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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 29th 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 Wally Dobler, Roger Foutch, Vince Harrison, Letitia Hughley, Tonya Edwards, and the late Don Morrow. We are pleased to have them included in the ranks of the luminaries of athletic history in the Greater Flint Area.

The 2008 Special Service Award is being presented to Mr. Paul Snitko. Paul has been a longtime participant and sponsor of a variety of sports teams in the Greater Flint Area.

Three teams are being honored in the class of "08" this evening. The Joe Louis Punchers Softball Team (1947), the Otisville High School State Champion Track Team (1951) and the Flint Southwestern State Championship Baseball Team (1978).

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. Also, Mr. Ben Roof and A-Frame Awards deserve thanks for their help in the preparation, production and installation of the plaques.

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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Vince Harrison Versatile Star

By Dan Nilsen

Vince Harrison's greatest achievements in life happened away from the athletic field, but the Fenton man probably wouldn't have accomplished them all without the influence of sports in his youth.

Playing all those games and winning all those varsity letters at Fenton High laid the foundation for a successful and widely traveled career in business.

Harrison worked for Ford Motor Co. in Brazil and Detroit, for General Electric in Milan, Italy, and later for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, eventually operating his own consulting business in New York and Chicago.

But traits he used to become a winner in his professional career were forged on the fields and courts of athletic competition.

"Sports was a cornerstone, a very important part of my life," said Harrison, now 80 and still living an active life in Fenton. "It's the things you learn, like being able to observe the problem at hand and how to solve it."

Among the highlights on his impressive resume:

- Earned 11 varsity letters at Fenton in football (3), basketball (3), baseball (4) and track (1).

- Was nominated four times for All-State teams in football and basketball, and was the only football nominee from the County B or C leagues his senior year.

- Was voted all-conference in all four sports his senior year while co-captaining the football and basketball teams to B League titles.

- Ran track "as a lark" for one year, clocking 10.4 in the 100-yard dash.

- Played two years of baseball at the University of Detroit.

He's already a member of the Fenton High School Association Hall of Fame (2003) for outstanding achievement in the business world.

Among those highlights, Harrison was part of Lee Iacocca's staff at the time Ford was developing the Mustang. He vividly recalls a 1963 lunch with a co-worker, who showed him a clay model of the new car and asked his opinion.

"You've got a winner," predicted Harrison, who bought one himself a month after production began in April 1964.

His travels also allowed him to watch Pele play soccer in Brazil.

"The great ones show you a little something different every time," Harrison observed.

Harrison grew up as the oldest of five children and the son of a former hockey goalie for St. Michael's College in Canada. He was active throughout his youth, including swimming with brother Mike in the lakes around Fenton.

"We'd hop on our bike and ride two miles to Silver Lake with him on the crossbar," Vince said. "Swim all afternoon, come home and have dinner, then go out and play ball at night."



Baseball was his first love, but it was in football that Harrison excelled most. In his junior and senior years, the halfback accounted for 212 of Fenton's 408 points, either rushing or passing for touchdowns and kicking extra points. In one stretch, he scored at least one TD in 17 consecutive games.

He also punted and played defense.

"And we didn't have facemasks then," he noted. "You got your nose right in there."

He also didn't have the training techniques and facilities that athletes enjoy today. Harrison strengthened his 6-foot, 170-pound body by working on a lumber truck and throwing 80-pound bags of cement during his high school years.

"That kind of stuff really built you," he said. "But if we'd had weight programs, I know I could have added six inches to my jump in basketball."

Still, he was good enough in that sport to help Fenton go 37-2 his last two years and reach the 1946 Class B final at Michigan State. The Tigers lost to St. Joseph 33-26 before a record Jenison Field House crowd of 10,971.

It was one of the few titles that got away from Harrison.

After high school, he continued to win at the recreation level, capturing three baseball or basketball championships in Flint and Detroit leagues. In the U.S. Army, he helped his hoops team to the 6th Division championship in Korea. At age 62, he won a national doubles title in platform tennis, an outdoor winter sport he played for 31 years.

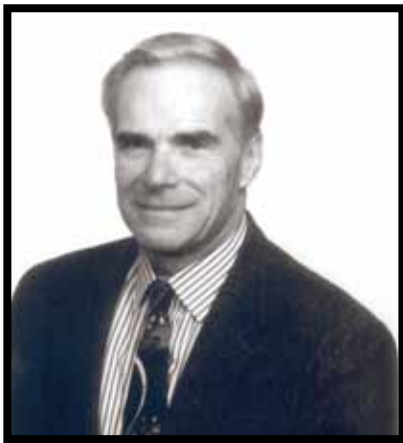
It took a pair of Achilles' tendon surgeries the last eight years to slow him down. Harrison still works out at a fitness center, maintaining cardiovascular health, muscle tone and that same 170-pound physique.

But he misses the competition.

"I really loved playing all those team sports and being with a number of championship ballclubs," he said. "It was very fulfilling."

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Wally Dobler Swimming

By Mark Spezia

It's a moment forever etched in Wally Dobler's memory; the day his competitive juices first flowed.

Of all things, it was a race on stilts at Ballenger Park against about 100 other kids.

He recalled, "I was about 13 years old (in 1947) and we raced up a hill and back down. I won the race and the prize was a baseball given to me by C.S. Mott."

More than 60 years later, the boy who won that stilts competition remains inside Dobler. He moved on to an accomplished high school and college swimming career and remains one of Michigan's top masters swimmers as he nears his 75th birthday.

While he also does several triathlons and road races every year, swimming remains Dobler's first love.

The Central High School graduate is an 18-time All-American Masters swimmer, who has held two world and 13 national age group records in addition to many state marks.

Dobler swims for and coaches at a swim club in Lansing where he has lived for the past 40 years.

"As the saying goes, it's a good, clean sport," Dobler said, chuckling. "It's healthy and I really like coaching it as well. I got my start at Flint YMCA camps when I was about eight years old and it came pretty easy to me so I stuck with it."

Dobler also likes etching his name in record books which is why he's excited about turning 75 in January and moving into the 75-79 age group.

"I am proud of the records because going after them keeps me motivated and competitive," he said.

"I might have more Michigan masters records than any other male swimmer in the state. Moving into a new age group is always exciting for me."

The swimming excitement began for Dobler during his senior year at Central where he placed sixth in the state in the individual medley at a time when the event included only three strokes. The butterfly had not yet been formally introduced into competition.

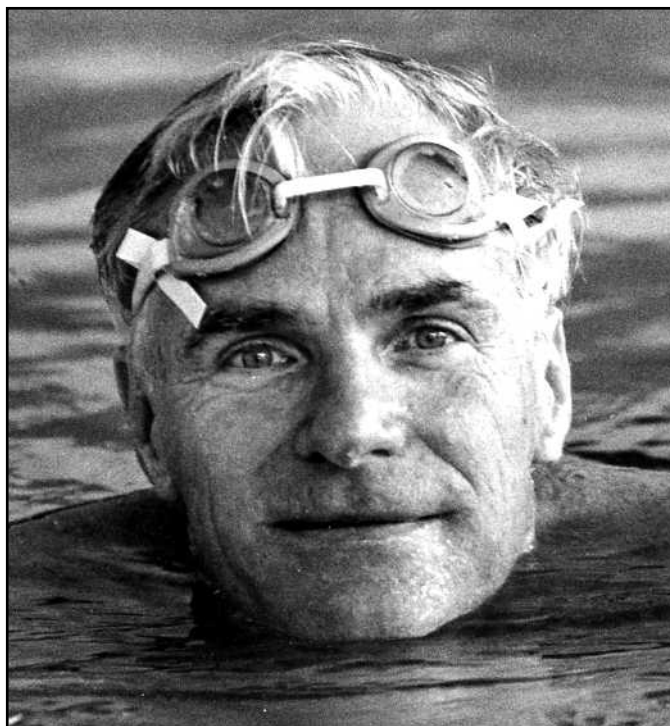
Dobler enlisted in the U.S. Army following high school and continued competitive swimming. The butterfly was being contested by that time and Dobler discovered he had a knack for the new stroke, especially at distances of 50 and 100 yards.

Dobler's Army swimming earned him a scholarship to Michigan State University.

Before he arrived in East Lansing, however, Dobler qualified for the 1956 Olympic Trials in the 200 butterfly. The event was held in Detroit, Dobler finished fourth in his heat and did not advance to the final.

"Unfortunately, they did not have a 100 butterfly in those days or I might have had a good chance to make the Olympic team," Dobler said.

The highlight of Dobler's college career was helping



the Spartans win their only Big Ten swimming championship in 1957. He earned points for MSU in the 200 butterfly and 300 medley at the conference meet at Minnesota.

"It was just an incredible team effort that got us past Michigan and Ohio State for first place," Dobler said. "We had several older athletes on the team. There were five married swimmers (including Dobler) and Army veterans. We just came together at the right time."

After serving as team co-captain the following season, Dobler coached for a year at Florida State University before moving back to Flint and coaching his alma mater from 1959-64. He coached David Bale to a state diving title in 1960.

After living briefly in South Bend, Ind., Dobler moved to Lansing in 1967 and began swimming in masters competitions in 1973.

"It was fun to get back into competition and swimming against guys I competed with in college again," he said.

The year 1994 was probably the most memorable of Dobler's masters career. He set world age 60-64 records in the 50 and 100 butterfly and swam the world's top times in six short course and long course events.

This year, he posted times in the top 10 in three age 70-74 events.

Depending on the time of year, Dobler swims as much as 9,000 yards and runs 10 miles a week. He also fits in bicycling workouts.

Dobler and his wife, Ionne, have been married for nearly 54 years and have two children and five grandchildren. Granddaughter Katie Dobler is an all-state swimmer at Pittsford (N.Y.) High School.

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Letitia Hughley Basketball

By Bruce Gunther

You could fill a page with a listing of Letitia Hughley's high school athletic accomplishments.

But, truth is, you could summarize all of them in two words: Zero losses.

Hughley was a member of six state championship teams at Northern and never once played on a losing team.

In basketball, Hughley helped Northern go 74-0 during her three seasons, winning a state title each time.

In track and field, she also was a member of three consecutive state championship teams that never lost so much as a dual meet.

Yet, during it all, Hughley never stopped to think about the legacy she and her teammates were building.

"You know, it wasn't until later in life that I really thought about it," Hughley said. "Someone asked me about it one day — was asking me about never losing a game — and I honestly hadn't really thought about it.

"All I was really thinking (in high school) was having fun and going home."

For Hughley, sports have never been a chore — not as a young child growing up in Georgia, or after she moved to Flint and got more involved in a competitive athletic environment.

And she never took the easy way out.

"I was always competing against boys, even when I was younger and going up against my siblings," she said. "We'd play baseball, basketball, run races against each other. Our whole family was like that."

After Hughley moved to Flint from Waycross, Ga., when she was 12, she walked into a local gym where a bunch of boys were playing basketball. She quickly joined in, thus taking the first informal step toward her future as an elite player.

