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On behalf of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors and Selection Committee, I would like to welcome everyone to the 28th annual induction banquet. It is indeed an honor to be able to recognize so many outstanding recipients and pay homage to their accomplishments from a wide spectrum of athletic arenas.

This year's individual recipients include Bob Chipman, Mike Czarnecki, Bill Hajec, Todd Lyght, Mali-Vai Washington, and the late Frank Smorch. We are pleased to have them included in the ranks of the luminaries of athletic history in the Greater Flint Area.

Our Special Service award is being presented to the Honorable Thomas Yeotis. Judge Yeotis has been a participant and advocate for athletics during his entire life here in the Flint area.

Teams that are being honored in the class of "07" include the 1951 Mandeville High School Football team, the 1983 and 1984 Flint Northwestern Girls Basketball teams, and the 1961 Buick Colts Baseball team.

The Board of Directors would like to express our appreciation to the *Flint Journal*. The sports writers 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.

A special "Thanks" goes to the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club. They not only provide the permanent home of all past and future plaques of our honorees, but also do a great job in helping us put on this annual event.

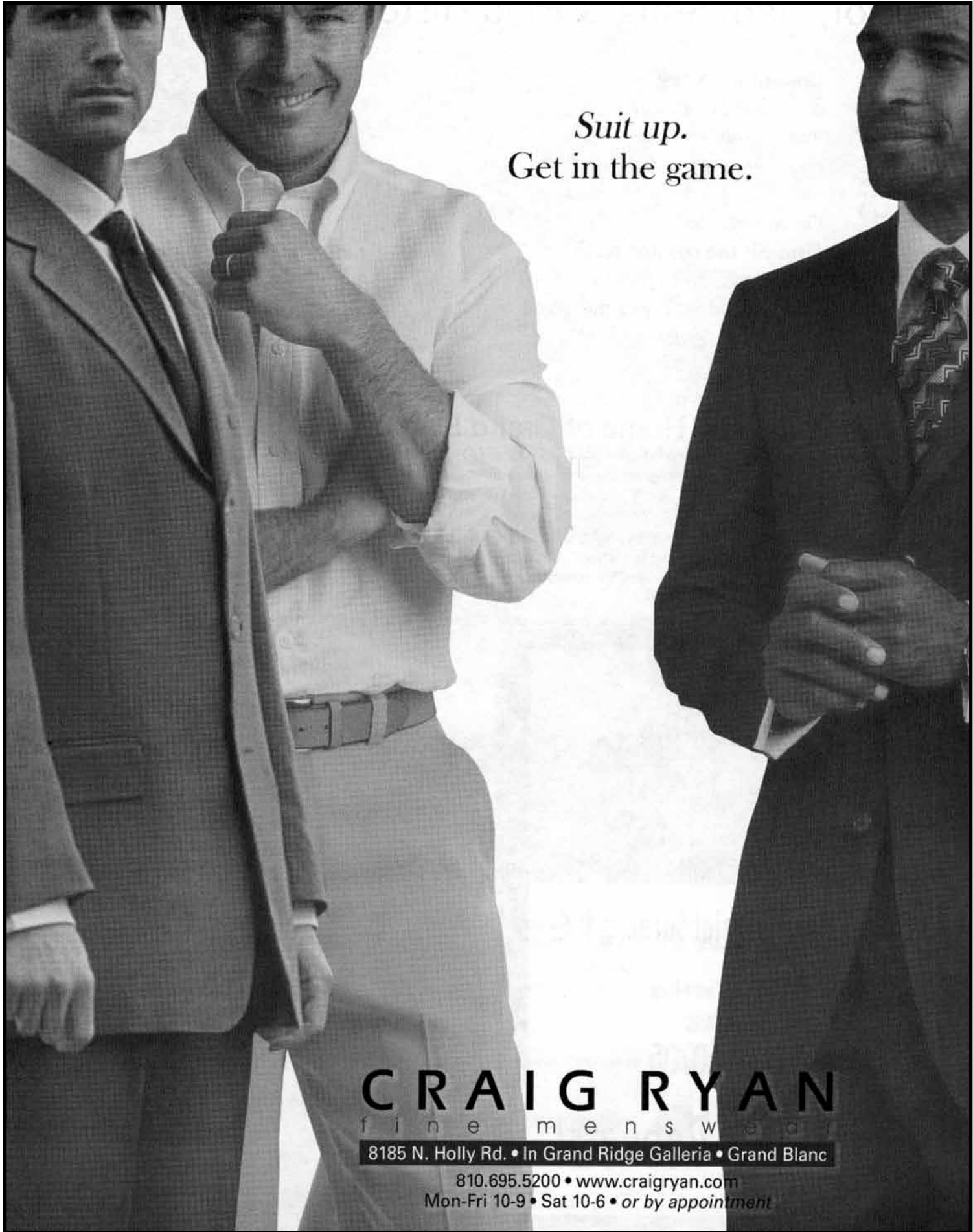
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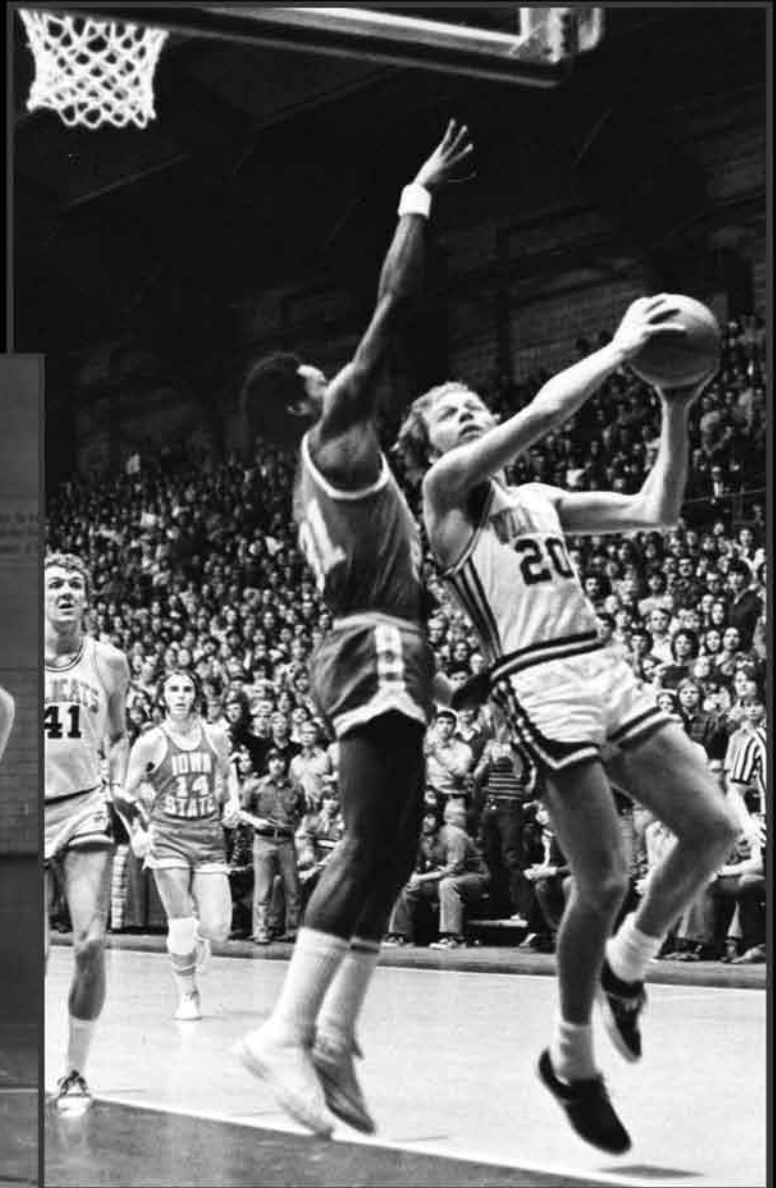
Presentation of the Class of 2007.....Bill Troesken

THE 2007 INDUCTEES

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- ★ **Mali-Vai Washington**
- ★ **Mike Czarnecki**
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Bob Chipman Basketball Coach

*By Mark Spezia
Flint Journal*

Bob Chipman has not lived in Flint on a full-time basis since 1971.

As such, the former Northwestern and Mott Community college basketball standout wasn't certain how well-remembered he still is in his hometown.

That's why Chipman was caught somewhat off guard when he was informed of his induction into the Greater Flint Hall of Fame.

"It was a little bit of a shock when my former neighbor in Flint (board of directors member Bill Haley) called to tell me," said Chipman, who has lived in Topeka, Kan., for more than 30 years and is already a Washburn University Hall of Famer.

"I thought about hall of fames from time to time, but I was not sure about the Greater Flint because I thought maybe Flint had forgotten about me because I've been gone so long. I was pleased, to say the least."

Chipman should not have been so shocked. The Flint area is not going to forget a winner.

More than anything, that's what Chipman has been at every level he's played or coached for more than 40 years.

One of the most talented guards this basketball-rich area has ever produced, Chipman helped Flint Northwestern High to three district and one regional championship before graduating in 1969. From there, he led Genesee Community College (now Mott) to a pair of conference titles and a 45-9 record in two seasons.

Chipman then spent two seasons at Kansas State, contributing to two Big Eight Conference championships and a pair of Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

He has coached Washburn University, an NCAA Division II school in Topeka, to a 628-240 record the past 28 seasons, including an NAIA national championship and 12 league titles. Chipman is the ninth all-time winningest Division II coach.

Chipman has led a charmed basketball life, one that has taken him around the world, including helping coach the 1983 and 1991 Pan American Games squads, the former featuring Michael Jordan.

"Growing up in Flint gave me a great and deep love for basketball that is still as fresh for me today as it was when I was playing at Northwestern," Chipman said. "I still think about Flint and Angelo's Coney Island.

"I'm always trying to recruit Flint talent and hoping to land some kids for next year because I know they are going to be the hustling, hard-nosed, go-after-the-ball, tough players I like to have."

In other words, sort of like the player Chipman developed into as the result of obtaining his basketball educa-



tion on two fronts during his youth. Organized programs aside, Chipman learned plenty while attempting to hold his own during pickup games in sweaty gyms echoing with the sound of squeaking sneakers.

"Thanks to a Mott Foundation program, gyms were kept open all time," Chipman recalled. "I went to a different gym just about every night within walking distance of my home. That was an incredible thing to be able mix it up with quality players all the time. That's where I learned about getting after rebounds, diving for a loose balls and the value of being a blue-collar player."

Upon his promotion to the Northwestern varsity squad during his sophomore year, Chipman came under the tutelage of the first of three coaches who had a tremendous influence on him — Al Gricius.

The highlight of Chipman's prep career was helping Northwestern to a 67-57 win over Central at IMA Auditorium for a regional championship. The Wildcats fell to Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills in the state quarterfinals in Chipman's final high school game.

Chipman remembered being concerned about his basketball future prior to the game against Central.

"I kept thinking to myself on the way to IMA that it could be my last game, my last bus trip with a team," he said. "I decided then I did not want my career to end. I've been on about 1,000 more bus trips since then."

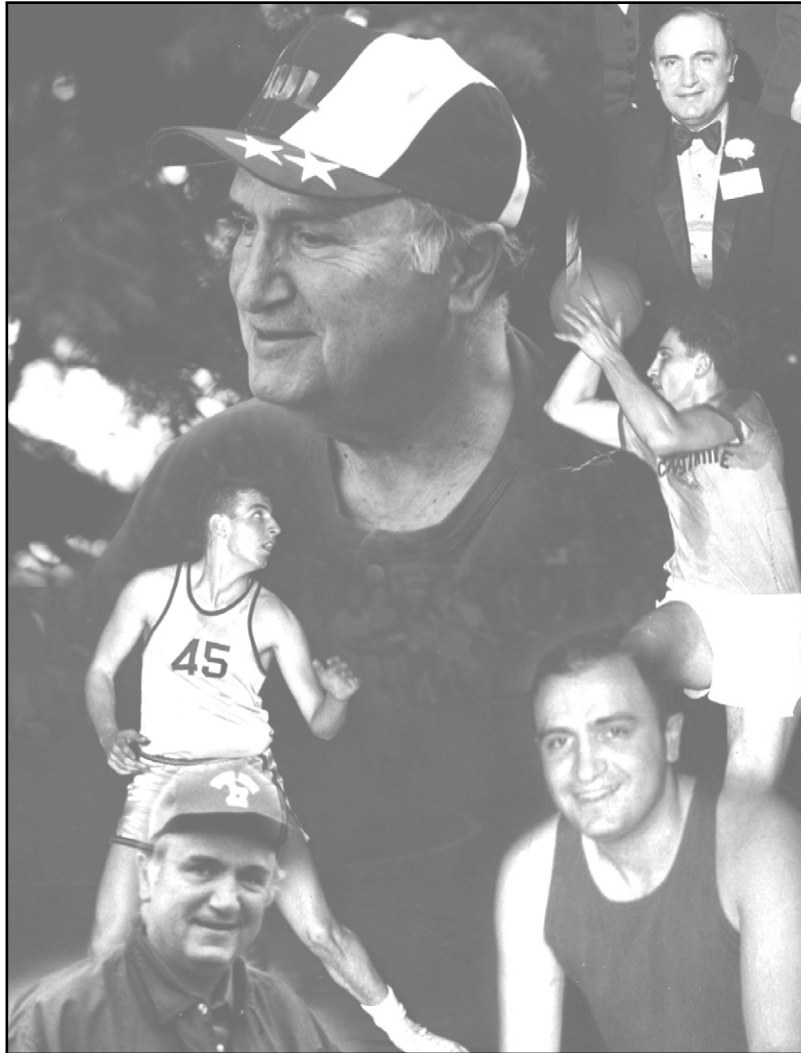
Chipman shared Northwestern's MVP honor with Howard Walsh as a senior, averaging 15.3 points a game

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Tom Yeotis Special Service Award

*By Rickey Hampton
Flint Journal*

It is hard to imagine a more popular inductee into the 2007 class of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame than Tom Yeotis.

