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As a kid growing up in Grand Blanc in the 1940's and 1950's, sports were central to my life. Along with my peers, I spent countless hours on the fields and courts at Grand Blanc High School and at McKinley and Lakeside baseball centers in the summer. I marveled at the great athletes and coaches of the era including Lynn Chandnois, Don Coleman, Dave Hoskins, Joe Roberson, Leroy Bolden and so many others.

Many years later, it is now my pleasure to welcome you to the thirtieth Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame 2009 induction ceremony. This year's class of individuals and teams rival any in the first three decades of this event.

Individual recipients include Scott Aldred, John Biedenbach, Roy Hall, Kelly Hebler Baudat and Coquese Washington who are being honored for extraordinary personal achievements. Their resumes will impress you.

The 2009 Special Service Award is being presented to Ed Phelps, longtime Flint sportscaster.

The teams being honored follow in the rich tradition of others selected in the past thirty years. This year we honor the 1952 and 1953 Dye High School football teams for their prowess on the gridiron and the 1984 and 1985 Flint Northwestern basketball teams for their outstanding record on the state stage. The non-scholastic teams being inducted tonight are the 1967 Chevrolet Local 659 and the 1968 UAW-Region 1-C baseball teams which consisted of essentially the same core of players.

The Board of Directors wishes to express its appreciation to the Flint Journal for its continued support of this event. Not only are the Hall of Fame plaques donated by the Journal but its sports department continues to recognize the inductees and publicize the ceremony. In this category also, Ben Roof and A-Frame Awards should be cited for their assistance in the production on the plaques.

Finally, a big "thank you" goes to Genesys Conference and Banquet Center and the Genesys Athletic Club. Not only do they do a wonderful job of hosting this event, they provide a permanent "home" for the plaques of the honorees.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Selection Committee, I wish you a great evening. Revel in this marvelous event..a showcase for not only our athletes but for the greater Flint Community as well.

Robert J. Burek
Bob Burek, President

THE GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
30th ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

Saturday, December 5, 2009 - Genesys Athletic & Banquet Center
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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
1300 North Linden Road, Flint Michigan 48502



Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



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The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame has been created to provide a medium whereby it is possible to honor participants for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics.

Criteria for Nomination

1. All nominees (individuals) and teams must have outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics from the Greater Flint Area.
2. Excellence far above the ordinary field of endeavor is required.
3. Individuals should have a minimum of five years involvement with the sport or sports.
4. Professional athletes in a team sport shall not be eligible for election to the Greater Flint Hall of Fame unless they have retired from participation for at least three years.

Rules

1. Any individual or team who meets the aforementioned criteria may be nominated.
2. Nominations must be made on an official Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame form which is available from the reception's desk at the Genesys Athletic Club or from Bob Root, Athletic Director at Carman-Ainsworth High School. Once the form is completed in full, it must be returned to Mr. Root with all other available information regarding the individual or team included.
3. No individual living inductee will be formally inducted without his/her approval.

Deadline for Nomination is April 1st each year

Mail Nominations to:
Mr. Bob Root, Director of Athletics
Carman-Ainsworth Senior High School
1300 North Linden Road
Flint, Michigan 48532

Nomination form for individuals can be found on page 89

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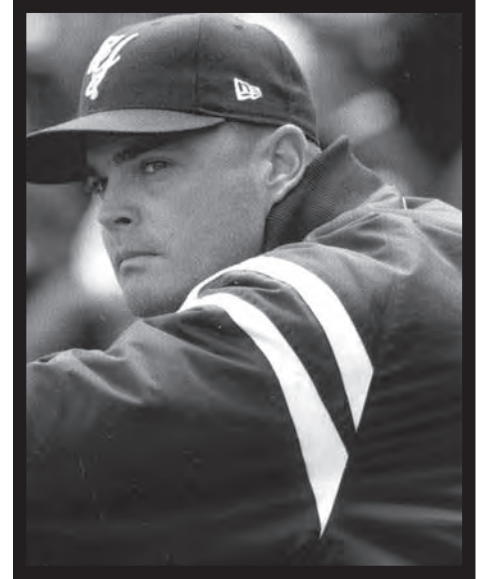
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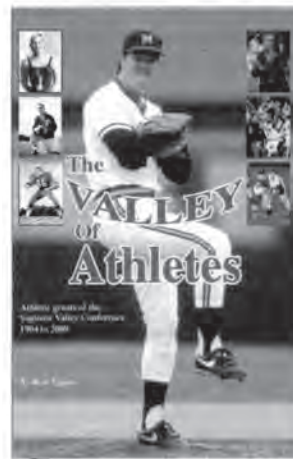


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'NINE LIVES' KEPT SCOTT ALDRED IN BASEBALL

By Dan Nilsen

Scott Aldred didn't beat everybody in his major league pitching career, but the Montrose native beat back one injury after another to keep himself in the game.

The 6-foot-4 left-hander gutted out 19 seasons of professional ball despite elbow, shoulder, hip and foot injuries that involved three operations, including Tommy John reconstructive elbow surgery.

And when the elbow flared up again in 2004, finally forcing him off the mound, Aldred stayed in the game as a pitching coach in the New York Yankees farm system.

His 20-39 career record won't get him into Cooperstown, but his nine years of major league service with six teams has whisked him into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. He'll be formally enshrined at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Club.

"All left-handers seem to have nine lives in their career, and with me it was no exception," Aldred said. "I played with a lot of teams. They're always looking for left-handed pitching."

Aldred was a hot left-handed prospect when the Detroit Tigers drafted him out of Montrose High in June 1986. An All-State pitcher and two-time All-State quarterback with the Rams, he turned down a baseball scholarship at Michigan to sign with the Tigers in August.

He won his major-league debut on Sept. 9, 1990, with five shutout innings at Milwaukee, and had flickers of brilliance with Colorado, Montreal, Minnesota, Tampa Bay and Philadelphia in a big-league career that lasted until 2000.

Along the way, he lost two big-league seasons while battling back from Tommy John surgery in 1993. His rehab took him to places like the Venezuelan Winter League, where the team bus twice caught on fire and a man was shot in the stands during a game.

"Crazy stuff," Aldred said. "Things you'd never dream of seeing at a baseball field."

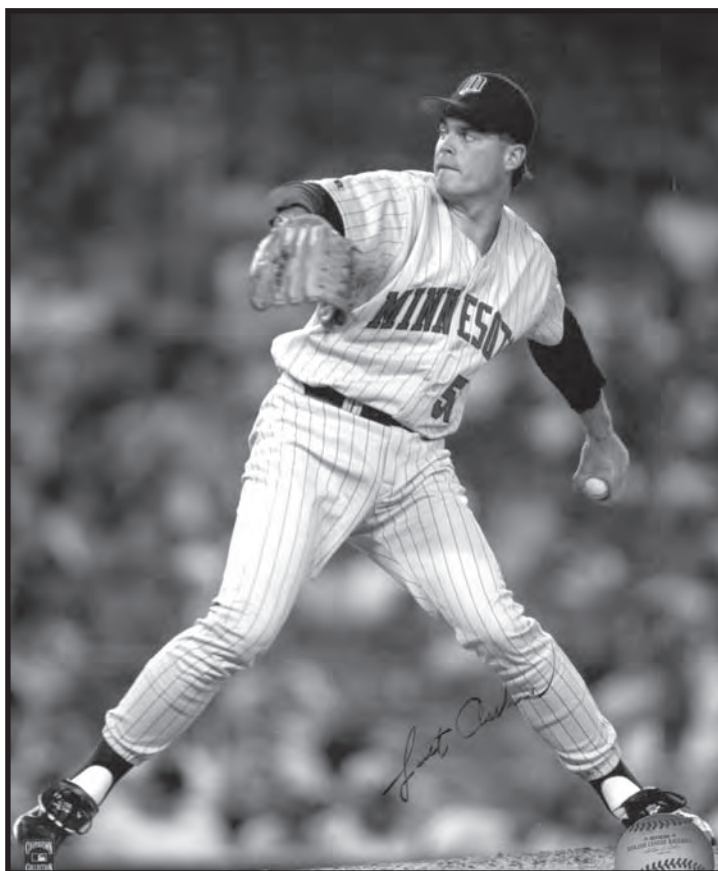
But his diligence was noticed by the Tigers, who signed him to a second stint with the organization in February 1995 and rewarded him with a start in Detroit's home opener in 1996.

"I liked his dedication," Tigers general manager Joe Klein said at the time. "And did I mention he's left-handed?"

Pitching southpaw helped Aldred set an obscure major-league record. In 1998 he made 48 appearances with the Devil Rays without getting a decision, a mark that stood until Houston's Trevor Miller, another lefty, broke it with 76 appearances in 2007.

"I don't think that record meant anything," Aldred said. "I was in a different role, facing only lefties, so you're not in the game long enough to be exposed to a decision.

"But you'd think you'd get a win or a loss somewhere."



His journeyman role continued until his final big-league appearance on May 29, 2000.

Shoulder surgery that year and hip surgery in 2001 knocked him down again, but Aldred still got looks from the Indians and Yankees and reached Triple-A with the Dodgers and Red Sox.

But while pitching for independent Somerset, N.J., in 2004, the elbow struck again.

"That's when I knew I couldn't do it anymore," Aldred said. "It was time."

He joined the Yankees as a minor-league pitching coach in 2006 and reached Triple-A Scranton Wilkes-Barre in that role this summer.

Now 41, Aldred has few regrets in his life in baseball.

"Like anything, it has its moments where it's not great," he said. "There's a lot of travel and you miss out on a lot of stuff at home.

"But overall it's been pretty enjoyable."

Tickets for the Dec. 5 banquet at Genesys Health Club cost \$45 and can be purchased by calling Debbie Goyette at (810) 397-7305. Reception and cash bar 5-6:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 and shoulder and hip surgery in 2001 sat out two years after Tommy John surgery in 1993

He won his major-league debut with five shutout innings at Milwaukee in September 1990, and a year later had two

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Congratulations to the 2009 Inductees!

Especially John Biedenbach



As a husband, father, friend, teacher and coach, you have touched the lives of many. You have taught by example and all have been enriched by your presence in their lives.

Congratulations on your induction into the
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A SWITCH HIT: JOHN BIEDENBACH EXCELLED AT BASEBALL, THEN AT COACHING

By Dan Nilsen

John Biedenbach saw the handwriting on the chalkboard in 1970.

In his fifth season in the Washington Senators farm system, the third baseman from Flint knew his days as a pro ballplayer were numbered when the Senators acquired slick-fielding Aurelio Rodriguez in a trade early in the season.

Biedenbach couldn't know then that Washington would deal Rodriguez to the Detroit Tigers before the following season, but it didn't matter.

The St. Matthew High and Michigan State University standout was well-prepared to change careers and start a new life in teaching and coaching.

Thus, one of the best ballplayers to come out of Flint became one of the winningest softball coaches in Michigan, with 800 wins and counting at Trenton High.

That combined excellence of athletic ability and coaching success has landed Biedenbach in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, the fourth hall induction of his life. He went into the Trenton Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997 and was part of the 1961 Buick Colts American Legion team that joined the Flint Hall two years ago.

He probably won't make it to Cooperstown, but that's OK.

"When you start out, you've always got that goal, but it got to the point where you've got to get a regular job," Biedenbach said. "They had just signed Aurelio and the future didn't look as bright.

"I'm glad I got that education. (MSU coach) Danny Litwhiler always told us that: Make sure you have something to fall back on, because



the chances of making it are very slim."

Not that Biedenbach had no chance.

A three-sport prep star who helped St. Matt's to a state basketball title in 1962, he became one of the Big Ten's most-feared hitters all three years he played at MSU (freshmen were ineligible then).

He was sixth in the conference at .354 as a sophomore and led MSU with a .390 mark as a junior, when he was voted All-American and was drafted by San Francisco.

He turned down the Giants to finish school and became MSU's Outstanding Male Athlete as a senior, the same school year (1965-66) the football team went to the Rose Bowl.

Signing with the Senators, Biedenbach found baseball a different experience in the minors.

"You played every night, and some of the fields weren't as nice as some college fields," he said.

"Was it luxurious? No. Was it a lot of hot dogs after some away games and then all night on a bus? Yes. But when you're young, you can do that kind of stuff."

It helped when Biedenbach got married and had Joan with him the last three years of his pro career. They saw a lot of Bull Durham country in the Carolina League, and John had a particularly good year at Burlington, hitting ".260 to .280 with a few RBIs."

But he never got higher than the Double-A Eastern League and changed course in his mid-20s.

At Trenton, he became "Mr. B," an elementary phys ed teacher who helped develop athletes for his softball and girls basketball teams in high school.

"Coaching was fun," he said. "Title IX had just come in and the girls were very enthusiastic. They were like sponges; they wanted to absorb everything you could teach them.

"Plus, we were successful. That meant a lot."

Biedenbach's teams made it to the softball state finals twice and the basketball final four twice "with basically neighborhood kids."