Hughley was a pass-first point guard on Northern's girls basketball juggernaut that had won a state title her freshman year. She joined the varsity as a sophomore — teaming



up with the likes of the McGee twins (Pamela and Paula) — and was an integral part of the next three titles.

"Point guard was definitely my preferred position because, at that time, I wasn't a scorer and it wasn't important to me to score," she said.

"I knew how to get the ball into the hands of our scorers and, to me, that was my job."

Still, Hughley could provide firepower. In the 1980 Class A semifinals, she scored 37 points in a win over previously unbeaten Detroit Murray Wright. It was a performance that Hughley said was partly inspired by off-season basketball.

"I played AAU ball with girls from Murray Wright, and my senior year was going to be our first without the McGee sisters," she said. "A lot of those players were telling me how our time was up, that we wouldn't win another championship without the twins.

"That provided a lot of motivation for me my senior year. And I told all of my teammates at Northern what people outside the program thought of us and our chances to win another state championship."

In her final game for the Vikings, Hughley helped seal the state title win over Jackson with free throws in the final minute. And by then, she was a coveted college basketball recruit.

"Hughley accepted a scholarship offer from the University of Washington ('I like to travel and I had never seen that part of the country,' she said) and became a four-year starter for the Huskies. By the time she left, she ranked among the all-time school leaders in several categories. Her career record of 559 assists lasted for 19 seasons.

After college, Hughley played two seasons professionally in Sweden and Australia, but then returned home to Flint to be with her son and mother. It wasn't long before she was back at Northern and winning state championships.

But this time she was winning as the Vikings' coach.

Northern won back-to-back state titles in 1994 and 1995 under Hughley, who easily adapted her passion for playing to a sideline role when she became head coach in 1993.

"It's a different kind of excitement," Hughley said. "You see them develop the things you're asking them to do, you can get just as much joy out of that as you do playing."

Hughley still coaches the Vikings, but she's also the head coach of Mott College's women's team, a role she's held the last four years. She makes it work due to early morning practices at Mott, and after-school practices at Northern, where she also works as a school liaison police officer.

"It makes for long days, but I enjoy it," said Hughley. "I really enjoy coaching. I'm not sure how much longer I can do both, but I made a commitment to the seniors at Northern now that I would coach at least until they graduated."

Whether she's involved with one coaching job or two, Hughley knows that her legacy as a local sports icon is secure.

"Just to be considered for the Hall of Fame is an honor," she said. "To actually get inducted into it, that's beyond anything I could have expected."

Nonetheless, anything seems possible with Hughley involved in it.



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if you like to win but think you can't, it's almost a cinch you won't.*

*If you think you'll lose, you're lost; for out in the world we find
success begins with a fellow's will: It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are; you've got to think high to rise;
you've got to be sure of yourself before you can ever win a prize.*

*Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man;
but sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can."*

-Walter D. Wintle

Don Morrow Baseball, Hockey

By Bill Marshall

Don Morrow was a shortstop decades ahead of his time.

The 1947 Central High graduate was a tall, lean, athletic ballplayer who amazed scouts with a rare combination of power, speed and outstanding fielding ability.

Just two years after graduation, Morrow signed a contract to play professionally in the Detroit Tigers organization. He and his father, A.C. Morrow, drove to Detroit to make it official in January, 1949 and it would be the beginning of a promising minor league career.

At the time, Morrow was a student at Michigan State University and played both JV baseball and basketball. After making the hike to Detroit to sign, Morrow, an only child, was driven back to East Lansing by his proud parents the next day.

Good fortune was followed by tragedy as his mother and father were involved in a head-on collision on their return home. Morrow's father wouldn't survive the accident and his mother was badly injured, though she eventually recovered fully. The excitement of inking a professional baseball contract was short-lived for Morrow.

In 1949, his first season of professional baseball, Morrow hit .329 for Jamestown of the Pony League, which included 16 home runs and 97 RBIs.

He then moved up to Durham, N.C., of the Piedmont league and played well out of the gate. Morrow spent some time out of the lineup during the season with pneumonia and struggled after his return, hitting just .250 at season's end. However, he was still considered a top-tier prospect for the Tigers.

"He's the most graceful big man I've ever seen," said then-Buffalo manager Jack Tighe. Morrow stood 6-5 and 200 pounds during his playing days.

Morrow joined the service and did not play in 1951 and 1952. His return to professional ball in 1953 proved to be a difficult one. A rusty Morrow hit



.221 for Montgomery of the Sally League that season, which signaled the end of his professional career.

When Morrow returned to Flint, he continued to play City Class A baseball into his 30s with a lifetime .315 batting average. He also starred in City Class AA basketball.

Morrow, by all accounts, was a humble man who rarely discussed his accomplishments, though he was one of the finest athletes to come out of Flint at that time.

"My whole life, people who knew my dad or saw him play would tell me what a great athlete he was," Ken Morrow said of his father. "He just never really talked about things like that."

Both Greg Morrow and Kathi (Morrow) Lawrence expressed similar sentiments of their father. If it wasn't for those who remembered Morrow in

his playing days, his children may have never known how gifted an athlete he was.

Despite being a standout baseball and basketball player, Morrow may have made his most lasting impression in the sport of hockey.

"He didn't really play hockey as a kid," said Greg. "As kids growing up in the north end of Flint, we had an ice rink in our back yard since we were 5- or 6-years-old. And that was a full-blown rink. It had boards and lights and we spent all hours out there in the winter."

Morrow probably never dreamed that an ice rink he built on the north side of Flint with his own bare hands would have historical impact.

Flint was not known as a hotbed for hockey talent in those days. It was a baseball town first before it became a basketball town, but hockey started to catch on. Morrow began coaching youth hockey and was a founding member of Eastern Michigan Hockey Association in 1970. Not only that, he had a couple budding hockey phenoms skating around in his back yard.

Greg and Ken insist their father never pushed them to play any particular sport. He left it up to them to find their niche and hockey happened to be it for both sons.

Greg and Ken were standouts at Davison High and in the 1975-76 season found themselves playing Division I hockey for Ohio State and Bowling Green, respectively. Despite the newfound success of his sons, not all news was good news for Don Morrow.

In early 1975, he was in good shape for a man of his age, with no known health problems. However, after experiencing some dizziness and fainting spells, his life was about to be turned upside down. Tests indicated that Morrow had a brain tumor and had only months to live.

Morrow's health had deteriorated substantially by early 1976 and he passed away March 23 of that year at

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Tonya Edwards

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Tonya Edwards Basketball

By Bill Khan

Forget the numbers when assessing the basketball career of Flint's Tonya Edwards.

Sure, she put up some impressive statistics along the way, most notably her 2,307 career points for Northwestern High from 1982-85. That was a state record at the time and currently ranks sixth on Michigan's all-time list.

The stats were just a means to an end, however.

To really judge Edwards' career, visit her former schools and check out the evidence of championships won.

Edwards' contributions to Northwestern's gymnasium are the 1983, 1984 and 1993 Class A championship banners. The first two titles were won as a player, the third as a coach, as she became the first person in Michigan to play for and coach a state championship team in girls basketball.

From there, Edwards moved on to the University of Tennessee, where she helped raise the first two of the eight national championship banners won by legendary coach Pat Summitt in 1987 and 1989.

"One of the reasons I chose to go there was because she hadn't won a national championship," said Edwards, who was named the MVP of the Final Four as a freshman in 1987.

At the professional level, Edwards won titles with Columbus of the American Basketball League in 1996-97 and 1997-98 before playing 125 games in the WNBA from 1999-2002.

Those achievements were more than sufficient to earn Edwards' induction tonight into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

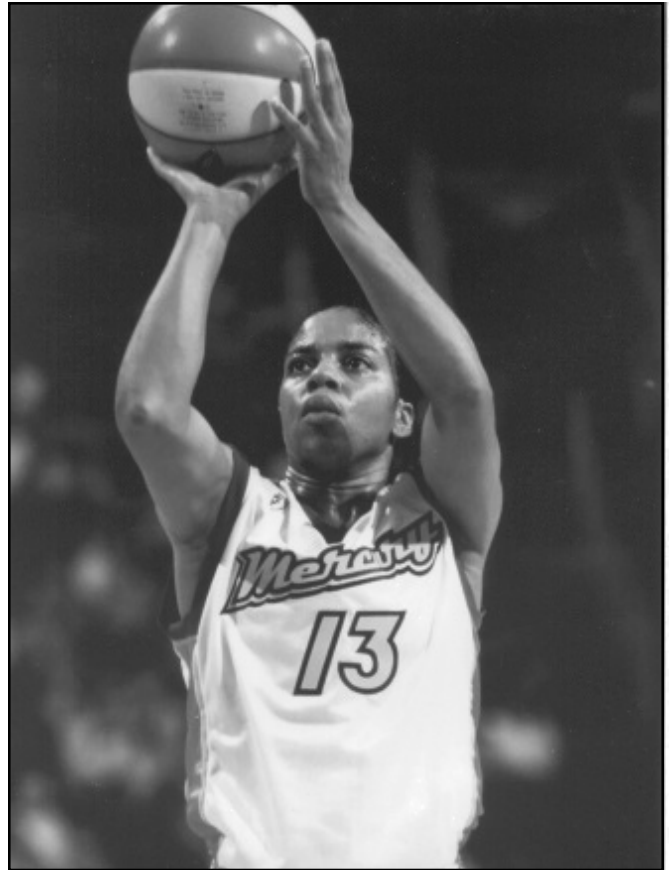
Edwards' will to compete and win was honed on the hardcourts of Flint, which has produced so many talented basketball players over the years.

"I always tell people that growing up in Flint prepared you for life after college because it made you mentally tough and physically tough, because there are a lot of athletes in that area," Edwards said. "For Flint to be as small as it is, you have a great deal of talented athletes emerge from there, not only in basketball, but football and baseball as well."

It also prepared Edwards well for what she was about to encounter when she signed on with Summitt's program at Tennessee.

"Playing there was extremely tough," she said. "I was part of the first championship team at Tennessee. You learned just how hard you really have to work to win a championship, just all the discipline and mental toughness that goes into it."

Edwards scored 13 points, to go with seven rebounds and four assists as the Lady Vols beat Louisiana Tech 67-44 in Austin, Texas for the 1987 national title. After winning the MVP, she said: "It was a big surprise to me.



I believe anybody on our team could have won it."

Perhaps the most special championship Edwards won was as the coach of her alma mater in 1993. She quickly rebuilt the Wildcats' program in three years as head coach, leading the team to a 28-0 record in the championship season.

Northwestern trailed by five points in the final minute, but beat Detroit King 44-43 on a dramatic steal and layup by Nicole Massey with 14 seconds remaining.

"You always tell kids, if you work hard, that will happen," Edwards said. "They were able to see the fruit of their labor. I was happy to be able to see them realize their dreams do come true. I still remember Nicole Massey jumping out in the passing lane and taking the ball the length of the court and making the layup. It was truly a memorable game."