And that is fitting considering that Yeotis, the longtime judge, is actually one of the founding members of the GFASHF.

But before that, Yeotis was an accomplished athlete who excelled in basketball and softball, and later as a coach in both sports.

A Central High grad, Yeotis was a standout basketball player at Flint Junior College (Mott CC) from 1947-49. He played on state championship teams in softball with Assumption Greek Orthodox (1982) and the American United Life over-50 team in 1993-94, and the AUL over-60 team in 2002, 2003, 2004. He also coached championship teams in basketball and softball.

"I'm honored, pleased and blessed to have had such a successful career in athletics," Yeotis said.

"This (hall of fame induction) is just frosting on the cake."

The son of Greek immigrants, Yeotis is a lifelong Flint resident who was first introduced to sports in the third grade when his uncle took him to a church league basketball game.

"If I am not mistaken, they were still having the center jump after each basket," said Yeotis. "All I know is that from that moment, playing basketball was something I wanted to do."

Yeotis has been competing ever since. In fact, the 77-year-old only retired from playing softball a year ago.

"I played for 60 years," he said proudly. "As a youth there were just three seasons in my life, football, basketball and baseball."

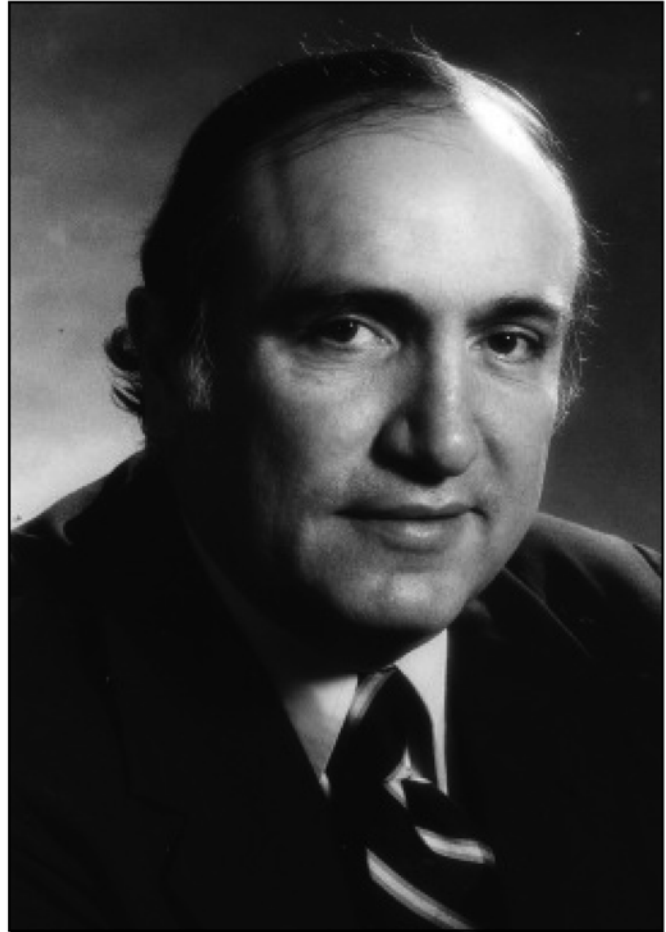
"Sports has always played a very important role in my life. I worked as an attorney and a judge for a living, but playing sports was my passion."

This will not be the first hall of fame induction for Yeotis. He is already a member of the National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Hall of Fame (1982), the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame (1995) and the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association of Michigan Hall of Fame (1996).

Yeotis' list of athletic accomplishments is seemingly endless.

However, what Yeotis treasures most aren't the championships and honors. It's the friendships.

"The best thing about athletics are the fellowships that come from it," explained Yeotis. "I consider every one of my teammates I played with a friend. And those friendships last a lifetime."



Yeotis added that those friendships only came after the game. He was known as a fiery competitor.

"I played to win," he said. "If you bumped into me during a game, it is a pretty good chance that I was going to shove you back."

Yeotis has also used sports as a vehicle for community service. In 1967 he helped found the Bruin Club (Mott Community College boosters), which has donated more than \$1 million in athletic scholarships to the school. Recently, he served as the honorary co-chair of the Flint Olympian and CANUSA games.

Yeotis was equally accomplished in his chosen profession. He served as probate and juvenile court judge in Genesee County from 1968-70, before becoming circuit court judge, where he served from 1971 to 1998. He still does some work as a visiting judge, arbitrator and mediator.

He credits the lessons learned from the joys of victory and the disappointments of defeats for helping him dispense justice.

"A judge is a lot like a baseball umpire," he said. "You are there to be patient and call what you see. You have to take what you might have done (strategically) out of it. You might have a different picture, but you can't be that way. You call what you see."

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Mali-Vai Washington Tennis

By Greg Tunnickliff
Flint Journal

Tennis was always a family affair in the Washington clan.

Before and after school, Mali-Vai Washington and his three tennis siblings — Micheala, Mashiska and Mashona — could be found on Court 10 at Genesee Valley Tennis Club working on their games.

Family patriarch Bill Washington would hit ball and after ball to his children and demand only the best from them.

“Going through it, it seemed tougher than it really was,” MaliVai said. “That is what we did as a family and what allowed us to succeed.”

The work ethic MaliVai Washington developed during his youth allowed him to become one of top players in world.

“You have to put in the time,” said Washington, who also trained at Flint Tennis Club. “We know what it means to work hard.”

After a standout junior career, Washington competed for two years at the University of Michigan.

The former Carman-Ainsworth High student led the Wolverines to a third-place finish at the NCAA tournament in 1988, and in 1989 he finished the season as the No. 1-ranked college player in the nation.

He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 1988 and Player of the Year in 1989. He earned All-American honors in both seasons.

“He became a polished player (in college),” GVTC owner Nick Logan said. “He had an all-court game and his backhand was tremendous. He probably had as strong a work ethic as any player I’ve ever seen.”

Establishing himself as one of the elite players in the professional ranks was a challenge. Not only was the competition tougher, but it can be expensive to play on the ATP Tour.

Washington had to get a \$5,000 loan from his parents before he played in his first international tournament in South America. Fortunately, he



played well enough to pay off the loan.

“Tennis isn’t like basketball or football, where you’re the No. 1 player and you have a large contract waiting for you,” Washington said. “To establish yourself (in professional tennis) you have to win.”

His first significant victory came in 1990, when he recorded a straight-sets triumph over Ivan Lendl in the second round of a tournament in New Haven, Conn.

Lendl lost the world No. 1 ranking the previous week to Stefan Edberg and needed to beat Washington to regain the perch.

Washington was named Tennis Magazine’s Rookie of the Year in 1990 and he continued his climb up the ATP ladder over the next six years.

The 38-year-old won his first tournament in 1992 at Memphis, Tenn. From 1992-96, he won four tournaments and was a finalist nine times. He reached his highest world rank-

ing, No. 11, in 1993.

“I’ve always described the tour as the dream life,” Washington said. “You get to travel the world, meet some great people, and depending on how you do, you get to make an excellent living.”

Washington’s finest moment on tour came in 1996 when he reached the finals on the sport’s most hallowed ground, Wimbledon. He was the first African-American male to reach the Wimbledon final since Arthur Ashe in 1975.

The unseeded right-hander lost in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, to Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

“That was the culmination of a ton of work over a couple of decades,” Washington said. “As gratifying as it was, it was also disappointing because I didn’t (win).”

Washington retired in 1999 because of a knee injury. He posted an overall singles record of 254-184 and pocketed \$3,239,865 in prize money.

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Frank Smorch Baseball Umpire

By Dan Nilsen
Flint Journal

Few ballplayers could forget Frank Smorch once they'd played in a game he umpired.

And Smorch remembered even more of them.

With his booming voice and outgoing personality, Smorch made an impression on area diamonds and people throughout his 28-year umpiring career. His popularity and his work on and off the field teaching young umpires and helping form the Flint Umpires Association earned him the nickname "Mr. Umpire."

Thirty-three years after his death, his devotion to the game is being rewarded tonight with his enshrinement into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"Umpiring was something my dad truly enjoyed doing," said his son, Frank. "He liked the camaraderie. He loved to mingle on the diamond with the ballplayers.

"And they knew him. He told stories of how young kids would come up to bat and say, 'My dad said to say hello to you.'"

Smorch played catcher for Buick Factory No. 6 in the 1920s, hitting .408 in 1924, before a sore arm curtailed his career.

He turned to umpiring and worked all levels of the game, including the professional Michigan State League and Central League. He called exhibition games involving the Detroit Tigers, umped a Negro League game pitched by Satchel Paige and was recruited by the All-American Girls Baseball League.

In 1949 he helped organize the then-Genesee County Federation of Umpires, which standardized rules, streamlined scheduling and improved the caliber and even the appearance of umpires.

"He always dressed for the part," noted his son. "He didn't want to be haphazard. When he left to umpire a



game, he was natty."

He wasn't perfect in the field, but he readily admitted his bad calls.

During one high school game, his mind drifted up north, where he'd be fishing in a few days, and he badly missed a call at second base.

"Hey, Frank, what happened?" asked Northern coach Burt Young.

"Well, Burt, I was in Houghton Lake, fishing," Smorch replied.

In 1953 he missed most of the season when he was diagnosed with tuberculosis and confined for four months in the Genesee County Sanatorium. During his absence, the Flint Baseball Commission and umpires association staged a benefit doubleheader that raised \$1,876.

But it was bad legs, he said, that forced him to retire from the game in 1958. In a Labor Day tournament at Atwood Stadium, he tried to hustle over to second base for a play and couldn't move.

"I just stood there as though I was up to my knees in sand," he told Journal sports editor Tom Mercy. "I couldn't even lift my foot. Right then

I decided I had had it."

He stayed close to the game and enjoyed swapping stories with old players and officials. In 1967 he tried organizing them into a formal oldtimers club, but it never went beyond an afternoon meeting at the Karasel Restaurant. He died in 1974.

More than a quarter-century later, young Frank Smorch still runs into people who knew his father. In a senior golf league this summer, he met former Flint Tech pitcher Bob McTaggart, who immediately recognized the name.

"Was Frank your dad?" McTaggart asked. "The greatest game I ever pitched, he was behind the plate and never missed a call."

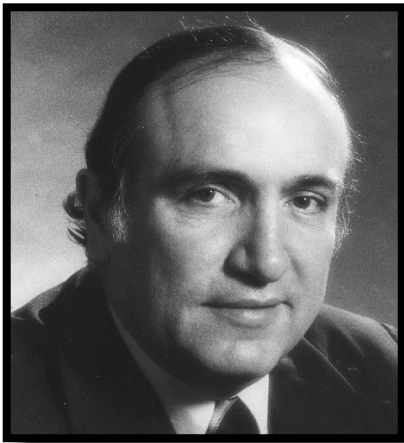
That was in 1945.

Ten years later, McTaggart was working at Buick Engineering, where he encountered a stout, older gentleman in another department.

McTaggart didn't recognize the man at first, but ...

"I remember you," said Mr. Umpire. "You pitched a 1-0 shutout over Central at Central's field."

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Tom Yeotis



Mike Czarnecki

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Mike Czarnecki Tennis

*By Greg Tunncliff
Flint Journal*

Mike Czarnecki grew up a University of Michigan fan. When the Flint native was ready to play college tennis, there was only one place he wanted to go — Ann Arbor.

Unfortunately, the Wolverines' coaching staff told him he wasn't good enough to wear the Maize and Blue.

"That stuff happens all the time," said Czarnecki, who lives in Winston-Salem, N.C., but is still a UM fan.

He knew he was good enough to compete at Michigan and it didn't take him long to make his case.

Two years later, when he was getting ready to transfer from Cincinnati, the Wolverines offered him a full-ride scholarship.

Still stung by the program's previous rejection, he turned them down.