He has sent 24 players to the state All-Star game, including Miss Softball Erin Lesko in 2002; 38 into college athletics and 10-15 into the high school coaching ranks.

This year, more than 150 of his past players threw a banquet celebrating his 800th softball win.

"It's been a very good life," said Joan, herself a 30-year volleyball official. "Both our sons say that one of the things they admire most about their dad is his passion.

"He was so passionate about baseball, but once that was taken away from him, he turned that passion to coaching and teaching."

Congratulations Roy Hall

When I think of coach Hall I think of a friend in my life, not just in wrestling. The moment I often think about is when my dad died. He was there for me with open arms but not with a shoulder to cry on because he knew that wasn't what I needed. He said to me "shovel the driveway for your mom". I needed someone to tell me to pick my head up and that is what he did. "Shovel the driveway" meant more than just that. It meant that I was now the man in family and I had a lot to do. I look up to him in so many ways and he was and is there for me. Thank you Coach Hall.

Sincerely, Keenan Duffie

Davison Alumni Wrestler, University of North Carolina Wrestler

Benjamin Disreali said "Man is only truly great when he acts from his passions," which would explain the success for the Davison wrestling program under Coach Roy Hall. Coach Hall did more than teach proper wrestling techniques, he taught us lessons that were instrumental not only on the mat but also in the everyday life of a young man growing up in today's society. He instilled in us discipline while teaching us things like leadership, and professionalism, and how nothing great in life comes without hard work. Things that I have come to realize are the building blocks for success. It has been an honor and a blessing to be part of an organization led by Roy Hall and while his modesty might be the best of him there is no one more deserving of the recognition.

"Semper Fidelis"

-Sergeant Anthony Ward, USMC,
Davison Alumni Wrestler

I am so proud of you daddy because of what you have accomplished as a coach, a husband, a friend, a son, a brother, and mostly a dad. Congrats on your induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Thank you for how great you are. You are ROY HALL going into the Flint HALL of Fame. Love ya my shugar daddy.

Love, Shugar Bugger Doodle Bug Haley

I just wanted to tell you how proud I am of you. I also wanted to say thank you. You have always been there for me. Congratulations on being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

I love you, Chase

Not only is Roy Hall a great coach, motivator, friend and legend...he is a great person! I couldn't have accomplished the things I have in my life without you.

Paul Donahoe

Davison Alumni Wrestler, State Champion, NCAA Champion, NCAA All-American

You have made hundreds of boys into fine young men and pillars of our community. I have been lucky enough to be a part of that process for the past three years and I hope to be a part of your success for many more. Congratulations! You deserve it!

Bill Stouffer

Lowell High School Alumni, CMU Alumni Wrestler, NCAA All-American, Davison Wrestling Assistant Coach

"Brent is a product of Coach Roy Hall at Davison High School and there is no better high school program for college preparation."

Tom Brands

Head Coach, University of Iowa, Olympic Gold Medalist



I would like to congratulate Roy on receiving this award. No man had done as much for the sport of wrestling in Michigan as Roy has and for that no man is more deserving for this award. I am honored to have been coached by him and contribute most of my success to his guidance. Again, I would like to thank you and congratulate you Coach!

Trevor Perry

Davison Alumni Wrestler, State Champion, University of Indiana Wrestler, NCAA All-American

Congrats dad! I have one thing to say, I can't wait to be coached by the best coach ever...YOU ROY HALL!

Love, CannonManHall

"Coaching-This is what you were meant to do. Training young men to become successful men in life." I love you!!

Always and Forever, Me

Not only is Coach Hall a great guy, he is a leader and a mentor in our community. I look up to him in so many ways. He is motivation to me in the decisions I make in my life. Thank you Coach!

Justin McDermitt

Davison Alumni Wrestler, State Champion, CMU Wrestler

From the moment I met Roy, he instantly became one of my greatest mentors and companions. He has always been a consistent supporter of me, from my years in college as a wrestler throughout my transition into becoming a coach at the University of Michigan. He's an incredibly passionate coach and leader who has been such a positive role model in my life; but more importantly, he's a true family man and an amazing friend. I'm honored to have Roy in my life, and I will forever be grateful for his support and friendship. Thank you and congratulations Coach Roy!

Mike Kulczycki

University of Michigan Wrestler, NCAA All-American, University of Michigan Assistant Wrestling Coach

CONGRAULATIONS Coach Hall! You are well deserved of this honor in many regards. Thank you so much for investing your time and energy into preparing me not just for wrestling matches, but for the twist and turns of life as well. For that I am truly grateful and I can honestly say they have helped me greatly in my first two years of college. I wish you the best in your future of being an absolute wonderful father, husband, coach and friend. Thanks for everything!

Jared Cowan

Davison Alumni wrestler, GVSU Baseball

Coach Hall,

Congratulations on being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Thank you for being such a great role model throughout my career. You have taught me to continually raise my goals and expectations in life and wrestling. The service and guidance you have provided me, my family, the Flint area, and wrestling community are above and beyond your call of duty, making this honor well deserved. You have always been a great coach, man, and friend. Those who know you well will always remember, "Don't Be Satisfied, Never Settle, Break Someone!"

Brent Metcalf

Davison Alumni Wrestler, 4x State Champion, University of Iowa, Big Ten Champion, NCAA Champion, NCAA All-American, Hodge Trophy Winner.

Congratulations on being inducted into the Hall of Fame! I am honored to have been a part of Davison wrestling and have had the chance to wrestle for you. Your passion for the sport and high standards you set in the sport and also as a person has helped inspire me to reach my personal goals. You are a role model to many individuals and the entire community. You have taught me to never stop believing in myself and what I can accomplish.

Kyle Chittick

Davison Alumni Wrestler, State Champion, EMU

Love, Your Friends & Family

ROY HALL BUILT DAVISON INTO NATIONAL MAT

By Dan Nilsen

Roy Hall isn't just a high school coach.

He's an engineer, an architect, a motivator, a molder of young minds and bodies.

Hall took over a Davison wrestling program that was flat on its back in the 1990s and raised it into a nationally recognized power.

Along the way, he has sent wrestlers into the top NCAA programs in the country and built his own reputation as one of the most sought-after clinic instructors in the nation.

Hall likely would have gotten into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame on his own wrestling record -- two-time state champion and four-time state placer at Davison; 1988 Dream Team All-American; second and fourth place at the junior nationals; seventh at the junior world championships; two-time captain and four-time NCAA placer at Michigan State University.

But his rapid transformation of Davison into a wrestling hotbed has earned him induction barely a decade into his coaching career. He will be formally enshrined at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Club.

Hall started wrestling at age 6 and knew by high school that he wanted to coach the sport.

But it wasn't the thrill of victory that got him hooked.

"We never point to it's just about winning," Hall said in an interview with WIN Magazine last year. "It's about testing yourself.

"It's a sport where you are on your back and learn to fight off it. If you choose not to fight off your back, it's probably a good indicator to how you are going to deal with life."

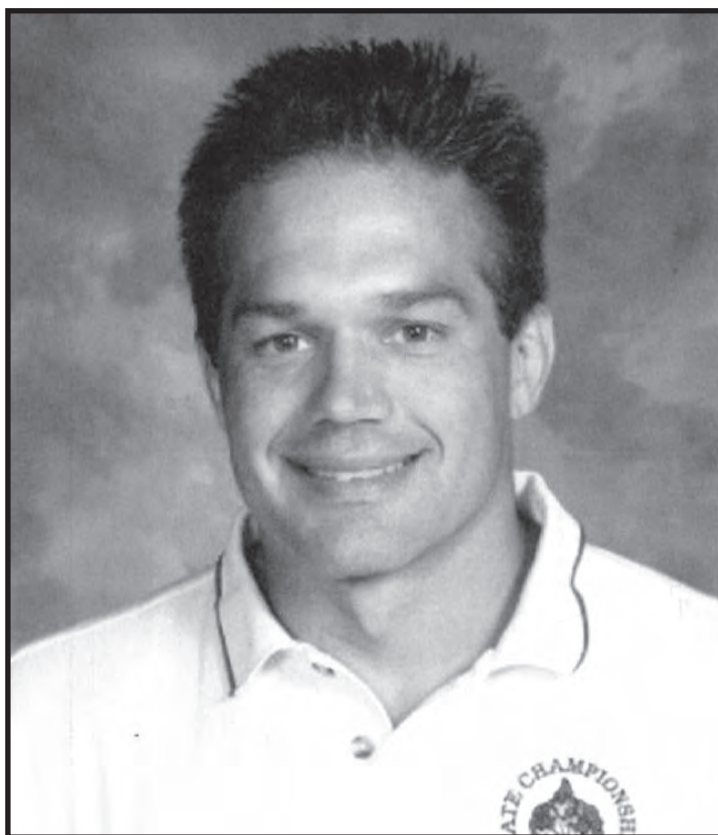
When he became varsity coach in the fall of 1997, Davison hadn't had a winning season in eight years or a state champion since he graduated in 1988.

Along with assistant Kent Elliott, he established a freestyle and Greco-Roman state regional training facility and steered youth wrestlers to the Junior and Cadet National programs.

In 2000, Davison won its first state championship and posted a school record 38 wins (38-2). After finishing second in 2001, the Cardinals ripped off five Division 1 titles in a row, a streak unmatched by any school completely under the team format.

Through his first 11 seasons, Davison was 309-48-1 with 10 Big Nine championships, 10 district titles and 11 regional crowns. Cardinal wrestlers earned 68 All-State spots, including 17 individual titles.

In 2005, his eighth year on the job, Hall was voted National Wrestling Coach of the Year.



"Roy Hall is the foundation of my career," said Brent Metcalf, a four-time, undefeated (228-0) state champion now at Iowa. "He built who I was, built my attitude, the way I approach wrestling, the way I approach life.

"He set expectations high for me and was able to get across high standards that I set for myself."

Jon Reader went 234-6 with three state titles and was an NCAA qualifier his freshman year at Iowa State.

"His philosophy is basically refuse to lose, and that works well for me and lot of guys," said Reader.

Hall travels the country with his Attack Trained wrestling clinics, but he's wise enough to bring other coaches and wrestlers into his own camps in Davison.

"He's very knowledgeable about the sport," said Metcalf, "but growing up in the program, I noticed it was always 'Look at this college athlete, listen to this college coach.'

"He really reached out to other resources to make us better wrestlers."

After 11 years and with a young family, Hall stepped down as coach in the spring of 2008.

But when Davison couldn't find a suitable replacement, Hall couldn't leave it alone.

"The best move for the program," he said, "was for me to stay on board and keep it moving forward."

We - The Friends & Family of Kelly Hebler Baudat Want
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TAGALONG TOMBOY KELLY HEBLER EXCELLED IN BASKETBALL

By Dan Nilsen

Kelly Hebler can trace her basketball success to the dead-end street in Swartz Creek where she and her siblings and the rest of the neighborhood played sports on their own and learned the games long before coaches even got involved.

"We had a great neighborhood," she said. "We were always doing something athletic. We could just run through your back yard, and there were so many kids to play with.

"Parents didn't have to come out and show you how to play. You knew before you even started a (coached) sport how to play it."

That early foundation led Hebler to an All-State basketball career at Swartz Creek High, a record-setting performance at Eastern Michigan University and a brief fling in the professional game in Ireland.

The self-described "screaming tomboy" never would have dreamed it, but her passion for athletics has landed her in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. She will be formally inducted at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Center.

"It's that old saying that it takes a village to raise a child," said Hebler, now Kelly Hebler Baudat and living in suburban Houston. "Between my parents and siblings and neighborhood and coaches all the way up, I had so many good helpers along the way."

It helped that Hebler was the youngest of four children and benefited not only from their teaching but rugged lessons. Brother Jim, a scholarship player himself whose career at Miami of Ohio was cut short by injury, was an especially big influence.

"I was the annoying tagalong that waited my turn to get in at the end of a game," she said. "But Jimmy was more than patient with me, and he put me over the edge to get to the point where I knew I could do this.

"He had his hard knocks, but there were never any sour grapes and he helped me do what I tried to do."

Hebler also took advantage of a basketball hoop at the end of the dead-end street, where she refined the shooting touch that would lead her to an EMU record for free-throw accuracy. Her .911 percentage (82 of 90) in her senior year was third in the nation and still stands as the school record.

"Shooting was something I could do on my own and I got a lot of practice at," she said. "I drove the neighbors crazy with that bouncing ball all hours of the day."

Under Creek coach Dave LaFerney, she earned second-team All-State honors and helped the Dragons



to a 41-7 record her final two years, including a state quarterfinal berth. The 5-foot-10 forward led the Big Nine Conference in scoring (21.0) and rebounding (15.3) her senior year.

In a four-year career at EMU, she led the Hurons in scoring three times and was an All-MAC pick as a senior. When she graduated, she was third on EMU's all-time scoring list (1,422 points), first in steals (371), first in free-throw percentage (.848), first in career games (106), third in assists (253) and sixth in rebounds (554).

In 1999 Hebler became only the second women's basketball player inducted into the EMU Hall of Fame, joining Laurie Byrd of Hamady.