Edwards now hopes that a new group of young women can experience that championship feeling. She was hired July 1 to coach Alcorn State in Lorman, Miss. Edwards takes over for Shirley Walker, who was fired in May after 30 seasons as head coach. Alcorn State is in the final year of a three-year NCAA probation for several violations.

"For me, it's fulfilling," Edwards said. "I'm able to give back and hopefully teach some of the things I've learned over the years from coaches I've had and help some young ladies reach their goals like I have."

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Roger Foutch Baseball Manager

By Brendan Savage

For as long as he can remember, Fenton's Roger Foutch loved to play baseball.

It started with his first little league team and continued through high school, when as a junior he joined the Local 659 entry in the City Baseball League at the tender age of 16.

But in 12 seasons as a player in the CBL, Foutch never gave a thought to eventually becoming a manager until he was forced to accept the role near the end of the 1977 season at age 29.

Once he accepted the job, Foutch was instantly hooked and became arguably the most successful manager in CBL history.

He's been filling out lineup cards for 32 seasons now and the results: almost 1,000 victories, 21 CBL-West titles, including 16 straight, six regional crowns and two national championships.

"It's the highest honor you can get around here," said Foutch, 61, about tonight's induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. "I can't tell you how rewarding it is and sense of accomplishment it is."

Foutch, who has managed three CBL clubs, achieved his greatest success with his current team, Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash.

He won the Stan Musial World Series in 2001 and 2005 while finishing second in 1998 and third in both 1994 and 2002 with the team he's been co-sponsoring with Terry Thomas of Halo Burger since 1993.

According to Foutch, the key to achieving national prominence began 15 years ago, when the team expanded its schedule by playing in tournaments around the state on weekends.

That involved a greater commitment from Foutch and the players, but it's paid off as Halo-Foutch has a 428-97 record (.815) in the last 18 years.

"In '93, we made a decision as a team to start playing on weekends," he said. "The more games we played,



the better we did. From '93 on, I've had an unbelievable commitment from the players.

"We like to play 50 games. If we can get 50 games, we'll be competing on the national level. You have to have pitchers throwing a lot and hitters swinging a lot."

Foutch calls the 2001 national championship the highlight of his career, barely edging out the 2005 national title and the 1977 season, when he moved into the managerial ranks after the bench boss of his Tharp Refrigeration club quit late in the season and Foutch was talked into taking over.

Foutch led Tharp to an upset of perennial CBL power Bishop Construction in 1977, ending the Builders' long streak of appearances in the regional tournament.

"We were young but we had a pretty good team," said Foutch, Tharp's oldest player back then at age 29. "Seventy-seven was one of my more rewarding years. We came together as a team and that was a great thrill."

After a star-studded high school career at Bendle, Foutch spent 13 full seasons in the CBL as a slick-fielding

third baseman for three teams. His best seasons came when he hit .317 for Local 659 in 1967 and .339 for Byerly in '71.

While he never gave managing in the CBL a second thought until taking over in 1977, Foutch was a long-time high school baseball and basketball coach at Swartz Creek, Linden, Grand Blanc and Lake Fenton.

When Foutch was laid off in 1981 as a teacher at Grand Blanc, he decided to go into business for himself by opening the first of his three car washes. He once called being laid off "the best thing that ever happened to me" and it allowed him to help fund Halo-Foutch's \$6,000-8,000 annual budget.

"Opening the car washes gave me some opportunities I never would have had," he said. "It gave me more confidence than anything I've ever done in my life. Once I did that, I had no fear of anything."

One of the special moments in Foutch's career came in 2004, when son Brad joined Halo-Foutch as a catcher. Brad, now a 23-year-old senior on Lynn University's team in Boca Raton, Fla., was part of the 2005 national championship team.

"He had a great regional and great World Series and we won a national championship," Foutch said. "I couldn't tell you how great a feeling that was, not only having him there but being a major contributor."

Foutch and wife, Charlotte, also have two daughters living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Amanda, 33, is a speech pathologist and Ashleigh, 31, is a teacher.

"I couldn't do this without my wife's support," Foutch said.

So how much longer will he continue filling out the lineup card?

"I thought this (year) was it for me and I had some players call me and say 'You can't quit,' " said Foutch, who has a CBL record of 684-176 (.795) and an overall mark of 959-283 (.772).

"It's a year-to-year thing."

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL!



Paul & Nancy A. Snitko

*Congratulations on receiving the Special Service Award
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Paul Snitko Special Service Award

By Greg Tunncliff

Chores always came first in the Snitko household.

Before Paul Snitko could go outside and shoot a basketball or throw a baseball, he had to finish a list of tasks around his parents' house on the north end of Flint.

Scrubbing the floors was one chore that was particularly tedious.

"You had to get on your hands and knees and they had to be clean," Snitko said. "You never went anywhere without getting the OK."

Snitko always managed to get his chores done before making his way to various Flint venues, including Berston Field House, Atwood Stadium and Whaley Park, to hone his crafts.

Those chores not only helped him develop a solid work ethic, but a strong urge to help people.

Snitko became a solid two-sport athlete at Northern High before becoming one of the leading sponsors of Flint-area athletic teams.

Over the last 40 years, he has spent thousands of dollars sponsoring virtually every type of athletic team imaginable at all levels.

Snitko, who will turn 77 Thursday, gets a late birthday present tonight from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as the recipient of the Special Service Award.

"I've been brought up to help people," Snitko said. "We were poor, but if he (Snitko's father, John) saw someone that needed something, he would give it to them."

Snitko played basketball and baseball at Northern in the late 1940s and early '50s.

In basketball at Northern he helped the Vikings win the Motor City Holiday Tournament and reach the Class A regional championship game in 1950.

He served two years as a military policeman in Europe, where he played with future Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon at Salzburg, Austria.

One season, he helped his MP company post a 26-4 overall record and reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Forces Austria basketball tournament.

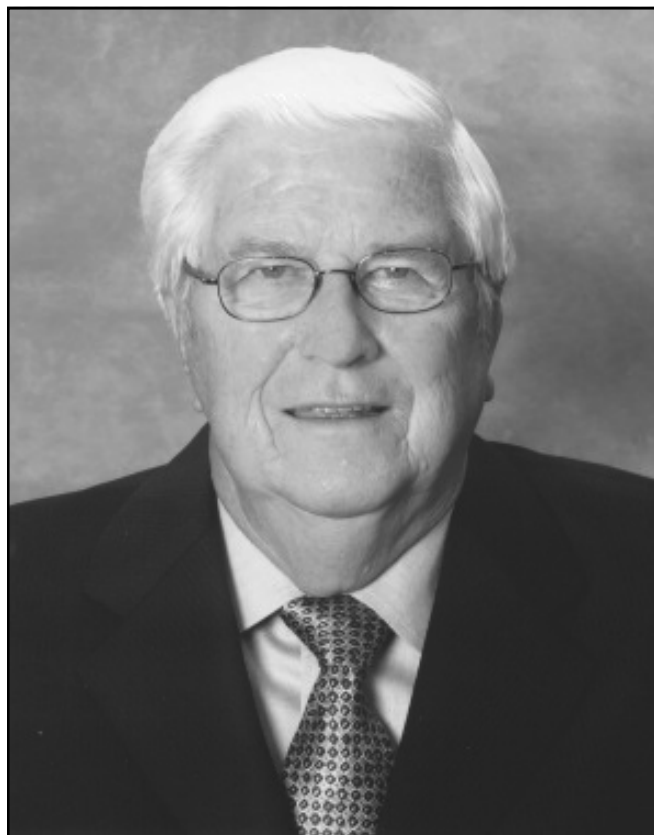
The Mt. Morris Township resident was equally talented in baseball as a second baseman. In 1952, he had a tryout with the Jackson Generals minor league team in Jackson, Tenn. The Generals played in the Kitty League, which is comparable to today's rookie leagues.

He also had stints during the early 1950s in the City AA basketball and baseball leagues.

Snitko credits his playing days for his success both inside and outside the city limits.

"We played so much in the gym we could put them (balls) through the rafters," Snitko said. "The games were rough, but they were fun."

His love for sports carried over to his family. His sons, Paul, John and Mark, played hockey at Hamady High. His daughter, Lisa, played and then coached tennis at Hamady.



Snitko said his late wife, Nancy, encouraged him to become a sponsor.

"She had a lot to do with it," Snitko said. "She loved sports. I still feel, as long as I can, I will help them out."

The Snitkos and their business, Snitko Hearing Aid Center, started sponsoring teams in the early 1970s. Their fastpitch softball teams won a total of 26 championships. He has also helped out numerous bowling, hockey, baseball and basketball teams.

"It doesn't matter who it is," said Bill Snyder, a former classmate of Snitko's at Northern. "He's always ready to help. He's a lifesaver."

Area athletic teams are not the only ones who have benefited from Snitko's generosity. He has made financial contributions to area parks such as Broome and Whaley, churches and other area charities.

He has attended Mayfair Bible Church for the last 53 years.

"I give God all the credit," Snitko said. "I like helping people."

Snitko sold his business several years ago, but he hasn't stopped helping area teams. This year, he is a sponsor of the D.C. Complete Building Company men's 30-and-over hockey team.

"I've never seen him turn anyone down who asked for something," said Lynn Chandnois, a charter member of the GFASHF. "Whenever he is asked he does something. There should be more people like Paul."



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1947 Joe Louis Punchers



Back Row left - right: Country Davis, Alec Childs, Collins Pack, Joe Lawler, Silas Phelps, Charlie Justice, Percy McConnoer. Front Row left - right: Percy McCracken, J.C. Ross, Willie Moore, Bill Hamilton. Sitting: Bat Boy "Batty"

Joe Louis Punchers Softball 1947

By Dan Nilsen

They were named for the greatest boxer in the world at the time, but the Joe Louis Punchers made a name for themselves in the world of softball in the 1940s.

The conglomerate of players from Flint and Detroit barnstormed the country in 1947, playing more than 90 games by some estimates while losing only six. In succeeding years they played in the National Fastball League as the circuit's first all-black team.

And while their exact record is hard to pin down, there is little doubt they established themselves as "the greatest collection of colored softballers in the country," according to one national magazine of the era.

"They were fabulous ballplayers, and it was something just to have them talking to you," said Gerald Moore, a 10-year-old at the time whose father, Willie Moore, played second base and "short fielder" for the team. "They had it all: pitching, defense, offense, speed, power."

The team combined the best of Flint's M&S Orange squad, which had reached the world finals in Cleveland in 1945, and the Joe Louis Brown Bombers of Detroit. They were technically based in Pontiac in 1947 but played to huge crowds at Detroit's Mack Field, Flint's Athletic Park and other diamonds across the U.S. and Canada.

"We went all over the country, even to California," said Collins Pack, now 91 and the only surviving member of the team. "A lot of times Joe Louis was with us. We always had a big crowd when he was around."

In the midst of his 12-year reign as world heavyweight champion, Louis didn't play with the team but sometimes coached first base. His appearance in Flint once brought 2,400 fans to Athletic Park, near Berston Field House.