"I was thankful, but I told them no thanks," Czarnecki said. "I proved my point."

Since he first picked up a tennis racket, Czarnecki's play was always well beyond his years.

He worked hard early on, training at Flint Tennis Club. He captured the Flint City Open in 1967 at the age of 13 and a Western Closed title in Indianapolis when he was 17. He also won a national junior badminton crown.

As a freshman at Flint St. Matthew in 1969, he won a Class C-D regional championship at No. 1 singles. He advanced to the semifinals of the state tournament.

Czarnecki played at Central High the next two years where he not only won back-to-back Class A regional titles, but he became the first City tournament champion at the top flight in 1971.

He left Central after his junior year and transferred to Midland Dow to be closer to his personal coach, Jim Swift, who was the coach at Northwood University in Midland where he was able to train year-round on the school's indoor courts.

Czarnecki played for Dow during his senior year and advanced to the Class A state championship match where he lost 6-3, 7-5 to Victor Amaya of Holland High.

He signed with Cincinnati after high school and played two seasons for the Bearcats.

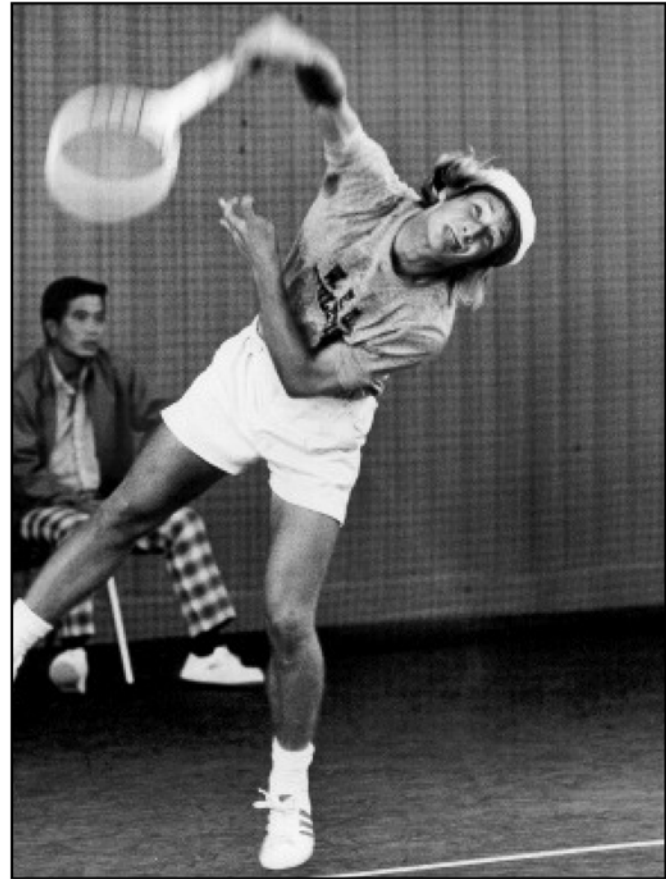
During his freshman year, he posted a 29-4 mark at No. 3 singles and his team won 33 straight matches.

He qualified for the NCAA tournament both years and advanced to the round of 32 during his first season.

Before transferring to Wake Forest, he even beat the top two players from Michigan.

He competed at No. 1 singles for the Demon Deacons during his junior and senior campaigns and qualified for the NCAA tournament both seasons.

Czarnecki continued to play well after his collegiate career. He won the North Carolina state title in the early 1980s and he is a six-time city champion in Winston-



Salem.

"When he was at his peak, he was so good he was head and shoulders above the other players," said his father and former Powers Catholic boys coach, Ed Czarnecki. "He was able to turn it up a couple of notches when he wanted to."

Sometimes he turned it up a little too much. Mike Czarnecki's top weapon was his serve.

During a state tournament match at Flint Swim and Racquet Club, he hit a serve so hard that he tore a tendon in his right shoulder that required surgery.

"The guy calling it (match) had trouble seeing where it (serve) landed," Ed Czarnecki said. "His strokes were strong enough so somebody couldn't serve and volley against him. He was overpowering."

Mike Czarnecki said he doesn't play much tennis anymore. He is the vice president of Sales and Marketing for Microfibers, Inc. in Winston-Salem, a position which requires a great deal of traveling.

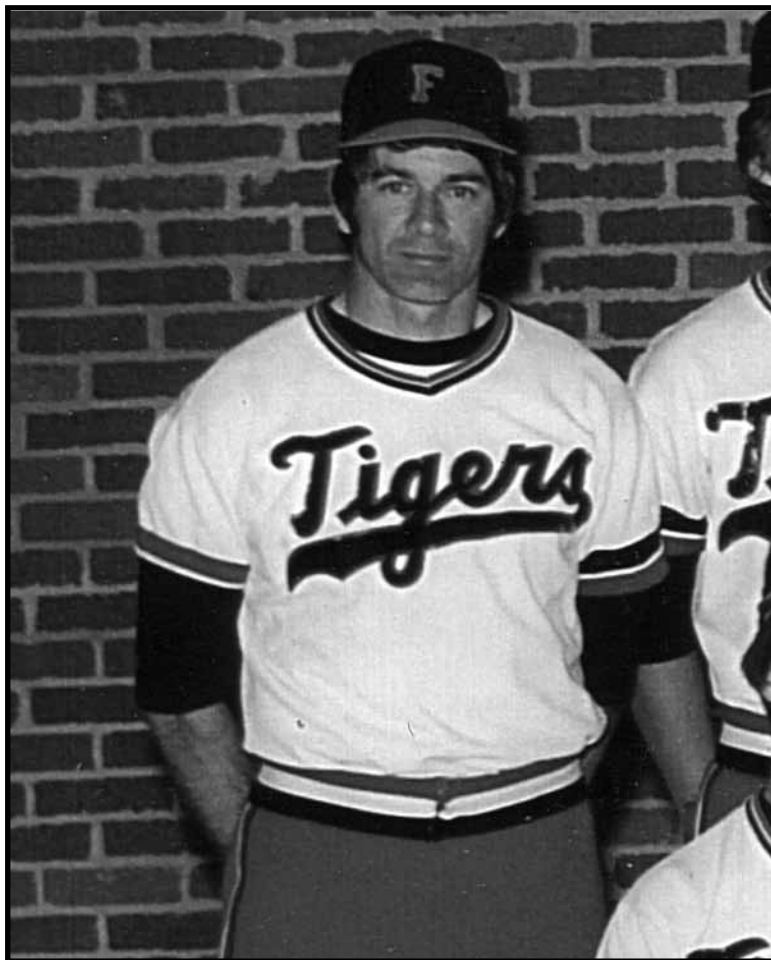
He said while he plays more golf than tennis, he hasn't forgotten what tennis has done for him.

"I had a lot of fun playing tennis," Czarnecki said. "It took me to a lot of places."

Like the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's quite a nice honor," said Czarnecki, 53. "You don't expect getting something like that growing up doing what you enjoy doing."

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**On his induction into the
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Bill Hajec Baseball Player, Coach

By *Brendan Savage*
Flint Journal

Bill Hajec's resume is as well-rounded as any you'll find in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He was a four-sport star in high school, was Flint Junior College's Athlete of the Year in 1962-63, played two sports at Ball State, starred as a pitcher in the City Baseball League and spent 20 years coaching at Fenton High.

So it's no surprise that Hajec is stumped when asked if one highlight stands out above all others. There are simply too many possibilities, although his selection to the GFASHF is certainly near the top.

"It's quite an honor to be involved with all the people that are in so far," said Hajec, 64. "There are a lot of good professional athletes. It's going to be quite an honor."

Hajec first rose to prominence at Fenton, where he graduated in 1960 and worked as a teacher for 33 years before retiring in 1999.

He was an all-leaguer in both football and baseball at Fenton while setting a school record in track, where he ran the 100- and 220-yard dashes. As a senior, Hajec finished third in the state in the 220.

He spent one semester playing football at Grand Rapids Junior College before transferring to Flint Junior College, where he was part of one of the nation's top junior college track teams.

Hajec was a member of FJC's national championship relay team as a freshman while helping his team finish third in the country. But when many of his teammates either graduated or didn't return to FJC, Hajec dumped track and returned to the baseball diamond for his sophomore year.

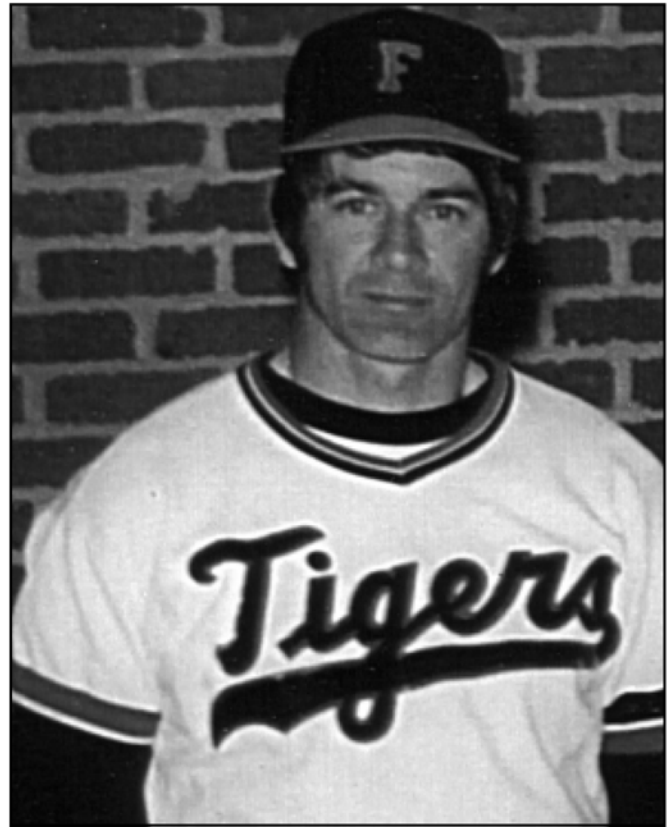
It was at FJC that Hajec began a storied pitching career. He played the outfield in high school but secretly longed to be on the mound.

"I pitched about two games my junior year and five or six my senior year," he said. "I could throw the ball hard. I always wanted to pitch. I remember playing outfield and hoping the pitcher would get in trouble so I'd have to come in and relieve him."

Hajec, who played center field when he wasn't pitching, had a 1-3 record as a sophomore at FJC but all of the loses were the result of unearned runs. He allowed only six hits, struck out 37 and walked just six in 33 2/3 innings.

That and his performance in an Illinois summer league earned Hajec a scholarship to Ball State, where he played football for three years and baseball for two before running out of eligibility because of that one semester at Grand Rapids JC.

As a football safety, Hajec set Ball State career records for interceptions and interception return yards while helping the Cardinals go 9-0 in his senior year and earn a trip the Rice Bowl in Tennessee. He was all-conference in both football and baseball at Ball State.



"Those are the years I had a lot of fun," he said.

After graduation, Hajec returned to the Flint area and resumed his pitching career in the CBL.

He posted the CBL's first unbeaten season (11-0) in 1970, was annually the league's top pitcher and helped Bishop Construction win the 1975 national championship. That team has also been inducted into the GFASHF.

At Fenton, he broke into coaching as the assistant baseball coach before becoming head coach in 1969. He held that post until 1981, finishing with a record of 175-134.

"The reason I didn't want to coach baseball too much was because it got so cold," Hajec said with a chuckle. "Those doubleheaders just wore me out. The highlight of that was when we won the Greater Flint Invitational in 1978."

He also coached golf from 1976-2006 and finished with a 275-93-6 record. Hajec might still be coaching golf had the Michigan High School Athletic Association not switched boys golf to the spring.

Hajec and wife Susan spend their winters in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and don't return to Fenton until May, long after the spring golf season has started.

Despite that, Hajec still spends much of his time on the golf course these days. He estimates that he plays four times a week, either at the Flint Elks Club or when he's in Myrtle Beach.

He and his wife still find time to support Fenton athletics, either as spectators or as officials.

"We still get involved," Hajec said.



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Todd Lyght Football

By Bill Khan
Flint Journal

Todd Lyght went to Notre Dame to become the next Tim Brown.

Plans quickly changed, as they often do once a recruit steps foot on campus.

Lyght didn't become the next Tim Brown. Instead, he became the first Todd Lyght.

That, as it turns out, wasn't such a bad thing.

Recruited as a wide receiver out of Flint Powers Catholic, Lyght was moved to cornerback shortly after enrolling at Notre Dame in the fall of 1987, the year that Brown won the Heisman Trophy.

The move enabled Lyght to get more playing time than any other Irish freshman that year. He went on to make All-America as a junior and senior, win the 1988 national championship and intercept 11 passes during his career.

He lived up to his status as the fifth overall pick in the 1991 NFL draft, playing a key role in the 1999 St. Louis Rams' Super Bowl championship season and making Pro Bowl appearances in 1999 and 2000.