A chance to play pro ball in France fell through, but Hebler did play a year (1990-91) in Ireland, at a time when the WNBA was still seven years away.

"I was one generation off," she said.

After a few years of teaching, she switched careers and became a firefighter in Houston, where she now holds the rank of captain.

"I wasn't sure it was the right decision until I got into it, but I love it," she said. "I get to do something physical and I like the excitement of not doing the same thing every day."

Sounds a lot like her childhood on that dead-end street.

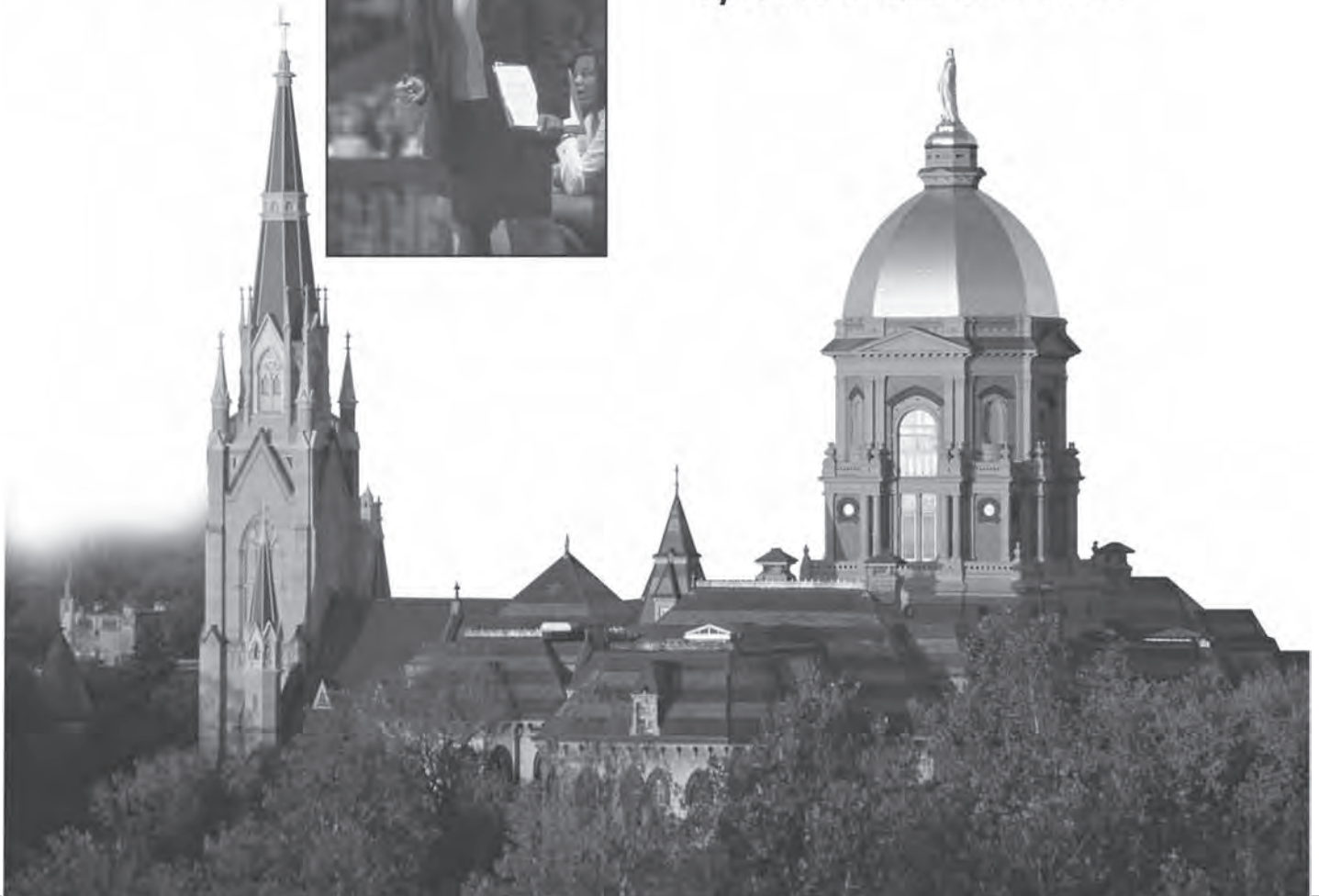


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COQUESE WASHINGTON FOLLOWED FOLKS' ADVICE TO EXPLORE, EXCEL IN LIFE

By Dan Nilsen

You kind of got an idea Coquese Washington would go far in life when she learned to play seven different musical instruments at Central High.

Or maybe was it when she earned back-to-back All-State basketball honors, led the Indians to their first Saginaw Valley Conference and district championships and got a scholarship to Notre Dame.

Certainly it was obvious by the time she led the Irish to three Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament titles, captained their first NCAA Tournament team, graduated a year early, then came back to earn a law degree while serving as the team's assistant coach.

All of this would have been enough to whisk Washington into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, which she will join this year at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Park.

But she didn't stop there.

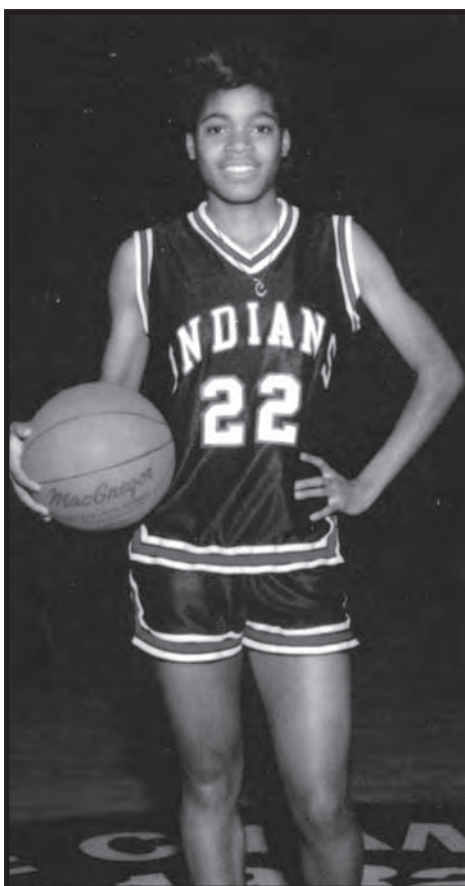
Washington continued piling up accomplishments in professional basketball, where she played seven seasons with four teams in two leagues, helping the Houston Comets to the 2000 WNBA championship and becoming the first player in league history to lead three different teams to the postseason.

Along the way, she used her law degree to help create the WNBA Players Association and served as its founding president from 1999-2001.

Her current resume finds her at Penn State University, where she just started her third year as women's basketball coach, the school's first female African-American head coach.

And she's still in her 30s.

"My parents were a huge motivation," said Washington, the fourth of five athletic and active



children in her family. "It was either be involved in something or we had to clean up at the house.

"Mom and Dad were big on influencing us to get out and try things and experience as much as we could. They wanted us to have a better work experience than they did, which was just working in factories all their lives.

"That's not a knock on General Motors, but they didn't want us to do manual labor. They wanted us to use our minds and go out and explore."

Participating in band, orchestra, theatre, track and volleyball was part of the plan, but Washington really saw what basketball could do for her when she traveled to Canada for the CANUSA Games and journeyed to other parts of the country with an AAU team in Detroit.

A quintessential point guard, she showed scoring ability as well when asked to do so at Central,

setting a school record with 373 points her senior year.

At Notre Dame, she was a four-year starting point guard and two-time All-MCC pick. She led the team in steals all four seasons and is first on ND's all-time steals-per-game list (2.7), second in career steals (307), fifth in assists (554), 10th in 3-pointers made (82) and 10th in minutes per game (27.6).

In the classroom, she obtained a bachelor's degree in history in three years, then attained "Double Domer" status in 1997 by earning her juris doctorate from Notre Dame Law School.

It was during law school that Washington got into coaching at Notre Dame, serving as an assistant to Muffet McGraw for eight years.

For now, that has become her chosen profession, and not just because it keeps her around basketball.

"I get an opportunity to coach some of the best and brightest students in the country here," Washington said. "Mentoring them and helping them learn how to become powerful, dynamic women -- that's the thing I love best of all.

"We use basketball as a vehicle, but I'm probably most proud of our kids' ability to achieve. I've learned over the years that that is a skill that's developed, not something you're born with. Perseverance, persistence, belief -- there are so many skills that have to be nurtured to become an achiever."

Achiever. It's a fitting, one-word description of Coquese Washington.

Of all the honors she's received, perhaps the most appropriate is one she got during the 2007-08 season, when her peers in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association voted her the "Rising Star" in the coaching ranks.

That's one you could see coming in high school.

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DON BATCHELOR PLAYED IN NFL BUT DEVOTED LIFE TO STUDENTS

By Dan Nilsen

He once played against Jim Thorpe in the early days of the NFL.

He allegedly threw a football 60 yards in a college game.

He barnstormed with semipro baseball teams to make a little extra money in the summer.

These are the legendary tales of Don Batchelor, the colorful highlights of a life devoted to sports.

What Grand Blanc folks remember is the gentle giant devoted to students and student-athletes in a 32-year career as teacher, coach and athletic director at Grand Blanc High.

Put together, it's a portrait of the long, rich life of one of the newest members in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Batchelor, who died in 1971, will be formally inducted at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Club, not far from where he worked and lived.

"Batch," as everyone called him, was a 6-foot-3, 240-pound mountain of a man who earned the respect of students and players not because of his size but because of his kindly nature and professional demeanor.

"He was like a big bear, a real gentle fellow," said Grant Alward, who played tackle for Batchelor in 1947 and '48. "But he was very intense, and you had to do what you were supposed to do."

Most Bobcats would have run through a wall for him.

"You kind of idolized him," said Howdy Cline, a 1951 graduate who played football, basketball and baseball for Batch. "Everything he said I took as gospel. I think we all did in those days. When Batch talked, you listened, and you believed."

Donald G. Batchelor grew up as a big farm boy who didn't care much for the farm life. A multisport athlete at Hicksville High in western Ohio, he escaped to play football at Ohio Northern University, but returned to run the farm when his brother went off to fight in World War I.

After the war, he resumed his college career at Grove City (Pa.) College, where he once fired the ball 60 yards out of bounds as a legal form of punting then, according to one news article.

The distance is believable because Batchelor also was a hard-throwing pitcher who played for the companies he worked for in the summer - from Grove City to Akron to Hudson and Owosso, Mich.

"I remember his big hands," said Cline. "He would pitch batting practice to us, and when he put his hand around the baseball, I couldn't see it."

Batchelor's playing fame peaked with two years in the NFL, with the Canton Bulldogs in 1922 and the Toledo Maroons in 1923. It was with Toledo that he played against Thorpe's Oorang Indians and reportedly tackled the legendary athlete in a hard-fought 7-0 victory.

"There's a lot of others besides Thorpe, but he was the guy I would rather watch from the stands than play against," Batchelor told *The Flint Journal* in a 1961 article.



Batch settled in Grand Blanc in 1929, coaching varsity football and baseball and JV basketball for two decades before becoming athletic director in the early 1950s. Even as AD, he continued coaching middle school and JV teams. But his players knew him long before they played for him. With grades K-12 all in one building, no Grand Blanc student could miss the towering figure in the hallways. And any student who took his eighth-grade science class remembers his pet phrase. "Observe your surroundings," said Bob Burek, who played for Batch in the 50s. "He'd say that 15-20 times in a class period. Ask any Grand Blanc kid in that era and they all remember it."

His care for students went beyond the classroom and playing field. He'd open the gym on Saturdays for grade school kids and have his varsity players work with them. He took Bob Stallcup to a father-son banquet when the youngster's dad wasn't available. When Stallcup later coached the Grand Blanc track team, the retired Batch would come to his practices.

Burek was a special protege who worked as the basketball team's manager in grade school and also did odd jobs at Batchelor's house. Burek went on to become a teacher, coach and principal at Grand Blanc.

"I drew on his lessons and things he shared with me," Burek said. "He was truly a mentor, although I didn't know it at the time."

In retirement, Batch became active in local government and served as Grand Blanc's delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1962. But he was never far from the sports scene, and his legacy survives long after his

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ED PHELPS - SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

By Dan Nilsen

Ed Phelps can recall vividly his first week on the job as sports director at WJRT-TV (ABC-12).

It was October 1972, and the new guy from out of town interviewed Northern basketball coach Bill Frieder on Monday, Detroit Lions quarterback Greg Landry later in the week, then covered Rick Leach throwing touchdown passes at Atwood Stadium on Friday night.

"I knew then I was in a great city to work in and do sports," said Phelps, who grew up in Birmingham and worked a few years in West Michigan before coming to Flint. "I was thrilled to get the opportunity to go there."

The thrill lasted 32 years as Phelps became the familiar face and voice of Flint-area sports on local TV. His career expanded to include 28 years of Central Michigan football radio broadcasts, award-winning coverage of the Buick Open and more than two decades as master of ceremonies for the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame banquets.