"I had the pleasure of sitting next to him at a couple of games," said Gerald Moore. "One day he looked at me and said, 'I want another hot dog.'"

"How you going to say no to Joe Louis?"

But Louis couldn't have broken the starting lineup of his own club.

Besides Moore and Pack at shortstop, the key players included Flint's Bill Hamilton at first base and catcher, infielders Wilbert King and Johnny Ross, Country Davis at catcher and outfielders Eli Copeland, Floyd Bates, Rogell Stevens and Silas "Caledonia" Phelps.

Bates, King and Phelps also played basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters, and Pack said Phelps was "a better outfielder than Willie Mays."

"Man, could he roam," Moore agreed.

But the strength of the team was pitching, led by Charley Justice. The Detroit ace threw a softball like a baseball, and kept batters off-balance with a curve, slowball and drop pitch.

"All he'd ever say was, 'Get me one run,'" said Pack. "Out of town, there were more people watching him warm up than watching us take batting practice."



The 1947 Joe Louis Punchers standing from left: Country Davis, Alex Childs, Collins Pack, Joe Lawler, Silas Phelps, Charlie Justice, Percy McConner. Kneeling from left: Percy McCracken, J.C. Ross, Willie Moore, Bill Hamilton. The bathboy (seated) was remembered only as "Batty."

Also pitching were Alex Childs of Detroit, Percy McCracken of Flint and Percy McConner of Pontiac.

They so dominated the game that team batting averages were seldom over .200. The Punchers hit .201 one year, good for third in the league, and Hamilton led the circuit with 52 hits in 83 games.

"It was hard to get a run," Pack recalls. "The batters couldn't catch up with the pitchers."

Still, Justice allegedly hit one over the fence at Briggs Stadium, and Moore remembers Bates ending a 19-inning game at Athletic Park by putting one on the roof of a house beyond left field.

The Punchers' biggest rivals were Dow AC of Midland and the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons, a powerhouse assembled by the owner of the basketball team that would become the Detroit Pistons.

"Fred Zollner brought in players from all over the world and gave them jobs in his piston factory," said Moore.

Among the best was pitcher Bill West, who silenced the Punchers' bats on more than one occasion.

"When he warmed up, you could hear the ball cracking all through the ballpark," Moore said.

Pack recalls hitting a game-winning home run at Fort Wayne, a feat that earned him a \$25 bonus from Louis but also led to the lights being turned out in the Punchers' locker room after the game.

The Punchers ran off 21 consecutive wins at one stretch of 1947, but couldn't get past Midland in the state tournament, losing the final two games 1-0 and 3-2.

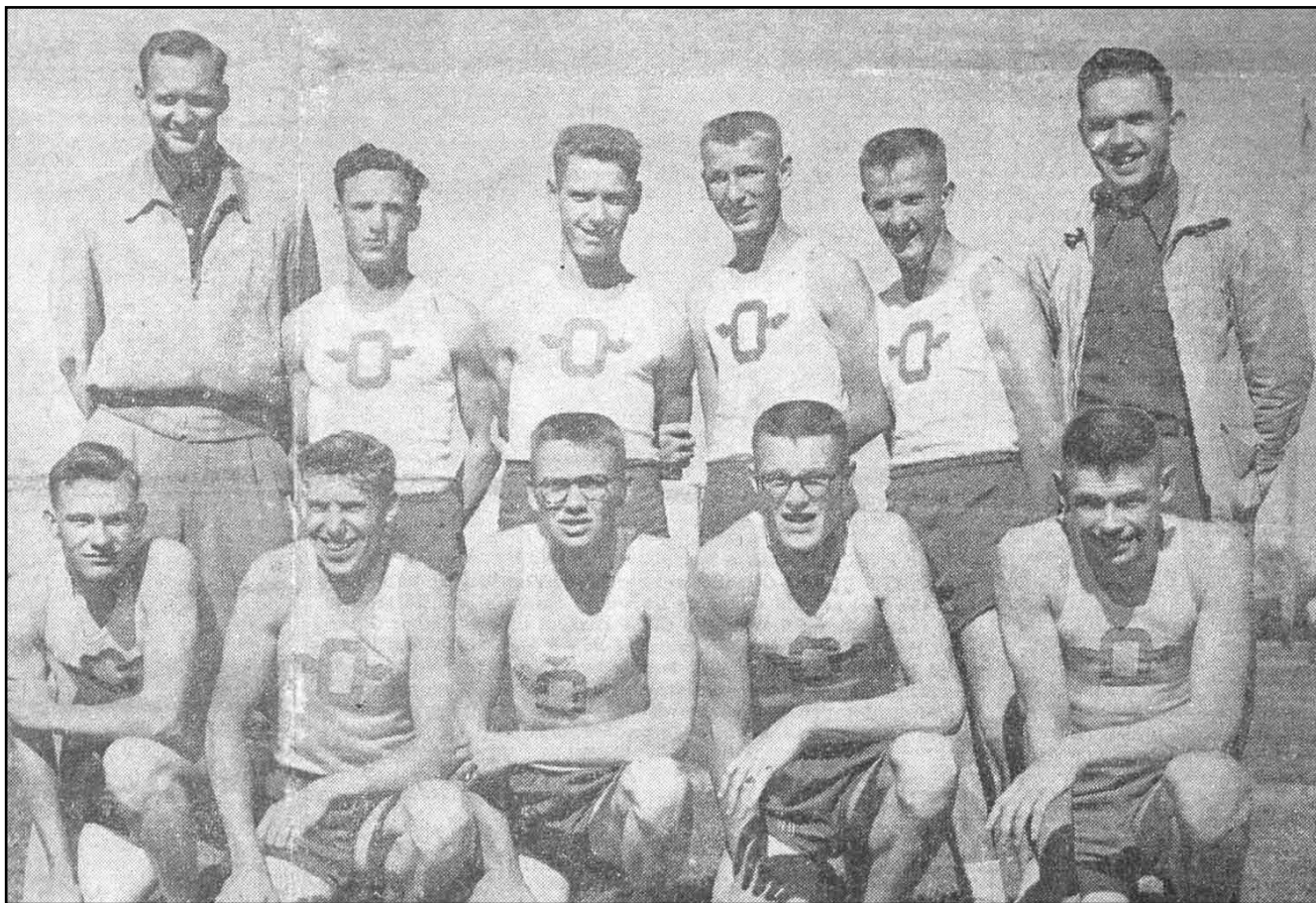
In the NFL and National Softball League, they could never get by the Zollners, who won seven league titles in eight years from 1945-52.

But Hamilton was the league's Rookie of the Year in 1948 and the Eastern Division MVP in 1949, when he led the league in RBIs, hits and doubles and was second in

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LAKEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Congratulate The
***1951 Otisville High School
State Champion Track Team***



Front Row (left to right): Duane Linderman, Rollie Hughes, Bob Price, Ned McCormick, Bob Willingham
Back Row (left to right): Coach Leroy Gunderson, Nort Averill, Clare Wheeler, Dave Manser, Boyd Haddix,
and Coach Fred Jackson

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Athletic Director

Otisville High Track 1951

By Dan Nilsen

They came out of nowhere to win a state championship, then faded from existence almost as quickly.

The Otisville Spartans were a track program only three years old when they ran to the Class D title in 1951, and they were gone four years later, folded into consolidation with two other school districts to become the Lakeville Falcons.

No one, however, can erase the mark the Green and White Spartans made in the state record book that rainy Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Nine members of the 18-man team qualified for the state meet at the University of Michigan and every one of them scored at least one point as Otisville totaled 45 points to beat defending champion Benton Harbor St. John by six.

Senior captain Bob Willingham was the workhorse, piling up a meet-high 17 points with second-place finishes in the high jump, pole vault and 120-yard high hurdles and a fourth in the broad jump.

But it was the medley relay quartet of Bob Price, Boyd Haddix, Nort Averill and Rollie Hughes that splashed to victory in the dramatic final event to secure the crown.

As Paul Laing relates in his History of Otisville, Price opened a big lead from the start and his crewmates stretched it into a 10-yard victory over Benton Harbor St. John.

"There was a guy from MSD (Don Boone) I had run against for two years and I finally beat him leading off that relay," said Price. "We were never behind."

Averill had the only other victory that day, coming from third place in the last 10 yards to win the 180 low hurdles in a water-logged 22.4 seconds. He had broken his own regional record a week earlier with a 21.9.

Ned McCormick was second in the same race and also shared second with Willingham in the pole vault. Price tied for fourth in the high jump, Duane Linderman and Clare Wheeler each took a fourth in two separate 440s, Dave Manser was sixth in the mile and the 880 relay squad placed fourth.

None of the Spartans knew they were championship material at the start of that spring. The third-year program had 18 athletes, many of whom also played baseball.

Their meager facilities included no home track, four wooden hurdles made in shop class and a pole vault facility with wheel rims to hold the bar and a sawdust pit for landing.

"We ran our sprints and hurdles on Athletic Street, near the football field," said McCormick.

But the coaching was sound, with recent Michigan State graduate Leroy Gunderson, a former vaulter and high jumper, handling the field events and Homer Jackson the running events.

The Spartans got some idea of their worth when they finished second at a state indoor meet in Albion, losing the



The scorers and coaches for Otisville High's 1951 track team (front row from left): Duane Linderman, Rollie Hughes, Bob Price, Ned McCormick and Bob Willingham. Standing (from left): Coach Leroy Gunderson, Nort Averill, Clare Wheeler, Dave Manser, Boyd Haddix, and Coach Fred Jackson.

Class C-D title by a disqualification in a relay, Averill recalls.

They showed more promise at the CMU Relays, where Willingham set a record with an 11-foot pole vault and the shuttle hurdle relay also broke the meet standard.

But it was in the County C meet at Dort Field where the Spartans exploded, smashing seven meet records, including most total points with 83.

Five days later they won the regional by a 58-47 margin over MSD, an established power in Class D track. Willingham, McCormick and Linderman went 1-2-3 in the pole vault, with Willingham's 10-5 setting a regional mark.

They ruled the vault with a 10-foot cane pole, the only one they had, and afterwards, coach Jackson borrowed Davison's 11-foot aluminum pole for the trip to state. The upgrade proved helpful, with both McCormick and Willingham soaring 11 feet at state.

When rain started falling after noon, the field events moved into Yost Fieldhouse, but the running races continued on the muddy track.

By the last event, "there was a puddle 30 yards long at the finish line," said Price, and his memory is confirmed by a Journal photo of Hughes splashing through it on the final, triumphant leg.

On arriving home, the Spartans proclaimed their championship with honking horns through the small town.

"We had one restaurant, and everybody hung out there afterwards," said McCormick.