Lyght might have achieved all those things as a wide receiver, his preferred position coming out of high school, but there's no guarantee. In retrospect, Lyght can now thank Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz for making the switch.

"The expectation when I went in there was I was going to play offense," Lyght said. "I played wide receiver maybe three weeks tops. Then I knew something was going on, because wide receiver coach Pete Cordell was the meanest guy to me ever and made it so uncomfortable for me. Defensive backs coach Terry Forbes was the nicest guy in the world to me. I figured something was going on. It worked out really well for me. At the time, I thought I'd be a better offensive player. Now, looking back on my career, coach Holtz knew what he was doing."

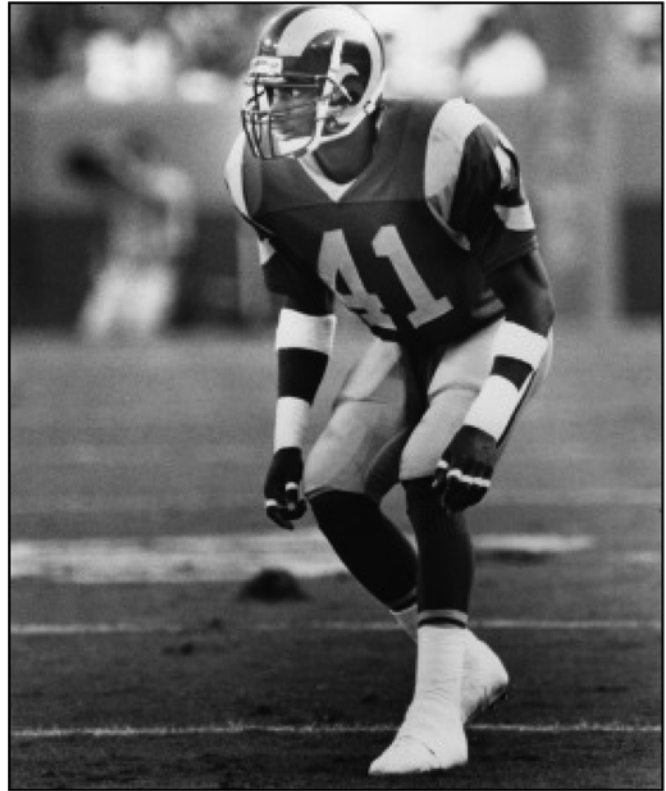
Playing defense meant that Lyght went up against Brown every day in practice. It was during those practice sessions that Lyght began to realize he had a shot at playing in the NFL.

"I always thought about getting to the next level," Lyght said. "I didn't realize I was going to be able to play at the pro level until my freshman year in college when I was going up against Tim Brown in one-on-one drills. Obviously, at the time he was one of the better players in the country and I was sticking with him pretty well. I was a freshman and was able to hang with one of the best players in the country. That's when the light went on that I could play at the next level."

Lyght was on the field for one of the most memorable plays in Super Bowl history.

The Rams had just taken a 23-16 lead against the Tennessee Titans on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Kurt Warner to Isaac Bruce with 1:54 left in Super Bowl XXXIV at the Georgia Dome.

The Titans, who had tied the game with 2:21 to go,



quickly marched down the field all the way to the Rams' 10-yard line with six seconds left. On the final play, Tennessee's Kevin Dyson caught a pass from Steve McNair short of the end zone. He was tackled at the 1-yard line by St. Louis' Mike Jones, stretching in vain for the goal line as time expired.

Lyght was on the far side of the field when history unfolded.

"They had to go about 70 yards and needed to score and kick the extra point to tie it," Lyght said. "They were three or four plays into it and on the 50-yard line. I remember being so tired.

"I'd never been that tired in a football game before in my entire life. I remember sitting there at the 50-yard line with my hands on my knees, sweat on my face and thinking, 'This is it, this is the moment when we need to suck it up.' You'd have no energy, then when the quarterback hiked it you'd find energy for that one play, then the ref blew the whistle and you'd be tired again."

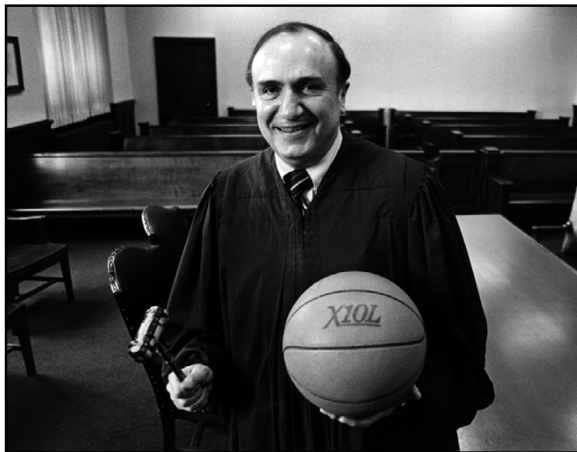
Lyght was born in the Marshall Islands and lived in Virginia and Georgia before coming to Flint midway through his freshman year when his father, William, became Flint's police chief. As a new kid in school, he played junior varsity football in 10th grade at Powers before starring on the varsity in 1985 and 1986. He made All-State and All-American as a receiver in 1986, catching 34 passes for 887 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also picked off 10 passes.

His biggest game came in the Pontiac Silverdome against Birmingham Brother Rice in the 1986 season

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Buick Colts Baseball 1961

By Dan Nilsen
Flint Journal

They were called the Colts, a fitting nickname for a baseball team that grew into thoroughbreds.

The Buick Colts of 1961 were just a collection of mostly Southwestern High kids playing in the Boys Baseball program and the American Legion circuit.

But in the years to follow they sent three pitchers and three sluggers into the professional ranks, saw their catcher play on two World Series teams and graduated several other players into college ball.

Together for that summer of '61, they galloped to Legion championships at the city, zone and state levels and reached the semifinals of a four-state regional before being coralled.

Their 17-3 record reflected Legion play only, but the Colts played many more games in the burgeoning Boys program and won the Class C (18-and-under) and Class A (unlimited age) titles amid a competitive field of some 5,000 kids.

"It was an era of really good baseball players around Genesee County," said outfielder Mike Beito.

The Colts had some of the best, led by Merv Rettenmund, a hard-hitting catcher who later played outfield for the Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds and appeared in World Series with both.

Bobby Reed, a pitcher with a curveball that dropped "12-to-6," played for the Detroit Tigers, and fellow hurlers Wayne Schmitz (Braves) and lefty Mike McFee played in minor league systems.

Infielder Carl Cmejrek won a Big Ten batting title with Michigan State and signed with the Orioles. John Biedenbach set batting records at MSU and was drafted by the San Francisco Giants.

"Almost everybody else went on and played in college," said right fielder Danny Felt.

Third baseman George Skaff batted cleanup, Randy Adams played



Front row: (left to right): Howard Nelson-American Legion district chair, John Gildner, Randy Adams, Danny Felt, Mike Clary Middle row: Mike McFee, Wayne Schmitz, Bill Rittenbery, George Skaff, Merv Rettenmund, Mike Beito Back row: Ralph Sullivan-coach, Don Trevarrow, Bill Anderson, Bobby Reed, Carl Cmejrek, John Biedenbach, Rick Shupe. Missing Herb Kateman

second base and Mike Clary was in the outfield. Other players included Dick Shupe, Don Trevarrow, John Gildner, Bill Anderson, Ron Oskey, Marv Rettenmund and Herb Kateman.

They were coached by Ralph "Frenchy" Sullivan and assistant Dick Leach, a former Tiger farmhand who also coached Southwestern.

The Colts went 8-0 in local Legion play — no small feat — to qualify for the zone tournament in Southfield.

"When you look back, you realize Flint was a very competitive place, but you didn't know it when you were a 16- or 17-year-old kid," said Felt. "Getting out of Flint wasn't easy."

At Southfield they outslugged East Detroit 11-10, blanked Owosso 6-0 on a two-hitter by McFee and buried East Detroit again with a six-run seventh inning for a 10-4 victory.

By this point, McFee had established himself as a strikeout pitcher with a flair for wildness. He fanned 17 against Owosso but also walked five and hit five with pitches. In a later game he struck out 10, walked 10 and hit four.

"He kept them loose, let's put it that way," said Cmejrek.

For the next trip to Big Rapids, Buick donated four cars, and the Colts

brought back Flint's first Legion state title since 1952.

They bombed Detroit Edison 18-5, then beat defending champ Bay City 6-5 in the bottom of the 12th on Shupe's line single through the box. Schmitz threw a three-hitter in a 4-1 win over Escanaba, but then nine errors led to an 8-4 loss to Detroit.

In a third game with Detroit, Biedenbach blasted two home runs and Skaff a two-run shot in an 8-7 title-winning victory.

Skaff was errorless in 19 chances at third, but Rettenmund took the Ki Ki Cuyler Award as tournament MVP with a 10-for-17 assault (.588), including two homers, a double, a triple and nine walks.

"That's the summer Merv really developed," said Schmitz. "Scouts wanted to sign him right then."

In a sweltering regional at Princeton, Ind., Flint lost the opener 9-8 to Cincinnati, rallying for six runs in the eighth to take an 8-7 lead, then giving up two Cincy runs in the ninth.

The Colts bounced back to beat Kentucky 7-5 with two runs in the ninth, then nipped Rockport, Ind., 4-3 on Biedenbach's inside-the-park homer to the 470-foot mark in center

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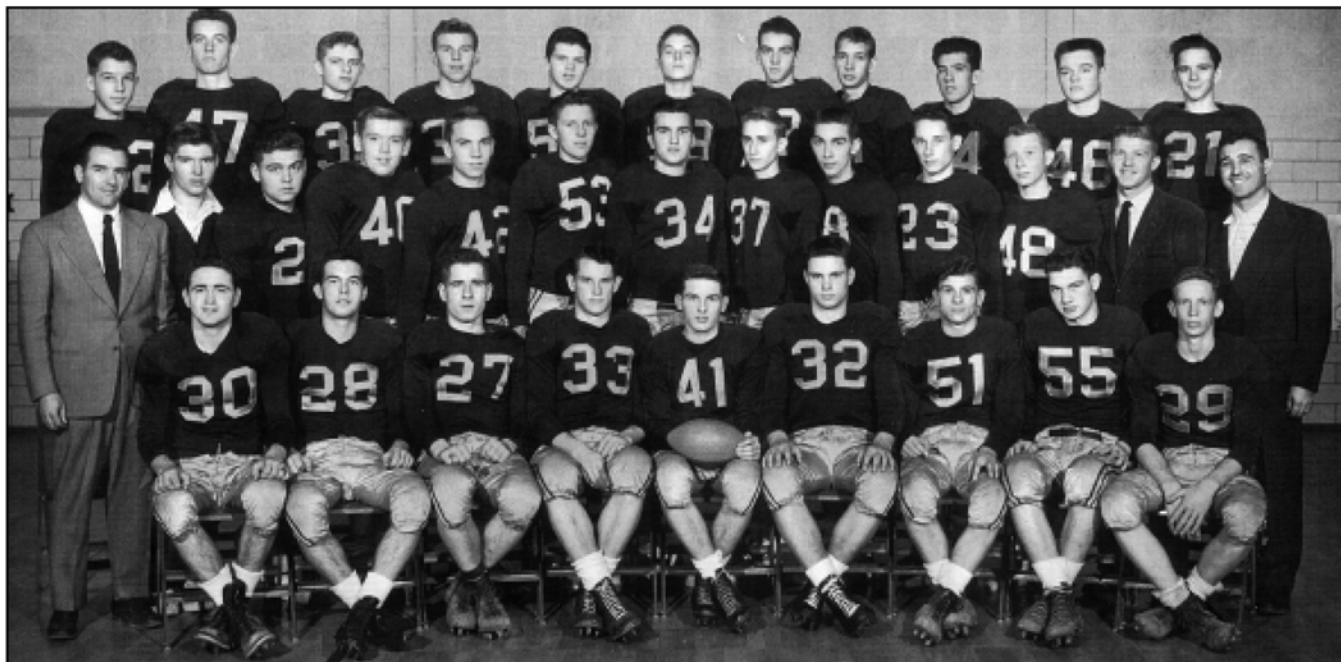
**Wayne Schmitz,
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Flint Mandeville High Football 1951



Mandeville's undefeated 1951 football team from row from left: Paul Bennett, Noel Chrisman, Jerry Doyle, Jerry Williams, Larry Eickhoff, Ronald Webb, Darrell Davenport, Don McManus, Mike McGrath. Second row from left: assistant coach Bob Pollard, Ernest Dufresne, Eddie Nauss, Gordon Markham, Bud Garrison, Gordon Gotts, Cecil Long, Tom Beal, Marvin Williams, Jack Williams, Scott McCollom, assistant coach Danny Urbanik, head coach Pete Fornari. Top row from left: Louis Eckenrod, Don Cowsert, Gerald Goulet, Bob Johnson, Dale Strong, Ed Chandler, Thornhill Jones, John Maletich, Jack Lowe, Ted Caryl, Donald Estes. Missing Dave McGinnis.