Now it's Phelps' turn to be recognized by the hall, which will present him with its Special Service Award at this year's induction banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Banquet Center.

"Flint was a wonderful community for sports," said Phelps, who retired in 2004 and now lives in Hilton Head, S.C., with his wife, Pat. "It probably goes back to C.S. Mott and the people that arranged to keep schools open so kids could play.

"The opportunity was there, so all the high school sports was excellent. It helped create an athletic atmosphere in Flint, and that was the glue that kind of united the town, I felt."

High school sports was a large part of the job, and Phelps immediately saw the need to expand that coverage, getting more area schools in the reports and more air time for those Friday night broadcasts.

But he also observed how the town opened its arms to the Flint Generals and the Buick Open. One of his favorite teams was the 1984 Generals, who doused him with champagne the night they won the IHL championship.

His coverage of the Buick Open, including the "Road to the Buick" show, earned five Michigan Associated Press Awards, and he broke new



ground by televising the tournament regionally when the networks didn't want it.

"Some of the electric moments I remember had to do with the Buick Open," Phelps said. "The first time Greg Norman played there, the first time Tiger Woods played there. There was an electricity in the air. You could feel it."

Phelps came close to leaving Flint just once, when a potential job at a Detroit station fell through at the last minute.

But he has no regrets.

"I was happy with where I was," he said. "I liked the fact I was nine minutes away from my house. I could be home with the boys and see my wife.

"I felt that was important. This job can stretch you out."

But Phelps always had an extra minute for coaches, athletes and local sports fans.

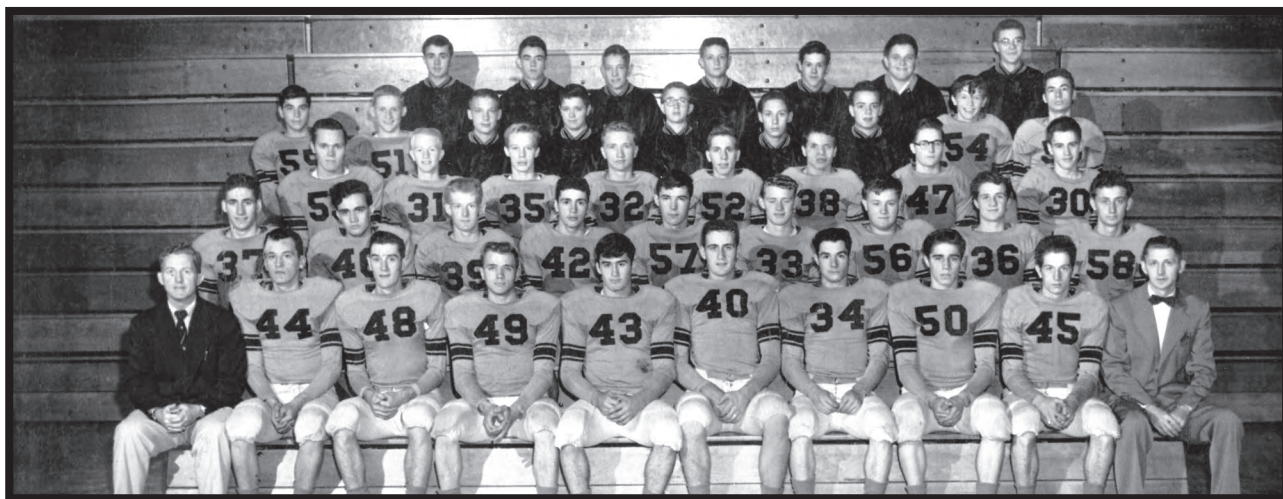
"I could go anywhere in Flint and people knew me as a sportscaster," he said. "They'd ask, 'How are the Colts going to do?' or 'How's Northern going to be?'"

"I loved that wonderful atmosphere."

DYE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE 1952 & 1953 FOOTBALL TEAMS



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On Their Induction Into The 2009 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

'SWEET' LIGHTNING SPURRED DYE TO GRID GREATNESS



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By Dan Nilsen

Dye High School football in 1952 and 1953 was a testament to what one man could do as a coach.

The Thunderbolts were nothing in 1950, nearly league champions in 1951 and undefeated the next two years, including a state championship in '53. Their matching 8-0 seasons in '52 and '53 have earned those teams induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as a single entry this fall.

The difference was the arrival of Len Sweet as coach in 1951, the lightning rod that put a charge in Dye players and sent them thundering across the gridirons of the County C League on an 18-game winning streak.

The 'Bolts outscored their opponents 236-12 in 1952 and 290-32 in '53, recording 10 shutouts and allowing just three teams within three touchdowns of them.

Sweet, one of the Northern High "Wonder Boys" of 1939-41, coached only the '51 and '52 teams before his life was cut short in a traffic accident. But his influence and half his players carried over to the '53 squad under the capable hands of Bill Yancey, who took them the final step to a state championship.

"Len Sweet, not unlike all great coaches, had that rare gift of inspiring his players to be better athletes than they ever realized they could be," said Dale Hicks, a senior center and linebacker on the '52 squad. "He just had that aura and intensity and respect you couldn't help but give him."

That was the first step, according to Bill Odykirk. The four-year varsity halfback clearly recalls the day the attitude changed at Dye.

"We had a spring meeting in 1951 and he said, 'You guys slouching around the halls, you'd better get your shoulders back,

your head up and walk like you've got some pride,'" Odykirk said. "All of a sudden, we found out about football."

"We were so terrified of this guy," said Hicks. "He was all business and we weren't used to that. You'd make a mistake and he'd kick your butt.

"We almost won the championship that first year."

Dye went from 1-7 in 1950 to 5-1-2 in '51, losing only to a Mandeville team that was inducted into the Flint hall in 2007.

There would be no more losing for almost 2 1/2 seasons.

With most of his players back and their mindset right, Sweet and assistant coaches Ray Carlson and Fritz Lamb turned Dye into the new Class C power in Genesee County and the third-ranked team in the state.

Odykirk became a bruising, 185-pound halfback who scored 76 points and was second-team All-State. "Jarring" Jimmy Moore, the fullback, added 66 points, scatback Bob Barnett 48 and quarterback Bill Hawkins 36.

The defense -- led by all-leaguers Don Howell and Anthony Miller on the line, Jerry Myers at linebacker and Moore at defensive back -- allowed just two scores all year.

"A couple of long passes got over our heads in the secondary," said Hicks. "Nobody scored against us on the ground. That was a tribute to (line coach) Lamb. He had great coaching ability, too."

The Week 3 showdown with Mandeville turned into a 20-0 rout, and Dye was challenged only by Uteley, 14-6 in Week 6. Hoover canceled out of the final game.

Yancey faced a rebuilding job on the line in 1953, and Mandeville was tabbed the preseason favorite. But with

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FLINT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulates the 1984 and 1985 Basketball Teams

On their induction into the 2009 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



Front Row: Scott Watson, Andre Morris, Asst. Coach Eric Harvey, Coach Grover Kirkland, Ass. Coach Jeff Ursery, Jimmy Lee, Andre Rison. Back Row: Michael Avery, Kevin McElway, Tim Nunn, Michael Johnson, Daryl Miller, Glen Rice, Brady Odum, Sidney Deloach, Jeff Grayer, Anthony Pendleton.



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Fred White
Principal

Jeff Whiteley
Athletic Director

NW TOOK OVER TORCH AS STATE HOOPS POWER IN '84, '85



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By Dan Nilsen

Even as one dynasty reigned, another was forming in Flint high school basketball in the early 1980s.

In the shadow of Central's three consecutive state championships from 1981-83, a group of players from Bryant and Holmes middle schools were plotting a takeover that would usher in Northwestern as the new king of Class A hoops in Michigan.

When their time came, young revolutionaries Jeff Grayer, Glen Rice, Andre Rison, Tim Nunn, Mike Avery, Anthony Pendleton, Darryl Miller and cohorts executed the plan to near-perfection as the Wildcats swept the next two state titles in 1984 and '85 and set records that still stand.

Northwestern went 27-1 the first year and 28-0 the next, a 55-1 mark that still ranks as the best two-year record in the state. Their 60 consecutive victories stretching into 1986 remains the Class A standard, and their three-season total of 79 wins shares the state record with Central.

Fittingly, the 1984 and '85 NW teams are closely following the '81-83 Central dynasty into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame this year. Formal induction will take place at a banquet Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Club.

In retrospect, all five titles might have gone to Central if not for the independent spirit of Grayer and Co.

"Back then, the 'in' thing to do was to follow a winning tradition, and so many people wanted to go to Central," said Grayer.

"We made a pact to start our own tradition at Northwestern. We were coming from Bryant and Holmes and felt we were going to be pretty good as well."

"Good" was an understatement. Seven players from those two teams went on to Division I schools: Grayer (Iowa State), Rice (Michigan), Rison (Michigan State football), Pendleton (Iowa, USC), Nunn (Wisconsin-Green Bay) and Avery and Darryl Miller (both to Central Michigan). Grayer and Rice had long careers in the NBA.

In 1984, the front line of 6-foot-5 Grayer, 6-6 Rice and 6-5 1/2 Nunn was too much to contain, with All-State forwards Grayer (22.1 points per game) and Rice (20.8) leading the scoring. Point guard Rison fed them with 7.5 assists and



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6-3 shooting guard Pendleton kept defenses honest with 18 double-figure games.

And they all played defense.

"They were the type of kids who would do whatever you told them," said NW coach Grover Kirkland. "The more work I put on them, the more they wanted.

"Grayer was special, a natural leader. I made him captain as a sophomore."

The Wildcats established their intention by sweeping Central in the regular season, 86-49 and 80-70, but they didn't officially take the torch until the regional final at IMA Sports Arena. Down 47-46 after three quarters, NW shut out the Indians 18-0 in the fourth for a 64-47 win.

"We always played Central down to the end, even when they were winning those three titles," said Kirkland. "After that (regional win), we felt good about ourselves. They made us stronger."

Grayer scored a career-high 39 points in a 94-89 quarterfinal win over Grand Rapids Union, and NW cruised through the final four, 54-37 over Highland Park and 64-43 over perennial runner-up Detroit Southwestern.

Virtually everyone but Grayer returned to a 1984-85 team that Kirkland calls "the best that's ever gone through Flint."

The coach prepared them by scrimmaging Class AA teams in the Flint recreation league and believed they could beat Mott Community College if given a chance. Their closest game in the regular season was an 11-point win over Central.

By tournament time the Wildcats were ranked No. 3 in the country by USA Today, and Rice was Mr. Basketball.

In the district, Saginaw tried double-teaming the now 6-foot-7 Rice, but Avery made them pay by scoring a career-high 23 points in an 83-68 victory.

In the regional, Rice scored an IMA-record 40 points against Pontiac Northern in a 68-47 win, and NW buried Southwestern 63-30 in the regional final.

The unstoppable Rice had career highs of 44 points and 19 rebounds in a 77-63 quarterfinal win over Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, and the Cats crushed Ferndale 100-63 in the semis.

The final against Detroit Southwestern was over by halftime, with NW leading 39-19 in an eventual 69-55 win.

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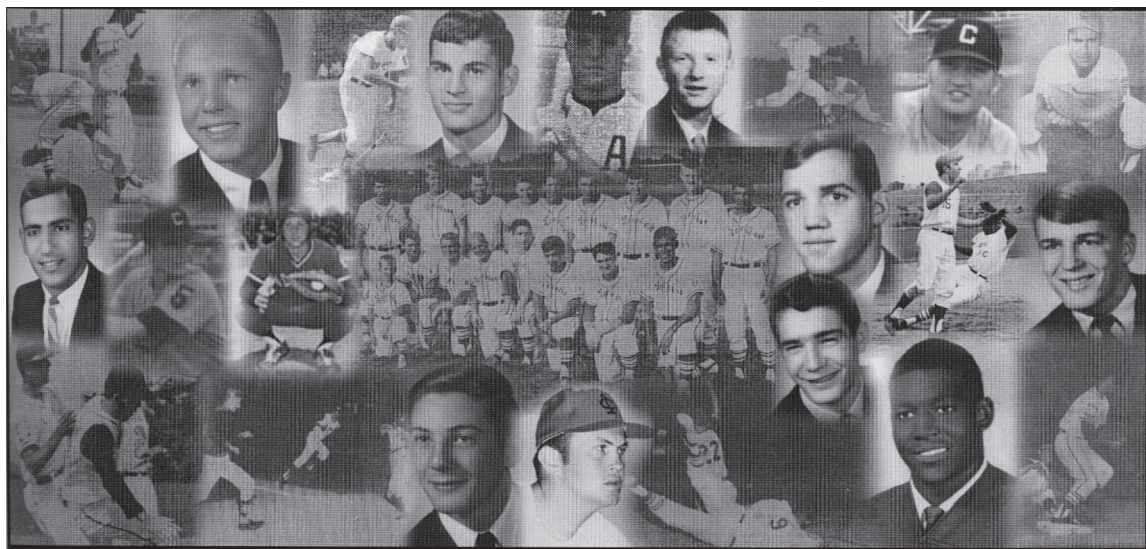
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BASEBALL FEVER IN '60S BORE 2 AMAZING MACK TEAMS



Coach Walt Head
Team in alphabetical order: Chuck Cassady, Dennis Cole, John Cross, Wally Dutkowski, Dave Frost, Steve Gerych, Mike Hamacker, Keith Hamilton, Leo Haynes, Vince Jesue, Jerry Kramer, Jerry Mays, Bob McCombs, Jim McMillian, Larry Norfleet, Dave Ohler, Don Paliani, Barry Pertler, John Pitts, Ron Pruitt, Tim Ranville, Phil Rashead, Mel Rettenmund, Whitey Rettenmund, Bob Rickard, Arnie Schwartz, Larry Sedlarik, Dick Smith, Dave Sova, Jerry Topolinski, Paul Trevarthan, Tom Ulmer, David Wilson (batboy).