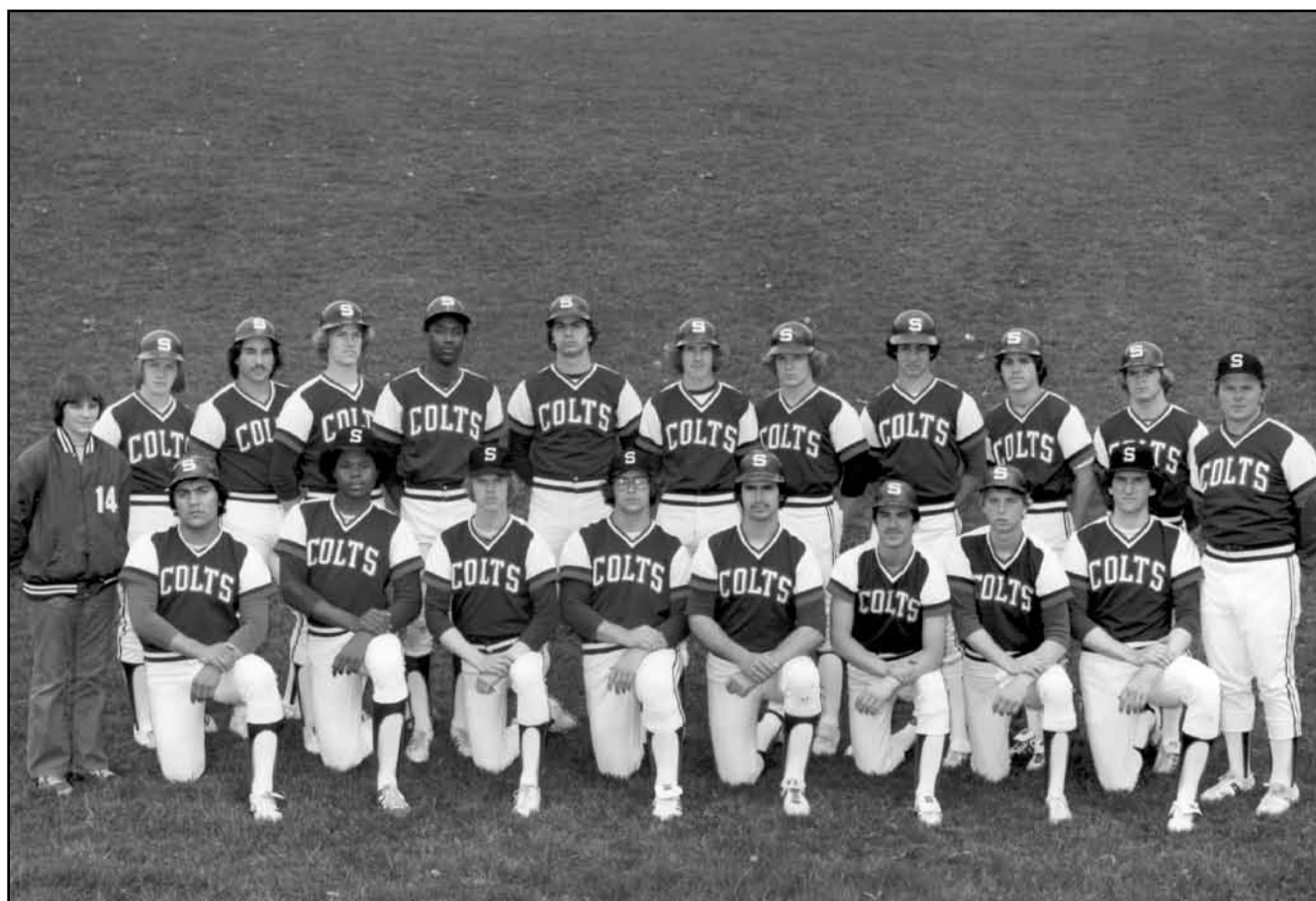
No doubt discussing how such a young program came to rule Class D track and field for a day.

"Everybody," Averill offered, "just had a good day that day."

FLINT SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

**Congratulates the
1978 Flint Southwestern Colts
State Champion Baseball Team**

**And All Inductees Into
The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame**



Top row: (left to right): Manger: Dave Shell, Harry Troyer, Roberto Cardenas, Chris Murray, Greg Taylor, Dale Bennis, Bill McNew, John Johnson, Damien DiPillo, Dean Yeotis, Allen Weatherford, Coach Marv Rettenmund. Bottom row (left to right): Ruben Luna, Gary Lee, T.W. Cox, Risto Niceuski, Ron Scott, Dennis Sargent, Matt Diment, Joe Fisher.

Corinne Archie-Edwards
Principal



Elbert Hicks
Athletic Director

Flint Southwestern High Baseball 1978



The 1978 Colts standing from left: David Shell, manager; Players Harry Troyer, Bob Cardenas, Chris Murray, Greg Taylor, Dale Bennis, Bill McNew, John Johnson, Damien DiPillo, Dean Yeotis, Allen Weatherford. Coach Marv Rettenmund. Kneeling from left: Ruben Luna, Gary Lee, T.W. Cox, Risto Nicevski, Ron Scott, Dennis Sargent, Matt Diment, Joe Fischer.

By Dan Nilsen

One of the losses was a fluke, an early season debacle in the snow at Saginaw, where a flyball was misplayed into a costly double.

It might have been the kick Southwestern needed in 1978.

When the Colts got back to Flint that day, "we ran until we couldn't walk," recalled outfielder Damien DiPillo. "Rett was yelling, 'This team should never lose a game the whole season.'"

Coach Marv Rettenmund wasn't just ranting. His Southwestern baseball team in 1978 did have the personnel to go undefeated — two pitchers who threw 90 mph, a lineup of .300 hitters who could bunt and hit-and-run, and a fundamentally sound defense.

"Sometimes," Rettenmund said, "you have pretty good players, and when you have them, you'd better cash in."

Southwestern did just that in 1978, smashing the school's win record with a 32-3 mark and winning what is still the only Class A baseball title in Flint-area history.

All three losses were by one run, including less surprising defeats to Central and Midland in the Saginaw Valley Conference. The Colts shared the city title with Central, won the Valley's East Division and captured the Greater Flint Invitational for the second straight year.

They finished the season on a 16-game win streak, capped by five close games in the state tournament and a 7-0 rout of East Kentwood in the final.

The foundation was the 1-2 punch of senior left-hander Ruben Luna (14-0 with a 0.82 earned-run average) and senior right-hander Risto Nicevski (9-1, 0.72).

"When you have two kids, one from the left and one from the right, throwing high 80s and 90, we were tough to beat," said Nicevski.

The infielders were John Johnson (first base), Bill

McNew (second), Matt Diment (shortstop) and Bob Cardenas (third). DiPillo, Gary Lee and Dale Bennis played the outfield, Dennis Sargent caught and Al Weatherford was the designated hitter.

Luna, who played centerfield when not pitching, led the team in hitting, taking a .383 average into the final two games. Diment batted .378 and the left-handed DiPillo .372. Lee and DiPillo each had 22 RBI. Lee had five homers. Weatherford hit .328 and Johnson .324.

"And we could all move the runners over," said DiPillo, the cleanup hitter. "There were no prima donnas on that team. You bunted. You executed."

Nicevski called the early loss in Saginaw a wakeup call and the Colts settled into a steady groove of winning, guided by Rettenmund.

"He was a heck of a coach," said Nicevski. "He got on us when he needed to, but mostly he concentrated on everybody's talents and pushed the right buttons to get everybody to perform."

The Colts avenged their loss to Central by beating the Indians 4-0 in the Greater Flint title game, then opened tournament play with a pair of 3-1 wins over Davison and Grand Blanc in the district at Broome Park.

In the regional at Pontiac, Luna shook off a sore back from a minor traffic accident the night before to beat St. Clair Shores Lakeshore 5-4 in the first game. Lee ignited two separate rallies, and DiPillo's two-run single in the sixth broke a 3-3 tie.

The Colts needed nine innings to beat Rochester Adams 2-1 in the title game, with Luna relieving Nicevski in the seventh and then singling home Sargent with the winning run in the ninth.

On the final day at Wyandotte, Luna fanned 12 in a three-hit, 1-0 shutout of Plymouth Canton. Cardenas

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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

THE TEAM AWARD

The Board Of Directors Of The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall Of Fame Established The Team Award In 1992 To Honor The Contribution That Members Of Teams Have Made To The Athletic Heritage Of The Community. Teams are honored each year: Scholastic And Non-scholastic. Our Congratulations go to:

SCHOLASTIC

- 1992 - Flint Northern Wonder Boys 1939/40
- 1993 - Flint Northern Football 1950
- 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
- 2007 - Flint Mandeville 1951 Football Team
- 2007 - Flint Northwestern 1983 & 1984
Girls Basketball Teams

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
- 2004 - Carpets by Jim Smith 1974
Baseball Team
- 2005 - American Legion Haan
Red Arrow Post 151
1946 Baseball Team
- 2006 - Stroh's Beer 1968 Softball Team
- 2007 - Buick Colts 1961 Baseball Team

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1980

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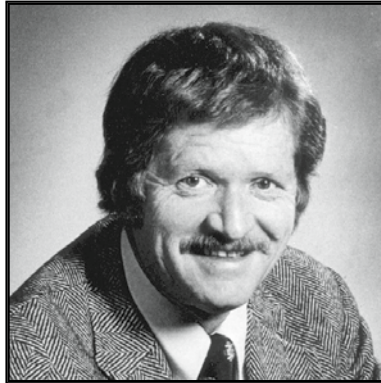
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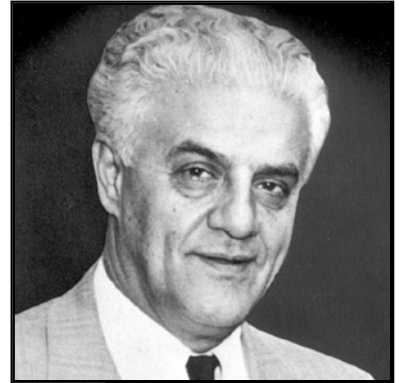
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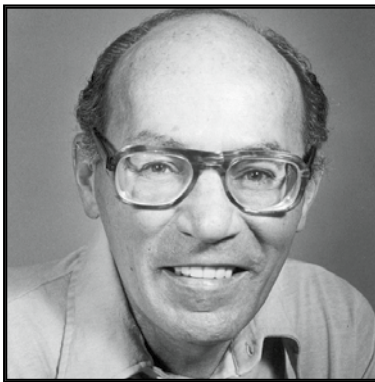
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Don Coleman 1980
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 MSU-All American, National
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Jennie Weiss 1980
 Five-Time Women's State
 Amateur Golf Champion,
 Mich. Amateur
 Sports Hall of 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



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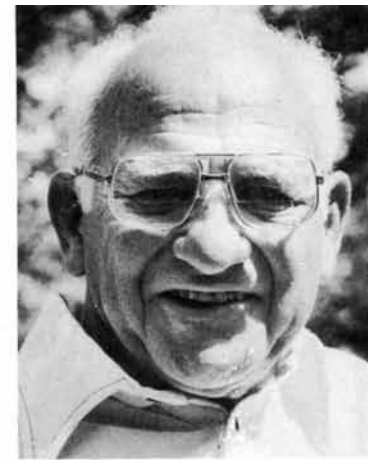
Merv Rettenmund 1981
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series
 During 13-Year Career