**By Dan Nilsen
Flint Journal**

Shutting out eight teams in nine games didn't seem like such a big deal at the time.

Going through a Pete Fornari practice is a more vivid recollection for members of the 1951 Mandeville High football team.

Fifty-six years after their 9-0 season, in which they outscored their opponents 203-6, the Spartans still recall the daily grind of practice more clearly than their Friday night glory.

"The practices were probably rougher than the games were," said Larry Eickhoff, a junior quarterback and safety on the team that is being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame tonight.

"I was surprised to hear about our record. At the time it didn't seem like much."

Echoed Jack Williams: "I don't think anybody realized we were that good at the time. We just worked hard and played hard. Pete Fornari made sure of it."

A steely-eyed disciplinarian who

had played quarterback at Michigan State, Fornari drilled his team in the basics of blocking and tackling, including a punishing test that sent a ball carrier through a triangle of three tacklers.

"If he wasn't satisfied with the tackle, he would take the ball and he would run through it," said Scott McCollom, a junior defensive lineman. "Nobody wanted to deal with that."

"We were more afraid of him than any team we played."

Cast in the same mold of intensity was Jerry Williams, a two-way senior end who had once played on a men's softball team as an eighth-grader and later played with Ron Kramer at the University of Michigan.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Williams led Mandeville in scoring, mostly on end-around runs or pass receptions that earned him the nickname "Sticky Fingers."

On defense, he was a rock.

"Nobody went around his end," said McCollom. "I was always thankful I didn't have to play against him, he

brought such intensity to the game."

Other defensive stalwarts were McCollom, Paul Bennett, Dave McGinnis, Ron Webb and Bud Garrison on the line, with Don McManus and Jerry Doyle at linebacker and Eickhoff, Mike McGrath and Darrell Davenport in the defensive backfield.

Together, they didn't allow an opponent past midfield until week six, when Dye got to the 5-yard line but no farther.

The following week, a Spartans fumble at their own 25 set up the only score they allowed all season, a Swartz Creek touchdown in the second period. The 1-yard run by Duane Tillson broke a scoreless string of 33 quarters and eight games stretching back into the last two games of 1950.

Mandeville still pulled out a 12-6 victory. Jerry Williams made "an unbelievable catch," according to a Journal story, to set up the tying touchdown in the third quarter, and a Creek fumble led to Davenport's winning TD run in the final minute.

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Jake Emmendorfer, Head Football Coach of New Lothrop High School has been selected by the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as the 2006-2007 Coach of the Year. His Football Team won the Division 8 State Championship.

Coach Emmendorfer selected Michael Vincke as the Ben Roof A-Frame Award Scholarship winner. Michael Vincke is attending Northwood University.

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1983 Northwestern H.S. Girls Basketball
Front Row: Paulette Backstrom, Casandra Alexander, Franzetta Grundy, Cynthia Lyons, Stephanie Tipton, Debra Jones.
Back Row: Head Coach: Roger Zoll, Soroya Pendelton, Starry Hodge, Taraisa Wills, Darcyl Abernathy, Tonya Edwards, Shanta Burks, Michelle Cooper, Asst. Coach: Tony Holliday ** Not Pictured: Janice Cooper



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BASKETBALL
1967 - 1969



1984 Northwestern H.S. Girls Basketball
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Flint Northwestern High Basketball 1983 & 1984 State Champions

By Dan Nilsen
Flint Journal

Getting out of Flint was the hard part.

Winning the state title was a comparative breeze.

Once Flint Northwestern High broke the grip of Flint Northern's five-year dynasty, the Lady Wildcats wrote their own chapter of Flint basketball history with back-to-back state Class A championships in 1983 and 1984.

Led by four-time All-Stater Tonya Edwards and three other Division I-bound starters, NW went 55-1 over the two seasons and won 16 tournament games by an average margin of 59-35.

Tonight those two teams are being inducted as a single entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, joining the Northern dynasty that was inducted in 2002.

The period from 1978-85 was a heady time in Flint hoops. From the soring of '78 through the spring of '85, the city's high schools won 12 state championships, capturing at least one boys or girls championship every year.

Taraisa Wills remembers growing up and watching Northern's four-year streak of titles (1978-81) and a fifth trip to the final in 1982, then facing that juggernaut when she got to high school.

"It was fun just watching them from the sidelines and seeing how dedicated they were," said Wills. "To actually be on the court with them was a little overwhelming.

"But you always have to go through the giant. That's the name of the game."

NW was a budding giant itself with Edwards (Tennessee), Wills and Cynthia Lyons (both Michigan State) and Paulette Backstrom (Bowling Green) all destined for college basketball's top level.

Including freshman Stephanie



The 1984 team standing from left: Coach Roger Zoll, Crystal Leflore, Jave Ott, Starr Hodge, Taraisa Wills, Darcyl Abernathy, Tonya Edwards, Carolyn Neal, Shanta Burks, Janice Cooper; Coach Tony Holliday. Kneeling from left: Paulette Backstrom, Lawanda Skinner, Lawana Holland, Cynthia Lyons, Stephanie Tipton, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, manager Mark Fransioli



The 1983 team standing from left: Head Coach: Roger Zoll, Soroya Pendelton, Starr Hodge, Taraisa Wills, Darcyl Abernathy, Tonya Edwards, Shanta Burks, Michelle Cooper, Asst. Coach: Tony Holliday. Kneeling from left: Paulette Backstrom, Casandra Alexander, Franzetta Grundy, Cynthia Lyons, Stephanie Tipton, Debra Jones. Not Pictured: Janice Cooper

Tipton, who would earn All-State honors as a senior, they were the Lady Wildcats' starting lineup in both state championship years.

Top substitutes included Shanta Burks, Saroya Pendleton and Darcyl Abernathy. Roger Zoll and Tony Holliday were knowledgeable coaches who filled their players with confidence.

"Tony and Mr. Zoll totally set us up with the mindset of conquering anybody we stepped on the court to play," said Wills. "Nobody was better than

us.

"I think that's how we got over Northern that first year. No matter what their legacy was, they still had to step on the court and play."

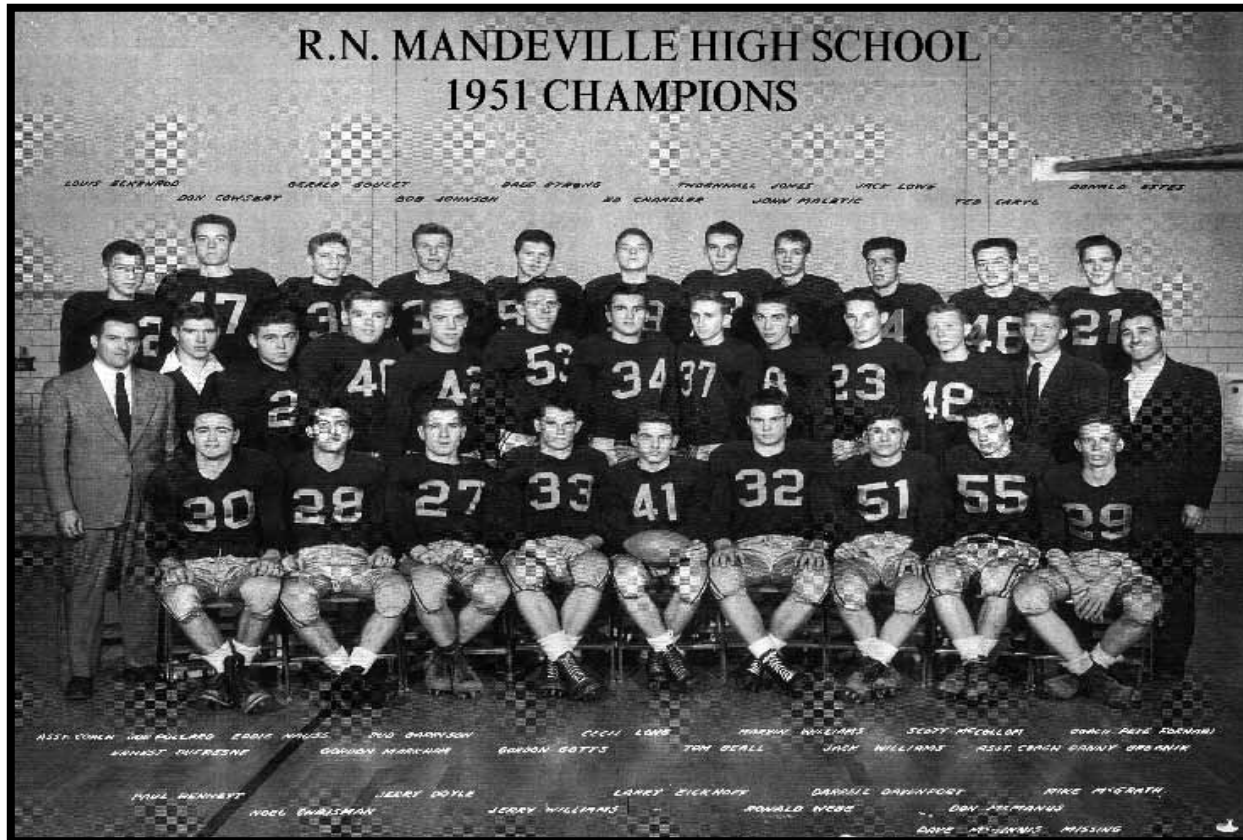
The Wildcats had come within five points of beating Northern in the 1982 district, and they felled the giant the next year, ousting the Lady Vikings 44-34 in the district final.

"I've waited six years to beat them," Zoll said after the game. "We've been knocking on the door. Now it's our

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CARMAN-AINSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL CONGRATULATES

THE 1951 MANDEVILLE FOOTBALL TEAM



Back Row: Louis Eckenrod, Don Cowsert, Gerald Goulet, Bob Johnson, Dale Strong, Ed Chandler, Thornwall Jones, John Meletic, Jack Lowe, Ted Caryl, Donald Estes

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Front Row: Paul Bennett, Noel Chrisman, Jerry Doyle, Jerry Williams, Larry Eickhoff, Ronald Webb, Darrell Davenport, Don McManus, Mike McGrath,

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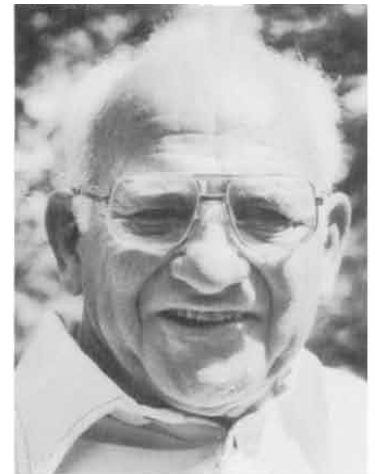
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Jerry Topolinski



Jerry Topolinski will always be remembered as a dedicated husband, father, friend and sports enthusiast.

To know him was to know his love of sports. He lettered in four sports at St. Agnes High School and after graduating in 1969, attended Michigan State University to play baseball. After returning to Flint, he joined his father Paul in business and eventually founded Topolinski & Associates in Grand Blanc.

He was a successful accountant for over 30 years but was most successful at raising his children Jerry Jr. (Senior Long Snapper for Eastern Michigan University) and daughter Erin (Sophomore at Michigan State University.)

“Many people cannot say this with pride but my dad was the prime definition of a dedicated father,” said Erin. “Both my brother and I looked up to him for many

aspects in our life. When answering questions about sports, school, or just plain life, Dad would give us the honest answers even if we did not care to hear them. The dedication on his face was that priceless smile I would

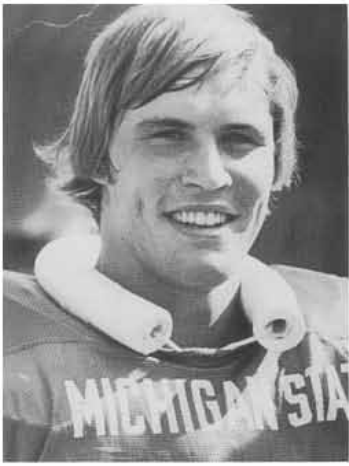


be so anxious to see coming off the court at Grand Blanc High School or just making it home from my long stays at school. To me, that smile was my way of knowing his dedication, understanding, and caring about my steps along the way.”

“Words cannot describe the relationship I had with my father,” said Jerry Jr. “He was not only my dad, he was my best friend. I looked up to my dad in every aspect of my life and admired everything he did. One thing I will truly miss is his love and support for me. He supported me in everything I did and always put his “two cents” in whether I liked it or not. I truly believe his honesty and integrity has made me into the man I am today.”

“We worked and lived side by side for 26 years and loved it,” said Karen. “He was the quiet one at sporting events for our children and I was the loud one! His dedication to the Flint Area in work, sponsorship of teams and most of all the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame will be greatly missed. I think we can all say that a great man has left us with wonderful memories.”