By Dan Nilsen

It was an era of great baseball in Flint, a time when kids filled the diamonds and packed the stands and players by the score went on to pro or college ball.

From this goldmine of talent, a young coach named Walt Head hand-picked a couple of 18-year-old teams that would set the standard for Flint youth ball for years to come.

The 1967 Chevrolet Local 659 club and the 1968 UAW Region 1C team put Flint on the national map of Connie Mack baseball and blazed the trail that ultimately led to a national championship in the '70s.

The '67 team was the first from Flint to reach the national Mack tournament in Farmington, N.M., finishing third, and the '68 squad, with seven holdovers from the previous year, fell just short of the national stage but stunned local fans by winning Flint's Class A league, the best in town.

Their accomplishments, including a combined 69-12 record, will be recognized this year when both teams are inducted as a single entry in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremonial banquet will be held Dec. 5 at Genesys Health Club.

"Baseball was so good in Flint then, it was just a treat to be a part of it," said Head, now the baseball coach at Saginaw Valley State University. "Those first two teams were real trendsetters."

The core of both clubs was the up-the-middle strength of catcher Phil Rashead, shortstop Whitey Rettenmund and second baseman Ron Pruitt -- all of whom were drafted by major-league teams -- and pitchers Jerry Kramer and Dave Frost. Bob Rickard also played on both teams.

Other key players in '67 were Flint Junior College pitchers Jerry Mays and Dave Sova, who had just been to the Division I juco world Series. Outfielders John Cross, Don Paliani, Larry Norfleet and Mike Hamacher also pitched, while other position players were third baseman Dick Smith, first baseman Mel Rettenmund and outfielder Arnie Schwartz.

In '68, the regulars included pitchers Barry Pertler and

Larry Sedlarik, third baseman Chuck Cassady, first baseman John Pitts and outfielders Leo Haynes, Dennis Cole and Jerry Topolinski.

In both years, Head entered his teams not only in the Class C Mack league, but in the rugged Class A circuit comprised of veteran teams like Bishop Construction, Genesee Tool and Skaff Furniture.

The kids were not intimidated.

"Not at all," said Whitey Rettenmund. "It was a challenge to us. We knew we had nothing to lose and everything to gain."

The '67 team took its lumps in Class A with a 10-10 record, but the competition hardened them for the Mack tourney.

Mays threw a no-hitter in the district opener and Flint won two eight-inning games to stay alive.

At the state tourney in Marshall, Flint immediately fell into the losers' bracket and had to win four straight games, including another eight-inning battle against Ann Arbor.

"That seemed to be a Flint trademark," said Rashead. "We'd lose the first game and have to win out through the losers bracket. It seemed to light a fire under us."

An exception was the regional at Fort Wayne, where Flint swept Cleveland in a best-of-3 series to advance to Farmington.

In New Mexico, Flint routed Chicago 9-1, beat Farmington 6-3 with the help of Pruitt's 350-foot homer and edged Portland, Ore., on Mays' four-hitter.

But eventual champion Long Beach, Calif, handed Kramer his first loss of the season, 3-1, then ousted Flint 5-1 the next day.

Rashead led the tournament with a .533 batting average and joined Rettenmund, Pruitt and Mays on the all-tournament team.

With three of those guys back in '68, Region 1C electrified local baseball fans by snapping Bishop Construction's four-year reign as Class A champion.

In back-to-back games at the end of the season, the "kids" beat Bishop 1-0 on a Sunday night, then edged the defending champs by a run again Monday night before what are still

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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

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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 H.S. 1974 Baseball
Team
- 2007 - Flint Mandeville 1951 Football Team
- 2007 - Flint Northwestern 1983 & 1984
Girls Basketball Teams
- 2008 - Flint Southwestern 1978 Baseball Team
- 2008 - Otisville H.S. 1951 Track 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
- 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
- 2008 - Joe Louis Punchers 1947 Fastpitch
Softball Team

1980 Cover

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A Look Back: 1980 - 1989



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Jeanette Robinson



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Joe Roberson



Lynn Chandnois



Charles Stewart Mott

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1980

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1980

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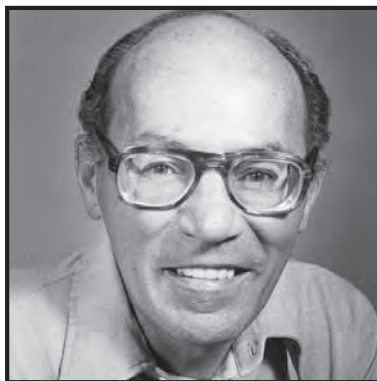
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Lynn Chandnois 1980
 Flint Central All State
 MSU All American NFL
 Player of the Year-1952-All-Pro



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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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

Fred C. Briggs

(Dec. 8, 1918 - Feb. 23, 2009)



Fred C. Briggs began his love affair with sports as a guard for the Whittier Junior High School basketball team. He continued as a first string basketball player all three years while at Central High School. He was an All-State guard his senior year and awarded a full scholarship to the University of Toledo.

His college playing days were cut short by an illness that affected his leg. After recuperation from surgery, he continued playing on several teams in the City Leagues, and was a member of White Seal who won the State Championship.

To provide more opportunities for players, Fred started the Michigan Open Basketball Tournament and the M & S Softball Team.

With his brother, Charley, Fred started his career officiating football, basketball, and softball games for both high school and college. A highlight of Fred's officiating came when he was chosen to officiate the High School State Finals in both football and basketball. He holds the record in Genesee County for the most years as a working official - 64!

In 1993, Fred received the Vern Norris Award given by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. This honor is given to an official who has been a registered member for 20 years, who has mentored other officials, and takes an active part in the local organization. Fred met all those qualifications. He served as Commissioner of the Metro League and the Big Nine Conference.

Many of his fellow referees have called Fred "an official's official". Coaches and players have complimented the way Fred called the games fairly and with an expertise that developed only through dedication and experience.

His friend and ref partner, Jim Massar, told the Flint Journal that Fred has a great feel for basketball, and a judgement that was in a class by itself.

John Ribner, a basketball player during Fred's officiating days, remarked that when the "Briggs Boys" - Fred and Charley, walked into a game, the players and coaches breathed a sigh of relief knowing that the game would be called expertly.

During Fred's last years, he continued to be involved in the sports - serving as a time keeper at football and basketball games, and assisting the young referees.

Fred was a member of the Bruin Club. Was a past president of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, an officer in the Old Timers Association, and a member of the Elks Club.



Bob Rowe 1983
Flushing High Star
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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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



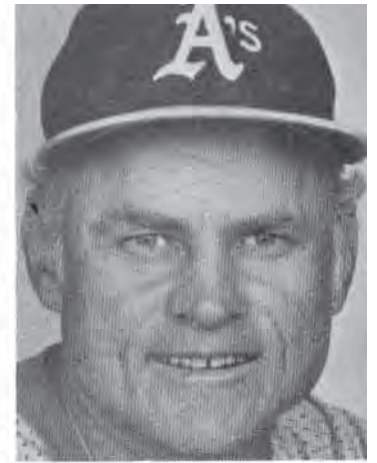
Mike Menosky 1985

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



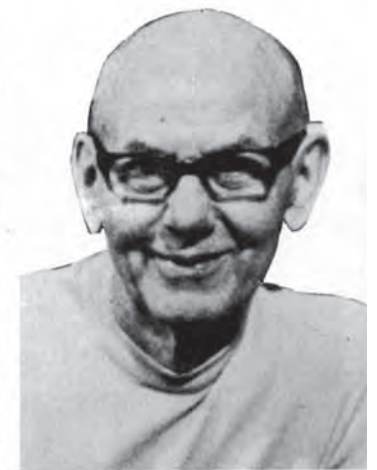
Jeanette Robinson 1986

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



Davison Community Schools congratulates Roy Hall



Davison High School Athlete and Coach



on his Induction into the 2009 Greater
Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



Clay Perkins, Superintendent

Kevin Brown
Principal

Davison Board
of Education

Josh Wallberg
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



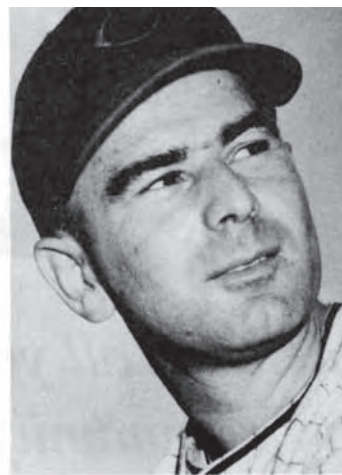
Jo Lake 1987

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

Congratulations

**To All Inductees Past & Present into
The 2009 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame**

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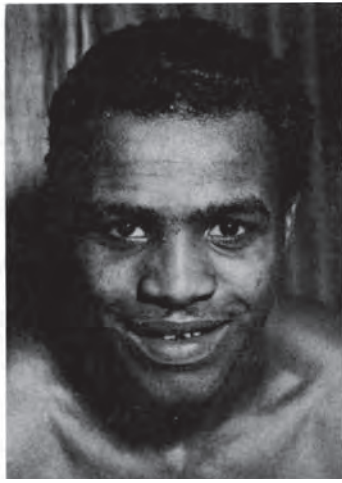
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Pete Fusi 1988

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

NICK PAPPADAKIS

(1933-2009)

In sports, a man is more often measured by his heart and athletic skills than by his compassion, integrity, loyalty, and sense of humor. Nick Pappadakis, an outstanding athlete, possessed all of these qualities and more.

An all-city football and basketball star at Flint Central High School, Nick continued his education at Flint Junior College where he played basketball while receiving all-conference honors. After graduating, he attended Eastern Michigan University while continuing his basketball career and was honored as captain of the team.

Upon graduation, he returned to Flint and became a community school director and administrator. Being aware of his many skills, he was recruited in 1975 by the Circuit Court Judges at Genesee County to apply for a position as Circuit Court Administrator. Elected unanimously, he embarked on a 23 year career in this capacity retiring in 1998.

Nick epitomized the famous quotation attributed to Winston Churchill, "You make a living by what you get; you make a life what you give." His public service included 26 years as a board member and past president of the Flint Township Zoning Board of Appeals. For over 30 years he was a well regarded basketball and softball official.

In addition, he was a member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors and Bruin Club Board of Directors and served terms as president of each.

A life-long member of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, he served on its Board of Trustees and president as well. Nick was most proud of his family including his devoted wife Nikki, sons George and Anthony and daughter Paula and his 5 grandchildren. He was always there for them as an unofficial coach and cheerleader.

We will sorely miss Nick's competence, organizational skills, optimism and leadership as he will always be remembered as one of Genesee County's outstanding citizens.



Nick & Nikki

1989 Cover

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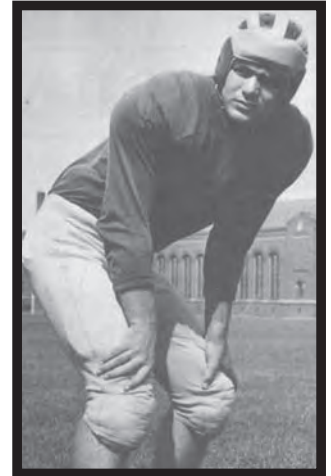
A Look Back: 1989 - 1998



Ray Collard



*Nick Pappadakis,
Joan LeVeque & Tom Cole*



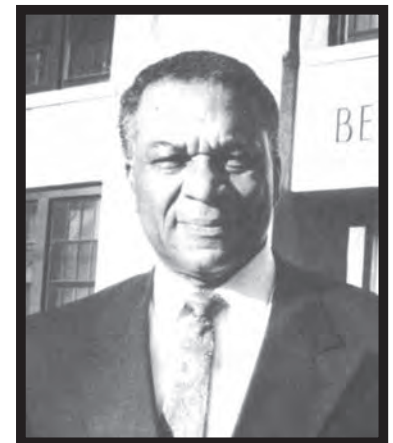
Joe Ponsetto



Art Johnson



1946-1947 White Seals



Al Johnson



Plaques on Display at IMA

The IMA Sports Arena is home for The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The beautiful plaques you see on the easels tonight will be on permanent display in the Sports Arena lobby. There are plaques for 125 individuals already adorning the walls, and soon there will be 132.