Frank Sczepanski 1981
 Special Service Award for
 Charity efforts through bowling
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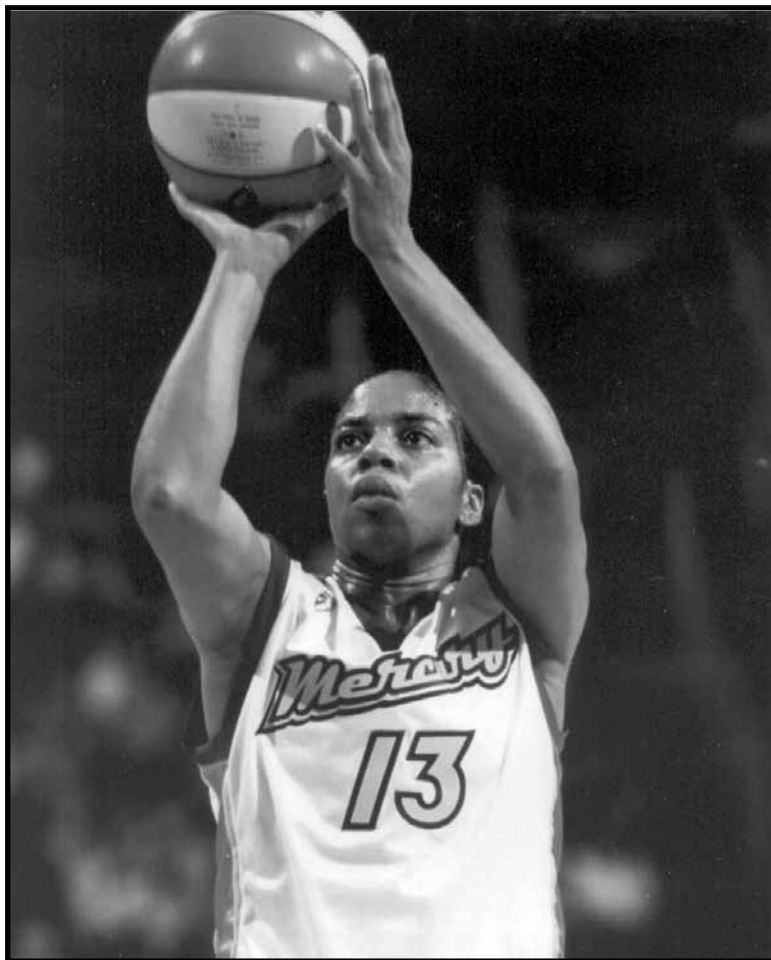


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Doug Blom 1981
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 Won 19 City Amateurs and
 over 50 titles in 25-year span

**FLINT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
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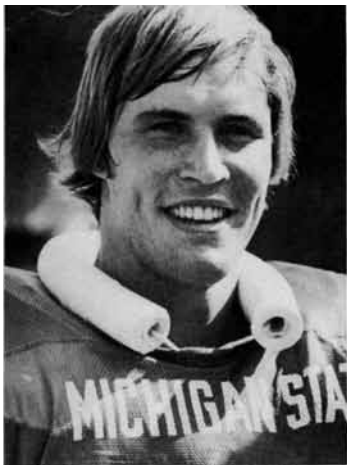
**On Her Induction Into The
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And All Previous Northwestern Wildcat Inductees

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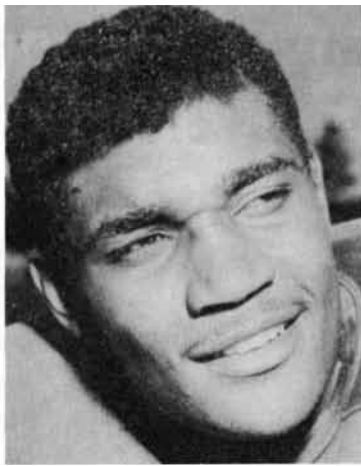


**GARY SOVEY
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**



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



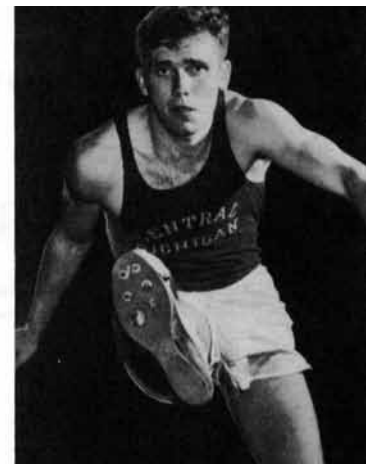
Everett A. Cummings 1982

Special Service Award for
Leadership in Developing
Athletic & Recreation Facilities



Fred Trosko 1982

Flint Northern 9 Letter Winner
U of M Halfback,
Coach at Easten 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
NCAA Divison II Football Titles

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W.M.U. Lineman of the Year
NFL All-Pro St. Louis Cardinals



Pam Stockton Brady 1983
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

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Russ Reynolds 1985

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



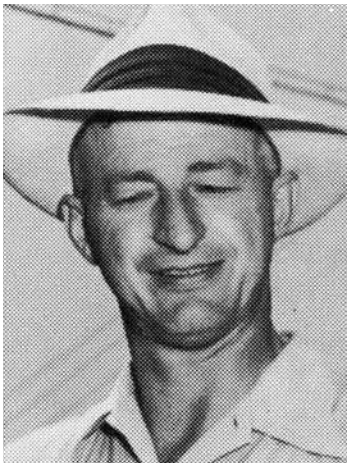
Stan Broome 1985

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



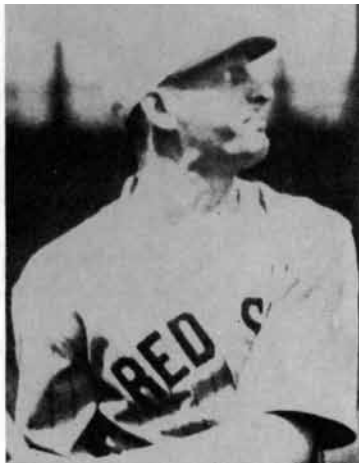
Nap LaVoie 1985

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



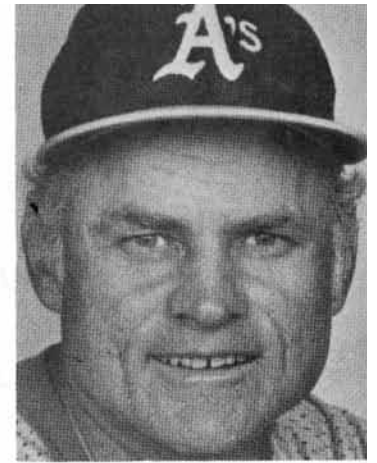
Mike Menosky 1985

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



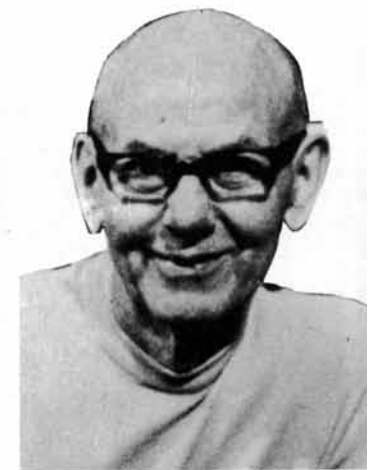
Jeanette Robinson 1986

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

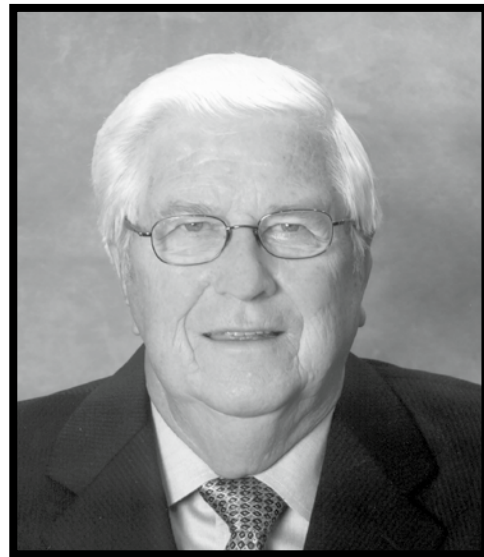
Bowled many 300 Games
Over 100-700 Series, World
Record for five games 1,324

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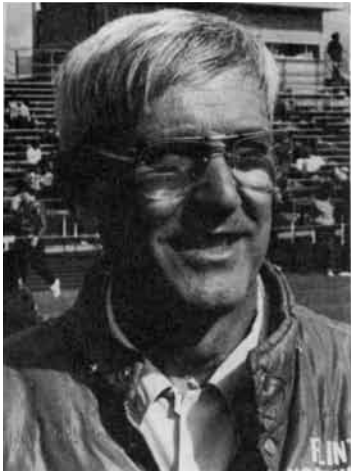
Letitia Hughley

And All Past Northern Viking Inductees

KEN BROUSSARD
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JAMIE FOSTER
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



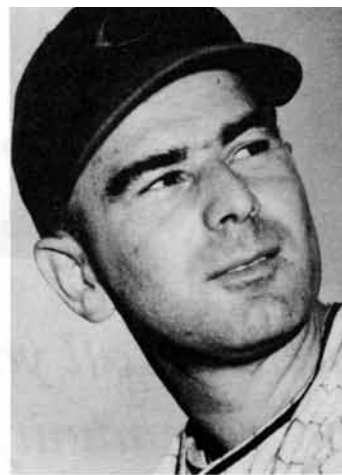
Jo Lake 1987

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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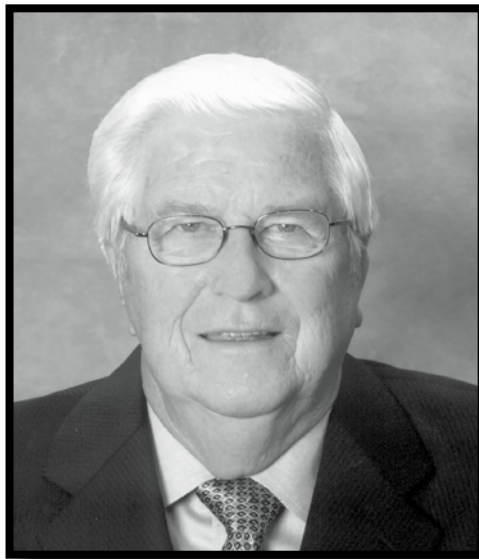
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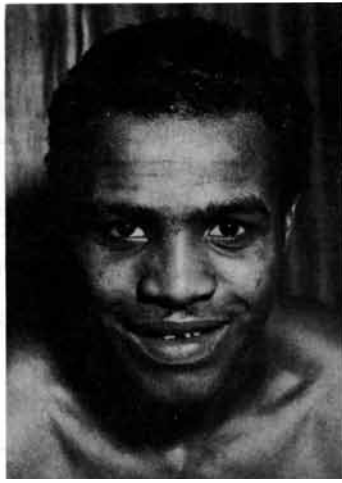
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Pete Fusi 1988