**Karen, Jerry Jr. &
Erin**



Brad Van Pelt 1981

Owosso H.S. 3-Sports All State,
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Clarence Peaks 1981

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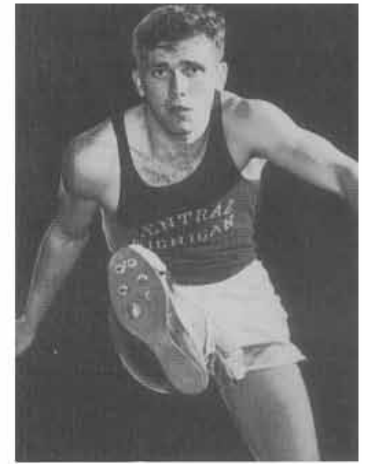


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Track. NFL Redskins & Giants



Jim Barclay 1982

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Coach-Won four State Class A
Basketball Championships



Floyd Bates 1982

Central H.S. 3 Sports Star, Played
Softball with Joe Louis Punchers,
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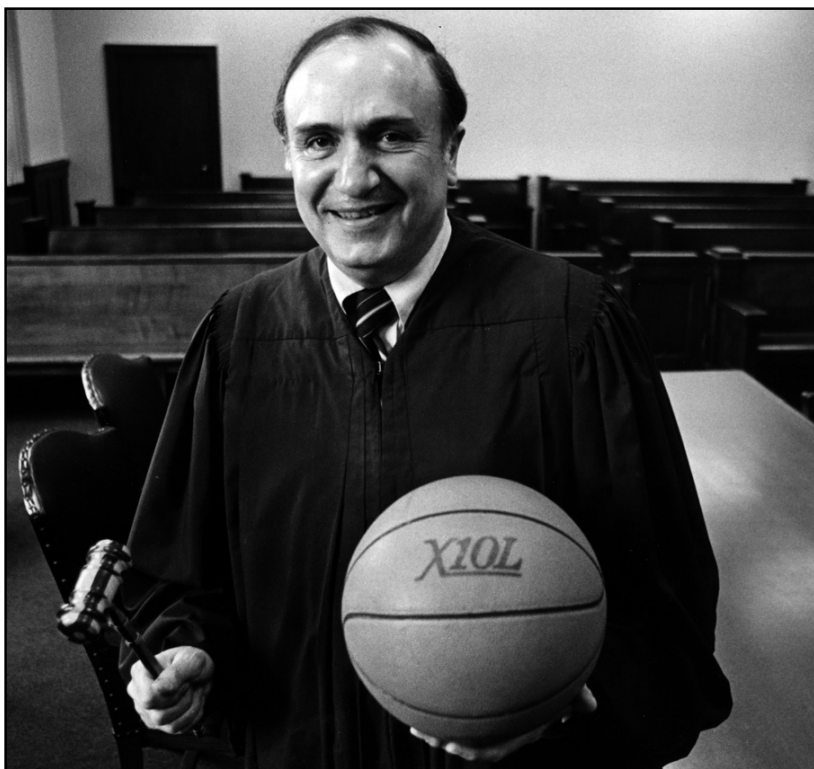
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 Southwestern H.S., 24 Nat'l
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Jim Doyle 1983
 Flint's Greatest Softball
 Pitcher, Pitched in 1980 Pan-Am
 Games Pitched a No Hitter at 49



Bill Hamilton 1983
 Northern Football & Track Star
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 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

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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



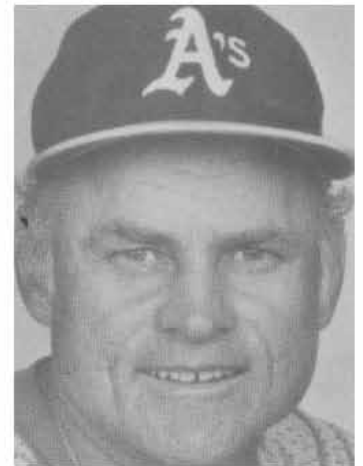
Mike Menosky 1985

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



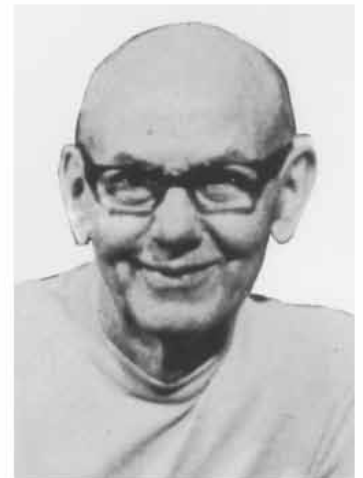
Jeanette Robinson 1986

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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Richard B. Yuille

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Jennie E. Barkey



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



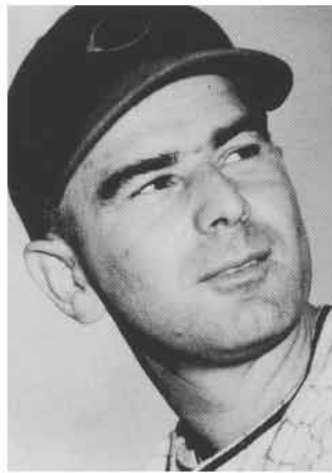
Jo Lake 1987

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



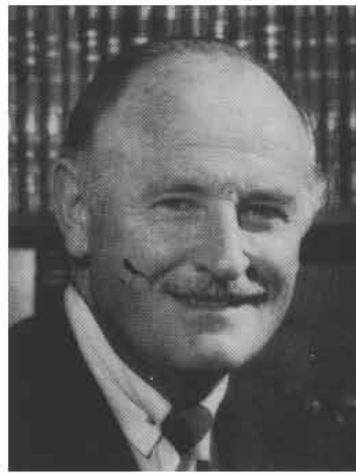
Leon Burton 1987

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

Congratulations Tom!
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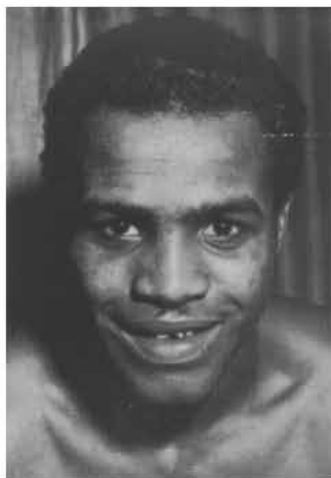


The Poulos Family



Pete Fusi 1988

Northern All State Football
MSU Football Center 1946-49
Outstanding H.S. Football Coach



Bennie McCombs 1988

Golden Gloves Champion
Mich Light Heavyweight
Champion, 90-6 as Pro Boxer



Howard Auer 1988

Tackle at U of M, Coached Central
1947 State Champions, Had
83-39-05 Record at Central



Ed Krupa 1988

Northern "Wonderboy" All
State Football & Basketball,
Notre Dame Halfback



John Matthews 1988

8-Time Nat'l Wrestling Champ
U.S. Olympic Team,
Best Wrestler in C.M.U. history



Barry Edmonds 1988

Special Service Award as
Superb Journal Photographer
Documented many events.



Bob Suci 1989

Grand Blanc 15 Letter Winner
MSU 2-Way Player
AFL Defensive Back



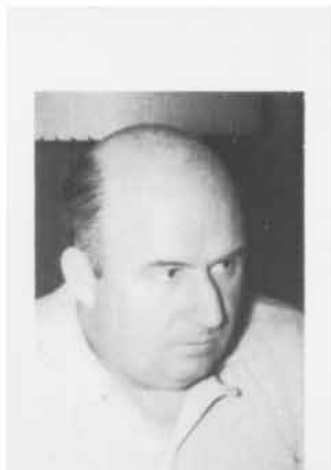
Gene Summers 1989

Northern Outstanding Player
M.C.C.-Set 7 Basketball Records
Northern Mich-Set 5 Records



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
Univ. of Detroit Capt Football 1951
Catholic All-American Team



Jack Morse 1989

All-Time Great Player in
City Basketball Leagues On
3 Title Teams, 2 Scoring Titles



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Ken Morrow 1990

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



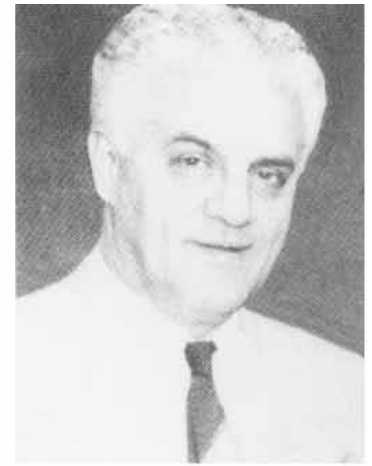
Al Johnson 1990

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



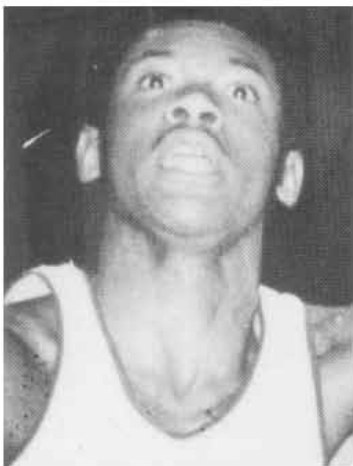
Bart Markel 1990

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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C.M.U. All American NFL
Asst. Coach, Northern Arizona



Bob Leach 1991
Central Outstanding Player &
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



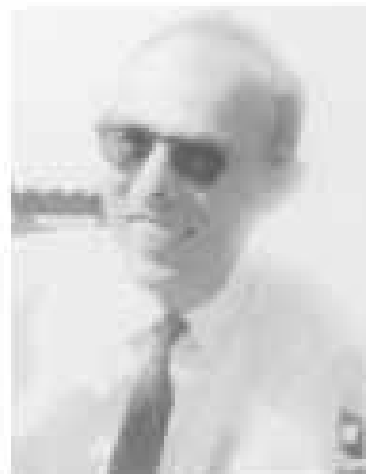
Stan Gooch 1992
Flint Tech & CMU Basketball
Coached Central to 3-State
Titles, Coached Mott C.C.



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



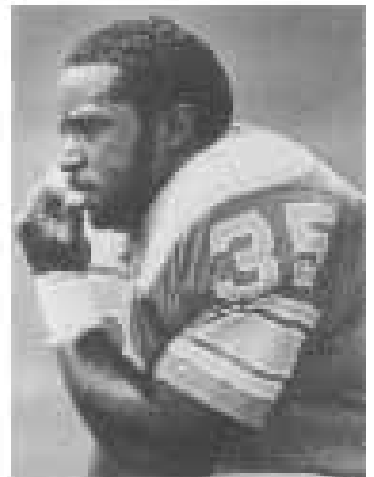
Anne McLogan Herman 1992
St.John Vianney, W.M.U.,
on U.S. Wheelchair Team in
Paralympics 7 Nat'l Marks



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
records, Penn State Halfback,
NFL No. 1 Draft Choice-Bills

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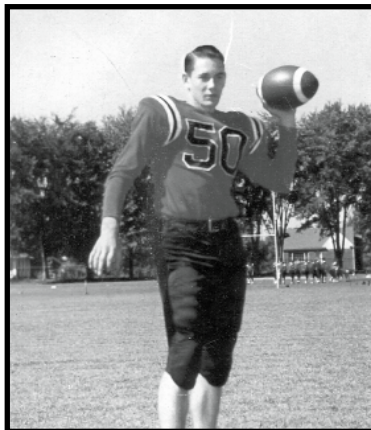
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Mary, Marty, Pete, Bob and Sally**

Fenton Staff and Friends



Pete Sark 1993
Special Service Award for
Community Sports Promotions
Multi Media Sports Reporter



Len Sweet 1993
Northern "Wonderboy"
2 Straight State Championships
Coached Dye to State Title



Mike Secret 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 Pitock 1994
C.M.U Holds Batting Record
Coached 39 years-Mostly at
Grand Blanc-566-380 Record



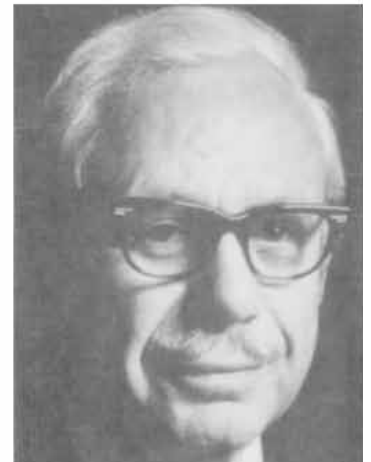
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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
1st Round Draft Choice-Tigers



Dr. Hira E. Branch 1994
Special Service Award
for donating medical help at
football games & Golden Gloves

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Jack Petrill 1995
Community Service Award
Rec. Director-IMA Promoted
city's biggest events



Andy Sabota (Pelio) 1995
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



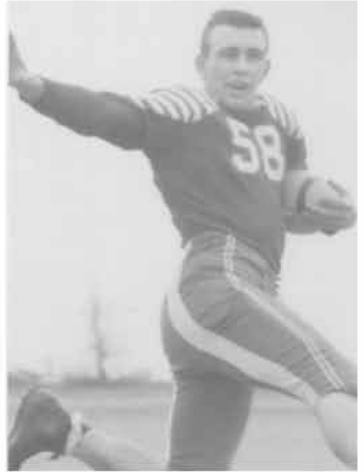
Justus Thigpen 1995
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint
Player NBA



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

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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
Special Service Award
Medical Assistance to Schools
and Pro Hockey Teams.