Pamela & Paula McGee

Through the Years With GFASHF At Press Conferences



Meg Yeotis, Tim Bograkos & Nikki Pappadakis



John Biedenbach & Jack Pratt



Tom Duty & Bob Burek



Jim Massar



Pat & Bill Troesken



Ray Collard, Jim Vukovich, Scott Aldred & Joe Wargo



Norm Bryant, Gerald Moore & Bill Basilius

Through the Years At GFA



Plaques displayed at Genesys Conference & Banquest Center.



George Guerre & Judge Tom Yeotis



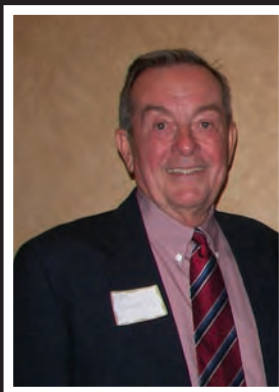
Jeff Grayer & Bill Trosken



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Ed Phelps



Shoes - Whose?

SHF Press Conferences



Scholastic team plaques displayed in team room.



Bill Haley & Fred Rademacher



Andre Rison & Jeff Grayer



M & S Orange Softball Team



Roy Hall



Dan Nilson



Elizabeth Herhold & Luanne Hoyes



*Lloyd Coon, Tony Branoff
& Judge Duncan Beagle*

Through the Years With GFASHF At Press Conferences



Al Miller & Dee Lowe



Whitey Rettenmund, Tim Bograkos & Dar Christiansen



Margaret & Dick Daly



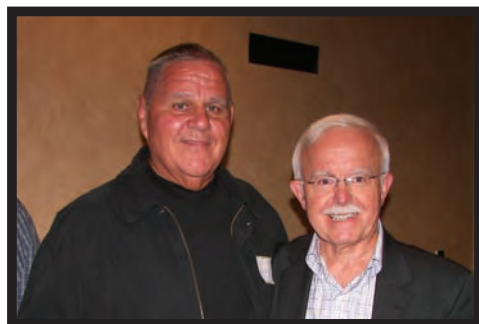
GFASHF display case in lobby of Genesys Conference & Banquet Center.



Bill Odykirk



*Judge Duncan Beagle
& Lynn Chandnois*



Wayne Schmitz & Nick George



Dean Howe & Bill Trosko



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



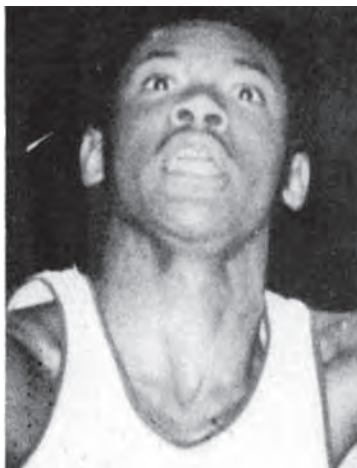
Bart Markel 1990

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

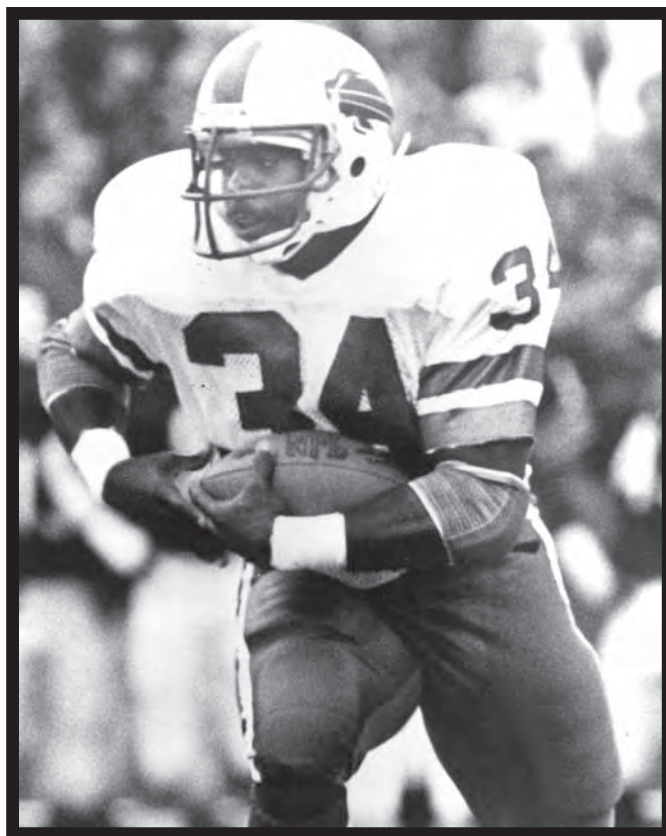


Bobby Crim, Louis Craig 1991

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.



Booker T. Moore



Booker T. Moore was one of the all-time great football players to come out of Flint schools. But you would never know it talking to him.

Moore, 50 died of a heart attack at his Flint on Sunday.

I was introduced to Moore in 2000 when Genesee County Sheriff, Robert J. Pickell called to suggest a story on one of his deputies who had played in the National Football League and was now helping youngsters deal with peer pressure. I was expecting to hear tales of Moore's gridiron greatness but it quickly became clear that Moore wasn't an ex-jock reliving his glory days. It's an attention grabber, said Moore. But after that I've got to have some substance to what I'm saying if I'm going to keep (the kids) attentions?

Although he chose not to, Moore had plenty of reasons to boast. As a two-time All-State running back at Flint Southwestern, Moore set a city record with 1,240 yards rushing in 1974. He holds the number 14 spot on Penn State's career

rushing yardage list with 2,072 yards. He played for the national championship in the 1979 Sugar Bowl, a game that Alabama won 14-7. He was a first-round draft pick for the Buffalo Bills in 1981, chosen before eventual Hall of Famers Mike Singletary and Howie Long.

Moore downplayed his NFL career, pointing out that his \$70,000 contract earned him less than his sister and her husband were making at General Motors. Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame founder Norm Bryant said, Moore always did his talking on the field. He never really lived in the past, said Bryant.

But Bryant said Moore's mark on Flint's sports history is clear: "He was one of the best." The accolades for Moore have poured in this week, more for who he was than what he did.

"Everybody loved Booker," said Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell. Moore worked various roles at the sheriff's department and most recently had been a first-shift jail supervisor sergeant. He was just a low-key guy who performed at the highest levels, said Pickell.

Former Southwestern teammate, Ken Hiltz, may have summed it up best. Hiltz, who now lives in Los Angeles, described Moore as a man who never let his stardom trump humility. "If you ever met him, you couldn't help but like him," said Hiltz.

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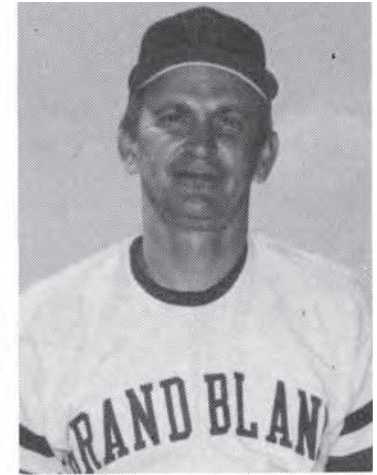
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



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



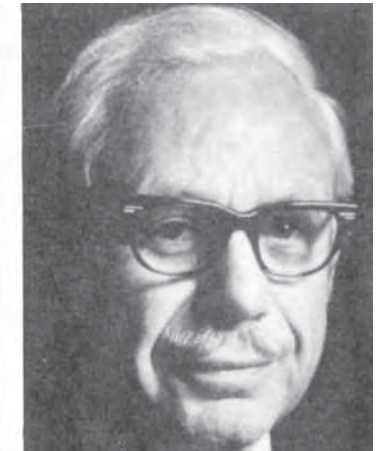
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



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

BOB WHALEY (1931-2009)

“Down ... but Never Out”



**Dad... Your Love of Flint Sports Inspired
So Many... On and Off the Field!**

**In loving Memory of Our Father...
Randy, Tim and Sue Whaley**



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

Bruin Club of Genesee County

**Wishes to congratulate this years inductees
into the Flint Sports Hall of Fame.**



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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
and Pro Hockey Teams.



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



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Leo Donoghue
Special Service Award

Dar Christiansen

Dick Leach

Joe Dowdy

Ricky Patton

**1939 Flint St. Marys
Basketball Team**



**1971-72 Flint Northern
Basketball Teams**

Deanne Moore

Varnard Gay

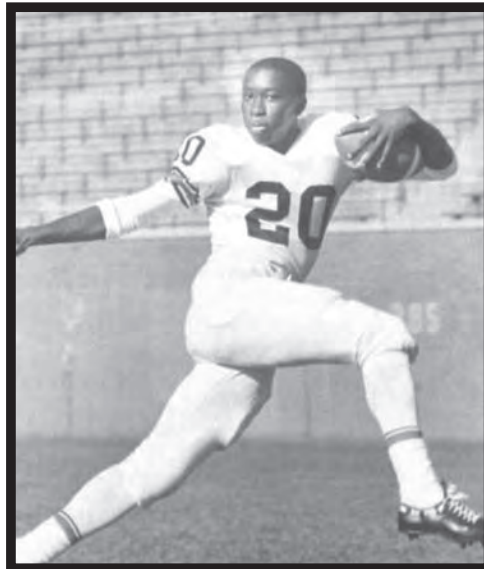
Paul Staroba

**1975 Bishop
Construction
Baseball Team**

A Look Back: 1999 - 2008



Jim Abbott



George Hoey



Mike Goggin



Deanne Moore



Joe Louis Punchers



Len Hoyes



Reggie Barnett



Ed Phelps, Jim Massar & Pete Sark



Jim Morrissey



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



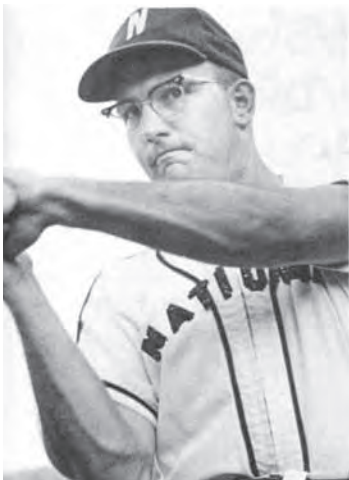
Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98
St. Mary. Led Team to State Basketball Title. Played in Minors Tigers & Giants organizations.



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.



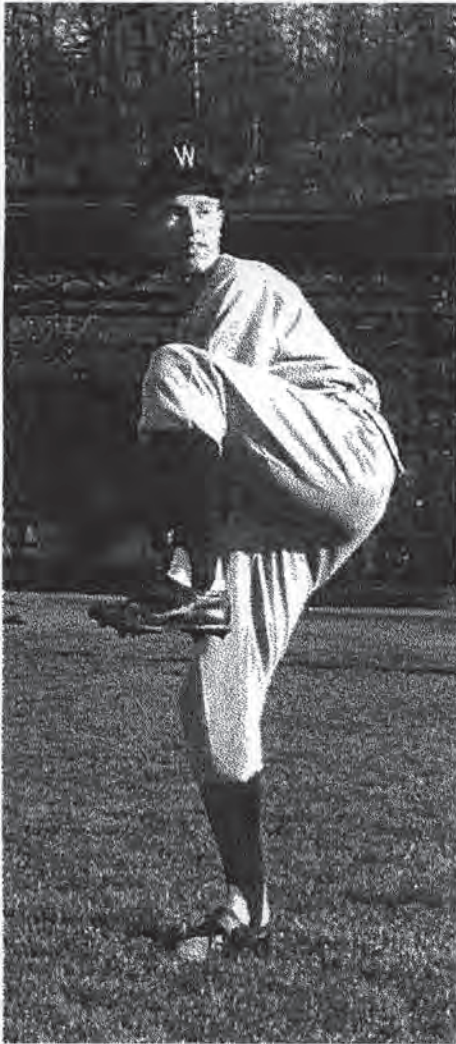
Deanne Moore 1999
Fenton H.S. All State Basketball Softball MSU Hall of Fame, Athlete of Decade for Softball

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"I've never met anyone who enjoyed life more than my dad. Whether it was work or play, he always had fun. He always had a smile or a joke for everyone. He just had a natural ability to make anyone smile, laugh or just feel better. I never really knew how sick he was since he never complained. When the doctor cut off half his ear due to skin cancer, he just used it as an opportunity to tell another joke or two. I couldn't have asked for a better father. He took my friends and I to countless Tiger games. All those tickets were for free just because when he was a senior playing baseball at WMU he was kind to a freshman named Bill Lajoie, who later became the Detroit Tigers General Manager. When I was a kid, he coached my summer baseball teams. He threw the best batting practice to us: he couldn't miss our bats, he let us tee-off on him, gave us all confidence. If you got too cocky, he would mix in some "chin music" or throw his "spitter." He also used to make an ice rink in our back yard. For countless hours, in the freezing cold, he would stand out there, in his Pfeiffer's Beer jacket, flooding the yard with the garden hose. He did it for us kids, not just his own, but the whole neighborhood. My dad gave me thousands of great memories and I'm just so grateful I got to enjoy him for 42+ years. I love and miss you dearly, Dad."