Northern All State Football
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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



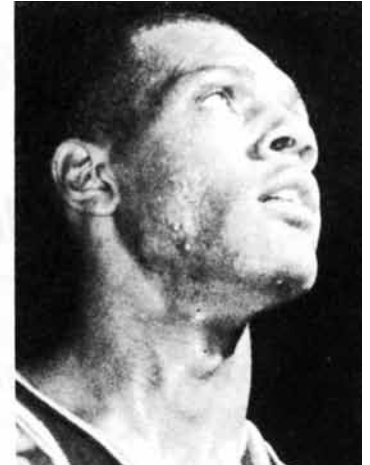
Barry Edmonds 1988

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 Atwood 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



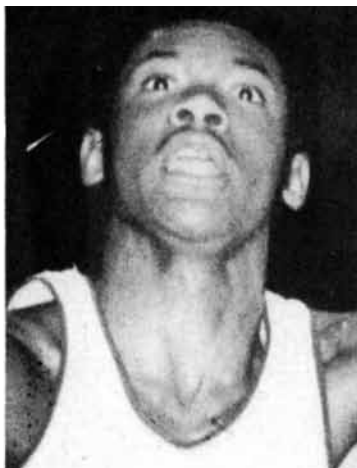
Bart Markel 1990

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



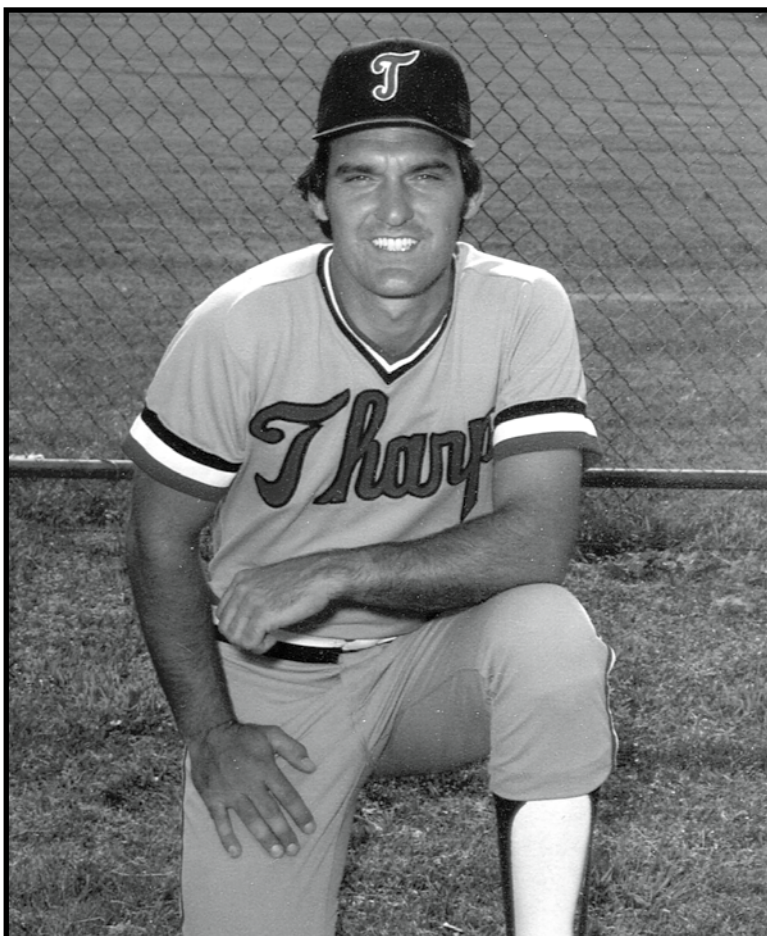
Bobby Crim, Louis Craig 1991

Special Services Award for Crim Road Race Benefitting Special Olympics which he founded and she originally directed. The Crim Race has over 10,000 participants annually.



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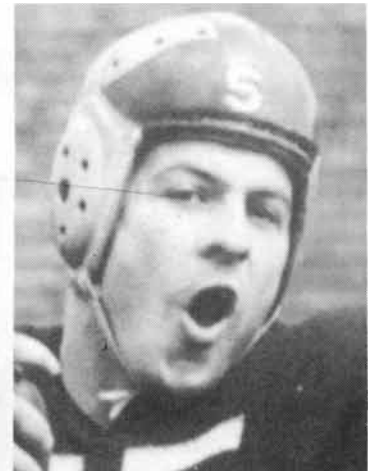
Andy McDonald 1991
Northern QB & Head Coach
C.M.U. All American NFL
Asst. Coach, Northern Arizona



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



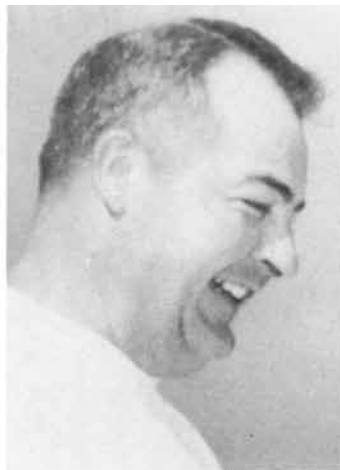
George Guerre 1992
Central-Outstanding in Football
MSU Standout Halfback, played
in North-South All Star game



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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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



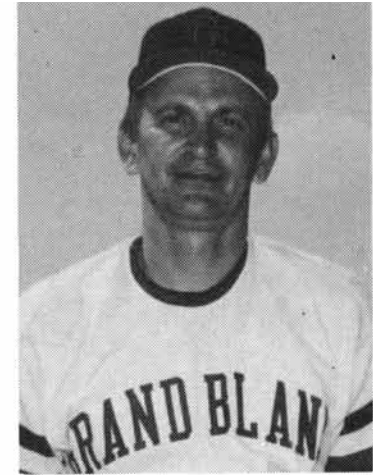
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



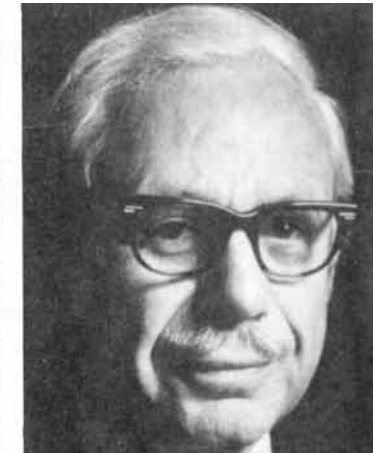
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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

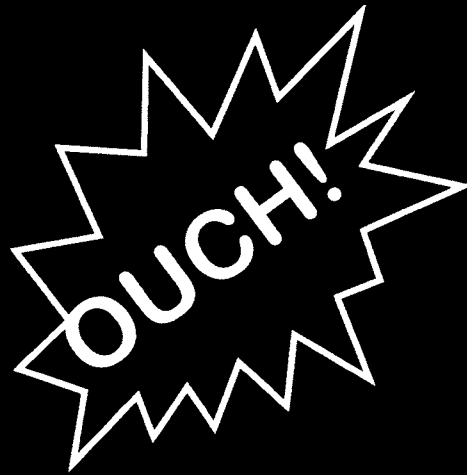


Dr. Hira E. Branch 1994
Special Service Award
for donating medical help at
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Jack Petrill 1995
Community Service Award
Rec. Director-IMA Promoted
city's biggest events



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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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
Special Service Award
Medical Assistance to Schools
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Audrey Smith 1998
Special Service Award
Service to Flint Jr. Golf Assoc. and
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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
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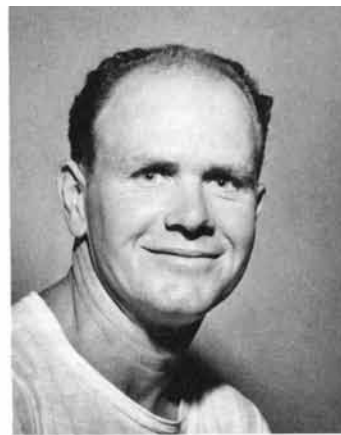
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



Ricky Patton 1999
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Varnard Gay 1999
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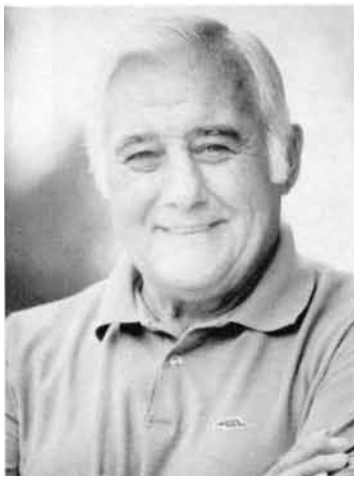
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
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State Welterweight Championship



John Lindholm 2000
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Time Genesee All Star Classic



Reggie Barnett 2000
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Dame Academic All American
MVP 1974 Orange Bowl



Pete Fornari 2000
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MSU-6 Letters, coached 3
sports Mandeville Ainsworth



Jim Morrissey 2000
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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,
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Won Three Grand National
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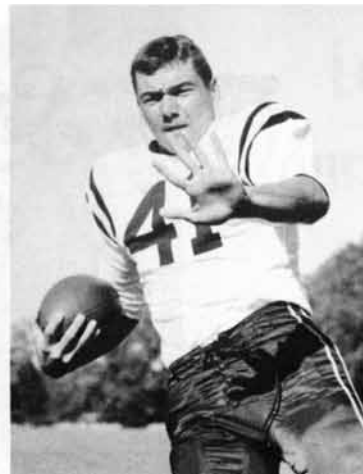
Len Hoyes 2001
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Past Journal Sports Ed.