Audrey Smith 1998
Special Service Award
Service to Flint Jr. Golf Assoc. and
Olympian/Canusa Golf.

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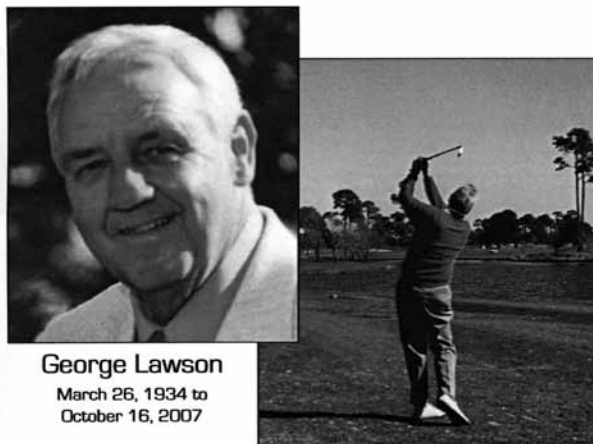


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Ed "Shorty" Pearce 1998
Northern Two-Way Star-led Sag. Valley Conference in scoring-1935 MSU Played in Orange Bowl



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



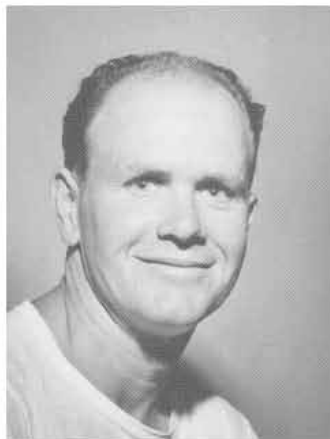
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



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
Fenton H.S. All State Basketball Softball MSU Hall of Fame, Athlete of Decade for Softball

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Joe Dowdy 1999
Basketball Coach at Central for
15 Yrs. Won Five City Titles,
Fourth in City Career Victories



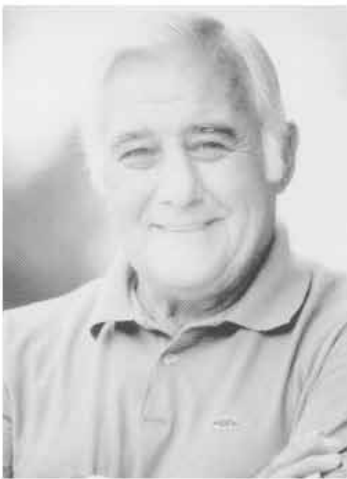
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
Promoter of Pro Wrestling, Won
State Welterweight Championship



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



Ray Steffan 2001
Flint Central 3 Sport Star
MSU 3 Year Basketball MVP,
32 years Coach Kalamazoo

Bill Haley

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Bill Haley was a lifelong resident of Genesse county. There are hundreds, possibly thousands of people that consider themselves to have been Bill's friend. One of the reasons he has so many friends is that he had no enemies. He respected people, and was much quicker to listen and understand, than to judge. He was a kind man, who spread kindness throughout this community.

Bill was successful in his career, serving as a social worker at Catholic Social Services for 35 years. He was successful because he truly cared about others, and because social work fit perfectly with who he was; a person who would do anything to assist anyone who needed help.

Bill was most proud of his family. He and his wife Betty worked together for nearly 62 years, successfully raising 5 children, passing on the traditions of faith, hospitality, and service.

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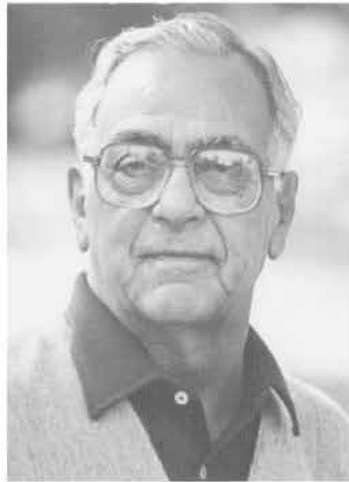
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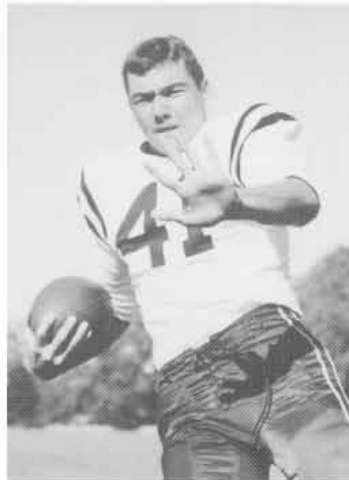
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Kathy McGee 2002
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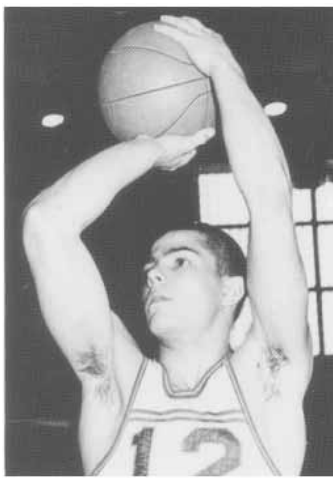
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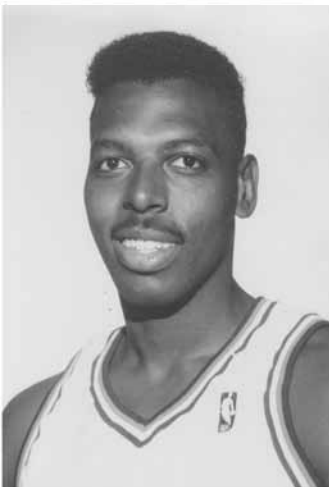
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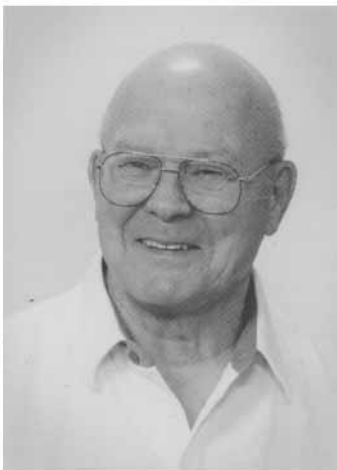
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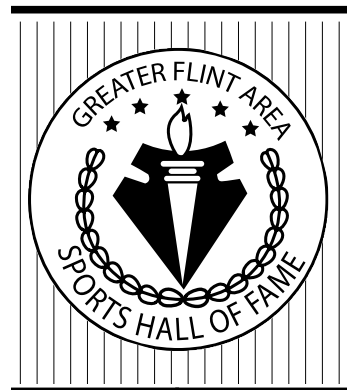
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Linnell McKenney 2005

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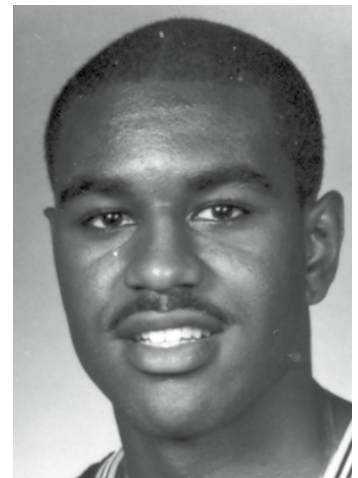
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

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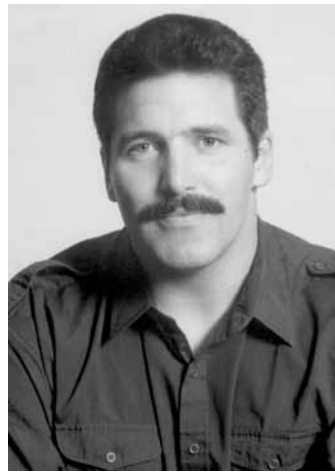
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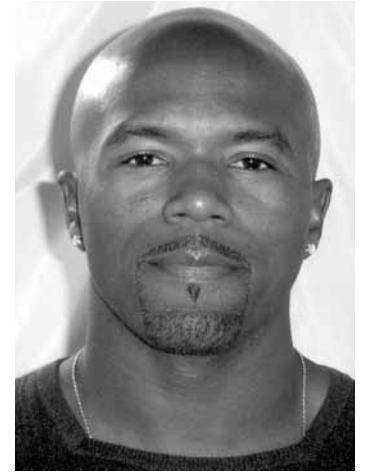
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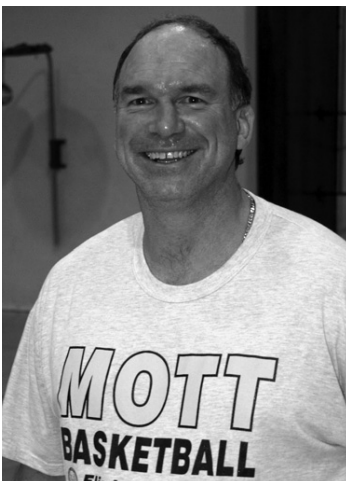
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Bill Brandt 2006

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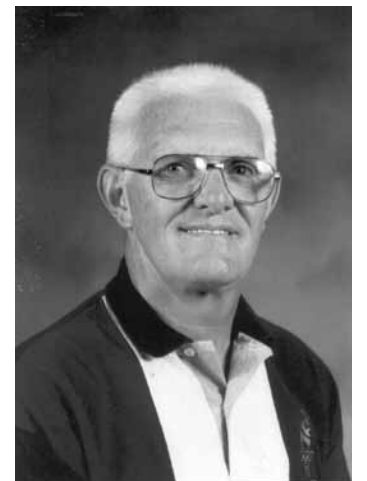
Steve Schmidt 2006

Mott Comm. Coll. Basketball Coach since 1991, eight Conf. Titles, five State & four Reg. Champs, 2003 Nat'l Champs, Nat'l Coach of the Year



Daryl Turner 2006

Southwestern H.S. Football All-State, MSU Football. NFL 2nd Round Draft, Seattle Seahawks Receiver



Marty Crane 2006

Kearsley H.S. and WMU Track Star, Beecher H.S. Track Coach-10 State Champs. Flint Olympian & CANUSA Games Track Coordinator

Bob Chipman

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and leading the team in assists and rebounds.

He received little interest from four-year colleges, but coach Stan Gooch offered Chipman a spot at GCC. Chipman flourished during his two junior college seasons, being named the team's MVP and GCC's Athlete of the Year as a sophomore. He averaged 17.7 points, eight assists and a remarkable nine rebounds as a guard.

It was also during that time Chipman decided coaching might be in his future.

"Just watching coach Gooch's love for the game and the way he worked with players inspired me," Chipman said. "I knew I wanted to go into coaching then."

Chipman felt far more comfortable at Kansas State than on recruiting visits to Michigan, Minnesota and Louisiana State.

"First of all, coach Jack Hartman I consider one of the greatest of all time and he ended up having a tremendous influence on me, but the reception from everybody was amazing," Chipman said.

"I remember walking into a lunchroom and 400 people gave me a standing ovation and I received a bunch of telegrams after that."

Chipman earned a bachelor's degree from KSU in 1973 and a masters in 1975. He joined the Washburn staff in 1976, assisting head coach Glen Cafer. In 1979, Cafer was promoted to athletic director and Chipman, at age 26, was named head coach of the then NAIA program.

"I was scared to death," Chipman said.

There was no need for fear. His teams have racked up winning seasons in 26 of his 28 years, including 22 seasons with at least 20 wins. Chipman's 1986-87 team won the NAIA national title.

His 2000-01 team reached the Division II national title game.

The 56-year-old has no retirement plans.



Mali-Vai Washington

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He had a 3-2 mark in Davis Cup play for the United States and was a member of the 1996 U.S Olympic team. Even though Washington is no longer playing, he is still involved in the sport. He has been a commentator for ESPN since 1997.

In 1996, he established the MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation, which teaches life skills through tennis. The Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., resident has a real estate company "Washington Properties" in Jacksonville, Fla.

He also said he likes to spend time with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Noah and Zeta.

"Tennis has given me so many life lessons," Washington said. "It taught me how to conduct myself in all types of situations around the world."

Todd Lyght

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opener. Lyght caught seven passes for 151 yards and a touchdown, while also making the game-clinching interception, as Powers upset the No. 1-ranked Warriors 17-14.