-Jim Cole

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Thomas Roy Cole

"TC"

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We all have our stories and memories of Tom | Dad | Papa that we cherish daily.

He was an amazing person in our lives and we will always remember his laugh, his jokes, his smile and his wisdom. He was a fighter, a true competitor and loved the game of life. His enthusiasm, confidence, and positive attitude were contagious. He always brought out the best in us. We are thankful that he was able to be recognized for his talents in baseball and for his dedication to Flint area sports. His induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame was truly an honor, well deserved, and humbly received.

We love you and miss you so!

Pat, Mary, Patty, Theresa & Bill, Margaret & Dave, Tom, Jim Sarah, Michael, Gabe, Jonathan, Ben, Shaina and Andrew

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"I HAVE A GREEN THUMB"

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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

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On Their Induction Into The 2009 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

Rory Mattar
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Bill Haley
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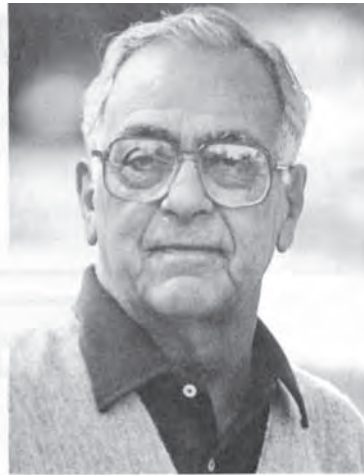


Leroy Decker 2001
Fenton H.S. A.D
Won 518 Games Coaching
Boys & Girls Basketball

Don Reid 2001
St. Marys 3 Sports Star All State
Class D-3 Sports, Notre Dame
Football

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

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

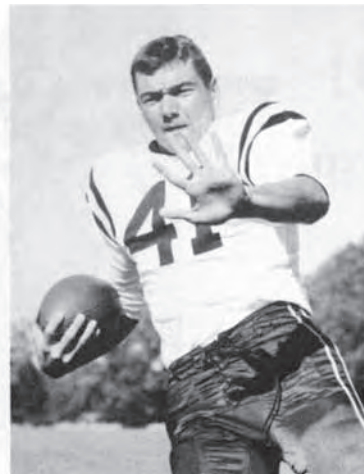


Jack Baldwin 2001
W.M.U Led Team to College World
Series, Coached at Mandeville &
Ainsworth 28 Yrs.,
State Hall of Fame

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

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

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



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

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

Kathy McGee 2002
Coached Powers Catholic Girls
Basketball to 3 State Titles, 13
Straight Big 9 Crowns

Carl Banks 2002
Beecher H.S. Football
MSU All Big Ten, 2 Pro Bowls
SuperBowl with Giants



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for
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of inducting
worthy athletes.**

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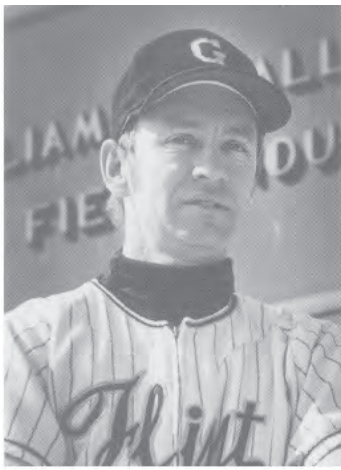
**John Biedenbach on his induction into the 2009
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
We are very proud of all your accomplishments.**



**Michael K. Doyle
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Asst. Principal**



Ernie Myers 2002
Northern & U of M Baseball
Mott Coach Won 359 Games
Coached Dutch Nat'l Team



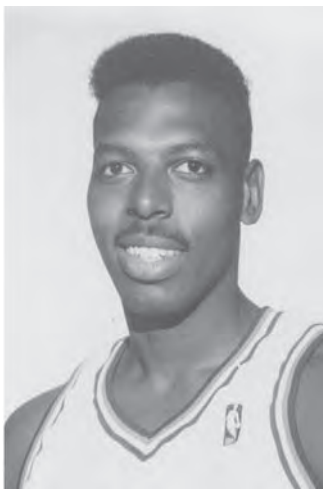
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



Bob Bernstein 2002
Special Service Award
for Contributions to Golf.
Past Dir. of F.J.G.A.



Jack Daniels 2003
St. Matthews-All State Basketball, All
City Football. Flint J.C.-Basketball,
C.M.U.- Parochial School Coach



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



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



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



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



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



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



Joe Wargo 2003
Special Service Award
Leader in Programs & Athletic
Facilities, Co Founder of
CANUSA Games.





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Leonard Plude 2004

St. Matthew H.S. Football, Basketball, Baseball Star, Renowned Local State, U.S. Navy Heavy Wt. Boxer, Boxing Judge For 40 Yrs.



Eli Copeland 2004

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



Erwin Ketzler 2004

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



Ben Roof 2004

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



Wayman Britt 2004

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



Jim Abbott 2004

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



Lonnie Young 2004

Beecher H.S. All-State Football, Track, MSU, - 1984 Cherry Bowl, NFL St. Louis, Super Bowl - San Diego



Greg Reynolds 2004

U.S Sr. Amateur Golf Champ. 3 City Amateur Championships, 7 Genesee All-star Classics



Linnell McKenney 2005

Northwestern H.S. Basketball Star Ky. State, Saginaw Valley. Pro-Ball in Europe, St. Louis Streaks-WBL



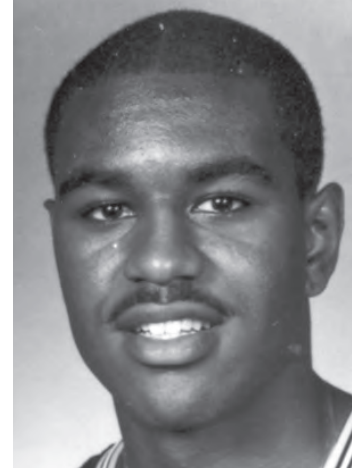
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

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

Beecher H.S. Basketball-1985 All State-State Champs, Univ of Iowa scoring title, NBA-Atlanta, Houston, Detroit, Denver

**SWARTZ CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
CONGRATULATES
KELLY HEBLER BAUDAT**



**On Her Induction Into The
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame**

Mr. Sandy Macut
Principal

Sue Calvo
Athletic Director



Bill Doolittle 2005

Football Coach-Flint Central & Owosso. 1958 Central Team-8-0-1-State Champs. Head Coach Western Mich. Univ.



Jerry Hosner 2005

Flint Northern-Water Skiing
17 Nat'l Titles, 32 State Titles
Mich. Water Skiing
Hall of Fame-1992



Norm Bryant 2005

Special Service Award
Flint Northern Track & Football
Standout. Founder of Greater Flint
Afro-American Hall of Fame.
Atwood Stadium Authority V.P.



Jack Doering 2006

Special Service Award for being
a pioneer with auto racing; Super
promoter. Owner of Dixie Motor
& Auto City Speedways



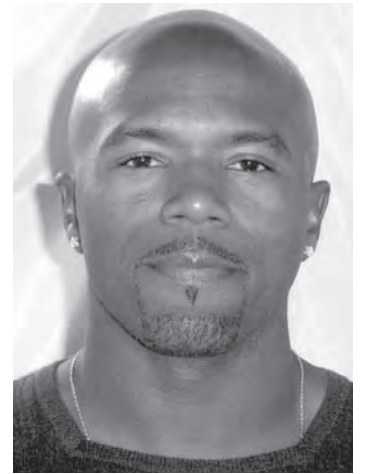
Dick Daly 2006

Special Service Award for leadership
in Physical Ed., Rec. & Athletic
programs & Flint Olympian &
CANUSA Games



Dan Severn 2006

Montrose H.S. Wrestler State
Champion. Ariz. State two-time All
American, Nat'l AAU Champ 13
times, Pro-Wrestler



Courtney Hawkins 2006

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



Bill Brandt 2006

Super City Softball Pitcher-1956-
1965. In 1959, 3 no-hitters & a
perfect game, League's MVP. Played
for Buick, Davis Supply, Sport Shop



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

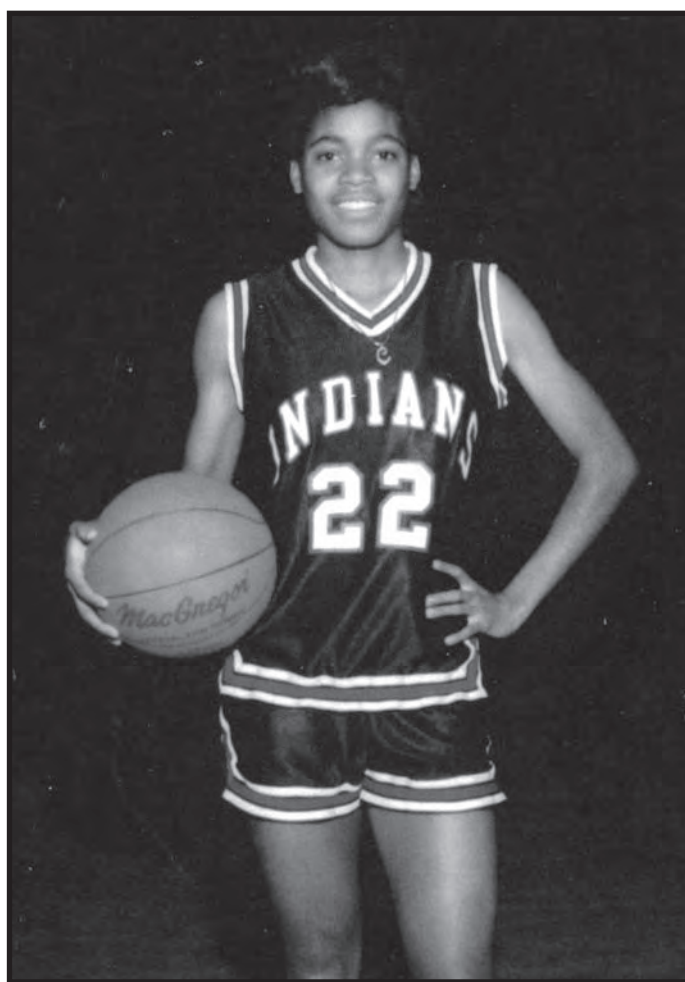
Southwestern H.S. Football All-
State, MSU Football. NFL 2nd
Round Draft, Seattle Seahawks
Receiver



Marty Crane 2006

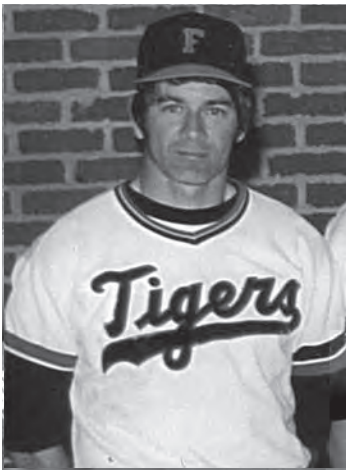
Kearsley H.S. and WMU Track
Star, Beecher H.S. Track Coach-10
State Champs. Flint Olympian &
CANUSA Games Track Coordinator

Congratulations to
Coquese Washington
on your induction into the 2009
Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



From your Central High School “Indian” Friends
Greater Eastside Scholarship Fund at
Central High School





Bill Hajek – 2007

Fenton H.S. Star in Football, Baseball & Track. Same at Flint JC, Grand Rapids JC, Ball State. Baseball & Golf Coach-Fenton H.S. CBL Pitcher-Bishop Const. 1975 Nat'l Champs.



Bob Chipman – 2007

Northwestern H.S. Star Player-Basketball. Mott CC-MVP & Athlete of Year. Played at Kansas State. Coach-Washburn Univ. 28 Yrs.-12 Titles



Mali-Vai Washington – 2007

Carman Ainsworth H.S., Univ. of Mich. Tennis All American 1988-1989 Wimbledon Finalist 1975 Accomplished ATP Member-Player



Frank Smorch – 2007

Baseball Umpire-Genesee County "Mr. Umpire". Umped Pro Leagues, High School & Top Rec. Leagues for 28 Years



Todd Lyght – 2007

Powers Catholic H.S.-Football All State. Notre Dame All American, NFL-St. Louis, Super Bowl Champ-Pro Bowl Twice.



Judge Tom Yeotis – 2007

Special Service Award for leadership in Multi-community Athletic & Rec. Events. Involved in many worthwhile organizations.



Mike Czarnecki – 2007

Flint St. Matthew H.S., Flint Central H.S. Tennis-State Finalist. Flint City Open Champ-age 13. Played for Univ. of Cincinnati & Wake Forest.



