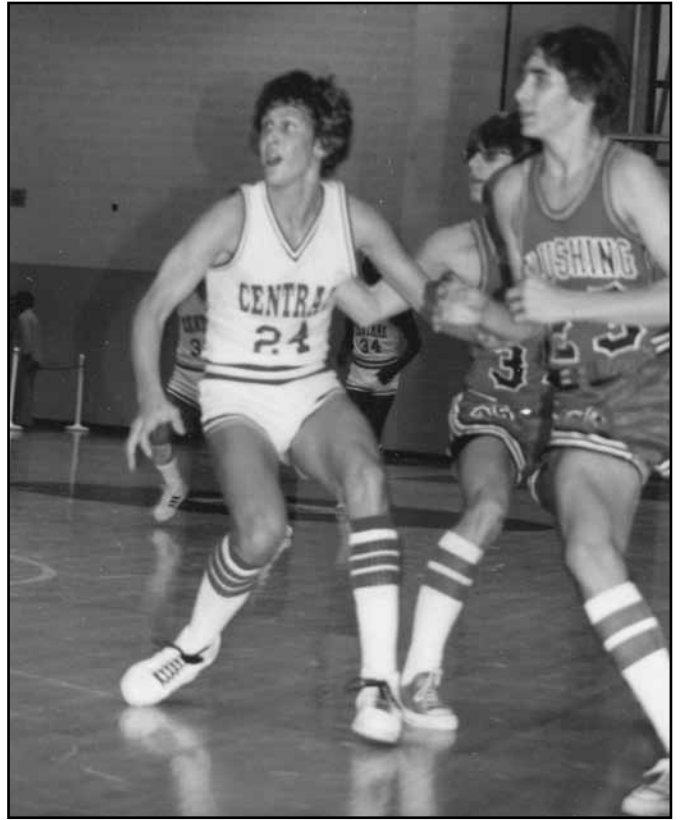
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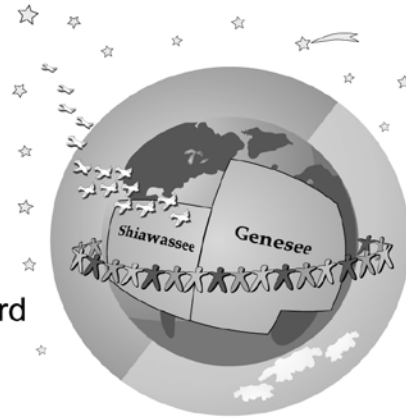
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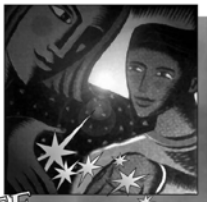
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***Powers Catholic Athletic and Academic Programs are
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- *97% of Graduates Attend College*
- *Over one Million Dollars in Academic and Athletic Merit Scholarships were Earned Last Year*
- *Our Students Scored the Highest in the Area on the MEAP Merit Test*
- *The Class of 2005 Provided over 8000 Hours of Community Service*
- *Powers has had more National Merit Semi-Finalists in the past 26 years than any other school in Genesee County and higher than the State and National Averages on the ACT Test for the Past Two Decades*

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