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



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Baseball, Talented Golfer



Bruce McLenna 2002
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MVP Hillsdale Played with Three
Teams in NFL



Kathy McGee 2002
Coached Powers Catholic Girls
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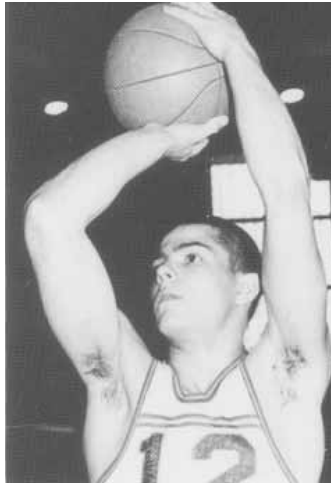
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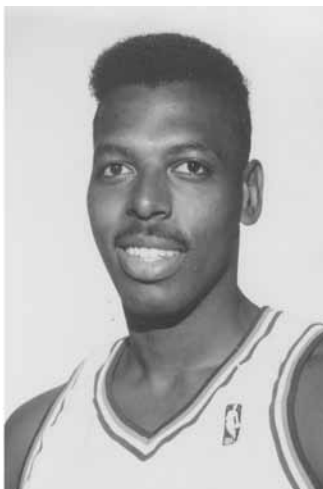
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Bob Bernstein 2002
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Northwestern-Basketball State Champs,
Iowa State, Member 1988 Olympic
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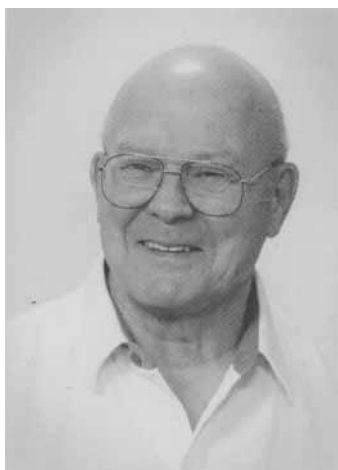
Frank Thomas 2003
Played Football at Northern
& MSU, Coach & Athletic Dir
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Francis Bentley 2003
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Mary Klein 2003
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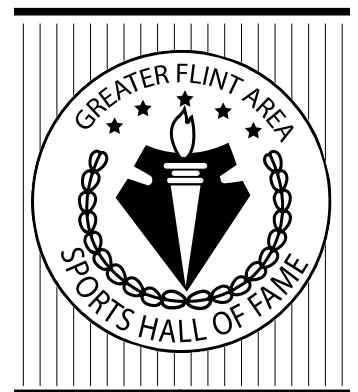
Lloyd Coon 2003
Won 7-Nat'l Powerlift Titles,
Coached Swartz Creek Girls
Powerlift Teams-8-Nat'l Titles.



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U of M-Def. Back
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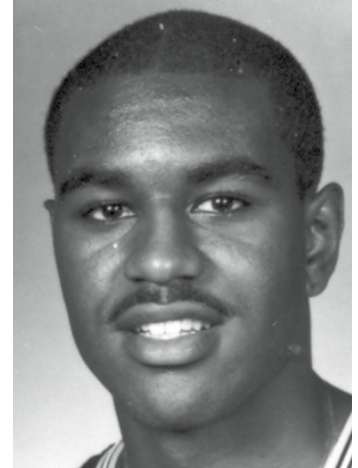
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

Flint Central H.S., Premier Pitcher IMA Park 8-No Hitters-1 perfect game



Marco Marcet 2005

Flint Tech H.S.-Basketball-One-handed shooter. A.D. & Coach at Frankenmuth H.S. 38 Years Rec'd Forsythe Award-MHSAA



Roy Marble 2005

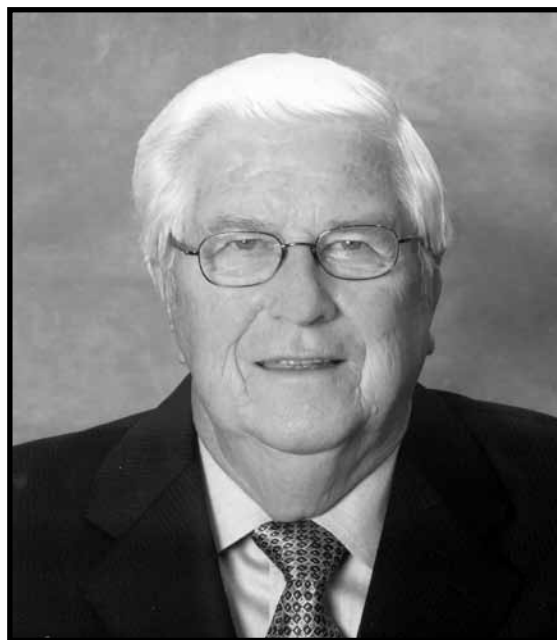
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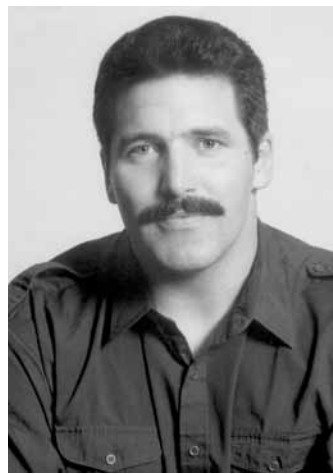
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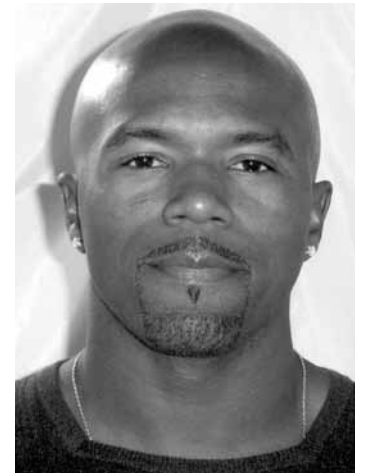
Dick Daly 2006

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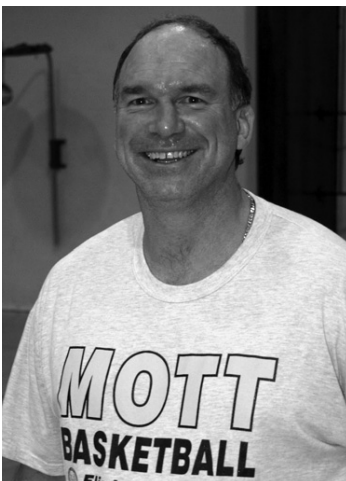
Courtney Hawkins 2006

Beecher H.S. All-State F.B., Basketball and Track. MSU F.B. All Big Ten, NFL Tampa Bay & Pitt. Beecher H.S. Ath. Dir.



Bill Brandt 2006

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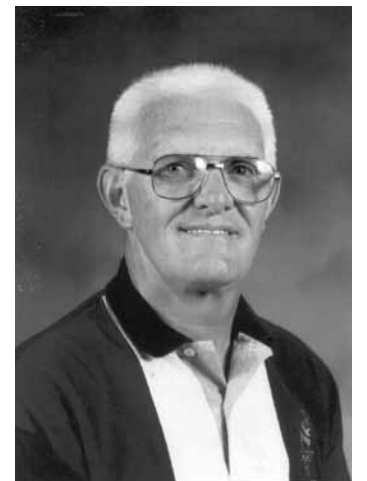
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Daryl Turner 2006

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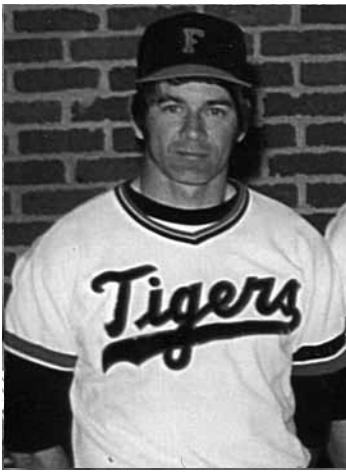
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Don Morrow

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age 48. He did have a chance to see his sons face each other in a game between Ohio State and Bowling Green that winter, just weeks before his death.

Don Morrow would not be fortunate enough to witness Ken make history as a defenseman for Team USA Hockey in the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union. Ken then went on to the National Hockey League the same year and won the first of four consecutive Stanley Cups as a member of the New York Islanders.

As a 2008 inductee to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, Morrow will be remembered as more than just a fine athlete, but also as an ambassador in the sport of hockey.

Joe Louis Punchers

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home runs and total bases.

"The Flint lads have been a credit to the game and to their race," praised a league publication.

By 1950, though, Justice had moved on to Canada, McCracken had been sidelined by a broken jaw and the Punchers eventually faded into history. Other players scattered to other teams, but none matched the fame generated by the Joe Louis Punchers in their brief existence.

"I don't think there will ever be another softball team like that in Flint," said Moore.

Southwestern Baseball

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singled home Weatherford for the only run.

"That was one of toughest teams we played," said Rettenmund. "Their best player led off the seventh with a double and tried to stretch it to a triple, but we made a perfect relay — Bennis (in left) to Diment to Cardenas."

Nicevski then gutted out four scoreless innings, allowing only a bunt single, in the final against Kentwood despite an arm injury he suffered in the regional.

"I don't know how," Nicevski said. "I didn't have anything on the ball. I think there was more heart in there than arm."

But that allowed Luna to throw the final three innings for the maximum 10 allowed one pitcher on the day. Meanwhile, the Colts overcame a triple play in the first inning and banged out eight hits, two each by Lee and Johnson.

Both Luna and Nicevski went on to Michigan State, and every other starter on the team earned a college scholarship in one sport or another, Nicevski said.

Rettenmund had other good teams in his 14 years at Southwestern, including an earlier squad with Rick Leach, Gene Johnson and Ron Schmidt.

But none could match the '78 Colts.

"That was a once-in-a-lifetime ballclub," Rettenmund said.

In Memorium

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Leroy Decker
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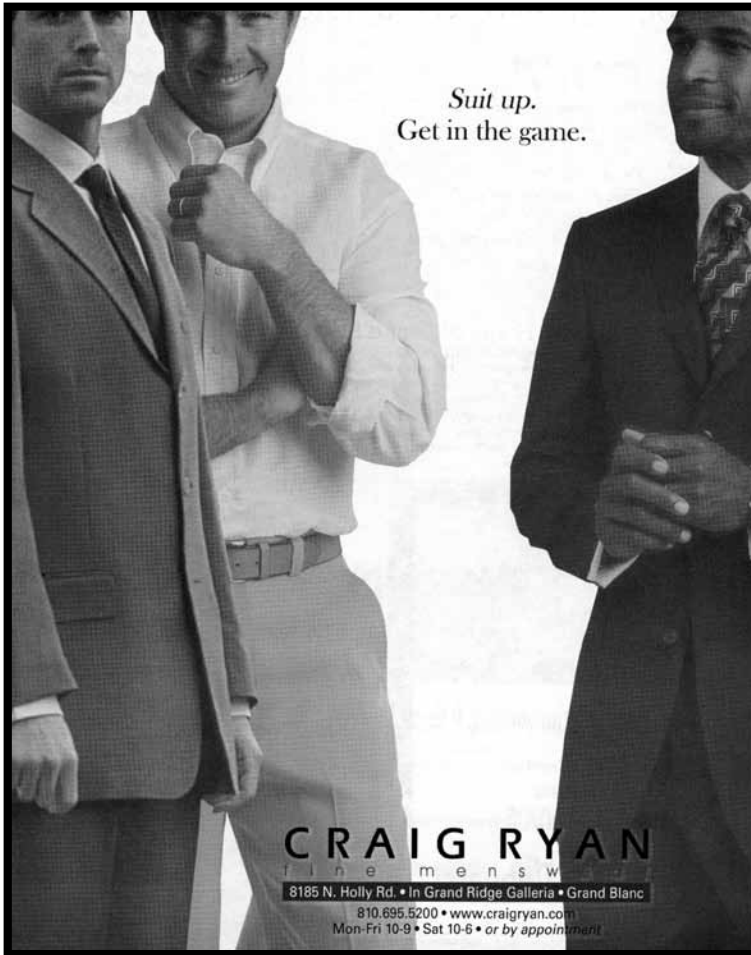


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