Vince Harrison - 2008

Fenton H.S. - 11 Varsity Letters All Conf.-4 Sports, Univ. of Detroit -- Baseball, Outstanding Rec. Leagues Flint & Detroit - Baseball & Basketball



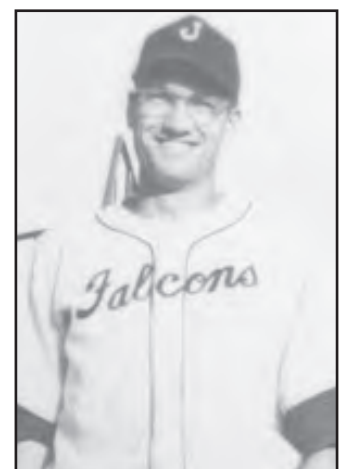
Wally Dobler - 2008

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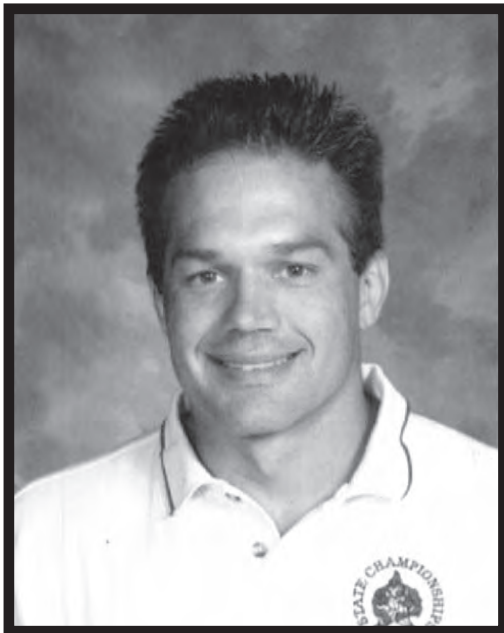


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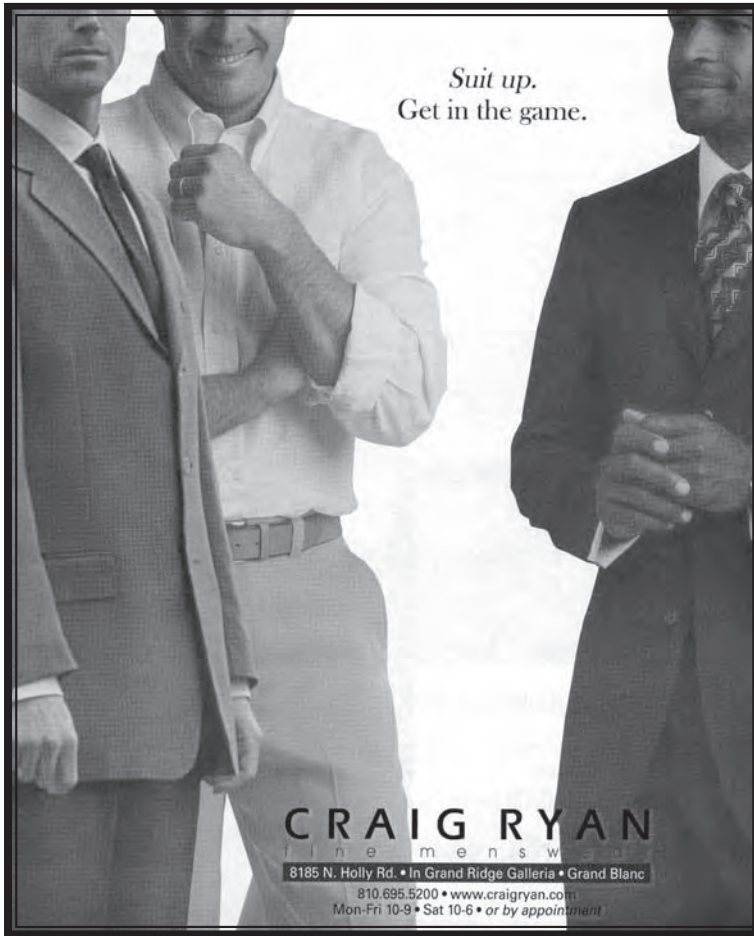
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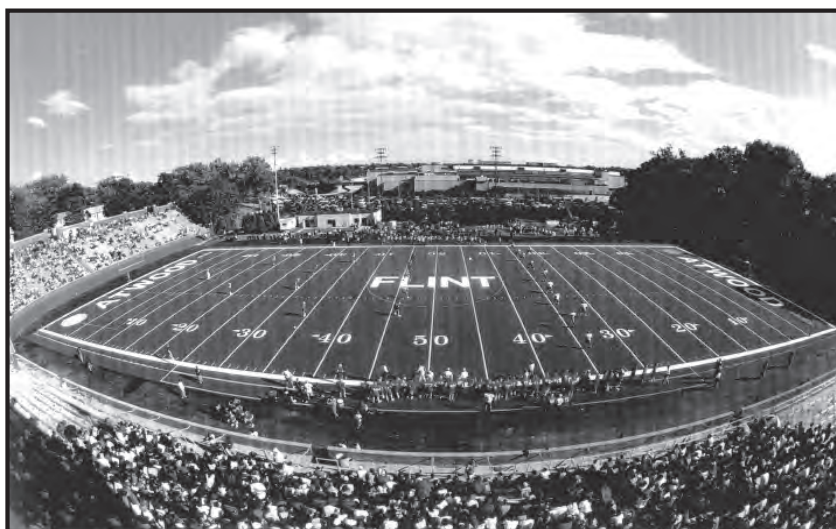


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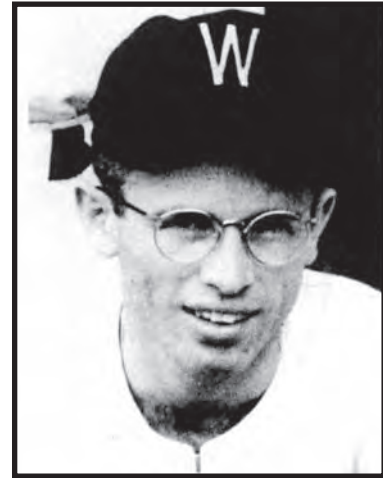
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'Nine lives' *cont. from page 5*

September wins and a 2.50 ERA during Detroit's pennant race with Toronto.

But inconsistency and the first of his injuries started Aldred on his major-league odyssey. Left unprotected in the 1992 expansion draft, he was taken by Colorado, then went on the disabled list with Montreal in 1993 and had Tommy John surgery that October.

He was out of baseball until February 1995, when the Tigers noticed his diligent rehabilitation and signed him to a minor-league contract.

"I liked his dedication," Tigers general manager Joe Klein said at the time.

Aldred was rewarded with another career highlight, starting the Tigers' home opener in 1996, but soon was waived and picked up by Minnesota.

He managed to stay in the majors until 2000, also pitching for Tampa Bay and Philadelphia until his final big-league appearance on May 29, 2000.

Along the way, he picked up an obscure major-league record. In 1998 he made 48 appearances with the Devil Rays without

getting a decision, a mark that stood until Houston's Trevor Miller, another lefty, broke it with 76 decision-less appearances in 2007.

"I don't think that record meant anything," Aldred said. "You never get exposed to decisions because you're only facing lefties and you're not in the game long enough.

"But you'd think you'd get a win or a loss somewhere."

Shoulder surgery in 2000 and hip surgery in 2001 knocked him down again, but Aldred still got looks from the Indians and Yankees and reached Triple-A with the Dodgers and Red Sox.

But while pitching for independent Somerset, N.J., in 2004, the elbow struck again.

"That's when I knew I couldn't do it anymore," Aldred said. "It was time."

He joined the Yankees as a minor-league pitching coach in 2005 and served in that role at Triple-A Scranton Wilkes-Barre this summer.

Now 41, Aldred has few regrets in his life in baseball.

"Like anything, it has its moments where it's not great," he said. "You're away from home a lot and you miss out on a lot of stuff.

"But overall it's been pretty enjoyable."

DON BATCHELOR *cont. from page 15*

from the sports scene, and his legacy survives long after his death at age 76. He was among the earliest inductees in the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, and the football field (now soccer field) was named in his honor.

His photo still hangs among a multitude of sports stars inside Little Joe's Restaurant.

"After high school," said Cline, "it was one of my very pleasant experiences to sit down in Little Joe's and have a beer with Batch. We talked about old things and funny things over the years.

"There's not many people from his era in the group of sports pictures. Batch is there, and he ought to be there."

'SWEET' LIGHTNING *cont. from page 19*

everyone but Odykirk back in the backfield, Dye was even more explosive.

Moore led the offense with 920 yards and 80 points and was voted All-State. Dick Oberlin took over for Odykirk at halfback, and ends Jim Krause and Al Allard benefited from 12 touchdown passes by Hawkins. The Thunderbolts seldom took more than eight plays to score and had at least 10 TDs of 35 yards or more.

They edged Mandeville 14-7 in Week 3 and Otisville 13-6 two weeks later. By the time they clinched the league title with a 37-6 rout of Utley in Week 7, they were No. 1 in two state polls and a game was being sought with unbeaten Detroit St. Charles.

That match was never made, but the little school at the corner of Dye and Corunna roads reigned as state champion in the United Press and Detroit Times Class C-D polls.

"They were incredible athletes and incredible kids," said Carlson. "They were all that way. You expect to have maybe a few, but they were all just super young men, not only on the field but in the hallways and the classroom."

Moore and Hawkins went on to Michigan State but didn't stay long. Krause played at East Tennessee State and became a banker.

Odykirk played at Central Michigan, coached at Northern Arizona for a while and returned to CMU as an assistant, eventually serving on the board of trustees among other ventures.

He credits Sweet for changing his life.

"I would have been in the Stroh's club at the West Side bar, pushing cars at Buick for 30 years," Odykirk said. "He showed me the way out."

Hicks went on to Michigan, although not to play football, then built 450 homes in Genesee County over the next 15 years.

He laments the number of kids who never got the chance to play for Len Sweet.

"Sometimes you wonder why they take the good ones," Hicks said. "He could have been such an inspiration to so many players in his lifetime."

NW TOOK OVER TORCH *cont. from page 21*

The fifth straight Class A title cemented Flint as the basketball mecca of Michigan and began a national reputation that city athletes carried with them everywhere.

"We set the standard high for what came afterwards," said Rison. "Another state title (Northern in 1995) and players like Mateen Cleaves, Mo Peterson and Charlie Bell.

"I believe I can speak for all the athletes who were fortunate enough to make the professional ranks. We brag on Flint like no other people do."

BASEBALL FEVER *cont. from page 23*

regarded as the two largest crowds ever at Broome Park.

"The place was absolutely packed, all the way down the lines," said Head. "An hour before the game, the bleacher was full.

"Winning that Class A title was like winning the national championship because that league was so tough."

Region 1C didn't even get to the national tournament in '68.

The team rolled through the district with 4-0 wins over Dearborn and Livonia, a 14-8 slugfest over Saginaw, a 9-0 thumping of Region 11C and a 4-2 title win over Saginaw.

At Marshall, they again lost an early game, to Coldwater, then came back to beat that team twice, 1-0 and 8-3 to win the state title. Pertler's three-hitter won the first game and Pruitt hit his third homer of the tournament in the second.

But Flint couldn't get past Cincinnati in the best-of-3 regional. After losing the opener 4-1, 1C stayed alive with a 3-1 victory on a gutty pitching performance by Dearborn pickup Steve Gerych.

Pertler, pitching the rubber game on one day's rest, went all nine innings, and Rashead gave Flint a 3-2 lead with a towering two-run homer to center in the fourth.

But a homer in the ninth ended it, and Cincinnati took a 44-3 record to Farmington, where it won the first of its 11 national Mack titles.

Six years later, Head coached another Flint team to its first national championship. The 1974 Carpets by Smith team also is in the Flint Hall of Fame.

But Head still has a soft spot for Region 1C.

"What those kids did in '68 will never be accomplished again," he said of winning the Class A City title. "People don't realize what a feat that was."



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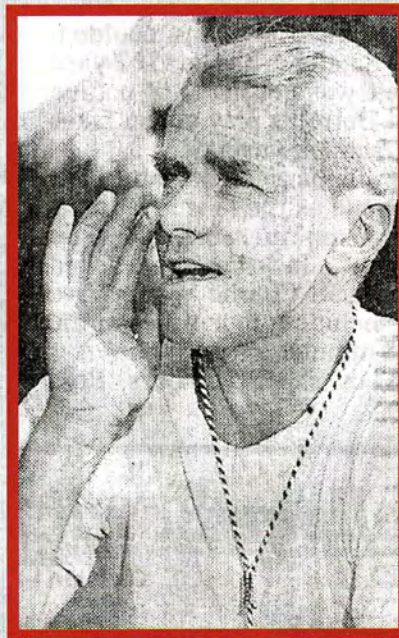
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