Lyght now lives in Las Vegas, flying to Burbank, Calif., on weekends to analyze college football for Fox Sports Radio. He is building a house in Montana, his wife's home state. He has a 3-year-old son, Logan Ryder.

"After the Ryder Cup," Lyght said. "He's going to be a golfer."

Lyght lived in Flint for only three years, but takes pride in calling himself a "Flintstone."

"In all my bios, I use Flint, Michigan as my home," said Lyght, who returned to Michigan to finish his career with the Detroit Lions in 2001 and 2002.

"When anybody ever asks me where I'm from, I always tell them Flint, Michigan," he said. "Even though I spent a little bit of time there, I made so many great friendships and established my identity as a person and football player in the city of Flint."



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- 1994 - Flint Central Football 1924
Flint Central Football 1947
- 1995 - Flint Northern Basketball 1936
Flint Northern Football 1942
- 1996 - St. Matthew Basketball 66-67 & 67-68
- 1997 - MSD Track 1945 & 1946
- 1998 - Flint Northern Basketball 38-39 & 39-40
Flint Northern Baseball 1953
- 1999 - Flint St. Marys Basketball 1939
Flint Northern Basketball 70-71, 71-72
- 2000 - Flint St. Michael Football 1941
Flint Southwestern Football 1976
- 2001 - Flint Northern Football 1956
Flint Holy Redeemer Basketball 69-70
- 2002 - Flint Northern Girls' Basketball 1978,
'79, '80, '81
- 2003 - Beecher Football - 1949
Holy Rosary Girls Basketball - 1974, 75
- 2004 - Flint Central 1958 Football Team
- 2004 - Bentley H.S. 1973 Baseball Team
- 2005 - Flint St. Mary 1942 Football Team
- 2005 - Flint Central - 1981-82-83
Basketball Teams
- 2006 - Flint Northern 1953 Track Team
- 2006 - Powers Catholic HS. 1974 Baseball
Team

NON-SCHOLASTIC

- 1992 - M&S Orange Softball Team 1945
- 1993 - American Legion Fisher Post 342
Baseball 1941
- 1994 - Eastside Merchants Baseball 1943-44
- 1995 - White Seal Basketball 1946-47
- 1996 - Buick Recreation Baseball 1936
IMA Girls Softball 1947
- 1997 - Julie's Pawn Shop Basketball 1972
Flint Sausage Baseball 1930-31
- 1998 - James Lumber Basketball 1951
- 1999 - Bishop Construction Baseball 1975
- 2000 - Yellow Dogs Softball 1940
- 2001 - Pfeiffers Beer Basketball 1957-58
- 2002 - Red Arrow American Legion
Baseball 1943
- 2003 - Weller's Service Softball Team - 1946
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field. McFee fanned the Nos. 4 and 5 hitters with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Prior to the semifinal, the Colts watched Highland Park, Ill., pitcher John LaBuda throw nothing but round-house curveballs in warmups and anticipated a feast at the plate.

Then LaBuda threw the first pitch of the game past Felt "and nobody saw it," said Schmitz.

"Danny just looked back at our bench and said, 'Oh,'" Schmitz said.

Flint managed only three hits and lost 1-0, despite a three-hitter and 16 K's by McFee.

"At that age," said Rettenmund, "you don't know how to hit that fastball."

The Colts bowed out of the tournament and soon broke up, some heading off to college, others to the minor leagues, a few back to high school.

Some years later, Felt and his wife were touring the Louisville bat factory, when Felt came across a Louisville Slugger with Merv Rettenmund's name on it.

"You know," said Felt, "I used to play with that guy."

Mandeville Football

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week, when Mandeville and defending champion Hoover skated back and forth on a field turned icy by a snowstorm.

"We had to clear the field of snow, and it was hard to see the yard-markers," said McCollom. "That game could have gone either way."

It went Mandeville's way on a fluke safety in the third quarter. The Spartans were knocking on the door, but a pass intended for Jack Williams was intercepted on the goal line. The Hoover player made the mistake of stepping back into the end zone, and Williams, Jerry's younger brother, tackled him for a 2-0 lead that held up.

"If Jack had caught the ball in the first place, we would have won the game by seven points," McCollom still teases.

"The pass was over my head," Jack counters.

The win clinched the County C League title, and Mandeville quietly wrapped up its perfect season the following Wednesday with a 20-0 win over Otisville. They were ranked third in the state.

Four Spartans made the All-County team, Jerry Williams, Davenport, McGinnis and Webb. Williams was a consensus All-State pick.

Fornari died in 1990 and was inducted into the hall in 2000. Williams died in 1998.

"Jerry Williams was the team," said McCollom. "The rest of us were just there."

"I think back on that year and it was Jerry Williams and Pete Fornari."

And eight shutouts.

Northwestern Girls

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turn."

NW won its next three games by at least 23 points to reach the semifinal against Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, which had handed the Wildcats their only loss of the season, 51-48 in early November.

Tipton was the hero, hitting three straight baskets to open the fourth quarter and lift NW from a 33-31 deficit to a 37-33 lead it never surrendered. The Cats won 44-41.

They took another three-point victory in the final, 50-47 over Harper Woods Regina. Lyons' free throw broke a 47-47 tie, and Regina was called for two 3-second violations in the remaining 58 seconds. Wills fed Burks for a layup that clinched it and capped a 27-1 season.

On the bus ride home, the Wildcats vowed they'd be back and win it again.

"It was a consensus," said Wills. "Nobody better say we're not going to be here."

The Cats kept their promise with a perfect 28-0 season. NW survived a 43-27 scare from Powers Catholic in the district final, after Powers had knocked out Northern 43-37.

Another close call came in the regional final, 34-25 over Traverse City. Edwards had seven of her 17 points in the fourth quarter, and NW held the ball to foil the Trojans' slowdown tactics.

The Cats rolled through the quarters and semis by 25 points each, shooting 59 percent against Detroit Cass Tech in the semifinals. They rode defense in the title game, holding Benton Harbor All-Stater Lisa Harvey to three points in a 48-38 victory.

"That was the strength of our team," said Wills. "You couldn't be on the court if you couldn't play defense."

Tipton again stepped up in the final, scoring eight first-half points when Edwards sat out the last 6:32 of the half with three fouls.

With Edwards and Burks back in 1985, NW nearly made it three in a row, losing the final to Detroit Martin Luther King 45-36.

Edwards went on to help Tennessee win two national championships, played and coached professionally and came back to coach NW to the state title in 1993. Wills was a co-captain at MSU, and Backstrom was All-Mid-American Conference at Bowling Green.

All that success was rooted in a town that had gained national renown as a hotbed of hoops.

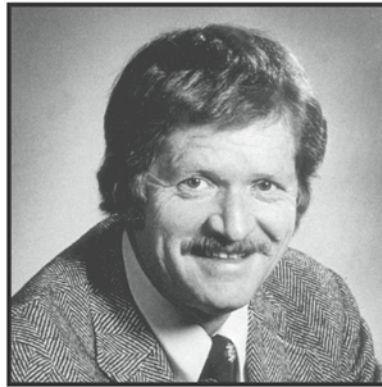
"We had such great fan support from the community, the booster club and the school," said Wills. "It's like we had a world around us that always gave us support and encouragement."

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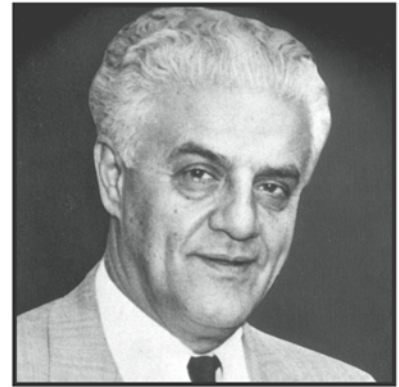
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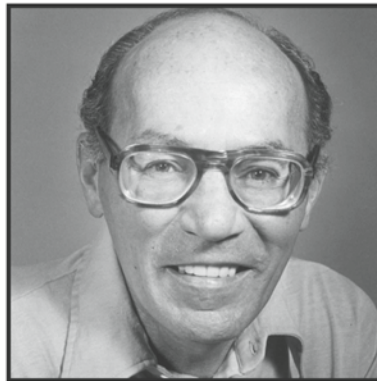
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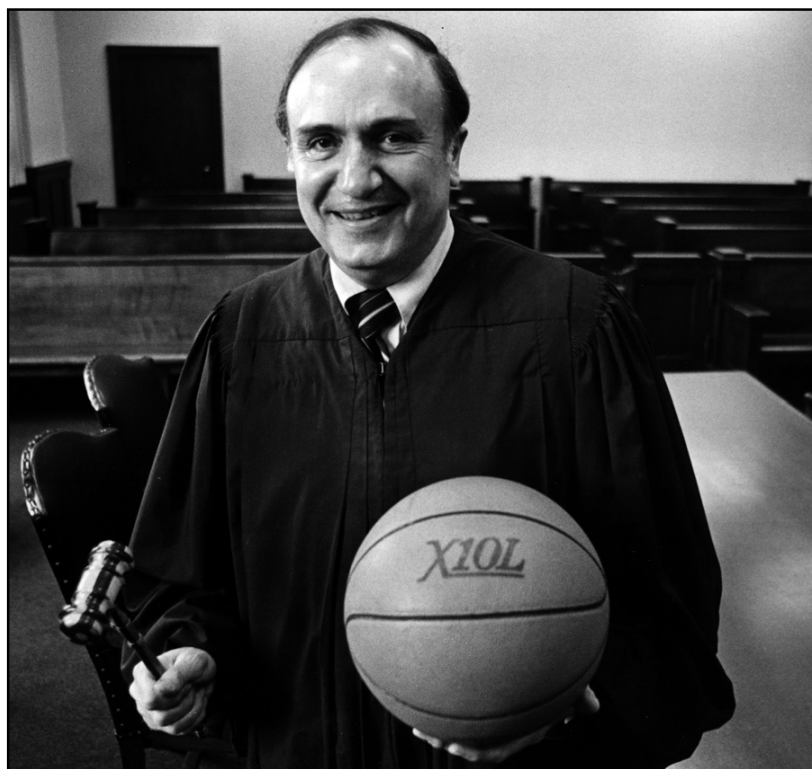
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You have been a leader and board member of many worthwhile organizations including the Bruin Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Old Newsboys, IMA Children's Foundation and the Mott College Foundation. Combining your legal and sports skills, you have assisted these organizations to raise over several millions of dollars in athletic scholarships and funding for the benefit of young people in our community.

Your recognition by the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame is richly deserved. You were one of the founders and first president of this group and it is fitting. You are one of the few inducted as both a team member in 2001 and now as an individual.

It is our hope that your good deeds inspire others, as you have always been an inspiration to us.

With Much Love,
Meg
Dean & Lynda
Stephanie & Denny
Georgeann

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one area
where no
participant
is worried
about
another's
race,
religion or
wealth:
and where
the only
concern is
'Have you
come to
play?'**

Henry Roxborough

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and best wishes to the honorees
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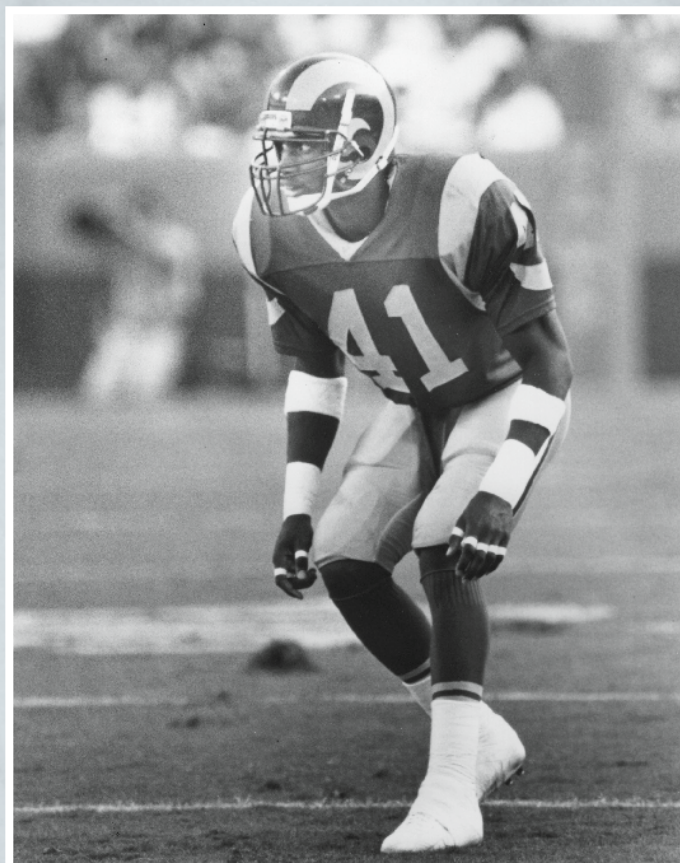
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